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FROM THE HELM

As I write this article, we are just a few days away from spring and we have been teased with good weather here and there. I am already hearing the boaters talk about their weekends getting their vessels ready for the season and with the sun setting later and later, how would we not be ready for the 2019 boating season to begin!

For a club that thankfully never closes for the winter, things are already in full swing. With a generous donation from our Auxiliary, the lady's bathroom project is almost complete! It was opened back up with just a few finishing touches being put on as we speak. The other major project has already started as well and that is the Egress to the roof so that we can open it back up to our members. I am told that project will complete well ahead of opening day. Make sure to put the date on your calendar - May 25th at noon our ceremonies will start and kick off our Centennial Year at FYC. Speaking of centennial, pay attention to the calendar and postings for some great events happening this year.

Before all of that can begin, I hope to keep the numbers up and see many of you at the Annual Good Friday Clean-up day. Come down at 9 AM on Friday April 19th and help get our club ready for the season. All are welcome and all skill sets will be needed. There is always plenty to do and this is a great way to meet and interact with your fellow members. All participants get lunch.

Both the Vice and Rear Commodore's have some great things coming up from Parties to Brunches and all are on the website calendar, Facebook page and in Foghorn editions. Other committees run some great events also like the fishing committee now annually holding the Mother's Day brunch.

As a general reminder, all members are responsible to clean up after themselves and their guests. All bar items go back to the bar and all food items back to the kitchen. Also, I have found myself having to clean up the upstairs Smedley Library too often. Please make sure if you, your guests or children go up stairs, please straighten out before you leave. We do these things to keep our costs down and if you have happened to see a mess, please report and help clean it up.

Thanks, and see you at the club!

Dave Nemeth commodore@fycct.org

Calendar of Events

March 29

FISH FRY 6 p.m.

March 30

CLEAN-UP day #1- 9 a.m.

April 2

General Membership Meeting 7 p.m.

April 3

Auxiliary Board Mtg. 7 p.m.

April 7

FYC New Member Open House 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

April 7

Frostbiting continues

April 9

Black Rock Community Council Mtg. 7 p.m.

April 10

Auxiliary Meeting 7 p.m.

April 14

Brunch Buffet 11 a.m.

April 14

Ideal 18 Championship 11 a.m.

April 15

Membership Committee Mtg 7 p.m.

April 16

Power Squadron 6 p.m.

April 17

Interclub Bluefish Tourney Mtg. 7:30 p.m.

April 19

WORK DAY #2 9 a.m.

April 20

Children's Easter Party 12 noon

April 21

EASTER – Club is closed

April 22

Board of Governors 7 p.m.

April 23

Skipper's Meeting – Mandatory 7 p.m.

April 24

Commodore's Council 7 p.m.

April 30

Auxiliary Meet and Greet 4 p.m.



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Happy FINALLY spring! We look forward to seeing the club become more and more busy as the warmer weather arrives!

We are currently taking inventory of the Ship's Store so be on the lookout for sales to get the inventory moving for new merchandise.

We are working with Vicki and the Lighthouse Grill to make some menu changes for the spring and summer. Look for their new and improved menu soon! They have added prime rib to their weekly Thursday night menu too.

Along with Lighthouse Grill, we will be having monthly brunch buffets. They will include music and lots of delicious food. Adults will receive a complimentary Bloody Mary or Mimosa and children will receive a juice or soda. There will be a Bloody Mary and Mimosa bar with all of the yummy fixings to go with your cocktails.

Brunch Dates:

Sunday, April 14th Palm Sunday Brunch 11am - 2pm

Sunday, June 16th Father's Day Brunch 11am - 2pm

The Fishing Committee will be hosting a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 12th. Tickets are available at the bar and mothers will receive a complimentary Bloody Mary or Mimosa.

We will be planning some fun events this year. Details on upcoming events can always be found in issues of the Foghorn, e-mails and Facebook!

As 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.

Thank you!

Bob Cote, Vice Commodore vice@fycct.org

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.

Friday Grill: 5:30 - 9 p.m.

