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FROM THE HELM

Just when you thought it was done, Mother Nature comes along and dumps a mid March storm on us. At least it won't be around long. The spring flowers are popping up and Opening Day is approaching fast.

Our Rear Commodore held the annual St. Patrick's Party on, of all days March 17th. If that party is an indicator of the parties to come, "we're gonna have some fun at FYC this year!" Bob (and, of course, Christina) Cote threw a party to remember complete with a solo guitarist, Irish dancers, Bag Pipers, and a great band. Along with the "new" kitchen crew putting out some of the best corned beef I've had in a while. Don't forget the appetizers and dessert. Well Done!!!

I am very pleased to announce that FYC has a club manager. Dan Conroy has accepted the position and will be handling the club's day-to-day operations. Please join me in welcoming Dan.

Update on the Sun Deck project. After a lot of telephone tag, I have gotten the Bridgeport Fire Marshal and our Architect to agree to a meeting (scheduling conflicts were the problem). Don't have much to report at the time of this writing, but will report after the meeting.

The cleanup days are here. Saturday April 8th and Good Friday, April 14th are the days scheduled for getting the club ready for the season. We need Carpenters, Painters, strong backs and sharp minds. Please contact Rob Canavan or myself to sign up. This year we will be assigning tasks in advance. This will match the talents to the tasks.

We are looking into replacing the "Mates" chairs in the Penfield room. These chairs were purchased in the early 70's and have served us well. Replacing them with the same quality and material is a bit of a challenge. Look for an item on the agenda for the General Meeting when we are ready to present.

All committees have been filled with the exception of the Audit Committee. Any member who is interested and qualified, please contact me.

Sincerely,
Bob Schley
Commodore

*****Attention*****

We need 65 -75 members
for "Clean Up Day(s)"
April 8th and/or April 14th
8am-whenever
Please sign up!

Coffee, Bagels, Donuts

*Free Lunch at 1pm Jerry's
"Famous Roast Beef", Tuna
Salad, Egg Salad sandwiches
along with a free soda or
beer.*

Calendar of Events

March 31

Fish Fry

April 4

General Membership Meeting - 7:00PM

April 12

Auxiliary General Meeting

Guest Speaker!

April 15

Children's Easter Party

April 19

Inter club Bluefish Tournament Meeting

April 22

Asylum Distillers Tasting

April 24

Board of Governors Meeting

April 26

Skipper's Meeting

April 28

Dart League Championship

April 30

Jazz At Brunch
Ed Chervansky and the Jazz Group

May 5

Cinco de Mayo

Weekly Events

Thursday Night:

Table Service Dinner

Friday Night:

Raw Bar

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



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

We are so happy to have Lighthouse Grill up and running! The food and service has been over the top. I have seen lots of new faces and faces we have not seen in some time enjoying lunch and dinner down at our club. Stay tuned for new extended hours and services. In summertime they are planning on doing pre-ordered basket lunches to go for the boaters. One less stop before heading out!

The ships store keeps getting new items in so check back often. See your bartender for the key.

If anyone is interested in helping on Opening day to setup, sell and break down, please see me.

Bar sales keep improving, as the weather gets better. I think the Lighthouse Grill has something to do with that too! Please remember that your guests cannot arrive before you or leave after you. Each guest needs to be signed in upon arrival and each guest gets his or her own line. Please do not sign in Mr. and Mrs. Smith on 1 line and for multiple guests, do not use " ". **Be sure to fill out each line completely.** Please ask the bar should you have any questions. Also remember to bring all bottles and glassware back to the bar in a timely manner.

Speaking of the bar, that old grey TV in the corner has finally been replaced!! Amazing how nice it looks now even on a bright sunny day.

I am still looking for volunteers to join our bar inventory committee. We do it once a month on a Sunday morning and I supply the coffee and munchkins. Please see me if interested.

Join us Saturday April 22nd from 6-8 when Asylum Distillery from Bridgeport comes in to have us sample their line of spirits. Tickets are \$10 and available at the bar. You get an Asylum mixed cocktail at the bar after your tasting with that ticket.

Thank you and see you at the club!

