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FROM THE HELM

March was not without a little apprehension at the club due to the weather. With 4 Nor'easters predicted the club fared pretty well with just the normal amount of water. That being said, we set our eyes on spring and enjoying our time outside at the club. Our annual Good Friday cleanup project was held on the 30th to great success! Over 45 members came down to volunteer their time for various projects as well as cleaning and their effort shows. Fayerweather runs on volunteer work to keep our costs down and we once again outdid ourselves on this.

I am happy to report that the sun deck is now in the bidding stage and we should be able to once again enjoy the views up there by summer. Please attend any meeting for further updates on the progress of this project led by Bob Schley. Kudos to Bob and Christina Cote for some outstanding parties in March that included St Patrick's Day and The Children's Easter party. With 80 kids in attendance that adds up to a lot of adults as well and Lighthouse Grill outdid themselves feeding the kids and adults.



A successful open house was held on the 25th and a FYC member brought in each prospective member that showed up. Thanks to all members who brought someone and all the volunteers who worked the open house. Great job by Emily Hyde and the membership committee for putting this on. And thanks to the other members who volunteered on the spot to show off our great club.

We now set our sights on opening day and look forward to seeing boats in the water and members enjoying time outside on the deck.

Thanks and see you at the club!

Dave Nemeth commodore@fycct.org

Calendar of Events

April 3

General Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.

April 4

Auxiliary Board meeting 7:00 p.m.

April 11

Auxiliary General Membership 7:00 p.m.

April 15

Paint and Sip Party 6 p.m.

April 17

Power Squadron 6 p.m.

April 18

Interclub Bluefish Tourney Annual Meeting 7 p.m.

March 23

Board of Governors meeting 7 p.m.

April 25

Membership Committee Meeting

April 29

Auxiliary Meet and Greet 4 p.m.

April 30

Skipper's Meeting 7 p.m.

Every Sunday

Frostbiting Series January 28 – April 29

Weekly Events

Thursday Night:
Table Service Dinner

Friday Night:
Grill is Open plus
RAW BAR
shrimp, chowder, &
lobster rolls



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

I'm not sure how the rest of you feel, but I am tired of snow, wind and cold. Hopefully April will warm up quickly and we can get ready for some serious deck time.

We need to do a quick revisit of the process of signing guests in. There are new instructions above the book, please have your guests read them when you bring them by. Rather than use this space to reiterate the full rules, let me give you the Cliff Notes version.

First point, **this is a CT Liquor Law and not a club rule.** We need to make sure we do this right or we get fined per error.

Second, the guest should fill in every space that needs to be filled in, including date, full name, street address, town and time of arrival. The **guest should print**, not write in cursive.

Third, the **member must PRINT** their name at the end of the line, not use cursive or what they use as a signature.

Fourth, guests are defined as anyone over 21 years old who has anything, non-alcoholic or alcoholic, to drink - including water.

Fifth, you cannot use " " or "ditto" in any of the spaces. I think everyone has gotten a lot better about this, but on a busy night like Friday I still counted about a dozen errors on one page. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

The bar committee did inventory on March 25th and we have two new members! If anyone wants to join, please let me know.

The ship's store/haberdashery has new items. Two of the coolest are performance polos for men and women in new colors and a "Stormcell" rain jacket. Our popular vests are back too.

Raw Bar is back making Friday an active night to be at the Club. And our pizzas, available at the bar anytime the Grill is not open, are popular with all the delicious new toppings including sausage, pepperoni, mushroom, onion and broccoli, as well as the old standby mozzarella and margherita.

Hope to see you all at the club!

Dan Wisneski - 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 p.m.

Friday grill and Raw Bar: 5 - 9 p.m.

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

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.



From the Rear Commodore

Our Saint Patrick's Day Bash was a huge hit this year! Everything went off without a hitch and all had a great time! Many thanks to the Fairfield County Police Pipes & Drums, Sheeuan Academy of Irish Dance and the Pocket Hotties for keeping all of our guests entertained & in the Irish spirit! Thank you to the FYC Kitchen Committee who cooked a delicious meal of corned beef and cabbage. There were also many people who made the night possible

& helped throw this great party, without you it would not have been possible. The party couldn't have been the great success it was without all of our members & their guests for their continued support at our events, Thank you.

