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FROM THE HELM

September and the kids are back in school, days are getting shorter, but... still time to enjoy some fantastic fall boating. Come and enjoy the cooler nights out on the deck.

I have put a model of the proposed secondary egress for the upper deck in the dance area of the club. Come take a look and envision what we would like to do. Also, there is a new sample chair on display at the club, come down and take a look. We will be addressing new chairs for the Penfield room this month. In addition, the Bylaws committee will be presenting some changes to the bylaws to bring us into the present. Some of the language and responsibilities have changed over the years and we need to update them.

Our Vice and Rear Commodores and the Fishing Committee still 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 the Co-chairs of the Centennial Committee, Tom Lee and Donna Demattia, or myself. This committee is in the planning stages for a great year of events. 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. Little things are important, 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 10 A.M. to 10 P.M. These are some simple and easy rules to obey and it makes 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 Commodores article in this newsletter.

That's all I have for now.

See you at the club,
Bob Schley

Calendar of Events

- September 5**
General Membership meeting 7:00pm
- September 6**
Last Wednesday night sailing - BOO
- September 6**
Auxiliary Board Meeting 7pm
- September 9**
Fairfield Craft Ales Tasting 6-8pm
- September 11**
Monday Night Football and Dart League begins
- September 13**
Auxiliary General Meeting 7pm
- September 16**
Brent Donahue Race
- September 17**
FYC Member/Guest Bluefish Tournament
- September 23**
Back to School Kids Party 12:30pm
- September 24**
Ken Johnson Race
- September 25**
Board of Governors Meeting 7pm
- September 30**
FYC Fishing Committee Hunkey Turkey

Weekly Events

Thursday Night:
Table Service Dinner

Friday Night:
Grill is Open plus Raw Bar



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

As we wind down our summer I am ramping up the events at the bar. Our first event will be when Fairfield Craft Ales comes to visit us on Saturday Sept 9th. They will be sampling 4 of their beers. Lighthouse Grill will provide light fare. Tickets are available at the bar for \$12 a piece. Be sure to get your tickets early as the first 100 to purchase will receive an FYC tasting glass.

The next event will be a great one too! On Saturday October 7th from 6 - 8 we will be having a wine tasting with a twist. Each ticket holder will receive an FYC Wine Glass and sample 8 wines in different categories. Participants will then vote on the wines and the top wine in each category will then be featured at the bar for the fall. Again, Lighthouse Grill will provide light fare and tickets are on sale at the bar with tasting glasses for the first 100 to purchase – so be sure to purchase early.

Look for at least 1 more tasting event to be held in November.

The ships store is stocked with logs of sweatshirts and fleeces for the cooler nights. Check out our inventory by getting a key from the bar. Make sure to look below for more sizes of each item.

And now for the monthly disclaimers.....Please remember to sign in all guests on 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. Quotations marks, 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

Fairfield Craft Ales Tasting

September 9 6pm – 8pm
\$12 – tickets at the bar
First 100 to purchase get a free FYC beer
tasting glass



Lighthouse Grill at Fayerweather

Lunch: Tuesday - Friday 11 - 2

Lunch or Brunch: Saturday & Sunday 10 - 3

Dinner:

Wednesday Race Night grill: 5 - 9PM - Last one 9/6

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 had another great party at Fayerweather Yacht Club - our 2017 Clambake. We are so thankful for all of our members and their guests for your continued support throughout this year and making our parties a success! The night ran smoothly thanks to the Lighthouse Grill who provided wonderful service and catering! We would also like to thank the CT Undercover Band for their exciting performance! We hope everyone had a fantastic time!

As the summer is coming to an end and the kids will be returning to school, we thought it would be a great time to have a Back to School kids party! On Saturday, September 23rd at 12:30PM we will be having a party JUST for the KIDS that will include lunch, bounce houses (weather permitting), face painters, popcorn and cotton candy and special guest appearances from Moana and Captain America! Lighthouse Grill will be open for parents to buy their lunch. Tickets are \$20/per child and tickets will be available at the bar. We are looking forward to fun filled day!

Listed below is our schedule of dates for parties:

Saturday, September 23rd - Back to School Kids Party 12:30PM

Saturday, October 28th - 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)

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

Fayerweather Yacht Club Presents
**back to
School**
KIDS PARTY
Saturday, September 23rd at 12:30PM

The party will include lunch for the kids, bounce houses (weather permitting), face painters, popcorn & cotton candy and special guest appearances from Moana & Captain America!

Tickets are \$20/per child and will be available for purchase at the bar soon.



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Auxiliary Corner

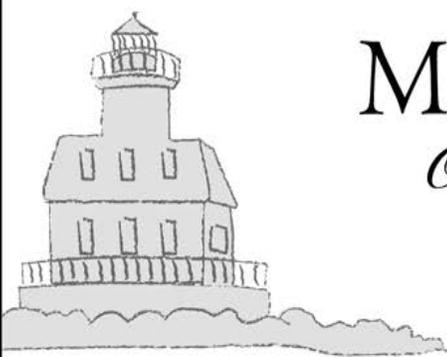
Signs are everywhere that the summer season is winding down! The approach of autumn brings renewed club activities for our Auxiliary.

