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FROM THE HELM



November? Where has this year gone? Holiday season is almost upon us. Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve and then we start all over again.

The Nominating committee is gearing up for the January elections of our club Officers and BOG this month. If you are interested, please look for the interview schedule that will be posted at the club. A separate email with the schedule is forthcoming.

Still waiting on the architect for the sun deck plans. I was promised to have them "In the Fall". Now it looks like December.

The new POS system is live. Some tweaking, but all is going well.

At the November General Meeting we will be setting the budget for 2018. Come and be a part of how our money is spent.

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.

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 Co-chairs of the Centennial Committee, Tom Lee and Donna Demattia, or myself. If you have any stories to tell, contact me, as we are 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...). The committee is meeting on a regular basis to plan a great centennial year.

Again, same as last month, a reminder to all members, new and "seasoned". Please read and be familiar with our house rules. Bus your own tables, both the kitchen plates (when there is no waitress service) and the bar glasses (all the time), keep an eye on your children as they enjoy the club also (running in the clubhouse is not allowed) and no smoking, vaping, e-cigarettes, etc... on the decks between the hours of 10am to 10pm. Please be considerate of your fellow members. These simple and easy rules make it so much more 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 Commodore's article in this newsletter.

See you at the club,
Bob Schley
Commodore

Calendar of Events

October 28

Halloween Regatta
Noon

October 28

Halloween Party

November 4

Sailing Awards Dinner
7:00pm

November 7

General Membership
meeting 7:00pm

November 8

Auxiliary General
Meeting 7pm

November 10

Wrap veggies for
Harvest Dance 5:00pm

November 11

Harvest Dance
6:00pm

November 23

Thanksgiving – Club
is Closed

November 24

Turkey Trot Regatta
Noon

November 27

Board of Governors
Meeting 7pm

Weekly Events

Thursday Night:

Table Service Dinner

Friday Night:

Grill is Open plus
Raw Bar, shrimp,
chowder, and lobster
rolls



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

October has been another busy month at the club with great events! The Wine tasting was well attended and we had to turn people away at the door! Out of the 130 attendees, we got 119 ballots back with most voting in every category and abstaining

from only a few.

Here are the results:

In the Sauvignon Blanc battle: Ferrari Carrano squeaked out a win 52 to 51 over Geison

In the Chardonnay battle: Hess took out Mer Soleil 59 to 34

In the Red Blend Category: Ghost Rider beat up Conundrum 71 to 28

And in the Heavyweight Cabernet Sauvignon Fight: Grayson knocked out Broadside 63 to 39

Thanks to all who attended. These wines will be available shortly at the bar by the bottle.

Reminder to all, CT passed the law allowing unfinished bottles to be re-corked and brought home so grab a bottle with dinner and take home the rest!

Stay tuned as I hope to have at least 1 more event before the end of the year.

And now for the monthly disclaimers.....

Please remember to sign in all guests upon arrival in the State Mandated Guest Book for the Liquor control commission. Our Permit requires we do this. Each guest gets their own line in the book and the member prints their name for each guest in the right column. Quotes, arrows, lines and dittos are not allowed. Your guests must arrive with or after you and leave before or with you. You are responsible for your guests while they are on club grounds.

Please remember to bring back all glassware and empty bottles to the bar in a timely manner.

Our tiny dishwasher cannot handle 30 glasses brought back at once. Please bring back your trays and dishes to the kitchen by first putting the scraps in the garbage and the dishes and silverware in the provided bins.

Thanks and see you at the club!

David J. Nemeth - vice@fycct.org

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Halloween

COSTUME PARTY



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH AT
6:30PM

ENJOY AN EVENING FILLED WITH FOOD,
DANCING, CANDY & A PHOTO BOOTH!

TICKETS ARE \$25 & AVAILABLE AT THE BAR

*Dress to impress! Prize for the best
costume!*



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

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 are 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 his or her costumes!

There will be a prize for the best costume!

****This party is for adults & it is NOT required that you wear a costume.****

Tickets are \$25 and available at the bar until Thursday, October 26th.

Fayerweather Yacht Club is hosting their **Annual Harvest Dance** on Saturday, November 11th at 6PM.

****We do understand that traditionally it is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving but there is a family wedding that cannot be missed. We hope you all understand.****



We will also be looking for volunteers to help wrap the fruits & veggies the night before on November 10th. We will provide pizza. Please let me know if you can help.

Listed below is our schedule of dates for 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

Auxiliary Corner

Busy evening October 11th, as the Auxiliary members discussed and approved several new initiatives. We encourage members to come and offer input at our monthly meetings, as only highlights are available to you here.

First, we are proud to announce that the Auxiliary has approved a contribution of \$6,000 toward the highly anticipated purchase of new chairs for the Penfield Room and Upper Deck by the Club.

