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FROM THE HELM



Here we are in October; corn mazes, apple picking, and hunting for that perfect pumpkin for Halloween. Brings back memories of my family outings, even some good ones...

The new POS system is going live on October 2nd. If all goes well, you will not notice the transition. There will be some changes, but I will let the Media/Internet committee let you know. Members will, however, notice the new web page that will go live the same day. Take a look and let us know what you think.

The Nominating committee is gearing up for the January elections of our club Officers and BOG. If you are interested, please look for the interview schedule posted at the club and also in next month's Foghorn.

Still waiting on the architect for the sun deck plans. I was promised to have them "In the Fall". I think October qualifies. I will let you know if anything changes.

The Bylaws committee is presenting some changes to the bylaws to bring us into the present at the October General Meeting. Some of the language and responsibilities have changed over the years and we need to update them.

The Policy and Procedures committee has been *very* busy putting together all the job descriptions for basically all the positions (both paid and volunteer) that are necessary for the club to operate. This was, and continues to be, a Herculean effort. All I can say is "JOB WELL DONE!!!!" They will be presenting to the general membership in the coming months.

As I've mentioned, Fayerweather Yacht Club will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2019. Please, if you have any pictures or memorabilia or are interested in helping, contact myself or the Co-chairs of the Centennial Committee, Tom Lee and Donna Demattia. Contact me if you have any stories to tell as we will be putting together an oral history of FYC to be included in a time capsule on FYC grounds. This committee is in the active planning stages for a great year of events. You will start to see "centennial" items for sale starting in 2018 (Limited edition centennial burgees, hats, etc...). Keep an eye out for them. The committee is meeting on a regular basis to plan a great centennial year.

That's enough for now.

See you at the club,
Bob Schley
Commodore

Calendar of Events

October 3

General Membership meeting 7:00pm

October 7

Wine Tasting with a Twist!

October 11

Auxiliary General Meeting 7pm

October 15

Greater Bridgeport Yacht Club Bluefish Tournament

October 20

"Fish Fry" by the Fishing Committee

October 23

Board of Governors Meeting 7pm

October 28

Halloween Regatta

October 28

Halloween Party

November 4

Sailing Awards

Weekly Events

Thursday Night:

Table Service Dinner

Friday Night:

Grill is Open plus Raw Bar



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

The good weather has extended into September and we are still seeing great crowds at the club for food and drinks and hope that extends into fall. The beer tasting with Fairfield Craft Ales was a huge success! Next up is the Wine tasting in October that looks like it may sell out ahead of the event. Football is upon us and the kitchen will be looking to add extra hours and days as long as the members show up. I'll update these weekly in my email blasts.

The guest book is getting better but can always use improvement. I would like to remind all members that their guests do not arrive before or leave after them. Each guest is signed in on their own line in the book and the use of arrows or quotes for multiple guests is not allowed. Please print your name legibly when "signing in guests." This is a very small task that is asked of the members in accordance with our Liquor Permit and the Connecticut State Liquor laws.

Another reminder is to please bring all bottles, cans and glassware back to the bar. Tables are setup with bins for the kitchen but glassware is to be returned to the bar. With kitchen items, please empty all food and napkins into the provided garbage can and place plates and silverware into the bins.

As a father of a young child, I am very happy to see all the families at the club and encourage you to come down often with your children. However, please remember that children are not allowed to sit at the bar or go up to the bar to order drinks on their own or run in the clubhouse.

The ships store will be stocked for fall and winter soon enough and that also means discounts on some items we are heavy on. Come out to all the exciting events that the Rear Commodore has scheduled and look for the ships store discount table, or me.

Speaking of the kitchen, you might notice the lack of screaming ready orders over the PA system. That's due to the new buzzer system I installed. After placing your order, you will now receive a black puck that will vibrate and illuminate when your food is ready. Makes for a wonderful lunch or dinner!

A reminder to all members, new and "seasoned":

No smoking, vaping, e-cigarettes, etc... on the decks between the hours of 10 A.M. to 10 P.M. Please be considerate of your fellow members. These are simple and easy rules to obey and it makes it so much more pleasant for everyone.

