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## Flag Officers

Commodore -  
James Hasak

Vice Commodore -  
Robert Schley

Rear Commodore -  
Michael Sullivan

Recording Secretary -  
Richard Parker

Financial Secretary -  
Pertrinea Cash

Treasurer -  
Gary Conrad

## Appointed Officers

Fleet Captain -  
Bob Butler

Fleet Chaplain -  
Brian Kelly

Fleet Surgeon -  
Dr. Robert Nevins

## Board of Governors

Mark Berish  
Tom Bruton  
Russell Dunleavy  
Chris Gill  
Jerry Hogarth  
Emily Hyde  
Thomas Lee  
Rick Perret  
John Stevens



## From the Helm

**H**appy New Year to all,

I would like to say it has been an honor to serve as your Commodore over the last year. During the course of the year we experienced some hiccups but over came them. We the Flag Officers and BOG endured many hours of meetings and discussions on behalf of the Club which has proven to have a positive out come.

Over the past year we have accomplished many item's, here's a quick look back at 2015, "A Year In Review"

- Secured a Kitchen Concessioner
- Updated the POS system
- Cleared up all Fire Marshall issue's
- Cleaned up the 'Island' with planting's in the spring
- Repaired the roof. The roof will be re-evaluated in the spring
- Cleared up not one, but two legal issue
- Completed the parking lot paving and accented with Belgium block

By accomplishing these project's it opens the door for you newly elected Officer's to start off with a clean slate and forge forward with the continued success of FYC.

May your year be filled with good health & good cheer!  
Thank you all,  
**Jim**





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## Calendar of Events

**Tuesday, Jan 5th**

General Membership Meeting 7pm  
ELECTION

**Monday, Jan 25th**

Board of Governors Meeting 7pm

## Weekly Events

**Thursday Night Dinner**

Check website for special menu

**Friday Night Happy Hour**

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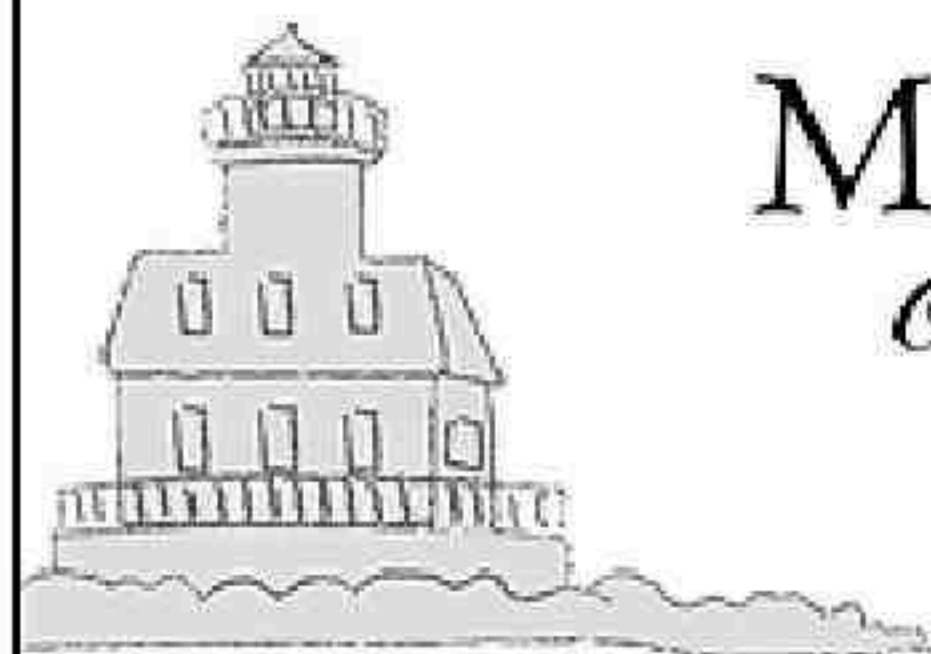
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## From the Vice Commodore

Greetings,

Wassail night was held on Dec 12th and I could not be more pleased with the turnout. About 80 members/guests showed up to celebrate the holidays. The food was fantastic! Loretta provided a great background with her violin. Everyone I talked to had a great time. Thanks to all who attended, it showed the fellowship that the Club is built on.

