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FROM THE HELM

Happy Holidays Fayerweather!

I can't believe how quick this year went. It was truly an honor to serve this club as Commodore for 2018 and I will be running for Commodore again in 2019 and hope for your support.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all my Flag Officers, Board of Governors, Committee Chairs, Shore Captain Mike McCarthy, Club manager Dan Conroy, the Lighthouse Grill and every member of FYC that helped our club in 2018.

It is truly the effort of many that makes this club so great. A special thanks goes out to Christina and Bob Cote for all the great parties they have thrown over the past two years.

They have set the bar high with all of their events and they still have two more coming up this month, including the New Year's Eve Ball, which I am looking forward to attending.

Hopefully all of those interested in running for a position in 2019 have already had or have scheduled interviews with our nominating committee.

Look for some great events in 2019 at the club as Fayerweather celebrates its 100th anniversary, and around the neighborhood as Black Rock celebrates its 375th anniversary. Committees are currently meeting so reach out if you want to get involved.

Thanks and see you at the club!

Dave Nemeth

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Calendar of Events

December 4

General Membership
7 p.m.

December 5

Auxiliary Board
meeting 7 p.m.

December 6

Wassail Night
6 p.m.

December 12

Auxiliary Holiday Party
7 p.m.

December 15

Setup for children's
Christmas Party

December 16

Children's Christmas
Party 12 p.m.

December 17

Board of Governors
7 p.m.

December 25

Club Closed

December 31

New Year's
Eve Party

January 8

General Membership
Meeting

Weekly Events

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 REAR COMMODORE

We had a blast at October's Halloween Costume Party and there were awesome and unique costumes! Vicki and her staff, Lisa and Miranda from Lighthouse Grill did a phenomenal job serving our guests delicious food! 24/7 Entertainment provided a fun photo booth and great music that kept everyone dancing all night! As always, our bartenders were on point with everyone's drinks and overall it was a really fun event!

We cannot thank our members and their guests enough for your support!

My wife Christina and I are beyond humbled at the amount of support we have received over the weekend to help us pull off another great party on November 17, the Harvest Dance! We truly could not have done it without the help from our friends, members and their guests!

The Friday afternoon before, Emily Hyde, Jose Columna, Christina and I hauled hundreds and hundreds of pounds of fruits and vegetables to the club. That night, the Penfield room was filled with member volunteers and their guests who wrapped all of the produce. We also had lots of manpower putting up the "jail" as well as hanging the wood and then stapling the produce to the ceiling.

Saturday was the fun part! Two hundred members and guests filled the club to participate in this FYC tradition. DJ Peter G kept people dancing all night long and our wonderful bartenders Rob, Jack and Risa did a phenomenal job keeping everyone's drinks flowing all evening! We raised \$500 that will go towards the children's Christmas Party. Thank you to everyone who donated bail money!

If any event is a true representation of what the Fayerweather Yacht Club stands for, the Harvest Dance would be it!

With the holidays approaching, it is always nice to give back to the community. Christina went to the Black Rock Food Pantry during Thanksgiving week and donated the left over food that was not wrapped for the party. A 50 pound bag of carrots, two crates of corn on the cob and a box of bananas were donated in the Fayerweather Yacht Club's name.

Again, we cannot thank you all enough for your help and support!

Our Children's Christmas party is on Sunday, December 16 at noon. The kids will receive lunch, dessert, face painting, a present and visit from Santa! There will be a 70-child limit due to the volume of people we had at the club last year. Sign up at the bar until December 8 ONLY. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join us on New Year's Eve for our last party while we ring in 2019 Roaring 20's style! Tickets are available for purchase during the ENTIRE month of November for \$20.19. Starting December 1, they will go up to \$30. You don't want to miss this pre- sale price! We will have DJ Peter G as well as a photo booth, cocktail hour style dinner, candy bar & a champagne toast at midnight! It will be our finale to this journey that we have been on for the last two years and we promise it will be one for the books! We promise this will be worth coming to!

Christina and I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Bob Cote
Rear Commodore



The Penfield room all dressed up for the Harvest Dance ...



