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FROM THE HELM



Summer is in full swing down at the club and its great to see the crowds at all the events and each day. Many thanks to Bob and Christina Cote for killer parties each month that truly showcase our club. Keep your eyes on the calendar on our website as many events are posted months ahead of time so that you can plan to attend and purchase those tickets early to help the committees that run these parties.

Speaking of Bob Cote, he will be representing Fayerweather on August 11th in the annual Bishops cup race with East End Yacht Club, Ischoda Yacht Club and Miamogue Yacht Club. Any boaters wishing to enter the race please see Bob as there is still time left! Also, anyone wishing to volunteer as a timer on a boat, please see Bob. East End will host this year and there is an after race party at their club.

A few house reminders now....If you see an umbrella up or leave a table with an umbrella up, please put them down. All members need to return theirs and their guest's bottles and glassware to the bar and all dishes and silverware to the bins in the Penfield room. Doing this in a timely manner also helps to not overload our dishwashers.

We are very near having a full membership so keep encouraging those guests to fill out and application and enjoy all Fayerweather has to offer! See the ad in this Foghorn for the Swim Across the sound on August 4th. Boats are still needed! Sailboats are the best as they don't outpace the swimmers. If not a boat owner, come down to the club that afternoon to cheer on the swimmers as they make their way up the channel to the finish at Captains Cove.

Thanks and see you at the club!

P.S. I am looking for a volunteer to join our Good and Welfare Committee. Please email me if interested

Dave Nemeth commodore@fycct.org

FYC website reminder:

Please make sure you have changed your password on the website to a unique password following these guidelines:

Password must be minimum length of 6 characters.; Password must contain at least 1 upper case characters; Password must contain at least 1 numeric characters. Please make sure your physical address and email addresses are up to date too! If you need any help or have any questions, please email info@fycct.org"

Calendar of Events

August 4

SWIM Across the Sound*

August 12

Interclub Bluefish Tourney – All Day

August 18

End of Summer White Party – 7 p.m.

August 21

Power Squadron 6:00 p.m.

August 27

Board of Governors meeting 7 p.m.

August 28

Music On the Deck 7 p.m.

July 24

SWIM captains' meeting St. Vincent's*

September 4

General Membership 7 p.m.

September 5

Auxiliary Board meeting 7 p.m.

Every Wednesday

Sailing – Beginning on May 9

Weekly Events

Wednesday Sailing nights – Grill is open

Thursday Night: 5 – 9 p.m.

Table Service Dinner

Friday Night: 5 – 9 p.m.

**Grill is Open plus RAW BAR
Shrimp, chowder, & lobster rolls**



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Mid-summer is here and it's great to see members and guests coming down and enjoying the excellent weather on the deck with beverage in hand and some food from the Lighthouse Grill. If you come down at a peak time, for example, Thursday

Dinner or Friday night, you'll see we've added a third bartender on a "swing" shift to handle the increased volume. This will ensure everyone gets served at the service area as quickly as our team can deliver. You may have also noticed our two new bartenders, Reesa and Olivia. Please introduce yourself when you see them so they are able to recognize you as members. If that craft beer in a bottle or can seems a little bit colder, that's because Pat Gombas and Mark Berish speced, ordered and installed a brand new industrial grade fridge to house our special beers. The old fridge will be used to stock up on fruit and other items we need to keep cold. Thank you Pat and Mark!

A reminder about signing guests in. Members ARE responsible for their guests make sure each square is completely filled in per CT state liquor law. Members need to PRINT their names, not sign. We were doing better about a month ago and we've slipped as we've entered our busy season. If a state liquor agent cannot identify the name of the member signing in guests or spaces are left blank, we can be fined.

We had a very successful Sunday afternoon with jazz on the deck on July 15th. Life Member Brian Butler brought his quartet down to play and about 35 members and guests enjoyed the music till 3 PM. Stay tuned for more Sunday afternoon musical events when we do not have a regular event scheduled. We will also be having music on the deck on some Saturdays. Saturday July 28th Dan Carlucci will be playing. Dan runs the Fairfield School of Music and is a recording artist. He plays a variety of acoustic instruments, including guitar and banjo. He will mix classic songs with contemporary favorites and some bluegrass as well. He starts at 7 PM.

