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FROM THE HELM

December, the holidays are upon us. I trust that everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Now we can focus on the end of year celebrations.

The Nominating committee is actively interviewing for candidates for the BOG and Officer positions. If you are interested, please contact

Denis O'Malley for an appointment. The annual election meeting is in January. Notices will be forthcoming as to the voting hours.

Upper Sun deck- the architect has promised to deliver the complete set of plans in January, with an apology for the major delay. As soon as we have any information, it will be sent to you.

As I said last month, the Bylaws committee will be presenting some changes to the bylaws to bring us into the present soon. Some of the language and responsibilities have changed over the years and we need to update them. The changes will be sent out to the membership well in advance.

I don't have a lot to share this month as I am wrapping up my service as Commodore of FYC, per our by-laws. My final article will be the January issue. So I'll end this month with the standard, but very important, reminders.

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 myself, Tom Lee, or Donna Demattia. If you have any stories to tell, contact me as we will be putting together an oral history of FYC to be included in a time capsule on FYC grounds. You will start to see "centennial" items for sale starting in 2018 (Limited edition centennial burgees, hats, etc...) **The committee is making a presentation at the December general membership meeting.**

Again, same as last month, a reminder to all members, new and "seasoned". Please read our house rules. Little things like busing your own tables, both the kitchen plates (when there is no waitress service) and the bar glasses (all the time), keeping an eye on your children as they enjoy the club also (running in the clubhouse is not allowed). No smoking, vaping, e-cigarettes, etc... on the decks between the hours of 10am. to 10pm. And Please be considerate of your fellow members. These are some simple and easy rules to obey and it makes it pleasant for everyone.

Also, along those lines, signing in your guests correctly in the guest book (This is a **State Law**, not a house rule or by-law). Our liquor permit depends on this being done correctly. If you do not know how, please see the Vice Commodores article in this newsletter.

That's all I have for now.

See you at the club,
Bob Schley, Commodore

Calendar of Events

December 2

Fishing Committee
Awards 6:00pm

December 5

General Membership
meeting 7:00 pm

December 6

Auxiliary Board
Meeting 7:00pm

December 9

Wassail Party

December 13

Auxiliary Christmas
Dinner 7:00pm

December 13

Children's Christmas
Party Noon

December 18

Board of Governors
Meeting 7:00pm

December 25

Club Closed

January 3

Auxiliary Board
Meeting 7:00pm

January 10

Auxiliary Membership
and VOTE 7:00pm

Weekly Events

Thursday Night:
Table Service Dinner

Friday Night:
Grill is Open plus
Raw Bar, shrimp,
chowder, & lobster rolls



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

With December upon us I can now finally say it has been a quick but great year at FYC! I have enjoyed my time serving as Vice Commodore again and look forward to what next year may bring.

Thanks to all for the continued support of Lighthouse Grill and we hope to have them around for a long time! Premium wines by the bottle are at the bar and have been moving well with the option to take unfinished bottles home.

The Ships Store has gotten in and sold out of many items time and time again. There are still plenty of options of fleece jackets and vests and more winter hats will be in soon. Many options of glassware with etched FYC burgee are available at this time. The tradition of Wassail Night will continue again on December 9th and the full ships store will be on sale with some great specials for your holiday shopping.

Thanks again to a great bar staff and a great 2017!

See you at the club!

David J. Nemeth - vice@fycct.org



Lighthouse Grill at Fayerweather

Lunch: Tuesday - Friday 11 - 2

Lunch or Brunch: Saturday & Sunday 10 - 3

Dinner:

Thursday table service: 5 - 9 PM

Friday grill: 5 - 9 PM

You may bring your own food when Grill is **closed**...OR the Bar has Pizza!

The Centennial Committee invites you to attend the December 5th General Membership Meeting at 7pm to hear a presentation of the plans for the 100th anniversary of Fayerweather Yacht Club.