... a donation afterwards





Lighthouse Grill at Fayerweather

Lunch

Tuesday - Friday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Lunch or Brunch

Saturday, Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Dinner

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!



**Happy Summer
Fayerweather!**

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A note from the Financial Secretary

It's that time of year again.

The bookkeeper will be sending bills for 2019 dues in January. Please mail all payments to the P.O. Box indicated on the statement

They must be postmarked by January 31. Late payments are subject to a penalty per the By Laws. The fee is \$50.

Any challenges to the late fee should be sent in writing to the Board of Governors

Also please check the website under the Member tab to make sure your address is correct. Your user name and password are your 4 digit member number. If you have not changed your password already, you are encouraged to do so.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Christine Ritzo, Financial Secretary FYC
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Auxiliary Corner

November was another busy month. Our Members' Meeting on November 12 was well attended. As a good faith gesture to our community, the membership voted to donate \$500 in the month of December to Nourish Bridgeport. Nourish Bridgeport is a volunteer-based community organization that strives to make a lasting impact on Bridgeport families in need. They provide community dinners, a neighborhood food pantry, domestic violence assistance, educational services, shelter and clothing.

The Auxiliary also donated \$500 to the club for the Children's Christmas Party. We are always helping the club out. Over the last ten years we have donated over \$50,000 to the club for various improvements.

After the meeting we stayed and made silver and white Christmas tree decorations for the Penfield Room Christmas Tree which was decorated on Sunday, November 25.

The weekend of December 1-2 is the Charles Dickens Festival. Many of the Auxiliary Members are planning to attend. Take the Bridgeport Ferry with us to Port Jefferson for the holiday festivities.

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 12 in lieu of our usual Members' Meeting. The Fayerweather Officers serve us a steak or lobster dinner. It is always a delicious and social way to get into the holiday spirit. Join us by dropping off a check for \$25 in the Auxiliary mailbox by December 5. Make sure you write steak or lobster on your check. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

If you do not join us for the Christmas Dinner, then we will see you at the next Members' Meeting, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday January 9.

Sincerely, Karen Clark, Auxiliary President FYCAUX@gmail.com

Fleet Captain's Corner

Although we recognize that most all the boats have been pulled for the winter, there are still items of note to be accomplished, to wit:

Moorings to be pulled, cleaned and identified for Tyler to handle in the Spring and know just whom he is putting in the water ... a major effort here is for all members to be certain that they have scrubbed the new concrete slab after concluding their cleaning of moorings.

An early memo to all cruisers: Next year's Block Island Cruise: July 6, 2019.

The Shelter Island Cruise dates are yet to be determined. More to follow on this and we will discuss this at our annual Cruise Meeting in April, which is as you will recall, a "coffee and" type of thing.

Bob Butler, Fleet Captain
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Centennial Committee seeks volunteers

Fayerweather will be celebrating its 100th anniversary next year and the club is for volunteers to join the Centennial Committee. Please contact Sue Kiely at s.kiely@sbcglobal.net if you are interested.

Enter a Centennial time capsule

As part of the centennial celebration, the club is creating a time capsule to be opened in 2069, the club's 150th anniversary.

Members can take part and leave their mark on the future by adding a business card directory to be included in the time capsule. The cost is \$50 and you will be immortalized for the next 50 years.

We would like to have a complete 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.

Send your \$50 check, made out to the Fayerweather Yacht Club, and business card to: Attention Club Manager, 51 Brewster Street, Bridgeport, CT 06605

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 and 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 Dave Blagys at dave@wakemanclub.org.

FYC website reminder:

Make sure you have changed your password on the website to a unique password

Password must be minimum length of 6 characters, contain at least 1 upper case character and at least 1 numeric character. Also check your physical address and email addresses! Help or questions, please email info@fycct.org

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Monday Night Darts, and a little football

The FYC dart league has started, but all members are welcome to join at any time no matter your experience or ability. Games begin at 7 p.m. each Monday during NFL season.



Pool rules and regulations

The FYC pool table has been a staple in our upper deck at the club for many years. The games are only 50 cents 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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