Thanks and 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!



From the Rear Commodore

We would like to thank all of the families who joined us for our Back to School party! It was a successful day full of fun, food, friends and bounce houses! Wonder Woman, Spider Man and Moana joined us and the kids loved every second of it! Special thanks to Lighthouse Grill, CT Princess Parties and our face painters for a Fantastic Day!

Fall is here and we are excited to be having a Halloween Costume Party. Join us on Saturday, October 28th at 6:30PM for a night filled with lots of fun. We will be having passed hors d'oeuvres and stations instead of a traditional sit down dinner. There will also be a candy bar for guests to take home treats. Our band for the evening is the Mike Cusato Band and we will have a photo booth to capture everyone in costume. Prizes awarded for the best costume. This party is for adults and tickets are \$25 and available at the bar until Thursday, October 26th.

Listed below is our schedule of dates for upcoming parties:

Saturday, October 28th - Adult Halloween Costume Party 6:30PM

Saturday, November 11th - Harvest Dance 6PM

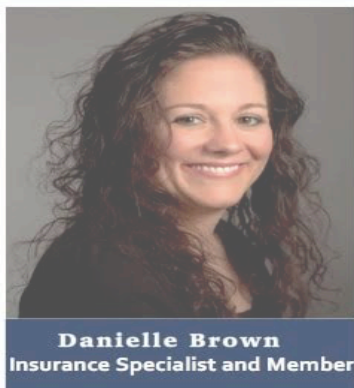
Sunday, December 17th - Children's Christmas Party 12PM

(The sign up for this party will start in November and there will be a cut off)

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





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Auxiliary Corner

It was great to see so many members at the September meeting! We reviewed the summer's activities and discussed plans for the new season to come.

Members requested that we hold a Chinese Auction at our October Member Meeting on **October 11th**, so bring an item or two to donate to this fun fundraiser.

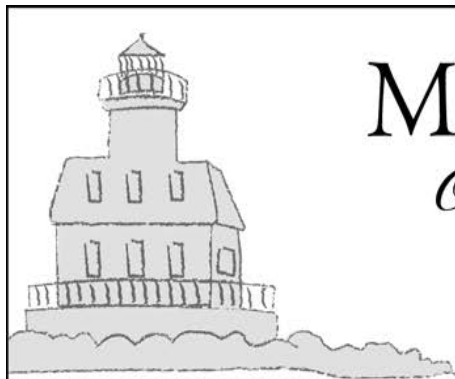
Mark your calendar for two "Meet and Greet" events at other clubs scheduled in October:

Pequonnock's Auxiliary will hold their Meet and Greet on Monday October 16th.
Miamogue Auxiliary's Meet and Greet is the following Wednesday, October 25th.

Please notify Lynn at lynn.sullivan77@yahoo.com if you plan to attend these events

Do check regular postings in the Foghorn so you won't miss out on Fayerweather's many activities! 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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Our new website will launch on Oct 1st!

Your default username AND password is the last four digits of your member ID number.

Your membership card has your member ID on it, please just remember to use the last four (4) digits. The URL will be sent out on Oct. 1st! If you have any questions, you may contact Emily Hyde at emchabot@gmail.com.

Many thanks to Jose Columna, Dan Conroy, Gary Conrad, David Nemeth & Gail Smith
for their continued assistance with the new software platform!

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3rd Gary Conrad, Sean Conrad Matt Spoerndle, Antony Sorrentino

2nd (Match of cards) Joe Battore, Bill Frowley, Carlin Gugnieri, Kevin Clark

1st (Match of cards) Don Dimartino, Jon Dimartino, Bob Hunchak, Mike Hunchak

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Congratulations to:

Ben and Carley Thrush on the birth of their son

Gibson James Thrush

DOB: 8/10/2017

6lb 12 oz

Brother Adler (3years old) is thrilled to have him join the family!

