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From the Helm

Hello all,

April has arrived! Warm weather is just around the corner and I am sure all you boaters are getting the "fever". Me too!

Last month we had the St. Patrick's Party, which went off very well, and the Children's Easter Party which was also a great success. Thanks to our Rear Commodore, Johnpatrick who I think is doing a great job.

Good Friday saw our annual cleanup day with around 25 member attending to "spruce" up the clubhouse and grounds. The House Chairman, Rob, directed the day with cleaning and treating our docks and decks, putting out the outdoor furniture, cleaning the yard and grounds, just to name a few things.

Preparations are being made to ready the dock and launch for the upcoming season. Launch operators and dockhands are being hired. Anyone know of any candidates please contact me or the club. It's a great summer job.

Looking forward; Opening Day will be on May 28th this year with ceremonies starting at 12 noon. The orchestra will be back along with "Sneaky Pete". Triple F that day... Food, Folks and Fun. Mark you calendars!

June 11th will be a Blessing of the Boats. Bridgeport FD will again provide the showers. Club Chaplain, Brian Kelly and Rev. Larry Fullerton will be blessing the boats and the Fishing Committee will be putting on a pancake breakfast. The Club is open to all that day, so spread the word and help make this a showcase day.

That's enough for now.

See you at the club,

Bob Schley



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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April 5th

General Membership Meeting 7pm

Tuesday April 12th

Sailing Skippers Meeting

Monday, April 25th

Board of Governors Meeting 7pm

Weekly Events

Thursday Night Dinner

Check website for special menu

Friday Night Happy Hour

-Raw Bar: Lobster Rolls, Chowder,
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From the Vice Commodore

Hello,

On the Bar front we are continuing to add new brands of Whiskey, Vodka, Gin etc. We are also rotating some the keg beers. Please come down and enjoy a lovely beverage as the weather improves. We have also put in place more phone changers around the bar. Feel free to ask the bartender for a connection if your phone is running low. Supported phones are iPhone 5-6 and Androids with the micro USB connector. There are a few other adapter behind the bar if you have a different model.

Next up on the agenda for the bar is WINE. Yes, I hear a lot of whines about our wines...hahanaha (see that coming). Seriously, we are exploring a few solutions. We offer bottled wines and will continue to do so but are exploring some new vinyards with a wine specialist to make our selections tastier. Additionally, our trusted Bar Manager Dan brought to my attention, pressurized wine systems. We are considering this great innovative alternative for new house wine selections. I work in NYC and see these systems being used in bars and restaurants all the time. I have talked some to bar/restaurant owners, bartenders, and wine drinkers from the states and Europe about these systems (the systems are very popular in Europe) and they sound great for us. This is not boxed wine! This is wine kept under pressure which keeps the wine for MUCH longer and it tastes great. When the bottles we currently carry are opened the wine will start to oxidize and will keep only for a couple days at best. At Fayerweather a few day passes with no one ordering that wine and a bartender (not knowing who opened it or when) serves a bottle gone bad or alternatively has to throw it out only partially used. This is not good customer service for members and their guests nor is it cost effective. We want to fix this and keep the pricing for our wines reasonable. That is why we are exploring the option of a pressurized system. More to come in the next few weeks.

If anyone has wines they enjoy and think other may as well, please email me and we can see if the wine fits into our pricing range. I cannot promise we will procure it but we are always open to suggestions. We will also be getting new wine glasses to bring the whole experience up to standards.

We have had a number of events the past month that have kept the kitchen closed on Fridays. As of April 1st the kitchen will be open on Friday nights again. Susan Kane and her staff are working hard to provide us with good food at a reasonable price. If anyone, has an issue with an order please talk to Susan. She is willing to help remedy the situation. You can also email me and I will discuss it with the kitchen staff. Thursday night dinner continues to be popular. Susan has been and will continue to make some changes weekly. There are the staples on the menu and if you do not wish to have rosemary or horse radish dill sauce etc....., please feel free to speak up to your server.

The raw bar continues to be open on Friday nights. If the raw bar is not open I will send out a constant contact email. You can also refer to the web site www.fycct.org, I will usually post info about the kitchen and raw bar there. Come down and enjoy lobster rolls, raw clams, oysters, shrimp cocktail, clam chowder, lobster bisque, stuffed clams and what ever else I left off the menu.

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. Members on Wednesday and Sunday sailing race days please police the book for the guest sailors.

Sincerely,

Pat Gombos

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Fayerweather Yacht Club Events for 2016

From the Rear Commodore Johnpatrick O'Brien

- 5/28/16 Opening Day Party
- 6/18/16 Caribbean Night Party
- 7/16/16 Clam Bake Party
- 8/27/16 Pig Roast Party
- 11/19/16 Harvest Dance Party
- 12/18/16 Children's Christmas Party



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Fleet Captain's Corner

Something of some moderate age but still almost new... this is the Blessing Of The Fleet...begun last year by Tom Lee and so well done and supported that this will be our second annual..June 11, 2016...time to be announced by Tom as we progress slowly to the date in question...as an addition to this, I had spoken to Pat Gombos that we could do even more than just the Fleet Blessing and he agreed.. we will have what may be called a " Pancake Party" ...the detail on this will be in Pat's column...please watch for it and join us if you can...

Again, the reminders of the Block Cruise and Shelter Island Cruise...respectively on July 16 and August 13... also watch for Rich Parker's announcement relative some short cruises.

Bob Butler
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The Fishing Line

It's April, fishing pins are in and fishing season is open for winter flounder and blackfish. As the weather gets better and we gain a few more degrees in water temp the FYC Fishing Contest will be in full swing. Sign-up at the bar, \$25 to weigh-in fish and join the fun. This year we added a category for black sea bass and are working on a kids division and maybe a couple more tourneys (of course there will be prizes!).

While down at the club, remember to buy a raffle ticket to support the Fishing Committee, its helps out with the events that are held during the year.

Our next event will be the Mother's Day Brunch to be held on Sunday 5/8, hope to see you there.

As usual keep eye on the board for any updates and give Jerry a big hug! I don't usually tell people where I fish, but when I do it's usually a lie and that's the truth.

Tight lines!
Keith Jamaitis,
FYC Fishing Committee

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