Our November 8th meeting will feature a class in floral arranging. We need a head count, so notify Lynn at lsullivan@westport.k12.ct.us if you have not yet signed up. Members are reminded to bring a pair of scissors to trim your stems. All other supplies will be provided.

Our annual Christmas giving campaign is underway. Thirty members attended the October general meeting raising \$51 at our Chinese Auction event. Also thanks to Lynda Kristy, all \$30 raised in the 50/50 raffle was donated to this year's drive. We will choose the target charity at our November meeting.

Join Auxiliary members on November 26th at 3PM to decorate the Christmas tree and Penfield Room.

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 or Bonnie Lindsay 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.

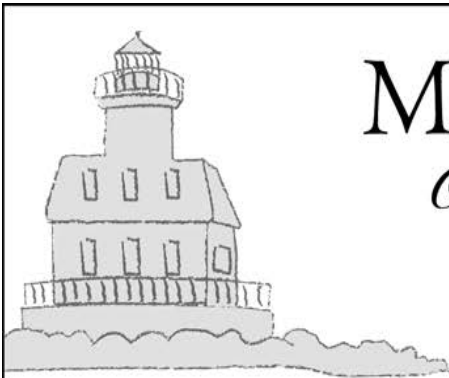
Claire L Mikan – Recording Secretary



Buz Software is up and running. There are currently some kinks that are being worked on for the POS. For ANY concerns with the new platform, please email **Emily Hyde** at emchabot@gmail.com

Please make sure you log on and update your member profile. **Your default username AND password is the last four digits of your member ID number.**

Please verify that your email, address, phone number and boat name are updated accordingly. Over the coming months, we will roll-out the Accounting functionality. Stay tuned for updates!



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Fleet Captain's Corner:

I am told that Tyler will begin taking out moorings in November. Mooring holders should be certain that their names are clearly marked on your mooring so that Tyler can properly and correctly identify each one. Be sure to inspect your mooring once it is out. Then plan on replacing any defective part or questionable piece of the mooring puzzle. (Think 'Weakest Link')

Below is a quick synopsis of the coming year's cruises:

Announcing our **newest** Cruise planned: **Mattituck** on JUNE 23rd, 2018

Block Island Cruise slated for JULY 7, 2018

Shelter Island Cruise slated for AUGUST 4, 2018

While I recognize that these are somewhat in the future, there are many of us that must plan quite early so that there will be no conflict with family obligations.

See you all in April at the customary "Coffee An" as we plan the details of these fun cruises. Power and Sail both welcome.

Bob Butler
Fleet Captain
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Fishing Corner

So here we go, the "Fall Run" has been in full swing and November is the grand finale for the LIS fishing season. The competition in the FYC Fishing Contest is heating up now for sure! Who will be our winners? We will know in soon. The blackfish have taken center stage recently. The bite has been hot and cold but Topher Scheel managed nice fish and was a top fish on the board for about a day, until Dina Cummings came in with a nice 8# taug. With a few more weeks of good weather we should see some slammer blues and bigger bass come in as well.

Thanks to everyone that came out for the Fishing Committee Fish Fry. That was another fun night with fish and chips made fresh for you by our Fishing Committee Crew.

Our next event will be Steak and Chicken Night – Fishing Awards dinner, Saturday night 12/2/17. This is open to all members and their guests. This is a popular event and will sell out so get your tickets early!

You should've been there yesterday! ... SHAZAM

Tight lines!

Keith Jamaitis ~ FYC Fishing Committee



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.

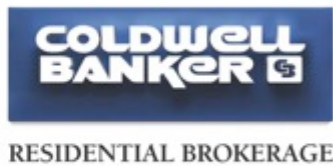
REMINDER: The FYC dart league has already started, but all members are still welcome to join no matter what experience or ability and the dart games begin each Monday at 7pm.



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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Sailing Corner

The weather in October was just incredible.... Hopefully everyone found some time to get out on the water to enjoy it.

We still have a few more fun races to go, including the Halloween Race scheduled for Saturday, October 28th and the Turkey Trot Race scheduled for Friday, November 24th. Last year the Halloween Race brought out some of the scariest sailors I have ever seen, hopefully we have the same participation again this year.



As we bring another sailing season to an end – I would like to remind everyone that the Sailing Awards night is scheduled for Saturday, November 4th in the Penfield Room. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

I will also be scheduling an Ideal 18 work party for some time in November – so stay tuned for the date. I cannot believe we are already talking about frostbiting, as I write this letter on a beautiful sunny day with temperatures in the mid 70's.

Key Dates:

Halloween Race – Saturday, October 28th - 1200 hrs.

Sailing Awards Night – Saturday, November 4th – 1900 hrs.

Turkey Trot Race – Friday, November 24th – 1200 hrs.

Ideal 18 Work Party - TBD

Sail Fast,

Mike Cooleen