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





From the Rear Commodore

Our Saint Patrick's Day Bash was quite a hit! Everything went off as planned, and we all had a great time! Many thanks to our entertainers: bagpiper Darius Kaufmann, performing rousing Celtic music while meandering through the club (while not Celtic, his rendition of "We Will Rock You" definitely rocked the Bar area!); Irish step dancers from Sheeuan Academy of Irish Dance beguiling everyone; and Pocket Hotties who kept all our members and guests entertained and on the dance floor. Thanks also to members of the FYC Cooking Committee (Mark Berish, Sean Dingwall, Chris Filep, Rick Filep, Pat Gombos, Jerry Hogarth, Keith Jamaitis and Rick Nick) who prepared a delicious meal of corned beef and cabbage. The Club was all "decked out" for the party, thanks to Cindy Blish, Andrew Cross, Peg Ellwanger, Sue Kiely, Kit, Pat Nivakoff, Richard Parker, Rob Powers, and Jan Rickard. Thanks also to the outstanding bar staff: Rob, Jack and John! A final thanks to everyone who attended for the continued support of our events!

The Fayerweather Yacht Club's Annual Children's Easter party on Saturday, April 20 promises to be a delightful afternoon filled with fun for the kids and their families. Kicking things off at noon will be a magic show, balloon twisting, and face painting. There will also be an Easter egg hunt (baskets provided), and of course a visit by the Easter Bunny! A children's lunch buffet will be prepared by Lighthouse Grill (grownups can order "adult food" from the Grill). The Auxiliary will again raffle off lots of wonderful stuffed bunnies provided by their members. This event is always a sell-out, so be sure to register your child at the bar no later than April 14th.

Below is the list of the parties and events we have planned for 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? Want to join the FYC Entertainment Committee? Email me at rear@fycct.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

We look forward to seeing familiar and new faces at all our events this year!

Sincerely, Bob Ellwanger rear@fycct.org

April 20 Children's Easter Party
May 25 Opening Day Summer Kick Off
 June 9 Black Rock Day After Party
 June 29 Clambake
 July 27 Luau
 August 17 A Mid-Summer's Night White Party

October 5 Oktoberfest
 November 15 Pre Harvest Wrapping Party
 November 16 Harvest Dance
 December 15 Children's Christmas Party
 December 31 New Year's Eve Masquerade Bash



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Auxiliary Corner

March was a very productive month for the Auxiliary. Our monthly meeting was well attended with thirty members and we made several decisions about fundraising, our Meet & Greet, our Happy Hour and more. We have a lot on our horizon this Spring.

We are planning on having our Meet & Greet on April 30th in our Penfield Room. We usually have a large turn out and a great time. Auxiliary from several other clubs come to us for a meal, raffle and a good timer. We are asking for donations of gift baskets to be raffled off at the Meet & Greet. Please bring your baskets to the next meeting (April 10th). We also need members to help set up, clean up, and make appetizers and desserts. Please contact Karen Clark if you can help.

We will also be raffling off stuffed bunnies at the Children's' Easter Party on Saturday April 20th. We are asking for donations of stuffed bunnies to for the children. Anyone who wants to help on Saturday April 20th is welcome to come down to the club and help sell raffle tickets. We will be setting up at 11:30 am.

The club has asked the Auxiliary to help stuff the Easter eggs for the Children's Easter Party. We will be meeting in the Penfield Room at 6pm on Wednesday April 10th to fill the plastic Easter eggs with candy. It is a great opportunity to socialize and it is right before our Members' Meeting which starts at 7 pm. Please come help us fill the Easter eggs.

We need people to step up and volunteer in the following areas:

- Donate stuffed animals/bunnies for Children's Easter Party
- Sit at the raffle table and sell tickets at the Children's Easter Party
- Donate a gift basket for the Meet & Greet
- Stuff Easter Eggs on April 10th

Next year we will need volunteers to run for Officer and Board of Governors positions so consider getting involved. The people are wonderful and we always have a good time. It is a great way to make new friends too. Contact Karen Clark if you are interested in donating and/or volunteering. We can always use help even if it is a small effort.

Any questions feel free to contact me at fycaux@gmail.com.

Sincerely, Karen Clark



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Fishing Corner:



Finally it looks like the weather is turning the corner and Spring is here. I have started to prep my boat and hope everyone else is getting going as well. April 1 opens the fishing season for tautog and winter flounder so it's time to get back at it. Remember to check out www.ct.gov/deep for the 2019 fishing regulations.