The kitchen is holding its own through this 'slow' season, and the bar is doing well.

This will be my last article as your Vice Commodore, but hopefully, it won't be the last you hear from me. I am running for Commodore for 2016 (see bio in this newsletter). I want to thank all who helped me get through this year, it was a bit of a challenge.

I have been a member of FYC for nineteen years serving on the Board of Governors, three times as Rear Commodore, twice as Vice Commodore as well as numerous committees.

I fully support the tradition of 'Running the Chairs', that is to say serving as Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore, and then Commodore. I believe that this provides the seasoning that is required to be Commodore.

I would like the opportunity to lead the Club into the future, a future which I want to see not only do well, but to thrive.

Voting day is January 5th from 11:30am to 2:30pm and again from 5:15pm to 7:15pm. Please consider me when deciding the future of FYC.

Feel free to contact me for ideas, suggestions, or to just say "hi". E-mail address listed below.

That's all for now,

**Bob Schley**

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## **The Fishing Line**

Happy 2016! I hope everyone enjoyed holidays and the warmer temps that have been pretty unbelievable. Not too much to report for Fishing Committee activities this time of year. For some of the diehards there are some stripers in the Housy, otherwise there have been lots of herring ready for smoking in the local harbors. For 2016 we will plan our traditional events and maybe add some new ones. Between now and then we'll see you at the club where you may hear a fish tale or two or three.... It's always better floating.

Tight lines!

**Keith Jamaitis, FYC Fishing Committee**





## The Nominating Committee's 2016 Slate of Candidates

The Nominating Committee has completed interviewing prospective candidates for the elected positions to lead the Club. There were many capable members whom we interviewed. The Committee thanks those members for their interest in serving FYC.

The Committee has selected the following candidates for the slate:

### Flag Officers

David J. Nemeth	Commodore
Will Wesson	Vice Commodore
Johnpatrick O'Brien	Rear Commodore
Gary Conrad	Treasurer
Robert O'Boyle	Financial Secretary
Loretta Lazari	Recording Secretary



### Board of Governors

David Blagys	Three year term
Mike Roberts, Jr.	Three year term
Ben Thrush	Three year term

Voting will take place on the day of the Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, January 5th, from 11:30AM to 2:30PM and 5:15 PM to 7:15 PM. You must have a valid ID (FYC membership card or driver's license) in order to vote.

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## 2016 Nominated Candidate Bios



### **David Nemeth - Commodore**

It is an honor to be selected by the Nominating Committee to run from the slate as Commodore of FYC. I have been coming to FYC for almost thirty years. My Dad, George Nemeth, is a life member who joined the club in the mid-1980s. I personally joined FYC almost 6 years ago, because I wanted my growing family to have the same experiences that I had growing up. My wife is an Auxiliary member and you can usually find us all down on Sat or Sun with our son, Evan (nicknamed the Mayor,) and our ex-tended families having lunch.

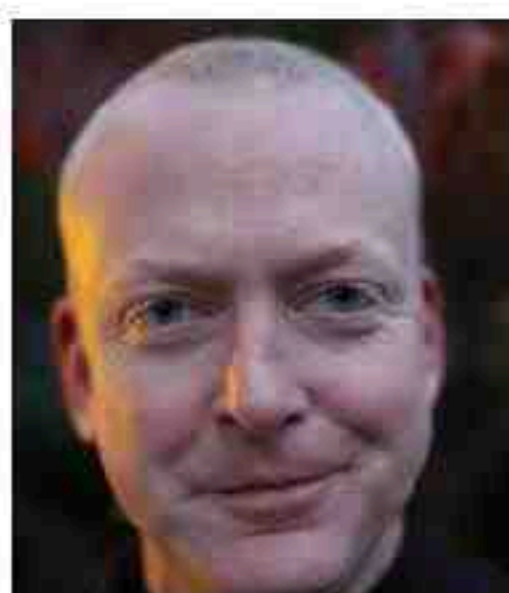
I am a graduate of the Long Shore Sailing School in Westport, but do not currently own a boat. I do have a kayak in the dink rack! I do love it on the water and as soon as Evan gets older, I can't wait to show him how to sail with the help of his grandfather.

