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**FROM THE HELM**

January and a new year!

Things are where they should be at FYC. I am satisfied that I have done a fair job for the past couple of years.

I am looking forward to becoming a Past Commodore (They tell me the silver stars are much more comfortable).

2018 brings some new faces to the Bridge and BOG of the club, I trust that you folks will support them in their endeavors for the continued success of Fayerweather Yacht Club.

I would like to thank everyone at FYC and especially those who provided me with invaluable counsel. There is not enough space in this newsletter to name you all. You know who you are. Also I would like to thank the Auxiliary for their generosity in helping to keep FYC “Looking Good!” There is one person I would especially like to thank, Sue, my wife, for putting up with all my obligations to FYC that took a good chunk of my time.

I wish for all to have a healthy, happy and safe New Year.

That’s it from me, see you at the club,  
Bob Schley

**IMPORTANT VOTES**

**Flag Officers and Board of Governors**

January 2 - Voting

11:30am - 2:30pm and

5:00pm - 7:15pm

followed by General Membership Meeting

**Auxiliary Board and Officers**

January 10 - Voting

7:00pm followed by Membership Meeting

## Calendar of Events

### January 2 VOTING

11:30am - 2:30 PM  
5:00 PM - 7:15 PM  
General Membership  
Meeting 7pm

### January 3 Auxiliary Board Meeting 7:00pm

**January 10  
VOTING**  
Auxiliary  
Membership meeting  
7pm

**January 20**  
Great Gatsby Party  
6:30PM

**January 22**  
Board of Governors  
Meeting 7:00pm

## Weekly Events

**Thursday Night:**  
Table Service Dinner

**Friday Night:**  
Grill is Open plus  
Raw Bar, shrimp,  
chowder, & lobster rolls



## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

2017 has come and gone and I thank you for the opportunity to serve FYC as Vice Commodore Again.

I would like to thank Lighthouse Grill for a great first year at FYC. They have truly made it enjoyable to come down and eat again.

Big thanks to my Sunday morning inventory crew of Jerry Hogarth, George Nemeth, Mark Berish, Pat Gombos, Christine Filip, Rick Filip, Andrew Cross and Jose Columna.

Thanks to the entire bar staff for another year slinging the drinks and learning a new POS at the same time.

I am looking forward to 2018 as I have accepted the nomination to run as Commodore of FYC. I encourage all to come out and vote on January 2nd as we have a great group of people nominated and running from the floor that you should get to know better.

Happy Holidays and see you at the club!

Dave Nemeth! - 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 PM

Friday grill: 5 - 9 PM

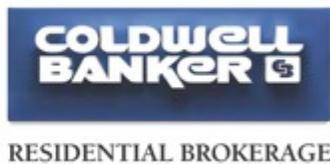
You may bring your own food when Grill is **closed**...OR the Bar has Pizza!

## An important message from the Financial Secretary

Bills for 2018 membership dues will be mailed on January 2nd 2018.

Payments are due (or must be postmarked) by January 31, in order to avoid a \$50 late fee, which is strictly enforced. It is important that you double-check your address so as to avoid the bill getting diverted. Please log into the website (fycct.org) to make any necessary corrections to your profile. Your user id and password are the last 4 digits of your member number. If there is a preceding 1 do not use it. Thank you for your help and have a great New Year!

Christine Ritzo



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## From the Rear Commodore

Come & party like it's the 1920's at the Fayerweather Yacht Club on Saturday, January 20th starting at 6:30PM! Be transported back in time to the Prohibition era while eating, drinking and dancing the night away! There will be a jazz band for our musical entertainment and we will have a cocktail party instead of sit down dinner with stations and passed hors d'oeuvres. You do NOT have to dress the part to attend but it is encouraged.

Tickets are available at the bar for purchase. We hope to see you there!

For the last time of the 2017 year, my wife Christina & I would like to thank all of the members & guests of the Fayerweather Yacht Club for your continuous support at all of our parties and events! We hope all of the children (and adults) that attended this year's Christmas party had a most fun and magical afternoon with Santa and all of their family and friends! We could not have pulled it off without the help from our fellow members and staff. Special thanks to Santa for visiting us, Lighthouse Grill for making delicious food, the Harbor Master for transporting Santa to our club, our talented face painters, all of the bartenders and fellow members who volunteer their time to help us pull off such a wonderful party! We are truly grateful for the Auxiliary and Dart club for their monetary donations as well as the ticket sales & "jail bail" money raised from our Harvest Dance! We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!

We wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Bob Cote - Rear Commodore

**Please Join Us for a  
Roaring 20's  
Party**



**Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30PM**

**Come dressed in your best  
Gatsby attire for a cocktail party  
& dance the night away to a  
swinging jazz band!**

**\*\*Tickets are \$25 & available for  
purchase\*\***

## Elections for Officers and Board of Governors

Over the past five weeks, the Nominating Committee met privately with sixteen candidates, all eager to serve the Club's needs in 2018. When it came time to select the slate of candidates, it was a very difficult and well-considered decision by all members of the Committee.

Fayerweather Yacht Club has long benefitted by members stepping up, willing to put in countless hours, volunteering, overseeing and managing the Club as Flag Officers and Board of Governors to the betterment of the Club and its members. This upcoming year was no exception. Candidly, the quality and commitment of all the candidates running for elected positions this year made for very difficult decisions by the Nominating Committee as all candidates were well qualified, committed and deserving.