Next Fishing Committee Event: **Friday 3/29 Fish Fry 1800 hours**

Our annual FYC Fishing Contest is available to sign up at the bar. It is \$25 to enter, goes all season and the new pins should be in before the end of the month. Entry is open to all members for some good fun, great prizes, and ever better stories about the ones that got away. Let's see who gets on "the board" first! Good luck and be safe out there the water is still cold early in the season.

We are excited for the FYC Centennial Year and BIG FISH this season. Check the Fishing Committee board for additional updates. Come on down and give Jerry and his leprechaun a hug and keep asking me where I fish (...and I'll tell you where they were yesterday!)

Keith Jamaitis ~ FYC Fishing Committee Fycfishing@fycct.org

Below are a few photos of Rick & the Kitchen Fishing Committee having some St Pats fun!



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Fleet Captain's Corner:

This month we "go over" and do a "do-over" ...we trust that you will bear with us...the subject will be "SHACKLES" ...their make-up and purpose...their purpose in our lives as we use our boats and shortly will start another season of boating, whether it be power, sail or fishing (or just 'messaging about in boats).

SHACKLES

Shackles: That lowly piece of hardware that keeps our vessels in position when we are anchored. We are down for the day and or night...we think that we have a good anchoring place...but do we really have our anchor properly attached to our chain and/or line rode?

Each shackle has what is called a 'bow'...this is the part of the shackle that is round in shape and is the part AWAY from the shackle pin. This is the part that goes through the hole at the end of the anchor and that is AWAY from the flukes. Many of us do not know this; many of us have it perfectly backwards. I have to check my own this Spring to make sure that I do not fall into this area of error.

Finally, all shackles must be seized. Some people use zip ties or tie wraps, some use stainless steel wire. All are good and will nicely do the job and preclude the pin unscrewing. I have been using Romex and have had much good luck with that product. I simply buy ten feet or so off the product and split it into three separate pieces. I use only the black or the white, which are coated and seem to last forever.

Shackles come in various quality grades. Those made outside our country are not what you want to use on your vessel, our folks make the best ones and we should support their efforts and reliable products. Also, buy the largest one where the pin will still go through the anchor attachment hole. During your inspection and assembly of the anchor, use Neverseize or some other product that will preclude the shackle pin from 'freezing' in the pin's hole.

Bob Butler, Fleet Captain 203-268-5775



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Sailing Corner:

The sailing committee has been very busy planning for our upcoming sailing season! Several things have changed – New Season Sailing Marks, New Online YachtScoring System and some changes to the SI's to accommodate combining racing fleets when fewer than 3 boats compete.

Frostbiting continues to be the sailing order of the day at this time of year, with both the Fayerweather Dinks and One Design Ideal 18's sailing every Sunday starting at noon. Why not come down and see the spectacle, or if you are more actively inclined, help-out on the Race Committee Boat or the Safety Chase Boat. The Ideal 18 Championship Event will take place on Sunday, April 14th at 1300 hrs. All are welcome to come watch the championship racing action and join in the awards ceremony at BRYC bar.

Big Boat Racing - As spring has finally arrived, at least in calendar terms, all minds no doubt start to think about re-commissioning and big boat racing. Our first Wednesday night race will be held on May 8th, 2019 and the season will run until September 11th, 2019.

Skipper's meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd at 1900 hrs. This year we would like to make this a **mandatory meeting** for all sailboat owners, as we need to confirm everyone for RC Duty and discuss the new format and location for our new seasonally sailing marks.

See you all soon,

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“REDISCOVERING FYC” LOOKING BACK 100 YEARS

Walking around Fayerweather there is so much history. I would like to share with you what I have found in an article each month.

Membership Board:

The Board was hand carved by Paul W. C. Voight in 1938. He held the position of Club Steward, which is the equivalent of Club Manager. Please take a close look at the carving. On one side he carved Penfield Light House. In the middle he carved both a sailboat and a powerboat to show that our club was a combination of both. On the left he carved Penfield Light and a buoy. What a great representation of our harbor. The original board was built under the carving to display our 500 members. When we increased the membership to 700 in 1994 Bill Lynk, P.C. built the extensions to the board.



Please take the time to take a look at the beautiful historical art work of Fayerweather.

If you have any additional information please contact Sue Kiely at s.kiely@sbcglobal.net

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