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FROM THE HELM

Greetings,

The season is here! Opening Day was on May 27 and what a day it was! A huge “Thank You” to all who helped make it possible. Music was great with bands all day, food was great and attendance was great. We tried something new this year with a third band starting at six with the Lighthouse Grill opening at five. I think this will become a tradition at FYC! The club was busy from morning till closing. If this is any indication of events to come, this year is going to break some records!

We have signed the contract for BUZ Software, for those of you who don’t know, this project will replace our Point of Sale system, our accounting system, our website, and our web-mail services. The “go live” date is on track for September. Details as they develop.

Various other projects are also afoot at the club. New concrete pad under the hoist is still being priced. Upper “Sun” deck is still being designed. I am pushing to get these done this summer.

Our Vice and Rear Commodores and the Fishing Committee have some excellent things planned for this year. I will let them tell you about it.

In case you didn’t already know, Fayerweather Yacht Club will be celebrating its 100th anniversary as a yacht club in 2019. Please, if you have any pictures or memorabilia or are interested in helping, contact me, or the Co-chairs of the Centennial Committee, Tom Lee and Donna Demattia. This committee is in the planning stages for a great year of events.

Jazz Brunch was held in April and was very well received. I am scheduling another one (Maybe more). As soon as I get a date, I will send out notices.

That’s enough for now.
Bob Schley
Commodore



Calendar of Events

June 6

General Membership Meeting - 7:00PM

June 10

Steak and Lobster Fishing Committee

June 11

Open House

June 14

Auxiliary General Meeting – 7:00PM
Pot Luck Dinner

June 17

Caribbean Night

June 26

Board of Governors Meeting

July 15

Luau Party

Weekly Events

Wednesday Night:

Race Nights
Grill is open

Thursday Night:

Table Service Dinner

Friday Night:

Grill is Open plus
Raw Bar

Lobster Rolls, Chowder,
Lobster Bisque, Chili,
Stuffed Clams, Shrimp
Clams & Oysters



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

The warm weather is upon us and members are making great use of the Deck!

Upcoming Wine and Beer tastings are in the works so stay tuned to website for more details.

Check the ships store as new warmer weather shirts have been arriving.

Lighthouse Grill is now open on Wednesday nights for race seasons so stop down to support them as well as we are for Thursday and Friday nights!

Not much more to write about, so I'll rehash a few topics.....

Please put umbrella's down when done with the tables. On a good windy day we have seen them take off!

Please bring empty glassware back to the bar in a timely manner as to not overload our tiny dishwasher.

Please bring items back to kitchen putting trash in the garbage and only dishware and utensils in the bin. Do not leave bar glasses over by the kitchen.

Thank you to all members who do this on their own and those that pick up after those who forget.

Keep up the good work on the guest book. Remembering each guest gets their own line on the page and not to use " "

Thanks and See you at the club!

David J. Nemeth - vice@fycct.org

**Join us June 10 6PM
Steak and Lobster Dinner
Hosted by the Fishing Committee**

**Steak - \$25
Lobster - \$25
Surf and Turf - \$35
Get your tickets at the bar**



Lighthouse Grill at Fayerweather

Lunch: Tuesday - Friday 11 - 2

Lunch or Brunch: Saturday & Sunday 11 – 3

Dinner:

Wednesday Race Night grill: 5 – 9PM

Thursday table service: 5 - 9 PM

Friday grill: 5 - 9 PM



From the Rear Commodore

We would like to thank everyone who joined the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta and made it a success! We hope that you all had a GREAT time! We would like to thank Lighthouse Grill for the delicious Mexican food and for their wonderful service as always! Our musical entertainment for the night was also phenomenal! Special thanks to the band Orquesta Afinke and the Pocket Hotties for keeping everyone entertained and dancing all night long!!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Opening Day ceremonies and after party! It was a beautiful day and it was nice to see all aspects of the club join together for a great tradition! We would like to thank the Stratford Community Band led by neighbor Wayne Hiller for starting the day off right, then Rising Tide and the Pocket Hotties for keeping us dancing and entertained all day and into the evening!

