

# – Fayerweather Yacht Club – FOGHORN

## Fayerweather Yacht Club

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## FROM THE HELM



One of the great things about our club is there is always something going on year-round and this summer was no exception. Please pay attention to all the articles after mine as well as our website for all upcoming events still left to go in 2019. Below is what has been going on since the last Foghorn.

The 109th running of the Bishops Cup was held this August 18<sup>th</sup> and Fayerweather had the most boats entered from all 4 participating clubs. Congratulations go to Mike Roberts, with help from Tom Bruton, for finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the field of 9. Thanks go out to Bob Cote, Keith Jamaitis and Rich Parker for also representing FYC.

Our Centennial Committee put on a Centennial Ball in September and the turn out was great! Members dressed from all periods of the last 100 years and danced the night away. Lighthouse Grill did a great job of catering. Check out the pictures later in this issue. The next and final event will be the burying of the time capsule. This event will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30. Stay tuned for more information, as that day will have other activities surrounding the ceremony.

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, we held a Lighted Boat Parade along with Fireworks for Black Rock's 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This was a great celebration coordinated with other local clubs on the water and headed by Phil Blagys and the Black Rock Community Council. Thanks to all the members who entered their boats in the parade and that includes Mark Michael who took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the contest! Great efforts by Keith Jamaitis, Mike Roberts, Joe Sargent, Lou Reszoly and Jason Siemer. I think this might be an event we try and do every September so look out for Harborfest year 2 in 2020!



Our Nominating Committee has formed and is now interviewing candidates for open positions in 2020. This will include all Flag Officers and 3 BOG positions. Please reach out to Committee Chair Donna Demattia at [203donnad@gmail.com](mailto:203donnad@gmail.com) for more information or to schedule your interview.

Thanks, and see you at the club!

Dave - [commodore@fycct.org](mailto:commodore@fycct.org)

## Calendar of Events

### October 1

General Membership Meeting 7 p.m.

### October 2

Auxiliary Board Meeting 7 p.m.

### October 5

Oktoberfest 4:30 p.m.

### October 9

Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### October 11

Fish Fry by Fishing Committee 6 p.m.

### October 12

4 Club Fishing Tournament.

### October 15

Penfield Power Squadron 6 p.m.

### October 16

Black Rock Community Council Mtg. 7 p.m.

### October 18

RAW BAR - 6 p.m.

### October 19

Centennial Time Capsule Ceremony 4 p.m.

### October 26

Halloween Race 12 p.m.

### October 26

Halloween Costume Party 7 p.m.

### October 28

Board of Governors Meeting 7 p.m.

## Weekly Events

### Thursday Night:

5:30 – 9 p.m.

Table Service Dinner Set Menu

### Wednesday and Friday Night:

5:30 – 9 p.m.

Grill is Open



## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

From the Vice Commodore:

The weather has been beautiful all of September and hopefully will continue into October!

The last raw bar of this year will be on Friday, October 18th starting at 6 p.m. It has been a pleasure to have Jim Malaney and his team back with us for 2019! Please be aware that the raw bar is CASH only and Lighthouse Grill will still be open and will take credit card or cash.

Just some friendly reminders to please bring all bottles, cans and glassware back to the bar. Please bus your own tables and put plates and silverware into the bins that are in the Penfield room AFTER you have removed the leftover food.

Thank you and see you at the club.

Bob Cote

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***A friendly reminder.....please sign in guests upon their arrival and each guest gets his or her own line (couple's cannot be signed in together) in the sign-in book. Please be sure to fill out each line completely and without the use of " marks. Please note that your guests cannot arrive before you or leave after you. If you have any questions, please ask the bartenders.***

***Please bring all of your glassware and bottles back to the bar, as we do not have staff to clean up after our members and their guests. This includes outside of the club as well – and put those umbrellas down.***

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## From the Rear Commodore

We will be hosting an Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 5, starting at 4:30 p.m. There will be live music provided by Lake Avenue Project, German food and beer. Tickets are available at the bar, and we hope you can join us for this fun event. Each attendee will also receive a complimentary beer stein with the FYC logo.

Fayerweather Yacht Club cordially invites you and your guests to a frightfully fun time at our annual Halloween Costume Party on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. There will be food, live music (performed by the band Undercover), a photo booth and a candy bar for dessert! Tickets are available for purchase at the bar.

**\*\*A friendly reminder that the sign up for the children's Christmas Party will start on October 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be a STRICT cut off with no exceptions on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Like last year, we will be capping the party at 70 children.\*\***

Here is the list of the parties and events we have planned for the rest of the 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, FYC website and on Facebook. Have any suggestions or comments? Email them to [rear@fycct.org](mailto:rear@fycct.org). I look forward to hearing from you.

