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FROM THE HELM

Happy May to all! In just a few weeks we will be hosting our annual opening day ceremonies. This year brings a little something extra to it, as it is our 100th Anniversary at Fayerweather Yacht Club. If you have never been before, make sure this is the year you check it out. Ceremonies start at noon on Saturday May 25th and then the party begins!!! The grills will be fired up, the bar staff ready to serve and live bands will be on hand to entertain us. This day is open to all so please bring friends and potential members.

The staircase for the deck will be in soon and access to the roof again restored. The footings are in and the stairs to be installed by the end of May.

A big thanks goes out to Mark Michael, our dock master, for all his hard work in getting the in-ground gas tank project off the ground. Many nights and weekends were spent at the club, at home and maybe at his job getting things prepared for presentation to the members last month. Assisting Mark on this was Mike McCarthy, Gus Ruggiero and Dan Conroy.

Our club runs on volunteers helping out and our two cleanup days were a big success. First clean up day was on a Saturday in April to clean the chairs and tables for the deck and then the annual Good Friday clean up on the 19th to finish up the list of projects around the club.

Remember to keep an eye on the website calendar, www.fycct.org is always updated with all the upcoming events and goings on at the club. Monthly meetings are listed on there as well. We welcome all members to attend our monthly meetings to find out what is going on at the club and to lend input as to what course we take.

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. Use of the Smedley Library upstairs also means cleaning up after yourself up there. 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

May 1

Auxiliary Board Mtg.
7 p.m.

May 3

Dart League
Championship
6 p.m.

May 7

General Membership
Meeting
7 p.m.

May 8

Auxiliary Meeting
7 p.m.

May 8

Wednesday Night Sailing
begins and Grill is open

May 10

Raw Bar Jim Malaney
RETURNS
6 p.m.

May 13

Mother's Day Brunch
11 a.m.

May 20

Board of Governors
Meeting
7 p.m.

May 25

OPENING DAY! Starts
at NOON

June 9

Black Rock Day – 375th
Anniversary

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

We hope everyone is enjoying Spring and had a nice Easter or Passover!

We will have new merchandise going into the ship's store very, very soon so keep an eye out.

Wednesday night racing is back starting on May 8th and with that the Lighthouse Grill will be open 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. during the sailing season.

The Raw Bar will be returning starting on Friday, May 10th but will have a LIMITED schedule and it won't be every Friday. We will post the schedule soon. For those that don't eat seafood, Lighthouse Grill be open as well.

Lighthouse Grill 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. Lighthouse Grill will still have their regular menu available as well.

Upcoming Brunch Dates:

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

Sunday, June 16: Father's Day Brunch 11am - 2pm (Each father/grandfather will receive a gift.)

We are 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 and hope to see you at the club soon!

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.

Wednesday and 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

The Fayerweather Yacht Club's Annual Children's Easter party was a terrific time despite the rain, filled with fun for the kids and their families! The children got to watch a fantastic magic and balloon twisting act by Yaelka the Clown, they had their faces painted by Leah Rodriguez and her team, had a tasty lunch prepared by Lighthouse Grill, enjoyed a rare indoor Easter egg hunt and of course were visited by the Easter Bunny, who arrived by sea from his nearby lair thanks to the Bridgeport Fire Department. A special thank you goes to the Auxiliary for their generous stuffed bunny contribution to the party as well as helping to fill the Easter eggs for the egg hunt. Thank you to those of the Friday cleanup crew who helped setup the Club and everyone who came to join in the fun!

We look forward to Fayerweather Yacht Club's Centennial Opening Day Ceremonies on Saturday, May 25th. Be sure to stay for the after party where we will feature two bands: The Mike Cusato Band will play in the afternoon, and Hitch and the Giddyup will play during the early evening. The FYC Fishing/Cooking Committee will be manning the grills for lunch, and Lighthouse Grill will have extended kitchen hours in the evening. It will be a fun and grand day to celebrate our Club!

Black Rock Day is Sunday, June 9th, and Fayerweather Yacht Club will do its part to help commemorate Black Rock's 375 Anniversary. After the "Run for the Rock 5k", bed race and parade, the Club will have a band and Lighthouse Grill will have extended kitchen hours. We encourage you to bring family and friends to join in the festivities on this special day.

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? 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

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





JOIN US FOR OUR
SUMMER KICK OFF AFTER PARTY
AT THE FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB

THE **FUN** CONTINUES AFTER THE
OPENING DAY CEREMONIES ON
SATURDAY, MAY 25TH.

WE WILL HAVE **TWO** BANDS PERFORMING!

THE **MIKE CUSATO BAND** WILL PLAY AT 1:30 PM AND
HITCH & THE GIDDYUP WILL START AROUND 5:00 PM

LIGHTHOUSE GRILL WILL BE **OPEN** FROM 5PM -
9PM ON SATURDAY (NO LUNCH)

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

2018-19

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Auxiliary Corner

Enough with the April showers, already. Bring on the sunshine!

The Auxiliary has had a busy and fun month. The Easter Bunny raffle was a huge success; thanks to all who donated and worked the Children's Easter party.

