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FROM THE HELM

As we set our sights on another great year at FYC, I want to thank all the members that have volunteered and stepped up to work on our committees. There is still room on a few so if you did not get the chance and still want to volunteer, please see me.

Our first Member cleanup day is **Friday March 30th starting at 9 a.m.** This is a great chance to come down and meet your fellow members while getting our Club ready for the season. All members and auxiliary are encouraged to join, as we will have numerous tasks for any skill set. Lunch is provided for all that help.

On Saturday February 24th I hosted our annual Commodores Ball and it was a smash! Many other clubs joined us as well and danced late into the night. I had a great support staff and want to give all the design credit to Christina Cote as well as thanking Emily Hyde, Kristie Nemeth, Bob Cote, Dan Wisneski and Jill Wisneski for all their help! Also, once again, Jose Columna took great photos of the night. I'm sure we will see pictures of the fun on the website and the Dance floor TV soon.



Progress is being made on the Sun Deck and updates on that are being given at our meetings. I encourage all members to come and join us for all of our meetings to get a better understanding of the operations of the club and how things are moving along. There is much planning for an amazing 2019 as Fayerweather celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Make sure to check our website for all information on upcoming events as the calendar is up to date. Also, there is new link page to several local Yacht Clubs with which we have reciprocity. They are inviting us all to attend any of their upcoming events they have posted as well.

I want to congratulate Karen Clark on becoming the new president of the Auxiliary and look forward to working with her this year. And I send a thank you to Lynn Sullivan for her many years supporting FYC as President of the Auxiliary.

Thanks for reading and see you at the club!

Dave Nemeth

Calendar of Events

March 6

General Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.

March 7

Auxiliary Board meeting 7:00 p.m.

March 10

US Sailing Race Officers Certification Class 9 a.m.

March 14

Auxiliary General Membership 7:00 p.m.

March 17

St. Patrick's Day Party 6 p.m.

March 21

Interclub Bluefish Tourney Annual Meeting 7 p.m.

March 23

FISH FRY 6 p.m. See

March 25

Open House 4 p.m.

March 26

Board of Governors meeting 7 p.m.

March 28

Membership Committee Meeting

March 31

Children's Easter Party 12 noon

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

Well, it's hard to believe that two months have already passed in the New Year. The regular boating season will be upon us before we know it. Activity in the bar and at lunchtime has been picking up so it won't be long 'till we are in the swing of things.

With all that in mind, let's get the season started a little early with the **Return of the Raw Bar!** February 23rd marked the first Raw Bar with the Lighthouse Grill manning the posts and supplying the food. Special thanks go out to Mike Andre and his BRYAC team for supplying the Raw Bar for the last few years. Mike took the reins when the club needed him and we all appreciate it.

Pizza toppings are back on the bar pizzas. Dan Conroy has made arrangements with our pizza supplier, Zuppardi's of West Haven, and a mystery delivery person to bring back the topping pizzas that have been absent from the bar for about five or more years. Toppings now include sausage, pepperoni, mushroom, onion and broccoli, as well as the old standby mozzarella and margherita. Pizzas are available anytime the kitchen is not open. Special thanks to Mark Berish, who not only spec'd out the new freezer to store the pizzas in the basement, but ordered it, got the club a discount, supervised its delivery, and got some volunteers to help put it in place. Special thanks go out to Steve Patalano and Jerry Hogarth for building the platform for the freezer.

The Haberdashery will soon be stocked with all your favorite items. Within a few weeks we will have the popular vests and pullovers, as well as t-shirts, baseball caps and polo shirts. Please write up any suggestions you might have for me to order and give to the bartender to put in my box. We will be doing a weekly special on one or two items after we take inventory of the new items.

We are looking for volunteers to join the bar committee. Though I am the chairman, our team leader is George Nemeth. On the last Sunday of every month the committee gets together and takes inventory of everything in the bar, down to the last peanut. We start at 7:30 and it takes about an hour and a half with a full crew. Coffee and munchkins are provided to the volunteers. Let me know if you are interested in participating. That's all for now!

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: 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

Thank you to our members & their guests who joined us for Super Bowl Sunday! We had a great turn out with lots of fun, food & laughs. It was a great start to our 2018 party season at Fayerweather Yacht Club! If you have not attended any of our parties, we promise that our St. Patrick's Day Bash will be one you don't want to miss!

We have a PHENOMENAL line up for our St. Patrick's Day Bash! To start, we are having an early bird special with tickets sales. Tickets sold until February 28th will be **ONLY \$18**. Tickets sold from March 1st through the 17th will be \$25. The food will be your traditional corned beef and cabbage, Irish soda bread and dessert. Our entertainment will be Irish dancers, bagpipes, and the Pocket Hotties will finish off the rest of the night with their amazing band! We hope to see you for one of the best parties of the year.

The Children's Easter party will be on Saturday, March 31st starting at 12 noon. We will be having a magic show, an Easter egg hunt, face painters and of course a visit from the Easter bunny! Each child will receive lunch, dessert and goody basket. Please sign up each child for the Easter party at the bar until Sunday, March 25th for \$20/child.

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!

May 26th – Opening Day with Summer Kick Off Party

Sincerely,
Bob Cote

March 17th – St. Patrick's Day Party – 6 p.m.

March 31st – Children's Easter Party 12 noon

April 14th – 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 25th – 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 Bash

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.

everybody's
Irish
on St. Patrick's day!

Fayerweather Yacht Club is hosting a
Saint Patrick's Day Bash!

Saturday, March 17th - 6PM

~ Irish Soda Bread, Corned Beef and Cabbage & Dessert ~
~ Irish Dancers ~
~ Bag Pipes ~
~ Live Band ~

****Early Bird Special****

Tickets purchased by February 28th - \$18

Tickets purchased from March 1st until the 17th - \$25

Come eat, drink & be Irish with us this St. Patrick's Day!



