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From the Helm

Hello,

I trust everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, enjoying it with family and friends. December is here and the Holiday season is already in full swing.

The Long Range Planning Committee has tabulated the results of the recent survey. A great deal of info was collected with some expected and also some unexpected results. Come to the December meeting and find out what.

The upper "sun" deck is still an active project, but is in a holding pattern right now. I am hopeful that we get this off the ground and completed by Opening Day next year. Will keep you posted.

The annual elections of officers and 3 BOG members will be held at the first general meeting in January and the Nominating Committee has been interviewing and will continue to do so through most of this month. Please, if you are interested in serving the club, come down and talk to them!

Once again, Fayerweather Yacht Club will be celebrating its 100th birthday in 2019. We are starting preparations for this event now. I have not heard from anyone yet, but I am hopeful that some "stuff" is still out there. The Centennial Committee will be meeting in January and anyone with ideas or suggestions should contact me for more information.

Finally, PLEASE be considerate of your fellow members and their guests by not using the foul language at the bar or in the clubhouse. I am not going to tolerate it any more. Be aware of who is around you and who will be offended by it. Fair warning, if this problem persists, there will be some disciplinary actions taken. Along those lines, I have been getting complaints about members "bad mouthing" the club and its leadership. If you have a question or concern, bring it to me or one of the officers. By complaining in public, a negative atmosphere is created. This is not along the lines of good fellowship and camaraderie that FYC was built on.

That's enough from me,

Have a healthy and safe holiday season, see you at the club.

Bob Schley

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Calendar of Events

Saturday, Dec 3rd
FYC FISHING AWARDS

Tuesday, Dec 6th
GENERAL MEETING 7pm

Saturday, Dec 17th
WASSAIL NIGHT

Sunday, Dec 18th
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, Dec 26th
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING 7pm

Weekly Events

Thursday Night Dinner
Check website for special menu

Friday Night Happy Hour
-Raw Bar: Lobster Rolls, Chowder,
Lobster Bisque, Chili, Stuffed Clams,
Shrimp, Clams & Oysters on the 1/2 Shell-

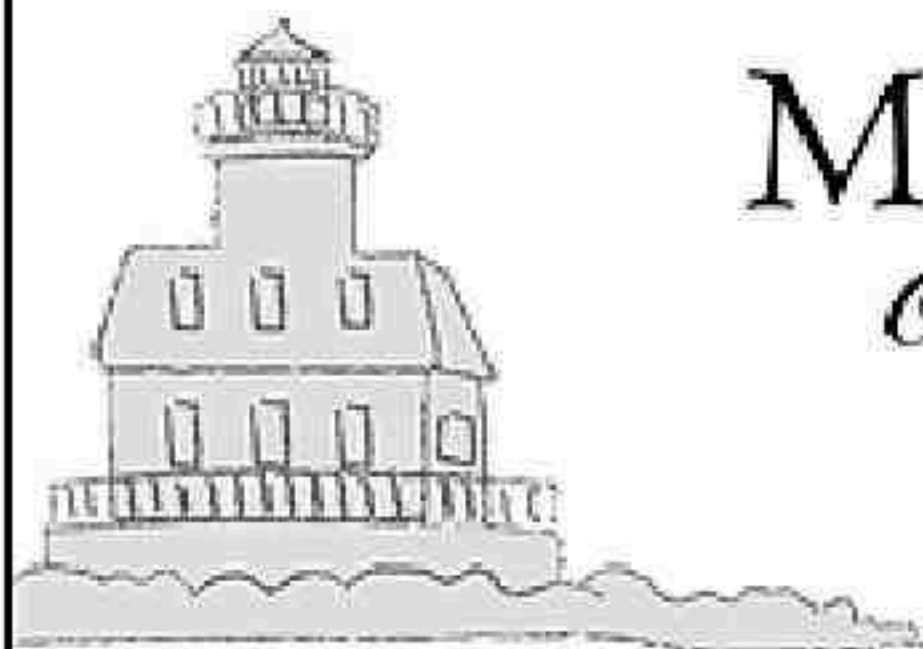
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From the Vice Commodore

Mark your calendars...