In 2014, I served as Vice Commodore for FYC. The draft system was expanded from 4 to 6 taps. This offered us more of a variety of beer and increased the profits at the bar that year. I have also worked to bring in high quality items at closeout prices in our Ship's Store. With the new pricing method the club makes almost a 30% profit on all items while keeping the cost to members down. Using social media and our website also helped move items more quickly in spreading our brand.

Since 2014 I have been co-administrator on our FYC website and an admin on the Facebook page. I also served on the Membership Committee and Internet Committee in 2015 and volunteered for several other committees. I have a fair amount of experience leading volunteer organizations in the past. For the past 11 years I have served as president on the board of my condo association. Just recently I finished a major project on the complex of siding, trim and gutters, having put all the work out to bid and overseeing it on a daily basis. Next up, roofs and parking lots!

I am currently employed as a Senior IT Systems Engineer for a company in Fairfield that offers outsourced IT support for small to medium sized companies that don't have in-house IT staff. From 2002-2010, I took a side project and managed, and then owned, my own liquor store in the Norwalk area. I am very familiar with the CT liquor laws, and the profits and margins associated with that side of the business.

I would like to thank everyone who is supporting me for this position and hope to soon serve you as Commodore of FYC.



### **Will Wesson - Vice Commodore**

Will joined Wesson Energy in 2007 and co-founded the company's energy conservation services division. A 2003 graduate of the George Washington University Law School, Will is admitted to practice in Connecticut and before the Supreme Court of the United States. He served as General Counsel at Wesson until his promotion to Vice President in 2011. Will handles environmental and regulatory affairs as well as overseeing Wesson's utility contracting business. He is a founding member of Efficiency First, a national non profit trade association that unites the home performance workforce, building product

manufacturers and related businesses and organizations in the escalating fight against global warming and rising energy costs. He is a past member of the executive committee of its state chapter, the Home Performance Alliance of Connecticut. He holds a LEED Green Associate credential from the USGBC.

Will currently serves on the board of the Waterbury YMCA, the Environmental committee of the Connecticut Community Foundation, and the Waterbury Greenway Advisory Committee.





### **Johnpatrick O'Brien - Rear Commodore**

#### **Club History:**

I have been a member for 3 years and have enjoyed the special events at the club.

I am excited and honored to assist in getting more members involved and setting up all the great events for our club.

#### **Education:**

- Sacred Heart University –Bachelor of Science
- Missouri State University- Masters in Public Administration
- Thomas M. Cooley Law School – JD

#### **Employment:**

Attorney, Cohen and Wolf PC



### **Gary Conrad - Treasurer**

Gary has been a member of Fayerweather for over nineteen years and a resident of Fairfield for over forty years. Gary has been sailing and power boating in Long Island Sound and offshore since his early teens. He has been the Finance Director for the Town of Westport for the last four years and the CFO for the Town of New Canaan for seventeen years prior to that. He is responsible for all Finance, Accounting and Treasury functions, Purchasing and Pension Investments and is a member of the management negotiating team for the Town. He has been responsible for preparing and presenting the Fayerweather Yacht Club's budget for the last three years and looks forward to working with the Board members and committees in the upcoming year.



### **Robert O'Boyle - Financial Secretary**

Robert is President of Liquid Holdings a NYC based SaaS technology firm providing trading and portfolio management applications and out-sourced middle office services to the investment management community.