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of:

Ann Maddock

Ernest Boos

Mark D'Arcy

Get well wished were sent to:

George Ferrara

Thomas Bottilio

Fleet Captain's Corner:

They say that confession is good for the soul. And so it is with a certain amount of self-recrimination that I mention the following:

I learned the hard way that to install a new headsail on the head stay, the roller reefing drum **MUST FIRST** be pre-loaded with the reefing line. That way, when the genny goes onto the headstay, and when the reefing line is pulled, the genny will roll up nicely. Otherwise the roller and line will be inadequate and the entire system will malfunction. One other item: be certain that the UV strip of the sail is on the outside so that when the sail is rolled on the drum, this strip is on the outside and protects the sail. Well, live and learn!

The Shelter Island Cruise went quite well. For the first time in a long time, we had the pleasure of the company of Commodore Schley and wife Sue...they did very well and learned that cruising is not only a great relaxer but a teacher as well. We were able to view the solar eclipse from Three Mile Harbor and all enjoyed it. Sue celebrated her birthday that day as well. Great fun.

Something new is coming: Last year we did a "Go West" cruise of three days to Centerport. We will alter direction June 2018 and "Go East", to Mattituck. This used to be a destination of many of our powerboats as there once was a "Strawberry Festival" that they attended. Although that has not been held for some years, the destination is still viable and it is a port of call that can be shared by many. The tentative date is June 23, 2018 but the confirmation will surface some time in April, when I firm up more details.

We will also do our annual Block Cruise and the Shelter Island Cruise next year. Coffee An' meetings will begin in April where we will discuss the pros and cons of former cruises. The exact date of that will be determined and posted in January or February. We would like to secure the commitment of Power Boaters and Racing sailors to join us in these endeavors.

TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT!

Bob Butler
Fleet Captain
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Fishing Corner



EAT. FISH. REPEAT. That is a fisherman's schedule in October and pretty much holds true for the FYC Fishing Committee too. By time you see this Hunky Turkey Night will be right upon us – Saturday, September 30! Guaranteed a good time as usual. I know the kolbaz and szalonna are ready to go; free beer if you buy a ticket.

We had a great turnout for the FYC Member Guest Bluefish Tournament held 9/17/17. The weather was perfect and the fish showed up too (well... if you fished Middle Ground that is).

Biggest fish went to Reel Addiction, and top member boat was Hi Poppy. There were several other prizes presented and everyone was a winner at the cookout after. Thanks to Jerry, Mark and the crew for preparing the event while the rest of us were out on the water.

And we're just getting started. The FYC fleet will be back on the water competing in the Greater Bridgeport Yacht Club Bluefish Tourney on 10/15/17, then the Fishing Committee Fish Fry will be held 10/20/17.

EAT. FISH. REPEAT.

The FYC Fishing Contest is still open to enter, \$25 at the bar. Tautog (aka Blackfish) season opens 10/10, 4 fish per angler, 16" minimum length. I know our fleet is ready to go, get involved! You can't win if you don't play! Get on the board!

Keep an eye on the fishing board for recent updates.

I don't usually tell people where I fish, but when I do it's usually a lie, and that's the truth. You should've been there yesterday... Tight lines!

Keith Jamaitis ~ FYC Fishing Committee

**The Fishing Committee of
Fayerweather Yacht Club
Is hosting a**

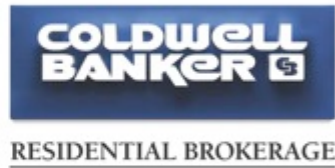


Friday, October 20th at 6PM

Fish, French Fries & Coleslaw

**Tickets are \$15 and available
at the bar.**

Hope to see you there!



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*Mark your calendars for Saturday,
October 7th from 6-8PM for a
Wine Tasting with a Purpose!*

*Each attendee will receive a FYC
wine glass as well as a ballot to vote
on the wines you are tasting.
These will not replace our current
selection but will be an addition of
wine offered for the fall and winter.*

*The tasting includes 8 wines and a
light fare from Lighthouse Grill.
Tickets are \$15 and will be available
at the bar.*

Save the Date:

October 15, 2017:

Greater Bridgeport Yacht Club Bluefish
Tournament



Dart League:

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 started on the first Monday of Monday Night Football in September and will take place **each** Monday throughout the season. All are welcome no matter what level of experience or ability.



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