David J. Nemeth - vice@fycct.org

Join us for
Asylum Distillery's tasting
Saturday
April 22
6 – 8 PM



Vazzy's

Lunch: Tuesday - Friday 11 - 2

Lunch or Brunch: Saturday & Sunday 11 – 3

Dinner: Thursday table service - 5 - 9 PM Friday grill - 5 - 9 PM



From the Rear Commodore

We would like to thank everyone who came to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us at the club! We hope that you all had a wonderful time and look forward to seeing you at our next party.

Our children's Easter party is around the corner and we ask that you please sign up by April 13th so we can be sure to have enough goody baskets. Sign up at the club, call, or e-mail me to be sure your children are on the list for the party ([914.434.0511](tel:914.434.0511) or rear@fycct.org).

Listed below is our schedule of dates for parties. (Others to be announced in future editions of the Foghorn)

April 15th, Saturday at 12pm - Children's Easter Party (Sign up by April 13th)
May 5th, Friday at 6pm - Cinco de Mayo Party (Guacamole, chips, taco bar and live entertainment)
May 27th, Saturday at 12pm- Opening Day and Summer Kick Off Party
June 17th, Saturday - Caribbean Party (Time to be announced)
July Luau Party - TBD
August - TBD
September 2nd, Saturday - Summer Send Off Party (Time to be announced)
October - TBD
November 18th, Saturday - Harvest Dance
December 17th, Sunday - Children's Christmas Party

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



NYC ANNUAL CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY

APRIL 15TH AT 12PM

Lunch

Magic by Melissa

Face Painting

Visit from the Easter Bunny

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Goody Basket

\$15/per child - Please sign up at the bar so we have enough food, eggs and baskets for each child.



Auxiliary Corner

April brings a flurry of activity to Fayerweather and our Auxiliary. Now that your days are “longer”, come spend some time with us. Our April Membership meeting will be held 7PM on Wednesday April 12

We are pleased to announce that, following regular business, local Author and Journalist Bonnie Kreidler will present:



“How to Get an Idea Out of Your Head and Into a Book. YOU can be an author!”

She will share her experience on how to transform an idea into a manuscript,
a manuscript to published book,
and how to get that book into the hands of readers.

The Children's' Easter Party is April 15; additional donations of Bunnies and Chicks for the raffle will be collected at this meeting. We never have enough!

Final reminder for 2017 Auxiliary dues, which are only \$33.00

Claire L Mikan – Recording Secretary

Good and Welfare

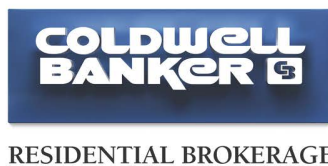
Get well cards went to:

Tom Corbi
Mark D'Arcy
Dan Kiely

Sympathy cards went to the families of:

Ezequiel Barreo
Samuel Hawley
Allen Namain
Robert Skerit

A memorial arrangement was delivered to
the family of Nicholas Palko, a life member
and brother of Robert Palko



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Sailing Corner

Ideal 18 Frostbiting:

Our frostbiting season is well underway. With just four races left in the series before the championship the competition has been great thus far. The Ideal 18 series will continue through April 23th with the Championship race scheduled for Sunday, April 30th. Don't miss the opportunity to come on down to FYC to watch some fantastic sailing action.

Top 5 Teams to-date: Kirkpatrick/Kirkpatrick (1.1), Worcester/Hermann (1.7), Henry/Raymond (2.2), Stephan/Brown (2.5), McArthur/Houston/Hendrickson (2.6).



Wednesday Night Series:

The weather may not feel like spring, but planning is already underway for the 2017 sailing season. One area where we may make some changes to the format is our Wednesday Night Series. There has been quite a bit of discussion around bringing back the spring and fall series, in addition to increasing the PHRF rating for DIV 1 Spin to 120. The idea of these changes has been kicked around for several years now.

April & May Dates:

Wednesday, April 26th - Skippers Meeting @ FYC -
Sunday, April 30th - Ideal 18 Frostbiting Championship

Wednesday, May 10th - Wednesday Series Race 1
Wednesday, May 17th - Wednesday Series Race 2
Wednesday, May 24th - Wednesday Series Race 3
Wednesday, May 31st - Wednesday Series Race 4

Michael Cooleen
FYC Sailing Chair
mcooleen@sbcglobal.net

FLEETCAPTAIN'S CORNER:

Anchoring:

Circle the wagons! Circle the wagons! Circle the wagons! So it was in the old cowboys and Indian years when Tom Mix was our hero, it should be when picking your anchoring spot. We are now in chapter three of the anchoring procedure and protocol.