Now on to our Meet and Greet: keep those baskets coming! We hope to see all Auxiliary members on April 30th at 6:30. We welcome all who can come early to help set up -- it's a big event.

May brings boating season and lots of fun. At our May 8th meeting we're having a guest speaker to give a talk about breast cancer, as they are this year's chosen charity. Many thanks to members who have already contributed to our fundraiser for Breast Cancer.

Now about Opening Day, May 25th: don't forget your baked goods for our booth. And June is Pot Luck, which is always fun. It's going to be a great summer.

See you at the club!

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

Submitted by Carrie Parker

From the Financial Secretary, Christine Ritzo

To all boat owners -- All Tender permit stickers as well as Dink Rack and in water Dink stickers were mailed last week.

If you have not received your stickers, please email me at chrisrfyc@outlook.com. If you are a new boat owner and require a sticker, please email me as soon as possible. Please remember to display your stickers on your boat or dink. Thank you and have a great boating season, Christine

Fayerweather Yacht Club

Raw Bar Returns!

Catered by the one & only
JIM MALANEY
Friday, May 10th
6pm-9pm

Raw Bar, Lobster Rolls, Stuffed Clams, Jumbo Shrimp
Cocktail, Lobster Bisque, New England Clam Chowder &
more!

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**FATHER'S DAY
BRUNCH**

CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH
11AM UNTIL 2PM

COME SPOIL FATHER'S & GRANDFATHER'S
WITH A DELICIOUS BRUNCH AT THE
FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB

TICKETS

ADULTS - \$22 (COMPLIMENTARY BLOODY MARY OR MIMOSA)
CHILDREN 10 & UNDER - \$12 (COMPLIMENTARY JUICE OR SODA)
— EACH FATHER OR GRANDFATHER WILL RECEIVE A GIFT —

Fishing Corner:



Spring is here and the weather and fishing are both off to a soggy start but hope things will pick up soon.

Next Fishing Committee Event: **Sunday May 12 – Mother's Day Brunch 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Our annual FYC Fishing Contest is available to sign up at the bar. It is \$25 to enter, goes all season. 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! Remember to check out www.ct.gov/deep for the 2019 fishing regulations.

Check the Fishing Committee board for additional updates.

All fishermen are liars, except you and me, and I'm not so sure about you!

Keith Jamaitis ~ FYC Fishing Committee Fycfishing@fycct.org

Mother's Day Brunch
Sunday, May 12, 2019
from 11 AM to 3 PM.

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Bloody Mary for all
Mothers.***



\$20.00 Adults—\$10 Children

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Fleet Captain's Corner:

It has long been our custom to present to this column the cruising itinerary for the coming summer. Since this has been working nicely for eons, there is no reason to alter the system at this point.

Most of our vessels will be defrocked soon now that the warm weather is just around the corner. Our plan is to layout to the folks just what dates we have developed for the coming cruises. Based on the best possible currents leaving Black Rock Harbor, we conclude the following:

Block Island Cruise: Departs Black Rock on July 7th, 2019. The tide is favorable at a very early time, but that cannot be helped...I cringe when I write the time of flood tide: 0230 hours. While I recognize that this is a most ungodly hour, those of us that choose to leave at 0530 will have a nice positive flow assisting as we move easterly. Actual departure time is, of course, at each captain's option. Those that leave at 0800 or so, although the current will be against them for some five hours, can anticipate having a nice positive flow later in the day.

Shelter Island Cruise: Departs Black Rock on August 10th, 2019. The tide becomes favorable at 0800 hours...much improvement over that for Block. This is the one cruise that has the option of making it to Coecles Harbor in one day or two. The trip to Coecles normally takes nine to ten hours if indeed you elect the option of going straight through. The alternative is much easier on the ladies: stop at North Cove up the Connecticut River. The moorings are free and the surrounding area is green with vegetation and the skies filled with wonderful sea birds. As Terry would have said: "Your Call"

Prior to each departure date, by plus or minus ten days, we will have the customary pre-cruise meeting at the Club to determine what boats, with what crews will attend each respective cruise. I like to have this data to present to the Coast Guard for each cruise.

Also in the early weeks of May, we will have our usual "Coffee 'An" and go over all the myriad details of the summer sailing including both cruises.

As to the moorings: Please make certain that your mooring ball has the following: Your name...weight of mushroom...and "FYC" thereon ... Boat name could be a good additional as well.

Bob Butler, Fleet Captain 203-268-5775

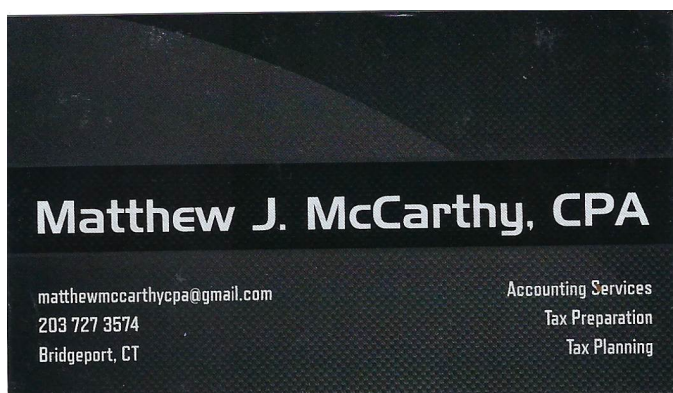


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Centennial Time Capsule:

Time capsules are sometimes created and buried during celebrations such as a world' fair, a cornerstone laying for a building, or at other significant events. We here at Fayerweather Yacht Club are creating our Time Capsule for our very historic year of our Centennial. We have the honor of being the stewards of this fine club in it's 100th year and we are showing our pride with our own Time Capsule.