We look forward to seeing familiar and new faces at all of our events this year!  
Sincerely, Bob Ellwanger [rear@fycct.org](mailto:rear@fycct.org)

October 5      Oktoberfest  
October 26     Halloween Party  
November 22   Pre Harvest Wrapping Party \*\*  
November 23   Harvest Dance \*\*

December 15   Children's Christmas Party  
December 31 – New Year's Eve Masquerade Bash  
**\*\*Note new dates for November**

**COMPLIMENTARY FYC LOGO STEIN!**



*Join the fun at*  
**The Fayerweather Yacht Club's  
Oktoberfest**

Festive music, traditional German food & beer!  
**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM**  
Tickets: \$25 until Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>; \$30 after Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(FYC is a private members-only club and all events  
are for members and their invited guests only)

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**Fayerweather Yacht  
Club Halloween  
PARTY**

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY**  
**Saturday October 26, 2019 7:00 PM**  
**FEATURING MUSIC BY UNDERCOVER**  
MACABRE FOOD - SPIRITED DANCING  
INDULGENT TREATS PLUS A PHOTOBOOTH!  
**TICKETS - \$30**

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### Lighthouse Grill at Fayerweather

**Lunch:** Tuesday - Friday 11 – 2

**Lunch/Brunch:** Saturday & Sunday 9:30 – 3

**Dinner:** Thursday table service: 5:30 – 9 p.m. Grill: Wednesday and Friday: 5:30 - 9 p.m.

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



## Auxiliary Corner

2018-19

### **Auxiliary Officers**

**President**

Karen Clark

**Vice President**

Carrie Parker

**Treasurer**

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**Recording Secretary**

Deb Conrad

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### **Board of Governors**

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**Sunshine**

Darci Labash

Fall is slowly creeping in. The leaves are starting to change, the air is getting chilly at night and soon all the boats will be hauled out of the water. This past month we started up our regular Auxiliary Meetings again - second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm.

In our September meeting we covered quite a bit and planned almost all the way through the rest of the year. Our October meeting will be on Wednesday October 2nd because we are invited to Miamogue for a Meet & Greet at 6:30 pm on the 9th of October. (Our usual meeting night). Please let me know if you plan on attending.

The club is holding events almost every weekend lately so check the website for details. Coming soon will be an Oktoberfest, Saturday October 5th and a Halloween Party at the club on Saturday October 26th. Dress in costume and you may win the prize!

The Auxiliary will be running a fundraiser for the Norma Phriem Breast Cancer Center so keep an eye out for our posters at the bar. You will be able to buy a paper boat (sail or motor) for a dollar ( or more!) and we will hang it up in the bar. One hundred percent of the money we raise will go to the Norma Phriem Breast Cancer Center. Please support us during the National Breast Cancer Awareness month and donate generously.

I am looking forward to Fall and seeing all of you at the club.

Sincerely, Karen Clark - Auxiliary President

Any questions feel free to contact us at [fycaux@gmail.com](mailto:fycaux@gmail.com).

We want you!

for Auxiliary Officer and Board of Governors' positions!  
Get involved with an amazing group of people and help the club flourish. We work to help improve and better the club. Make friends while making a difference.

Contact: Kathleen Pierce – [KMPierce1@optonline.net](mailto:KMPierce1@optonline.net)

Deborah Selski - [debrick@snet.net](mailto:debrick@snet.net)



## **OCTOBER BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

Help the FYC Auxiliary support the  
**NORMA PFRIEM BREAST CENTER**

For Breast Cancer Awareness Month, "Boats"(sail/motor) will be on sale during October for \$1. All proceeds will benefit the Norma Pfriem Breast Center.

Buy a "boat" in honor of someone special or someone who has been impacted by breast cancer, and write their name on the boat. Boats will be displayed in the bar area.

**The Race is On! Let's see which type boat wins!!!**

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## Fleet Captain's Corner

This month's entry will be somewhat off the grid in that I would like to point out to all our members who own boats, a new procedure..for those of you who cover their vessels in the customary (and always expensive ) manner...I have used this methodology for sometime now and find that it not only works well but is much less costly. As Terry would say: " Here we go."

I purchase a piece of shrink-wrap from our friends at Fayerweather Boat Yard...this is 20 by 40 feet in as much as our vessel is 34 feet overall..I put a ridgepole from bowrail to sternrail...over this, I place the 20 by 40 section of shrink-wrap...every four feet or so, down at the waterline level I tie a tennis ball or baseball...I leave the line which is used to tie on the ball, at least eighteen inches long...I then tie the loop of this line to a point on my trailer...that's it...the 'down-tying' line keeps the cover from flying up like a spinnaker...the boat also stays dry due to the quality of the shrink-wrap. As to the ridgepole, you can make one from any combination of two by threes...these are, of course re-useable year after year. Even in the event that the shrink-wrap lasts only two years, you are still 'way ahead in adopting this method.

Bob Butler  
 Fleet Captain  
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Directory	\$10.00
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Brick Order Form	\$50.00/\$75.00



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### Fishing Corner:



October is prime time for fishing in Long Island Sound and the FYC Fishing Committee has a lot of activities coming up too.