You'll notice some subtle changes in the kitchen menu that have been implemented recently. The lean hot beef sandwich smothered in gravy is back and the Thursday night dinner menu has been revamped. Come on down and check it out. Thanks to the revamped kitchen committee for their suggestions and hard work. They are a reflection of all members who enjoy the kitchen and Lighthouse Grill. Please also note we bring in professional wait staff on Thursdays for table service so please support them as you would any bartender.

We've noticed that at busy times we are creating a logjam at the front of the Lighthouse Grill line for people ordering due to the fact that the menu is hanging on the wall at the window. To streamline the ordering process new menus have been printed and will be available at the beginning of the line, the condiment/silverware table and the bar. Please take a look at the menu while in line or before so we can expedite the ordering process on busy nights. We have also added a dedicated order taker on Friday nights.

Items in the Ship's Store continue to be selling briskly this season. Especially popular are the new poly polos in new colors. We have JUST added a 1/4 zippered pull long-sleeve shirt in the same material. The colors are "heathered" which is very popular right now and there are two colors for men and women. We have also placed some selected merchandise in the cabinet outside the dock crew if you need to grab something quick while on your way to the water. License plate holders will be here in a few weeks. Support your club while in your car! The holders also have "Est. 1919" on them and will make an excellent centennial souvenir.

As always, I can be approached any time concerning bar, kitchen and Ship's Store. Or leave me a note with a bartender and I will get it in my mailbox.

Looking forward to seeing you at Fayerweather!

Dan Wisneski - vice@fycct.org



From the Rear Commodore

Our Fireworks party was a huge success! There were a TON of families & children at the club ready to celebrate the 4th of July with the Bridgeport fireworks. Lighthouse Pizza provided us with over 50 pizzas that night & the kids enjoyed ice pops, snacks and lots of glow sticks. It was a wonderful site to see so many people enjoying this terrific club we have!

Another great Hawaiian Luau in the books at the Fayerweather Yacht Club! We are truly humbled by the support from our members and their guests. Your kind words and compliments make it all worth it. The food and service by Lighthouse Grill was great, the dancers put on a terrific show and the Silver Steel Band was amazing. The U.S. Coast Guard even joined us for the party as well. We also want to thank everyone who lent us a helping hand whether it was setting up or breaking down, we really appreciate all of your help. Thank you again for joining us for this fun event!

Our All White Summer party is just around the corner on Saturday, August 18th starting at 7PM. Come dressed wearing your best white outfits. We will be having cocktail hour style food instead of a sit down dinner. There will be 2 cigar rollers on site to deliver 3 different types of cigars to suit everyone's taste. DJ Peter G will be our guest DJ for the evening playing upbeat dance music as well as taking requests. We look forward to seeing everyone there! (Please note that this event is geared for adults.)

Here is a list of the parties and events that we have projected for this year. Please note that dates and party themes are subject to change. You can always find information and updates about our events in the Foghorn, e-mails and on Facebook. If you have any suggestions or comments, we welcome you to e-mail them to rear@fycct.org.

August 18th – End of Summer White Party 7:00 p.m.

September 15th – Back to School Children's Party

October 6th – Oktoberfest

October 27th – Halloween Party 7 p.m.

November 16th – Pre Harvest Wrapping Party

November 17th – Harvest Dance 6:30 p.m.

December 16th – Children's Christmas Party 12 noon

December 31st – Roaring 20's New Year's Eve Party

We look forward to seeing old and new faces at our parties this year!

Bob Cote, Rear Commodore



St. Vincent's Medical Center Foundation, a charitable organization, is hosting the 31st Annual SWIM Across the Sound Marathon on Saturday, August 4, 2018 and are in need of volunteers to help ensure swimmers have a safe trip from Port Jefferson, NY to Bridgeport, CT. This Marathon will raise about \$400,000 and provides cancer screening and preventive education not covered by insurance, and funds other needs including the purchase of wigs, prostheses, medication assistance, free transportation to treatment and appointments, day-care scholarships, support groups and more.