September’s Board meeting is scheduled for the 6th, while the regular Auxiliary meeting will be held on Wednesday September 13th. Both meetings are held at 7PM in the Penfield Room.

The first general meeting after our summer break includes a review of regularly scheduled events of the coming year for the Auxiliary and the opportunity to volunteer your energies on these events. Come join us in planning our 2017-2018 activities.

Claire Mikan, Recording Secretary

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Our new website will launch on Oct 1st! Your default username and password will be your member ID number. Your ID number is your membership ID that is on your membership card. The URL link will be sent out prior to Oct. 1st! Please make sure you locate your membership ID prior to Oct. 1st.

If you have any questions, you may contact Emily Hyde at emchabot@gmail.com.

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Sailing Corner



Wednesday Night Series:

Last night – Wednesday, September 6! You can follow the leader board online at Regatta Network:

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14644>

Saturday, Sept 16th – Brent Donahue Race

Saturday, Sept 24th - Ken Johnson Race

For more information, me at my email below.
In the meantime.....

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days are in September!

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Congratulations to Ben Thrush and his wife, xxxx, on
the birth of their baby boy, xxxx

Fleet Captain's Corner:

Block Island...nothing could have gone more to our liking. The wind and weather both cooperated and we were able to sail almost the entire way, and we did it in one leg. Having left the Club early on the given Saturday, we did it non-stop to Block Island.

The Shelter Island Cruise had our usual pre-cruise meeting where we set the itinerary. It is the same as it has been for the last 49 years, no need to change a good thing. The cruise departed Fayerweather on Saturday August 19th with Ports of Call: Coecles Harbor, Three Mile Harbor, Sag Harbor, West Neck, Dering Harbor (and possibly Greenport which is just a short ferry ride away), Essex and home. We'll be glad to fill you in when we return!

The new " LADIES' SAIL " has been going well. The second week we had twice the crew of the first week and all enjoyed the sailing. The rules are quite simple really: no men and no shouting. We sail to Penfield Reef juncture with Fairfield Beach twice around. Generally under Genny only to make for a very level and certainly controlled sail. Any lady interested should contact me. Our next endeavor will be on August 27th, depart 10:00 hours and return close to noon. We can take up to six ladies. All are welcome. This is a new departure venture and we are doing our best to make it work well.

Bob Butler
Fleet Captain
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Fishing Corner



Summer is not over yet, and there is still a lot of fishing to do. Fishermen get ready and mark your calendars; 9/17/17 is the FYC Member-Guest Bluefish Tournament. This is a fun event open to members and their guests, all ages welcome to participate and there will be a cookout for anglers after the weigh-in at the club. Next event coming up is the Greater Bridgeport Yacht Club Bluefish Tourney on 10/15/17. I hope to see a good turn out for both events. Good luck to our Captains and their Crew.

We finally found some bluefish to weigh-in on the Fishing Contest Board and some of the other categories are filling in with nice fish as well. The contest runs through the end of November and you can still enter. You can't win if you don't play!

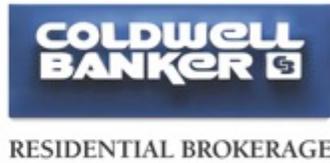
Congratulations to Ed Wargo and his crew on Creeper. They landed a 12 pound blue to represent the biggest fish for FYC in the Interclub Bluefish Tournament that was held in August. That was a nice one on a day that was pretty slow fishing for everyone.

One more date to watch out for is 9/30/17, Hunky Turkey, this is annual favorite and open to all members. The Fishing Committee hopes to see you there.

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.
Tight lines!

Keith Jamaitis ~ FYC Fishing Committee



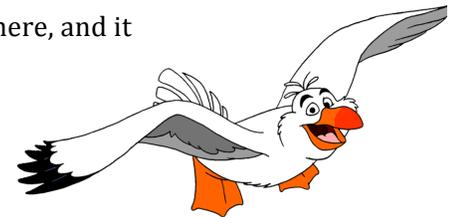
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LAUNCH DRIVER SAVES SEA GULL

It's nice to know that our launch drivers keep an eye on our boats while we aren't there, and it seems they also keep an eye on the sea gulls.

Pieter Hartt noticed a distressed sea gull in the water. He was able to approach it and discovered that it was severely entangled in fishing line with several hooks. After grabbing the sea gull's neck to stop it from attacking, he was able to remove the line, which was caught in several places. The bird was able to fly away after its release.



Thanks Pieter for a job well done!

Article thanks to Debra Rosati



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 upcoming FYC dart league starts on the first Monday Night Football game of the regular NFL season – Monday, September 11 7pm and will be each Monday through the season. All are welcome no matter what experience or ability and the dart games



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



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



Reminder to Parents:

**Children are not allowed to roam about the club or grounds unattended
And NO running inside the club at any time**