A 20 year veteran of the Financial Technology space, Robert has been involved in all aspects of an organization including strategy, management and business development. Robert currently manages 30 individuals across sales, marketing, account management and product management.

Robert has been involved in both market leading companies as well as start-up organizations and is comfortable building vision, long-term planning and managing companies through uncertainty. He has managed both organizational as well as departmental budgets and is comfortable communicating to board members, investors and employees.

Robert was born in Cleveland Ohio, raised in Newtown, CT, graduated with a BA in Business Administration with a minor in Finance from the University of Connecticut and lives in Fairfield with his wife and 4 children; Riley, a Junior at Fairfield Prep, Liam, a Freshman at Roger Ludlow, Cole a 6th Grader at Roger Ludlow and Keira a first grader at Roger Sherman.

Robert and his sons are avid fisherman, both in Long Island sound and Key West. This past fall Robert failed miserably in trying to catch False Albacore and his sons are disappointed in his lack of fishing prowess. But he loves being on the water and has a 22 Grady in South Benson Marina and his oldest son keeps a 13' 1969 Whaler Skif Moored in the channel.

A marathoner and tri-athlete, Robert completed the 2004 and 2006 Ironman® Florida Triathlon. He is active in a number of local charities focused on raising funds for children in need.





### **Loretta Lazari - Recording Secretary**

Violinist Loretta Lazaris has been a Bridgeporter since moving here from Weston in 2006 and has been a member of FYC for three years. She regularly performs with the Ridgefield and Norwalk Symphony Orchestras and has formerly performed with Bridgeport, Wallingford and Waterbury Orchestras, as well. She also teaches privately in Fairfield County area.

Loretta received her bachelor's degree from Indiana University, Bloomington and her master's degree from Central Connecticut, New Britain. She taught strings and orchestra in the Philadelphia school system and freelanced in the tri-state area, performing with the

Delaware, Princeton and Reading Symphony Orchestras, as well as Peter Nero and the Philly Pops.

Upon retiring from The Fairfield Schools, Loretta has been performing as "Lady L" for gallery showings, soirees and other special events. She is presently enjoying having the time to work on her bucket list by writing and arranging music, as well as writing and running workshops on meditation techniques.



### **David Blagys - Board of Governors**

Dave Blagys is the executive director of the Wakeman Boys & Girls Club and a 2013 inductee in the Club's Hall of Fame. He is an incorporator and founding board member of the Burroughs Community Center and its first board president. He also sits on the board of RYASAP (Regional Youth Adult Social Action Program) and is the 2011 recipient of the organization's prestigious Goodspeed-Pfriem Award for his contributions to the local community.

Dave has been a Fayerweather Yacht Club member for nine years and is a past member of the Board of Governors. He is a lifelong resident of Black Rock and currently resides in the Bywatyr Townhouses with his wife Kathleen Pierce.



### **Mike Roberts, Jr. - Board of Governors**

- Member of Fayerweather for 21 years, June 1994
- Lifelong Fairfield resident and active boater on Long Island Sound and Northeast
- Past Fairfield RTM Member 1990's – elected office
- Self-employed Insurance Professional – Aflac District Coordinator
- Attended Fairfield College Preparatory School & Fairfield U.
- Husband of Christine and proud Father of Beyron, Blakely & Katie

Positions Volunteered at Fayerweather Yacht Club

- Dock Master 2 yrs. Mid 90's
- Long Range Planning Committee 90's
- Nominating Committee 3 yrs.
- Kitchen Committee



### **Ben Thrush - Board of Governors**

I've been a member of FYC since 2010. I've served as Rear Commodore, Dart League Chairman and volunteered at a number of events over the years. I appreciate the confidence in the FYC Nominating Committee to suggest my name as a Board of Governor, and if elected, I will do my best to represent the voice of FYC members at all BOG matters.



## 2016 Candidates Running From the Floor



### **Bob Schley - Running for Commodore**

1977-2002 Employed by Pitney Bowes for 25 years as a Lead Database Analyst, provided services to a programming staff of over 200.