The success of the SWIM Marathon depends on the generosity of local boat owners to escort swimmers as they cross the Sound. Power and sailboats, 22 feet and longer, are needed as escorts for solo, two-person and relay teams, as well as to serve as perimeter guide boats and safety backup. This year we need 120 boats for what is shaping up to be a record number of swimmers. Boat captains who are interested in volunteering can register here.

Registered Captains are welcome to a free slip beginning at 12 noon on Friday, August 3 in Port Jefferson, NY and are invited to attend a SWIM Foundation-Sponsored Party at the Marina that evening. On Saturday, August 4th at 7 am, boats will need to be in place at Danford's Marina for the kick-off of the SWIM Marathon where a continental breakfast will be served for volunteers. The 15.5-mile race begins in Port Jefferson and will end at Captain's Cove Seaport in Black Rock Harbor, Bridgeport, CT where there will be an award ceremony and banquet. Overnight slips will be available at Captain's Cove Seaport for Saturday night. There will be a meeting for first-time Connecticut-based captains on July 24 at St. Vincent's Hospital, a meeting on July 25 at Danford's Hotel for Long-Island-based captains and a dinner meeting July 31 at Vazzy's Four Seasons in Stratford, CT for ALL Captains and Their Crew.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Jim Hanrahan jrhiii@optonline.net.

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Auxiliary Corner

Dear Auxiliary Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful Summer weather! Hopefully, you are boating and enjoying our wonderful deck and grounds. Opening Day was a great success and it was wonderful to see so many members come down to the club. The club has had several great events as usual. As I write this article, the Luau is in full swing!

At this point the Auxiliary is fairly quiet as we all enjoy the relaxing days of Summer. A couple of dates you should know about;

- The South Norwalk Boat Club Auxiliary is hosting their annual Hot Dog Roast on **Thursday, September 16th at 6:30 pm**. Please email me if you would like to go.

- Port Five will be hosting their Auxiliary Meet & Greet on **September 25th** so save the date.

- I am working on getting a Wine Vineyard Bus Tour to Stonington CT on **Saturday September 29, 2018**. Please email me if you are interested in the vineyard tour in September so I can get an accurate headcount and come up with a price per person. I am looking forward to a great Summer and to seeing everyone again in the Fall.

Sincerely,

Karen Clark

Auxiliary President




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Fishing Corner - August '18

Hey ya'all, is it really August? Wow! The weather is here and you are beautiful. The fishing board is filing up so are fine scaled friends are here too. The FYC Fishing fleet is still getting warmed up!

This may be our year to get a little lucky-good and win the Interclub Bluefish Tourney. Lets get it done! Sign up is on the board or contact Me, Captain KJ. Tourney is 8/12.

We are all stewards of the water we love. Practice catch and release, limit plastics as you can, and I heard \$2 stainless straws at BRYAC, love those guys!

Come on down to the club and say hello to The Captain! Everyone takes a picture with The Captain and YOU may be on our www soon! TYYLA (so millennial... play FrontNight!)

Jerry is Badass Jerry is the Best!

Stop asking me where I fish!

Tight Lines,

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Fleet Captain's Corner:

My daughter, Mary, wrote to the USCG relative our difficult and obviously lengthy ordeal sailing from Block Island to our Club... I would hope that our members would fine this educational in content and appreciative in purpose...Bob Butler

Date: 7/22/2017

To: Katherine E. Minor, US Coast Guard
Dear Katherine –

I once heard that it is never too late to say "thank you." It is in that spirit that I write to you today on behalf of the Whisper crew and our families

As you know, we left Block Island on x-date as a disabled vessel in that our engine was not running. We had made it to Block without incident, only to find the starter had failed when we went to start the engine the afternoon we had arrived. While we had waited until July 7th for a new starter, the one sent to the BI marine mechanic was not the correct part. With medications dwindling for my Dad and brother and with work requirements looming, we called got towed out of Great Salt Pond in order to sail home. We left Block at about 9 AM. Given my Dad has been sailing to/from Block for 60 years and as a family who grew up sailing, we felt confident as we set sail.