First we pick our spot where we want the boat to sit at anchor then we do two or three circles around that spot to determine that indeed there is sufficient water for our draft, should the boat swing to a different wind or current...or should the tide go out.

As to the actual anchoring process, there are certain activities that should take place each time we anchor. The first is to slowly lower, not drop the anchor...then allow the boat to drift astern, all the while letting out more and more chain and or line (rode). This going astern can be done with engine in 'slow' astern mode, or merely allowing the current and wind to do this job. Let out line slowly to prevent the rode dropping on top of the anchor and becoming fouled.

After the anchor has hit the bottom, allow twenty to thirty feet of rode to run out, then snub up and see that the anchor is grabbing and holding fast to the bottom. This 'snubbing' can be done by hand or by wrapping around a cleat on the bow. Once you feel that the anchor is solidly in the bottom, allow more to run, to the point that you have an amount in the water that will be adequate to your needs.


You are not finished quite yet. After adequate rode is in the water, back the boat down HARD. When you see that the rode begins to rise to the surface, you can be sure that the anchor is well set. At this point, look over at other boats at anchor or the shore to be sure that you are stationary. A few extra minutes spent doing these basic steps, will result in many hours of peaceful sleep.

As to the reverse process, drive the boat slowly forward until the rode is vertical. Allow the boat to raise the anchor out of the bottom. This is done by snubbing off the rode on a bow cleat and slowly, using the engine. Drive forward until the anchor clears the bottom. An anchor windlass is a great advantage here, but merely having a bow roller will make life much easier as well.

Boats about to fish can of course use much less rode...the chances of them coming too close to other fisher folk are much less than a boat that is out there cruising. Cruisers should have at least seventy feet of rode to hold their positions. Fishing boats can have fifty to sixty feet out and be secure.

One final note: do not forget to attach your safety float to your anchor prior to lowering it. This could save many problems down the road as we spoke in Chapter Two.

Bob Butler, Fleet Captain



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Fishing Corner



Finally! It's here. April 1 opens up the season for winter flounder and blackfish and the FYC fishing fleet will be back on the water where no fish is safe.

The 2017 buttons are in and the FYC Fishing Contest is on!

The FYC Fishing contest is open to all members, runs all season, and is \$25 to participate. Sign-up at the bar and get in on the action. We have some great prizes and always have some good stories about that one that got away. Check the fishing board for the rules, be safe out there and good luck!

Have a nice Easter and remember to mark your calendar and come down to the Fishing Committee's Mother's Day Brunch to be held May 14th. Keep an eye on the fishing board for updates.

All fishermen are liars, Expect You and Me... [and I'm not so sure about you!]
Cheers

Keith Jamaitis ~ FYC Fishing Committee



Tickets available at the Bar!!

Friday, March 31
Fishing Committee's FAMOUS Fish Fry

\$15.00
Starts at 6 PM



Dart League:

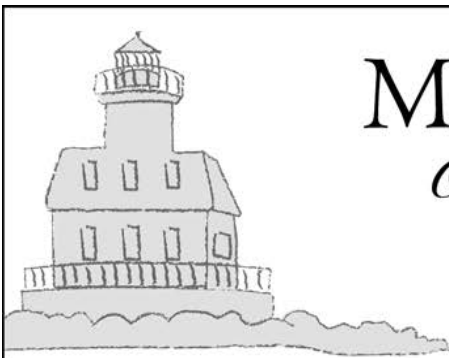
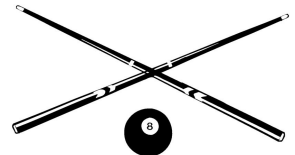
The Annual FYC Dart League Championship will be held
Friday April 28th starting at 7pm
Penfield room

All FYC members are welcomed to come watch the final competition of the season and cheer on their favorite player to victory. Even if you don't play darts this is a great event to watch, and if you are interested in learning more about the league and meeting the people who play, please come by on April 28.

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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