My thanks to the 2018 Nominating Committee of Mike Andre, David Blagys, Fred Meeker, Mike Herrington, Chris Filip and Mike Roberts for the time and thought regarding the 2018 Slate.

**So please be sure to come out to vote on January 2**



Elections for Officers and Board Positions for  
2018 will be held on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

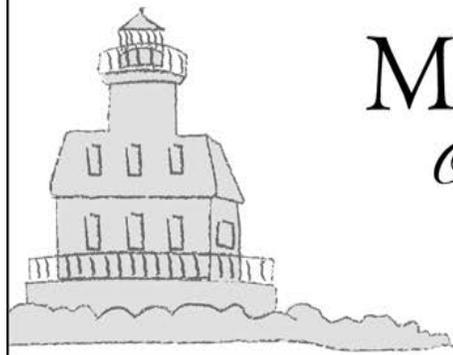
Voting Hours:  
11:30AM-2:30PM & 5PM-7:15PM

*~Nominees for 2018~*  
Commodore - David J. Nemeth  
Vice Commodore - Dan Wisneski  
Rear Commodore - Bob Cote  
Treasurer - Gary Conrad  
Financial Secretary - Christine Ritzo  
Recording Secretary - Andrew Cross

*~Board of Governors~*  
Donna Demattia  
J.P. O'Brien  
Jim Hasak

**\*\*Members must be present with a valid ID\*\***

Members currently running from the floor are:  
Emily Hyde for Board of Governors  
Jerry Hogarth for Board of Governors  
Bob Schley for Board of Governors  
Mark Michael for Vice Commodore



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**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. Please contact Chris Gill via e-mail at [chris@windcheckmagazine.com](mailto:chris@windcheckmagazine.com), or by phone at (203) 895-0083.

**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](mailto:203donnad@gmail.com) along with a short history/story. Please include your name and contact information.

**The Policy & Procedures Committee** announces that all of the position overviews are available for review in the membership section under Policy & Procedures.



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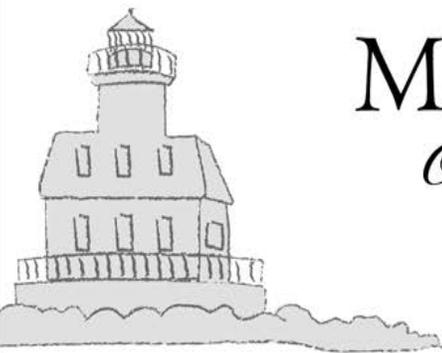
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## Auxiliary Corner

The Auxiliary's annual Christmas dinner was held on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Members enjoyed the opportunity to dine, socialize and contribute to our Christmas charity the Black Rock Food Pantry. The Penfield Room was so festive, the food was well prepared the service outstanding, thanks to Bob Schley and Flag Officers. Always a great end to the year.

We will be soliciting your suggestions for activities to be held at upcoming meetings. After all, you can only hold so many Chinese Auctions a year (ha..ha). Anyone with talent, or who knows someone with a talent, please let us know.

Reminders for January are twofold:

**Annual Dues:** Dues for 2018 are requested from all members with membership dates prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Renewal fee is unchanged at \$33.00. Members are reminded to issue a separate check to the Fayerweather Yacht Club Auxiliary directly. Checks may be left in our mailbox at the bar.

**Auxiliary Elections:** Elections for all positions will be held at the general meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. So come and make your vote count. Installation of those elected will take place at the February general meeting, with "coffee and" provided by the Auxiliary Board. Please come, participate, and get involved in your auxiliary during 2018! Update your email with Cindy Filep at [cfilep@icon-intl.com](mailto:cfilep@icon-intl.com) to receive Club and Auxiliary notices.

Claire L Mikan – Recording Secretary



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### Fleet Captain's Corner:

See you all in April at the customary "Coffee An" as we plan the details of next year's cruises. Power and Sail both welcome.

Bob Butler  
Fleet Captain  
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### Good and Welfare

Letters of Condolence were sent to the families of Lars Christensen and Richard Gleason

Get well cards were sent to: Se Kiely, Wlater J. Chick, Chris Ruskay, Rob Canavan and Ernest Gagnor.

A floral arrangement was sent to the Commodore's wife, Sue Kiely.

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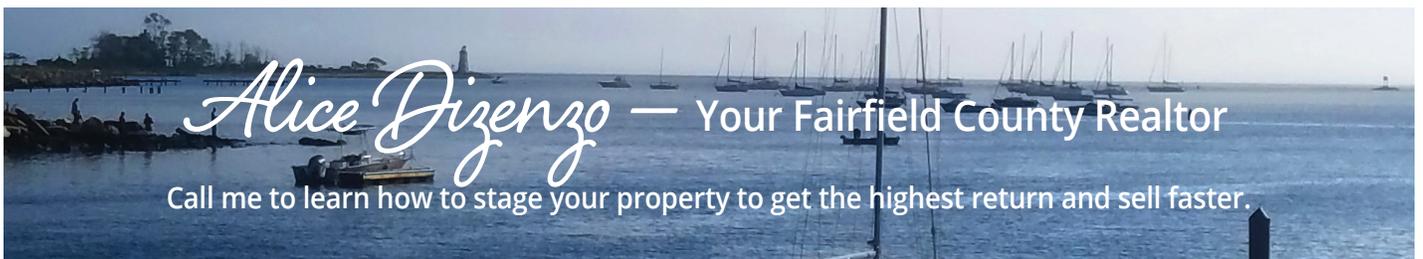
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### *Dart League:*

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 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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# Happy New Year to One and All