Join Us in Celebrating
100 YEARS



Final reminder! Please make sure ALL of your address information is accurate (full address, phone and email) under your profile on the website. The dues will be going out and you are responsible for making sure your address information is accurate. Your default username and password are your member ID number.

If you have any questions, suggestions, additions for the website, please **email** Emily Hyde at emchabot@gmail.com

Happy Holidays!



From the Rear Commodore

My wife Christina & I would like to express our gratitude to everyone that helped execute the most perfect Harvest Dance! From the Friday night wrapping party, the set up of the "jail" and all the hanging of the fruits and vegetables the night before and the night of, we could NOT have done it without all of our wonderful volunteers! The night was also a success thanks to our awesome DJ, Peter G! He kept people on the dance floor until midnight! We raised over \$400 to contribute to the Children's Christmas Party! It is a truly special event that Fayerweather Yacht Club has every year and it was an honor to host it this year! As always, we appreciate the continued support from our members and their guests at our parties!

We have one last party of the year to put on & it is the Children's Christmas Party! We are excited to have a magical and fun afternoon for the kids on Sunday, December 17th starting at noon. We will have lunch and dessert for the children as well as some fun extras too. Lighthouse Grill will be open for the adults. Santa will of course make his debut and hand out presents to the kids! The price per child is \$25 and you can sign up at the bar. This is a very busy time of year for all and we have a very strict cut off date for this party of December 10, 2017

Thank you in advance & we look forward to seeing you there!

We hope everyone has a happy & healthy holiday season with their families! It has a fun & exciting year at Fayerweather Yacht Club. Thank you for having me as your 2017 Rear Commodore!

Bob Cote - Rear Commodore



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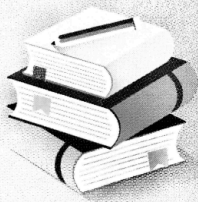
Santa is coming to
Fayerweather Yacht Club!

Join us on Sunday, December 17th at
12 noon for a Children's Christmas
Party.

Each child will receive lunch and we
will have fun activities to keep them
busy before Santa arrives.
They will get to meet Santa and receive a
present from him.

\$25/child & the sign up sheet is at the
bar.

****The cut off for this party is on 12.10.17****



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Auxiliary Corner

Our November 8th meeting featured a class in floral arranging by Lynn Sullivan. All members present created a fall centerpiece for their holiday table. Member talent was on full display by evening's end!

The Auxiliary has chosen the Black Rock Food Pantry for our annual Christmas giving campaign. We are accepting donations thru year-end. We will be collecting cash, checks or gift cards to help those less fortunate, in our community. Please reach out to any Auxiliary Officer or Board Member, or you can leave your check payable to the Black Rock Food Pantry in our mailbox, at the Bar.

Also, Auxiliary members approved a donation of \$300.00 to our Club's Children's Christmas Party. The Auxiliary's annual Christmas dinner is set for December 13th at 7PM. The cost to members is \$25.00 for your choice of Lobster or Steak. The deadline for reserving your seat is Wednesday December 6th. Contact Lynn Sullivan at lsullivan@westport.k12.ct.us to confirm.

Annual dues for 2018 are requested from all members with membership dates prior to October 1st, 2017. Renewal fee is unchanged at \$33.00. Members are reminded to issue a separate check to the Fayerweather Yacht Club Auxiliary directly. Checks may be left in our mailbox at the bar.

Reminder: Auxiliary Elections for all positions will be held on January 10th, 2018. Duties and requirements are listed in our By-Laws. Send an email to cmikan@att.net, for a copy. If you are interested in running contact Lynda Kristy lyndakristy@sbcglobal.net or Bonnie Lindsay blindsay825@aol.com of the Election Committee to review requirements, submit your name for consideration and reserve a place on the ballot.

Update your email with Cindy Filep at cfilep@icon-intl.com to receive Club and Auxiliary notices.