The annual fishing awards dinner is Saturday December 3rd at 6 PM. Tickets are available at the bar for \$15 with your choice of a chicken or steak dinner. All members are welcome to attend. Please come down and support our fisherman and enjoy a great meal!

Wassail Night is December 17th at 6 PM. This is an open event for all members to enjoy some holiday sprits. We don't do that here. It's a great time to get into the holiday spirit and have fun meeting other members. Refreshments are provided by FYC. Nice!

If you are looking for a dinner out to escape all that holiday cooking, come down to the club on Thursday nights. Great home cooked feeling meals and fantastic drink prices. Enjoy a night away from your own kitchen!

Sundays have evolved into an involuntary night of potluck appetizers for the football season (especially if the Giants are playing ;-)). Whether you're a fan or not, bring a snack down around 4 pm and enjoy the bar cheer and good company.

With the holidays upon us and more folks coming down to the club a few notes on cooperation...

As the tradition goes and the way we keep annual dues and bar pricing down is to have everyone clean up after themselves. Please remember to bring your trays back to the kitchen, glasses to the bar, etc. There are a number of trash cans around the property so please discard your rubbish. Thank you for the communal cooperation.

Please remember that FYC is every member's club, please be respectful and refrain from yelling, foul language and/or hostile behavior so that everyone can enjoy the bar.

I need to continue to stress the importance of signing in guests properly. This is one of the most important FYC rules ensuring that we all can continue to have the club we signed up for. Furthermore, the sign in book is a requirement of the Connecticut State Liquor Commission and is a law that we **HAVE** to follow. I am asking everyone to please help here. **Please fill out each line completely and legibly and with the member's legible signature. There are no exemptions.**

Progress...

I want to thank the end of the month bar inventory volunteers. This is a great group of people to work with at FYC. It is a daunting task which requires everyone getting up early the last Sunday of the month to come down to the club and inventory the bar, beer cooler and the liquor storage room. Thank you Jerry, Dave, Ricky, Chrissy, Fran, Kathy, Jim, Lou, Mark and especially George Nemeth.

I would like to give a big thanks to the whole bar staff for a very long meeting this month brainstorming improving membership, sales, bar and member problems, etc. There were lots of good ideas exchanged. Your opinions are important so I am looking forward to more of this kind of productive open communication in the future. Cheers!

Lastly, if you are looking for a great holiday gift, the ships store is stocked with hooded sweat shirts and winter hats. You can stop at the bar to get the key to open the sliding glass doors. There are also other items stored in the cabinet below the glass doors if you don't see what you want.

Please enjoy a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Sincerely,

Pat Gombos

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FYC presents: The Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 18th at 12 noon. Come join us for food, fun and a visit from Santa Claus with presents. The signup sheet is now available at the bar. Please provide the child's name, gender and age. The deadline to register is December 12th, as the purchasing and wrapping are time sensitive. \$15 per child. See you at the club.

Fleet Captain's Corner

There is a show tune written by Leonard Bernstein called "Something's Coming" ...indeed we do have something coming and it may be that it is just what is needed to get you out there to use your boat the way God and Nature intended...

In the third week of June 2017, we are planning a four day cruise and this time we are going 'West Young Man'...we are going to the following ports: Northport, and in that area we plan to moore at a beautiful area called Cold Spring Harbor... Oyster Bay is on the docket...Hempstead is just too far distant for this limited time schedule...

This will be a perfect "break-in" for the coming season...we hope that you can join us. All are welcome, power and sail...

In April, we will have our customary "Coffee 'An"...on which date we will go over all the plans for the coming Summer's cruising. I will advise via The Foghorn as to the exact date and time.

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The Nominating Committee wants YOU!



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Don't miss the opportunity to serve your club!

As the National elections come to a close Fayerweather's field of candidates are about to be chosen. The committee really wants to hear how you would like to work for the club and continue to make the "***Fayerweather experience***" a special one for members and their families and friends.