#### Upcoming events:

Saturday 9/28/19	FYC Fishing Committee Hunky Turkey
Friday 10/11/19	FYC Fishing Committee Fish Fry
Sunday 10/13/19	Greater Bridgeport Yacht Clubs "4-Club" Bluefish Tournament

Thanks to everyone that came out to the fish the FYC Member-Guest Bluefish Tournament. Congratulations to the winners!

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Ted Kryspin – 11.42lbs
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Charlie Angotto – 11.32lbs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place John Kollar – 9.87lbs

Hope to see many of you sign-up and fish the "4-Club" Sunday 10/13. It would be great to bring home a win for our Centennial year, FYC is hosting so the weigh-in and awards dinner will be at FYC. The fishing board is filling up but there still is a lot of fishing left so good luck out there. Obey CT DEEP rules and regs, be sportsman out there. Take a kid fishin and send me some pics we can post! Check the fish board for any new updates. Send me your fish pictures and we'll post them [fycfishing@fycct.org](mailto:fycfishing@fycct.org)

All fisherman are liars, expect you and me. And I'm not so sure about you!

Keith Jamaitis ~ FYC Fishing Committee  
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Return visit to Northport  
By Bill Selski, PC  
*S/V Journey*

Once again, we return to Northport Harbor. It is a 20.6 nautical mile (23.7 statute mile) 3 hour and 45 minute trip. Calm seas and no wind each way. Yes, we have a sailboat but the engine gets us where we want to go.

We arrived at Centerport Yacht Club (CYC) for a mooring for three nights. The past two years we had scheduled for three but stayed only two. Weather was a factor each of those years. One trip was a delayed start and the other an early return. Time spent at CYC includes launch service to access the club and also shuttle to the village of Northport. The competition size pool was very welcoming this year as the 90-degree heat and humidity was intense. The mooring fee is \$60 per night, cash or check. The club bar and restaurant does accept credit cards.

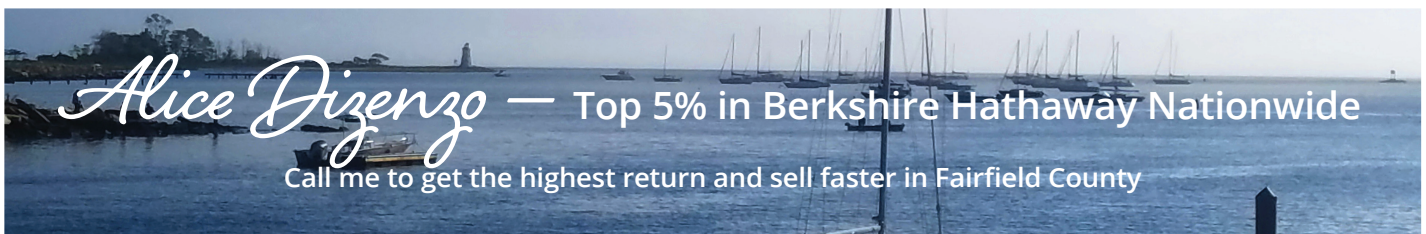


This year with the extra day in port we were able to walk the mile to the Vanderbilt Mansion and Museum. The summer cottage, *Eagle's Nest*, of William K. Vanderbilt II. Through the years, the cottage had become quite the mansion. The tour takes you through the mansion and the museum rooms of aquatic life and land animals.

Sitting on the boat is relaxing and we bring along our reading material. This trip I chose to reminisce about 1969. Sure, it is 50 years since Woodstock or the man on the moon but I wanted to read Art Shamsky's account of the World Champion Mets, *After the Miracle*. After all many players did live on Long Island.

We usually like to eat dinner one night in port and this time we chose The Ritz Café, a local Italian place with plentiful portions. After dinner a Beatles tribute band played on the Green while we strolled through and then listen even when we got back to our boat.

Our final night in the harbor included one heck of a storm passing through. Lightning was all around as the hills around the harbor was being hit with strikes. Fortunately our mast was not the tallest in the harbor.



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**Don't miss the opportunity to serve your club!**

The Nominating Committee would like to invite you to work for the club and continue to make the “**Fayerweather experience**” a special one for members and their families and friends.

We are looking for members who would like to show off their talents in the following positions:

*Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary and three Board of Governors.*

For more information on the requirements of the positions or the nominating process, please feel free to approach one of the nominating committee members; Johnpatrick O'Brien, Peter Howard, Sue Kiely, Dennis O'Malley, Walter Hibbs, James Morley or Donna DeMattia.

Interviews will take place every Wednesday evening between the hours of 7pm and 9pm and on Saturday mornings between the hours of 9:30am – 11:30am beginning Wednesday September 18th. If you would like to make an appointment for an interview please contact the Committee Chair, Donna DeMattia at 203-814-2075 or [203donnad@gmail.com](mailto:203donnad@gmail.com)

Thank you and please consider serving this year!

2019 Fayerweather Yacht Club Nominating Committee