We Invite You to Join Us For Fayerweather Yacht Club's
Children's Easter Party

Saturday, March 31st ~ 12PM

Lunch & Dessert

Magic Show

Face Painters

Easter Egg Hunt

Visit from the Easter Bunny

Goody Basket

\$20/child - Sign up will be available at the bar until March 25th



*Fayerweather Yacht Club's
Membership Committee & Auxiliary
Are Hosting an
Open House*

Sunday, March 25th 4PM - 7PM

*We welcome you to join us & see what
Fayerweather Yacht Club has to offer!*

*We hope to see current members with their guests,
Auxiliary members & potential new members join
in a social & fun afternoon.*

~ Light fare & drinks will be served ~



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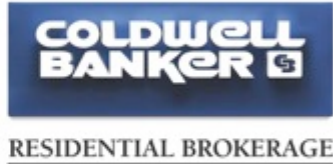
Letters of condolence were sent to:

Janice Fracassini on the death of her husband
Phil

Genevieve Stavish on the death of Life Member
Michael Stavish

A get-well wish was sent to:

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Sailing Corner

Greetings Sailors

It is not too late to get involved with Frostbite Sailing. This sport has a place for all skill and commitment levels, from the friendly atmosphere with our Fayerweather Dinghies up to the highly competitive One Design Ideal 18 Boats that will help you keep tuned up for summer Big Boat Regattas. You are also welcome come aboard the Race Committee Boat or the Safety Chase Boat to observe and learn how the process of running races unfolds.

Frostbite Series

January 28, 2018 – April 29, 2018

Every Sunday with make up races on the following
Saturday

Organized by Black Rock Y.C. and Fayerweather Y.C.

For Information and Registration visit the Sailing link on our website.

On March 10th Fayerweather Yacht Club will Host a US Sailing Race Officer Training / Certification Class this comprehensive seminar is a powerful tool for any skipper as it covers all aspects of race management from understanding code flags, horn signals and their meaning all the way to your responsibilities after crossing the finish line. All are welcome to register to attend if you want to brush up on or soak up this valuable information for the first time but anyone interested in certification must register and fill out the prerequisite form.

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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

SIGN UP AT THE BAR

Fayerweather Yacht Club

Black Rock Harbor, Bridgeport, CT

Cenotennial Time Capsule Project



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Spanning Time

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.

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Auxiliary Corner

Dear Fayerweather Auxiliary Members,

I am thrilled to have been installed as the new President of the Auxiliary as of February 14, 2018. I am looking forward to the next two years, and I hope to bring renewed energy to our organization.

We have a plethora of activities coming up this Spring starting with the Easter Party Bunny Raffle fundraiser. We raffle off adorable stuffed bunnies at the Easter Party to raise money for the Auxiliary. The Easter Party is from 12-3pm on Saturday, March 31st. We need volunteers to help man the raffle ticket table. Please contact me at FYCAUX@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 14th at 7 pm. Please join us for some hors d'oeuvres, a drink, and meet some of the other members. Our mission is to increase fellowship and social activities, so why not start by coming to a meeting? We'd love to hear your suggestions/ideas and are open to starting new activities. Auxiliary Meetings are always the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Future Auxiliary Meetings are:

March 1

April 11

May 9

June 13

The Auxiliary does not meet in July or August, but we do have social functions over the summer.

Feel free to email me at FYCAUX@gmail.com with questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting you in person and hope you will become an active member of the Auxiliary.

Sincerely,

Karen Clark

Calling All Auxiliary Members!

Come to the March 14th Meeting at 7pm.

- **Meet the recently installed Officers and Board of Governors.**
- **Bring your ideas and interests, we want to hear from you!**

Grab a glass of wine, have some hor d'oeuvres and socialize with other Auxiliary Members.



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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

Fleet Captain's Corner:

Mark your calendars!

Cruise Dates:

- June 23, 2018...to Mattituck...cruise length is three or four days at your option
- July 7, 2018...to Block Island ...as usual a seven or eight day trip
- August 4, 2018....to Shelter Islandagain, a seven or eight day trip

Bob Butler
Fleet Captain
203-268-5775

All members, new and "seasoned"

- Bus your own tables:
 - Kitchen plates (when there is no waitress service)
 - Bar glasses (all the time)
 - Keep an eye on your children as they enjoy the club
 - Running in the clubhouse is **not** allowed
 - No smoking, vaping, e-cigarettes, etc. on the decks between the hours of 10am to 10pm
 - Be considerate of your fellow members.
 - Sign in your guests correctly in the guest book This is a State Law and our liquor permit depends on this being done correctly
- These simple and easy rules make it pleasant for everyone.



Mar '18

So the water temps are still about 40 degrees but it is still looking like an early spring so fish – consider this your seasonal warning - here we come. The FYC fishing fleet will be back on the water soon!

Thank you to everyone that came down for our Pasta Night we had a full house, plenty of spaghetti and meatballs and sausage, and a little snow to cap things off.

Our next event is **FYC FISH FRY on Friday 3/23**, hope to see you all again, tickets available at the bar.

Next month we will be ready for the FYC Annual Fishing Contest, pins will be in during March and sign-up will be at the bar as usual. Check the Fishing Board for the latest updates.

Just in case you need to navigate to our club, for the last 99 years (and hopefully next 100) you can find us at **40° 09' 15''N 73° 13' 03''W**. See you there!

Growing Older But Not Up!

Keith Jamaitis ~ FYC Fishing Committee

FYC Fishing Committee's

Fish Fry

Friday, March 23

6pm

Fish, Fries and Coleslaw

Tickets \$15.00 per person