We are looking for members who would like to show off their talents in the following positions:

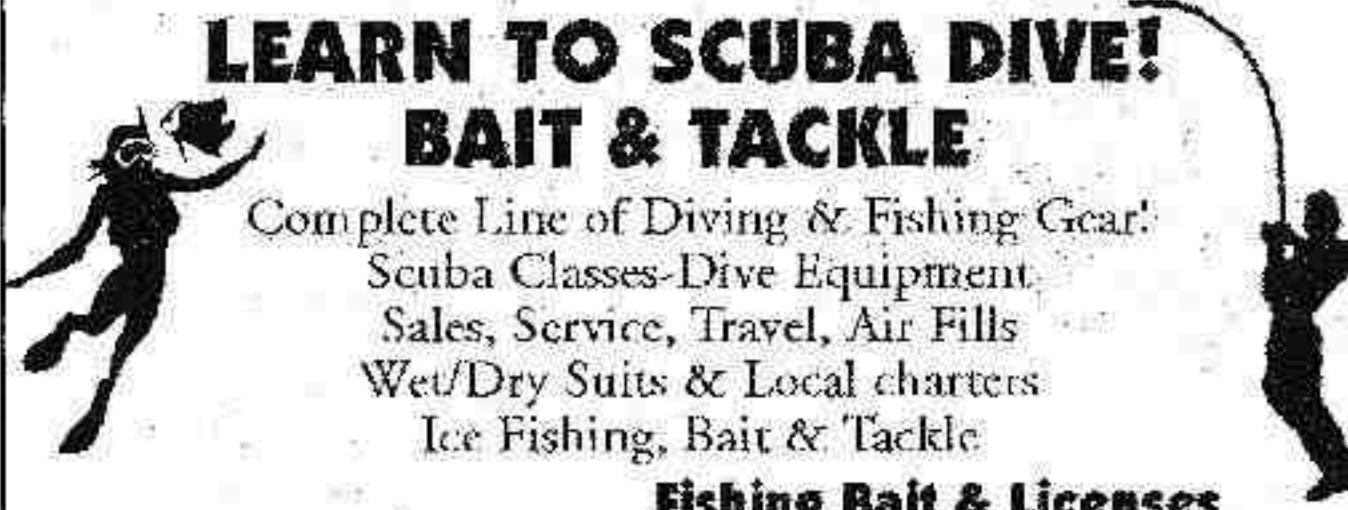
Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary and three Board of Governors.

For more information on the requirements of the positions or the nominating process, please feel free to approach one of the nominating committee members; Johnpatrick O'Brien, Ben Thursh, Russell Dunleavey, Dennis O'Malley, Mike Harrington, Christine Fileps or Donna DeMattia.

Interviews will take place every Thursday evening between the hours of 7pm and 9pm and on Saturday mornings between the hours of 9am – 11am beginning November 10th. If you would like to make an appointment for an interview please contact the Committee Chair, Donna DeMattia at 203-814-2075 or 203donnad@gmail.com

Thank you and please consider serving this year!

2017 Fayerweather Yacht Club Nominating Committee



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ALL MEMBERS

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DO NOT SEND CHECKS TO THE CLUB. If you pay your bills through your bank, make sure that you update the address.

NOTE: If you are not renewing your membership, you must notify us by the beginning of March. If you “resign in good standing” you may re-apply. If you do not notify us and get “deep sixed”, you will not be eligible to re-apply for membership in the future.

Membership Committee

As of this writing we have 25 available spots for membership applications. The total available positions to be filled for the year were 96. I am proud to say that with your help we have elected 71 new members to FYC.

My goal was to have full membership by the end of the year.

In order to achieve this, I would like to propose an added incentive for the month of December. I would need the approval of the membership at the December meeting per Article XIII, Section 3.

Proposal:

Decrease the application fee by \$125. The result would be Application Fee \$125, 10% State Tax \$12.50 and Background Check \$50 for a total of \$187.50.

Decrease the application fee to \$100. The result would be Application Fee \$100, 10% State Tax \$10.00 and Background Check \$50 for a total of \$160.

Eliminate the application fee. The result would be \$50 for the Background Check

It is up to you as a Member to express your agreement or disagreement.

Thank you.

Susan Kiely

Chairman Membership Committee