Hours into our journey, our electronics failed and the wind started to decrease. We trimmed our sails and continued. At about 10 PM when air had really abated, we called BoatUS to inquire about a tow home. As it turns out, the premium coverage for which our Dad had paid only allows for a tow within 25 miles of home. We had quite a distance to go. The BoatUS rep called the USCG to inquire about assistance, and you nicely reached out to us directly.

You asked all of the right questions about who was on the boat, whether we were safe, condition of our vessel, etc. You asked questions about our Dad and brother Brian as they have cardiac meds and diabetes. While you offered a tow into New Haven harbor, Dad respectfully declined as we were worried if weather would be cooperative the next morning. My Dad, nearly 89 years of age, and my brother Brian are both seasoned sailors. They said we would push through and sail for home. You generously offered to set comms on an hourly basis.

Katherine, it was SO nice of you to connect with us each hour. Using our phones, we had a compass. We gave you our longitude and latitude each hour, and you helped us understand where we were located and how far we had traveled. I can't tell you how good it felt to have you there for us. We knew you would call us each hour and/or we could call you if we had a change in circumstance along the way. You were our beacon of hope, security and safety. My sister Martha and I breathed a sigh of relief (as did our families) knowing the US Coast Guard was monitoring our progress.

As we approached Stratford Point, we didn't have any air and were bobbing like a cork in the water. We called our brother Barry who said he would use his sailboat to motor out and tow us into Fayerweather. It was pitch black. We had trouble finding each other. We called you with Barry's coordinates and our own, and you told us he was one mile away (SW, I think) from us. We called Barry to give him direction and within minutes, he saw our masthead light and found his way to us. We were so excited and relieved! I can only imagine how much more time we would have wasted if we didn't have your help.

We can't thank you enough for your professionalism, expertise, calm demeanor, emotional intelligence, and leadership. You are an asset to the USCG. Every time we tell the story, you and the assistance you provided us are a big part of it.

Thank you AGAIN on behalf of the Whisper crew and our families!

Sincerely,

Mary Schneider on behalf of Bob Butler, Brian Butler, and Martha Curran

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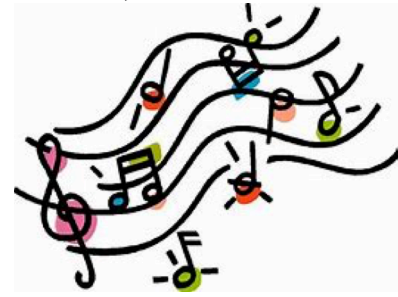
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A note from the Financial Secretary

Attention all boat owners who use the launch:

I need your help to maintain accurate records of boat owners and boat names. Please notify me via email if you sell your boat, buy a new one, or change the name of your boat. I need to update the system and supply the correct information to the dock house. Please be sure your personal information is up to date on the website.

For in water dink owners: Please put your stickers that were issued to you in May on your dink. This helps us ensure that you are in the correct assigned space. I have requested the dock to replace the numbers that are affixed to the dock, as they are not very clear

Please feel free to email me at with any questions or concerns. [Christine Ritzo, Financial Secretary FYC](mailto:ChristineRitzo@outlook.com)
(chrisrFYC@outlook.com)

The Long Range Planning Committee is looking for any information available from members that have worked on, or have knowledge of capital projects (e.g. replacement of the docks, roof repair) that have taken place at FYC. We are working on a database that houses project start & completion dates, costs associated, companies/contractors/members used, etc. This database will help us better plan for future maintenance and other projects that will be needed at FYC. Contact Chris Gill via e-mail at chris@windcheckmagazine.com, or by phone at (203) 895-0083.

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



Pool Table:

The 2018-2019 Fayerweather dart league will start the evening of the first Monday night football broadcast in August, so stop by the upper deck and get your practice in for the upcoming season on one of the two dart boards. If you don't have your own darts, that's okay, there are a couple available sets behind the bar.
Ben Thrush



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Lighthouse Grill at Fayerweather

Lunch: Tuesday - Friday 11 - 2

Lunch or Brunch: Saturday & Sunday 9:30 - 3

Dinner:

Wednesday Grill: 5:30 - 9 p.m. through the summer

Thursday table service: 5:30 - 9 p.m.

Friday Grill and Raw Bar: 5:30 - 9 p.m.

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



Great time at the Luau!!!!