Our Caribbean party is on Saturday, June 17th starting at 6:30PM! We will have a Reggae band and Lighthouse Grill will provide Caribbean style food for the evening jerk chicken, corn on the cob, Caribbean rice, fried sweet plantains, chips and mango salsa and for dessert, and for dessert, grilled pineapple and rum cake. RAIN or SHINE we will be having a wonderful party Caribbean style!! Tickets are available at the bar for \$20. Hope to see you all there!!

Listed below is our schedule of dates for parties with others to be announced in future editions of the Foghorn.

Saturday, June 17	Caribbean Party 6:30PM
Saturday, July 15	Luau Party 6:30PM
Saturday, August 19	Summer BBQ 6:30PM
Sunday, September 3	Summer Send Off Party 6:30PM
Saturday, October 28	Halloween Costume Party 6:30PM
Saturday, November 11	Harvest Dance (The date has been moved up one week)
Sunday, December 17	Children's Christmas Party 12PM

My goal is to have at least one event per month if not more. I am always open to suggestions and ideas from our members. Feel free to e-mail me at rear@fycct.org.

Bob Cote - Rear Commodore

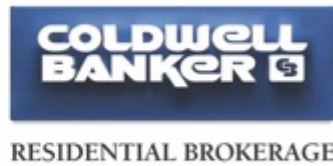
**Caribbean Party
Saturday
June 17 – 6:30
Reggae and a
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Menu!**

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Auxiliary Corner

June starts party season for Fayerweather Yacht Club and the Auxiliary.

The first inter club "Meet and Greet" event will be held at the East End Yacht Club on June 8th at 6:30PM. Please contact Lynn Sullivan if you want to be added to the list of Fayerweather members attending.

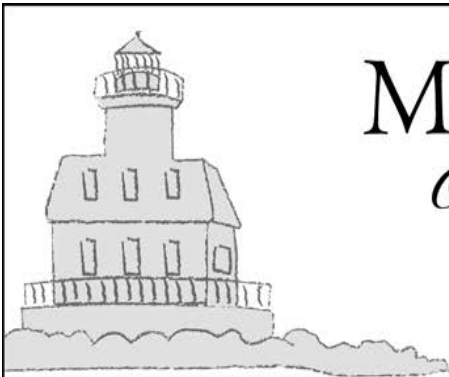
Our regular June meeting is the annual "Pot Luck". Bring a dish to share, along with your significant other, to the Penfield Room on June 14th at 7PM.

Reminder: There will be no Auxiliary meetings during July or August.

Do check regular postings in the Foghorn so you won't miss out on summer events! Update your email with Cindy Filep at cfilep@icon-intl.com to receive Club and Auxiliary notices that are sent out monthly.

Enjoy your summer.

Claire L Mikan – Recording Secretary



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Sailing Corner



Wednesday Night Series:

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Regatta Network Link:

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Join us each Wednesday. Support your favorite boat and now that the Lighthouse Grill is open you can enjoy the Grill as well.

Please mark your calendars: Park City Regatta is July 22. More information to follow or contact me.

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Fleet Captain's Corner:

The subject matter for this month is RAFTING OF BOATS.

It seems that wherever we go, we are certain to run across some folks that we know, and with whom we like to spend some time. The same applies to boating. What better way to enjoy our boats than having friends 'alongside?' Thus we get quickly into rafting with friends who have similar interests. How we can best achieve this system of rafting will now be touched on here in some detail.

Rafting boats that are similar in size and design is not a difficult thing to do. However, if you are rafting with dissimilar sizes and types, things get a bit more complex. Let's take the easy way initially and then move on to the more difficult.

Powerboats rafting to powerboats will use the same overall system as sailboats: the boat that is properly anchored invites the friend to come alongside. The bowline of the visiting vessel is thrown to the already anchored boat. This is a courtesy thing. It is important to make this line fast but not tight. In our case at hand, the host vessel is to port of the visiting vessel.

On the stern we make an "X" with two lines. This is the complex part and somewhat difficult to put to paper. From the host's starboard stern cleat, the line goes forward some five or six feet to a cleat (or other strongly attached fixed point) on the port side of the visitor.