The Fayerweather Yacht Club's Annual Children's Easter party was a fantastic afternoon filled with fun for the kids & families! The children got to watch an incredible magic show brought to you by Magic by Melissa, they got their faces painted, had a yummy lunch prepared by Lighthouse Grill, enjoyed an Easter egg hunt & of course were visited by the Easter Bunny! A special thank you goes to the Auxiliary for their generous donation to the party as well as helping to fill all of the Easter eggs for the egg hunt. We would also like to thank the Bridgeport Fire Department for transporting the Easter bunny safely to our club! Thank you to everyone who came to join in the fun!



Our next event is our Paint and Sip on Sunday, April 15th starting at 4PM. We will be having the Giggling Pig come to the club to help us paint our own masterpieces of Black Rock Harbor. The cost of the event is \$45 and includes all paint supplies and canvas as well as appetizers. You can sign up at the bar until April 12th. This event will take about 3 hours.

Cinco de Mayo at Fayerweather Yacht Club is another party you don't want to miss. We will have all the food and entertainment for a fabulous fiesta! Keep an eye out for more details at the club, in our weekly e-mails as well as on Facebook. Tickets will be sold for \$20 until April 20th and \$25 from 4/20/18 thru 5/5/18.

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.

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

Sincerely, Bob Cote

- April 15th – Paint & Sip
- May 5th – Cinco de Mayo Party
- May 26th – Opening Day with Summer Kick Off Party
- June 10th – Black Rock Day After Party
- June 23rd – Clambake
- June 29th – Bridgeport Fireworks
- July 28th – Luau
- August 18th – End of Summer White Party
- September 15th – Back to School Children's Party
- October 6th – Murder Mystery Dinner
- October 27th – Halloween Party
- November 16th – Pre Harvest Wrapping Party
- November 17th – Harvest Dance
- December 16th – Children's Christmas Party
- December 31st – New Year's Eve Party

The Centennial committee is looking for recipes! A limited edition cookbook will be published full of our members favorite's. Please send your submission to 203donnad@gmail.com along with a short history/story. Please include your name and contact information.



Join Us for a
Paint & Sip

At
Fayerweather Yacht Club

Sunday, April 15th 4PM

Approximately 2.5 - 3 hour event

Tickets ~ \$45

Picture to be painted will be nautical & related to Black Rock

Includes all materials & some nibbles

(Feel free to bring your own snacks as well)

Space is limited and you must signed up by 04.08.18

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SINGERS WANTED

No, we don't mean sewing machines. We need sopranos, alto, bases, baritones, tenors and anything and everything in between. Fayerweather is putting together a mixed chorus from members of the Club and the Auxiliary. This group will be part of the Centennial Celebration and emphasize renditions from 1919 – a little before and a little after. There already has been interest shown by some individuals like Jay Jost, Andrew Cross and Jim Hisey. Loretta Lazaris, a musician and music teacher by occupation, has agreed to accept the task of leading the group. This promises to be a lot of fun and an organizational meeting will be planned for April or May of this year for those interested. Anyone interested should contact Tom Lee at tom@attorneytomlee.com or by calling (203) 590-3193. We look forward to hearing from you.



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Auxiliary Corner

Dear Fayerweather Auxiliary Members,

March has been a busy month. We had our monthly meeting on March 14th and discussed the upcoming Easter Party Raffle, our April Meet & Greet, stuffing Easter eggs among other upcoming activities. It was great to see some new faces mixed in with our regular crowd. The St. Patrick's Day theme food was delicious! Corned beef sandwiches, potato skins with cheese and sour cream, meatballs and yummy homemade cookies and brownies were a huge hit! Thank you to Sue Halloran for providing the amazing spread. Thank you to Terri Columna for the hot coffee, too. I would also like to thank Darci Labash for volunteering to be our new Sunshine person. I am looking forward to our next meeting, April 11th, 7 pm.

The Auxiliary had over a dozen people volunteer to help stuff Easter Eggs and making baskets for our meet and greet. Many hands made light work and the job was completed in a couple of hours! Thank you to; Christina Cote, Kristie Nemeth, Lindsay Whitin, Deb Conrad, Kathy Zelich, Lynn Hasak, Deb Rosati, Rosemary, Diane....and many others. Forgive me if I omitted your name or last name, I am still learning everyone's names and faces. Thank you again for a great turn out.