So, what exactly is a time capsule? A **time capsule** is a historic cache of goods or information, usually intended as a method of communication with future people and to help future historians. That is what we here at Fayerweather Yacht Club are doing. We want to let future Fayerweather members know who we are and show our pride in our stewardship of this fine Yacht Club.

So, what do we include in our time capsule? Historians suggest that items that describe the daily lives of the people who created them, such as personal notes, pictures, and documents.

Of course, we will include present day publications that we use that affects us in our boating community – such as the publication "Windcheck Magazine" and of course a copy of our newsletters. We would also like each and every member to include a picture, or pictures of themselves, pictures of your family and pictures of your boats. It would be great if we had a picture of each and every member for future members to look at. Also, personal notes, essays etc. If you keep a ships' log on your vessel - that inclusion would be valuable. Essays telling the tales of your adventures such as; the fish that got away or the one that didn't, if you sighted the humpback whale that has visited Long Island Sound for four years or the time you saw a great white shark, perhaps including some of your racing tales. Let us not forget to include artifacts as well.

In the bar is a box for the collection of all of these wonderful future memorabilia. Items left in the box will be secured until October 12 the when we will be sealing the time capsule. Do it today. Don't be a procrastinator. I would be a procrastinator myself if only I got around to it.

We look forward to seeing what you share.

John T. Pyrch, Time Capsule Chairperson, Centennial Committee



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Sailing Corner:

Greeting Sailors,

Frostbiting: The Ideal 18 season came to a dramatic end on April 14th with the Championship Races. Terrific conditions ensured a great day of sailing and five races were started. All five teams were in contention right to the end with no fewer than 4 teams scoring an ace. FYC was proudly represented with two crews that finished in 3rd and 4th place. Check out this event next year if you want to hone your skills over the wintertime.

Big Boat Racing – registration is now open for the Weds night series - see link: (<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9384>).

We encourage all skippers to register early so we can finalize the divisions. Race committee assignments are also set – see your email or check the sailing website to find out your date.

Anyone interested in crewing or skippers looking for new crew please contact the sailing chairs below so we can help on filling the gaps.

First **Wednesday Night Race:** May 8th, 6:50 pm first gun.

Fair Winds! See you all soon,

Co-Sailing Chairs: Tom Bruton (tom.bruton@gecas.com), Mike Cooleen (mcooleen@sbcglobal.net)

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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.

Fayerweather Bell:

In 1980 Dr. Ivan Justinus donated the original Black Rock School bell to our club. The 150 pound cast bell can be found mounted close to the Tenders shed. On Opening Day the bell is rung by the Auxiliary to remember the past years deceased members. With each name read the Auxiliary throws a flower into the harbor. It is very touching!

Please check out the article at the end of the Foghorn that Phil Blagys put together with more information on the Bell

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



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Fayerweather's Historic Bell

In his detailed diary of late 18th and early 19th century life in Black Rock, William Wheeler writes that on February 17, 1831, "Black Rock votes \$300 for a schoolhouse and \$40 for ground to set the same on". And ten years later on October 15, 1841, he notes "new schoolhouse building (Black Rock)". The ground referred to by Wheeler is the present intersection of Brewster St. and Grovers Ave. and the "new schoolhouse" was a two-story building with a belfry serving Black Rock children from grades one through eight and replacing a one-room schoolhouse.

The belfry, situated above the front gable of the building, was considered a "status symbol" for 19th century schoolhouses and was equipped with a bell which called the students to school. Consisting of two floors, this schoolhouse also would have provided separate rooms for younger and older children. Lasting until the early 20th century, when the new Black Rock School which exists today was built, this building was subsequently torn down and lost forever to the generations that followed.

However, some years ago, the bell that once tolled the students to school was donated to Fayerweather Yacht Club by Dr. Ivan Justinus, author of *The History of Black Rock* which was published in 1955. This treasure from the past is the only known article from this schoolhouse that exists today now secured to a post below our deck. It continues to be rung "officially" once a year and a small plaque sits above it with the following inscription:

**First Black Rock School Bell
Donated By
Dr. Ivan Justinus**

In 2019, as Fayerweather Yacht Club celebrates its centennial and Black Rock commemorates its 375th anniversary, both by embracing the past as a meaningful part of the present, our club is fortunate to hold such an important piece of Black Rock's history. And when this bell is rung on Opening Day to call our mariners back to the sea for another year of yachting, we'll be hearing the same sound that called Black Rock's students to school nearly 200 years ago, a sound of history that continues to echo through the centuries.