Claire L Mikan – Recording Secretary



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Fleet Captain's Corner:

Nothing from me for this month....perhaps for January
 can I once more resume....

See you all in April at the customary "Coffee An" as we
 plan the details of next year's cruises. Power and Sail
 both welcome.

Bob Butler
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 O'Brien

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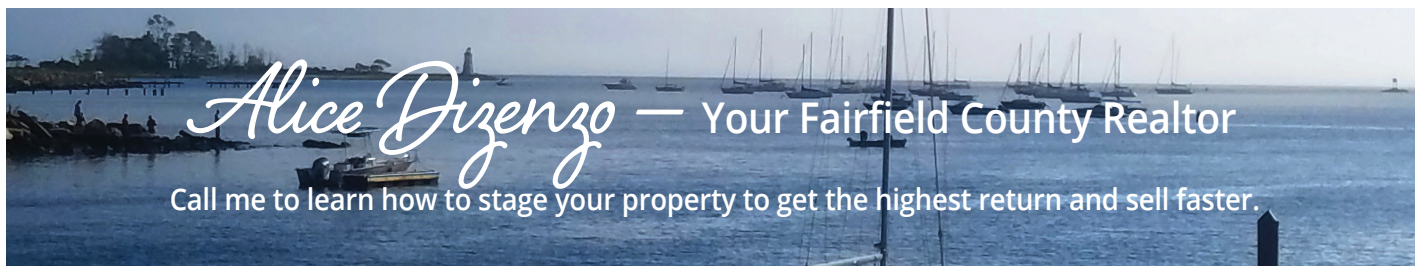


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Fishing Corner

Well, another year and another fishing season have come to an end. The Fishing Committee had an active year holding many of our annual events and the FYC Fishing Fleet was out of the water where no fish is safe. The FYC Fishing Contest saw some nice fish brought to the scale and we hope to see the winners and other members and guests at the Steak and Chicken night on December 2 where we will present the awards. Thanks for everyone that participated and make this season long contest fun with some friendly competition and even better stories about that one that got away. Here is a listing of the weight in as of 11/25/17:

	1 st	2 nd	3rd
Striped Bass	Topher Scheel 40.61lbs	Matt Zygmant 40.23lbs	Keith Jamaitis 34.95lbs
Bluefish	Alan Morosoff 15.30lbs	Charlie Angotto 14.75lbs	Mike Vass 12.82lbs
Blackfish	Topher Scheel 8.68lbs	Dina Cummings 8.15lbs	Mike Vass 6.38lbs
Porgy	Larry Palaia 2.84lbs	Chris Frattaroli 2.46lbs	Frank Stirina 2.32lbs
Winter Flounder	Ed Kasper 2.08lbs	Frank Stirina 2.00lbs	Larry Palaia 1.66lbs
Fluke	Ed Kasper 7.16lbs	Frank Stirina 6.50lbs	Mike Vass 5.20lbs
Sea Bass	Ed Kasper 4.55lbs	Chris Frattaroli 3.91lbs	John Kollar 3.80lbs

I don't usually tell people where I fish, but when I do it's usually a lie and that's the truth.
Have a Merry Christmas and great holiday season!

Keith Jamaitis ~ FYC Fishing Committee

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Sailing Corner

See you in 2018!!!



Dart League:

Darts: If you are interested in playing a game of darts on any of our two boards located in the upper deck, ask the bartender for a pair of house darts to use. The light switch located between the two boards will turn on the stadium lighting and let you get a perfect view to throw a bullseye. The lines on the floor are in place to mark the throwing point and set you up in position for each board. Please remember these boards are for adult use only.

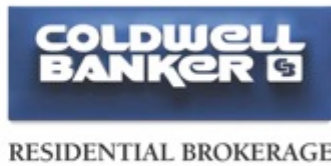
REMINDER: The FYC dart league has already started, but all members are still welcome to join no matter what experience or ability and the dart games begin each Monday at 7pm.



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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