From the visitor's port side at the stern, another line goes forward to the host's starboard side, again to a strong and well-fixed point, be it a cleat or winch. Thus we have the "X" of which we spoke. This method precludes the boats going forward and backward to an extreme that normally would occur if we had lines running all the way from the stern of each boat to the bow of the other. This keeps, if you will, the raft stable.

In a two sailboat situation, great care must be taken during the set-up process to make certain that the spreaders do not come close ... the adjustability of the "X" controls this. When the stern lines are in place, it's time to adjust the bow line which simply runs from boat to boat ... not overly tight. It is recommended that nylon line be used both on the bow and in the stern...thus we have flexibility and avoid shock loads.

The larger the fenders the better ... at least three 'tween boats would be best. The height of the fenders will be different than when we are landing at a dock; you may find that your best solution to the height question is to have them somewhat higher than normal. (Cont.).....

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Fleet Captain's Corner (Cont.).....

Rafting a powerboat to a sailboat is only made complex by the size differential of the topsides and the flair of the powerboat's topsides. It can be nicely done however, by using the same procedure only exercising much more care as to the line placement.

If necessary due to weather factors present or shortly to come upon the raft-up, the visiting vessel may want to put out its own anchor for additional security. This anchor should be placed at a ninety-degree angle to the host's anchor. Again, scope should be seventy feet or close to it. That way when the raft breaks up, the visiting vessel can just release the lines and slowly drift apart, moving away from the host vessel and still be safely held by its own anchor.

Rafting at night requires more attention during the 'wee' hours than at daytime. This is why we are here...to have a legitimate reason to interrupt our sleep at the most ungodly hours.

Bob Butler

Fleet Captain

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Fishing Corner



The Weather is Here, Wish You Were Beautiful, and the fish are here too! The FYC fishing fleet is back out on the sound and having good luck with Fluke, big Striped Bass, and Blues. It's on! The FYC Fishing contest is open to all members, runs all season, and is only \$25 to participate. Reminder: Follow CT DEEP regulations, practice catch and release, only weigh fish you caught, and be safe out there.

Thank you to everyone that came down to the Mother's Day Brunch, it was sold out. The Fishing Committee cooked up a great buffet and the weather turned out super and had members enjoying the deck and patio in addition to the Penfield room.

We'll be off the water and back in the kitchen for Lobster Night, 6/10, get your tickets now, hope to see you there. Keep an eye on the fishing board for recent updates.

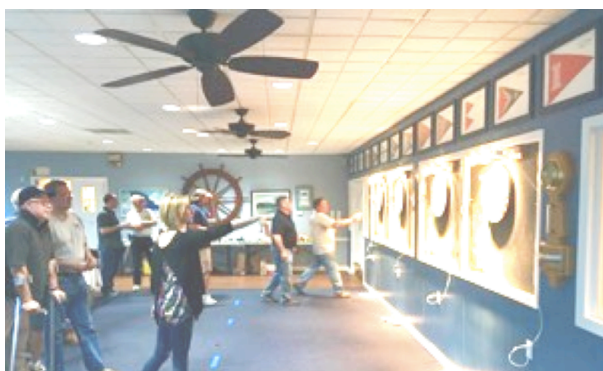
Growing Older but Not Up!

Keith Jamaitis ~ FYC Fishing Committee



Dart League:

The annual FYC dart tournament was held on April 28th, and congratulations to Bob Cote on winning the final playoff this year and earning the title of 2016-2017 FYC Dart League Champion. Look for Bob's name to soon appear on the Board of Champions under the trophy case between the dartboards on the Upper Deck. Lots of food, lots of laughs, and lots of fun was had by all, so after the summer break, look for play to begin again starting the first Monday Night football game in August. Interested in participating in next years league? Contact me for details.



Pool Table:

The FYC pool table has been a staple in our upper deck at the club for many years. The games are only \$.50 to play. We have a large selection of pool sticks to fit the needs of any player. Cabinets near the pool table store members' sticks, so if you are interested in leaving your own stick at the club in a locked cabinet, see the bartender on duty for more information. Please remember our table is for adult use only and keep drinks and food off the table.

Ben Thrush

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