UPCOMING AUXILIARY EVENTS:

Membership Meeting - Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm

Auxiliary Meet & Greet - Sunday, April 29th, 4-7 pm

May Membership Meeting - Wednesday, May 9th, 7 pm

Feel free to email me at FYCAUX@gmail.com with questions or concerns.

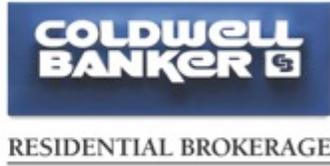
Sincerely, Karen Clark



Black Rock Day Float

Looking for volunteers to help design and create a FYC float for Black Rock Day. Please contact Sue Kiely if you are interested – s.kiely@sbcglobal.net





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Fayerweather Yacht Club

Black Rock Harbor, Bridgeport, CT

Centennial Time Capsule Project



Black Rocks' Fayerweather Yacht Club Turns 100 years old in 2019 and we are celebrating the past 100 years and the next 50 years with a Time Capsule. You can take part and make your mark on the future now.

Be present in the year 2069. Participate in our 2019 Business Card Directory to be included in the Time Capsule. Cost to you is only \$50.00 plus your business card and you will be immortalized for the next 50 years.

We would like to have as complete a representation of Fayerweather Yacht Club Members businesses as well as Black Rock Community Businesses represented.

Join us and everyone else in your community for the next 100 years.

Make Checks Payable to:

Fayerweather Yacht Club

Send your \$50.00 check and Your Business Card to;

Attention Club Manager,

51 Brewster Street, Bridgeport, CT 06605



April '18

Is something fishy going on? Not much during April but the next event to save the date for is the **Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday 5/13**, members and guests are welcome – buy your tickets early - available at the bar.

By the time you are reading this I hope it is feeling a little more like spring than it did during March. I know I am ready to get out on the water and I am sure many of you are as well. The local marinas are opening and start to see some boats being splashed during April and into May. Water temps need to get a little warmer and then the FYC Fishing Fleet will be back out on the Sound doing what we do.

The FYC Annual Fishing Contest is open for sign-ups and the new pins should be in too. Sign-up at the bar and rules are posted on the Fishing Board. Check the Fishing Board for the latest updates.

Growing Older But Not Up!

Keith Jamaitis ~ FYC Fishing Committee



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Sailing Corner

Greetings Sailors

The March meeting of the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound resulted in changes to and or elimination of some PHRF credits. The also formed a technical committee that will be responsible for investigating reports of noncompliance and enforcement of the PHRF regulations.

I'm confident you are all compliant, after all, it is your responsibility.

Please take the time to see if any of the changes apply to you before submitting your 2018 YRA of LIS PHRF to avoid a delay in processing your certificate.

SKIPPERS MEETING: April 30th at 7:00 pm

This meeting is open to all to attend and **mandatory** for skippers or their representatives.

Topics: Racing Schedule, Race Committee duties, Placement of New Race Marks, and New Racing Formats.

Anyone interested in joining a crew or skipper looking for crew we encourage you to attend we hope to link you up.

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Samuel Mostowy and James Lubeck

A get-well wish was sent to: Peter Delvecchio



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Fleet Captain's Corner:

April 21 of 2018 we begin the cruising season with our annual Coffee 'An.

Time: 0900 at the Club....we will be finished at 1100 hours.

Routine: Each will bring something for others to share, e.g. doughnuts, sweetmeat of some type, cookies, et al. Jo and I will supply the coffee and tea.

Charge: Still \$3.00....no change here from the last fifteen years.

Agenda: We will go over the planned cruises for the coming year.

FIRST CRUISE OF THE YEAR... and a newbie at that...To MATTITUCK JUNE 23, 2018.

This will be a shake-down cruise and yes, it does come early in the year...a three or four-dayer...all are welcome..and we are told that Mattituck is a great place for cruisers, be it power or sail...good anchoring and even a marina to serve folks who prefer that over anchoring.

Block Island ...depart JULY SEVEN AT 0530 or at your option.

Shelter Island ...depart AUGUST FOUR AT 0530...again at your option.

Bob Butler
Fleet Captain
203-268-5775

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 bull's-eye. 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 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 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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