2002 to present – Worked for NRC, Stern Builders, Willow Construction, Hobbs Construction and LePage Bakeries.

I have been an a very active member of Fayerweather Yacht Club since 1996

Rear Commodore 3 times 1998, 2013 and 2014

Vice Commodore 2 times 1999 and 2015

Board of Governor 3 year term 2005-2007

Bar Committee, Nominating Committee, Kitchen Committee

Numerous Ad-Hoc committees as needed

I am steeped in the traditions of FYC and have a excellent understanding of the culture associated with the club. My experience in the day to day to operations of the club is extensive as well as being around long enough to know what's what.

I am looking to lead the Club into a bright future. Please consider me as the best choice when voting for Commodore in 2016.



### **Patrick Gombos - Vice Commodore**

I am very interested in being considered for the Vice Commodore position. In the few years I've been a member at Fayerweather Yacht Club I have come to have a pretty good understanding and interest in the operations of the kitchen and bar and associated events. I have a long background in business management that would be a strong asset for doing the Vice Commodore job well. I'd like to briefly mention a couple examples in my history that give me something to bring to the table...

First, I was the founder and owner of Gombos Partnership, serving New York and New England's Information Technology industry for over a decade. This has given me a tremendous amount of valuable experience managing and organizing a business, managing a staff and budget, being a part of team and collaborating with partners, as well as working in a very hands-on, technical capacity.

Recently, I became a Board Member for the Black Rock Garden Cooperative and very shortly thereafter was nominated and elected Secretary. My experiences there would no doubt inform my ability as Vice Commodore at FYC.

I also worked as the IT Director for Oxford Health managing outside vendors, large financial decisions, and multi-million dollar budgets.

Most importantly, I am a very active member at Fayerweather Yacht Club. Although my work schedule has not permitted me to run for the Board of Governors in the past, I have taken a constant supportive role to members of the board regarding club concerns, decisions, and activities and a very hands-on role to my membership at the club in general including being: member and organizer of fishing committee events; cook and server at dinners and events; club event installer; construction worker, and more.

Please consider these qualifications for your needs. I would be honored to take on the role.



## 2016 Candidates Running From the Floor



### **Pertrinea Cash - Financial Secretary**

Fayerweather Member since 06/10/2012

I enjoy attending and supporting special club events and activities such as the Harvest Dance, Frank Sinatra Night, St. Patrick's Day Dance, Children's Holiday Party.

I volunteered as a committee member for the 2013 Sail Park City Regatta.

I am employed with the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch Office of Victim Services; Victim Advocate for Fairfield Judicial District. I work diligently advocating on behalf of victims of crime.

I currently serve as a Deacon for First Church Congregational Fairfield.

I previously served on the following Boards:

- Served two consecutive terms as a Board of Director Member for Lifebridges formerly known as Family Services Woodfield.
- Served two consecutive terms as a Board of Director Member for St. John's Family Center- Bridgeport.
- Served three consecutive terms as a Board of Director Member for Alpha Community Services/Central Connecticut Coast YMCA.
- Served as a Volunteer on the New England Association of Schools & Colleges accreditation committee.
- Served five years as a Union Steward for Judicial Professional Employees Union/AFT.
- I have served as Financial Secretary for the past two consecutive terms. I have excellent attendance for all required meetings, Board of Governors and Monthly meetings totaling 45 meetings during the past two consecutive years. As financial secretary, I volunteered twelve hours per week at FYC totaling 1,248 volunteer hours for the past two years.
- I have the endorsement of, Delores Powers, immediate past Financial Secretary, as well as many other committed members of FYC including Gail Smith, who has been a mainstay as bookkeeper for FYC for many years. This year, Gail will not be in residency in CT as she has relocated to Florida, which will necessitate our communicating via technology and incorporating innovative ways of managing the tasks of Financial Secretary.
- I feel my experience during the past two years insures that I am the most qualified candidate to serve as Financial Secretary for FYC.

