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FROM THE HELM

Dear Fayerweather members,

I want to thank all the Officers and members who kept on working while we were experiencing a virus that no one knew what to expect of. I also want to thank the Fishing Committee, the Dock Committee, and the Sailing Committee for their tireless commitment to keeping Fayerweather as close to normal as we could during these challenging times.

Let us not forget both the bartenders and the kitchen staff for all the work they did providing food and drinks all over the grounds. Now that we are actually into fall we can look back at the year and reflect on what an unanticipated crazy, challenging year it has been for us all. We went with the flow and kept the Club open with an active dock, parties, food, drinks and music for most of the year with the volunteer help of many of you, and the presence and participation of many more of you.

We are glad to see that the outdoor heaters on the deck and the firepit get a lot of use. We hope you will all come down during the winter months and enjoy some Fayerweather Camaraderie, cheer, food and music to help support the Club.

Best to you all,

Andrew Cross
 Commodore



The Nominating Committee for 2021 has formed and is ready to schedule interviews for all positions! We are interviewing for 1-year terms for Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Recording Secretary. We also have 3 Board of Governors positions open and those are 3-year terms. Please email nominating@fycct.org with any questions or to schedule an interview.





FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

With the weather turning colder, more of you are dining indoors either in the Penfield Room or the Upper Deck, and I am pleased to announce that we have opened the bar for dining as well, with seating

appropriately spaced along the wall at tables for two. We ask that you not move additional chairs to any of these tables to ensure social distancing from those who are on the bar service line. Also, sitting at the bar remains strictly prohibited.

The health and safety of our members, their invited guests, and staff continues to be our top priority. For this reason, we are actively investigating the cost and feasibility of installing a Germicidal UV system to our HVAC which kills bacteria, molds, and viruses (including Covid-19) as it passes through our air ducts. Stay tuned for more information about this potential enhancement.



As you know, last month the State Department of Health expanded indoor dining capacity from 50% to 75% of maximum occupancy. We, however, have limited our Penfield Room capacity to 67%, by adding a 6th chair to each of the 9 round tables, and have no plans to bring any more tables into the room so that you can continue to dine with optimal social distancing. Thanks for adhering to the club's Covid-19 protocols, and not moving chairs from another table in order to seat more than six people at your own table.

We invite you to stay a little longer on Fridays, when the bar now closes at midnight; and to come in a little earlier on Saturdays, with the bar now opening at 10 am. As a reminder, the bar staff will not serve any guest that has not been properly signed into the Guest Book, which is kept behind the bar. We appreciate your legibly providing all the required information when signing in your guest.

I am pleased to announce that we have selected our new Food Service Provider: Chef Kevin and Patrice, co-owners of an EP Experience. They have built a thriving boutique catering and food truck business that features an imaginative, locally sourced, farm-to-table cuisine. Although they will not officially start until December, they will provide us with a preview of their culinary prowess by preparing dinner at the Club on Thursday, November 5th, and brunch on Sunday, November 15th. Mark your calendars now for either (or both) of these two opportunities to meet them and sample their offerings. Your taste buds will thank you!

In the meantime, Chef Vicki, Carol, and the entire kitchen staff will continue to provide us with the delicious lunch, brunch and dinner menus that have resulted in so many of you coming back to the Club. I cannot thank them enough for their tireless efforts to serve our members these past several months under what can best be described as challenging circumstances. They are simply the best!

Stay safe and be well. See you at the club.

Bob Ellwanger, Vice Commodore



Don't Forget:
Tokens expire end
of the year!



From the Rear Commodore

Calling all Bourbon and cigar enthusiasts or those who are eager to learn. Cozy up to the fire pit and say warm with our new heat lamps while enjoying a sampling of bourbons on Saturday November 7th. We will be serving a variety of appetizers and a cigar for all who attend. Reservations required, this will be an outside event with a rain date of Sunday November 8th. We hope you will join us!

Kim Pugh

Rear Commodore

I can be reached at rear@fycct.org. Stay safe – Kim Pugh



Fayerweather Yacht Club Bourbon and Cigar Experience

Saturday November 7th at 7pm

Come cozy up at the fire pit and stay warm by our heat lamps while enjoying these distinguished bourbons
Hudson Bourbon
Evan Williams
Woodford Reserve
Eagle Rare
Elijah Craig



Tickets are \$50 and includes -5 bourbons, hors d'oeuvres, cigar, FYC tasting glass.
Reservations required at fycct.org.

Raindate Sunday November 8th

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Auxiliary Corner

Hello Auxiliary members:

This article is being written before the Auxiliary membership voted on contributing to the FYC carpeting and on increasing the President's spending limit. The results of the vote will be sent out in an e-mail and included in the December Foghorn.

While sending out the e-mails regarding the voting, I received several non-deliverable messages. If you did not receive either of the two e-mails that were sent, please send me your current e-mail address. Some of the rejections were because my e-mail address was unrecognized. It may have ended up in spam. Since we are not meeting in person at this time, it becomes especially important to be able to reach you via e-mail. Please take the time to forward your e-mail address or accept my address. You won't be inundated with e-mails.

We are still looking for someone to step into the Recording Secretary position. If you are interested, or would like to know more about it, please contact either Kathleen Pierce (kmpierce1@optonline.com) or Deb Selski (debrick@snet.net).

Since we aren't having any meetings, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Debbi Rosati

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OctoberFest with the band “Lake Avenue” playing from the roof.



Giving Thanks

Sailing Corner

The awards dinner for the FYC/BRYC the Wednesday Night Racing series was held this year on Sept 30th. There were 95+ people in attendance with 15 boats represented at the dinner. This year, besides the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies for Spinnaker and non-Spinnaker divisions, we implemented a new FYC award. The Tom Bobbin award. The Tom Bobbin award is given to the best overall sailor from the series. What is special about this award is that it represents the spirit of our good friend Tom Bobbin.



The award is given to the sailor who has the best overall record for the season. The 1st place winner in a division will not necessarily win the award, the award is given to the sailor who competed throughout the season.

A special thanks to Catherine Wall who spoke about her husband Tom, his love of sailing and the sailing at FYC. Tom and Catherine's son Trevor gave the award to this year's winner - Kevin Curtis of Wildfire. The next FYC regatta will be the annual Halloween race Oct 31st. The NOR and SI will be posted on the FYCCT.ORG website. Awards will be given out to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner.

The last race of the year will be the Wild Turkey regatta Nov 27th. A bottle of Wild Turkey will be given to the winner of the regatta.

Sailing@fycct.org Michael Mears



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Fishing Corner:



The fall run is on and the season is winding down, but we're not done yet!

REMINDER: Anyone who signed up for the Annual Fishing Contest ("The Fishing Board") it is time to pay up. Please make payment at the bar and get your 2020 fishing button. Also the contest is still open for any member to get involved. The last day to weigh-in for the contest this year is 11/28/20 (which happens to be the last day of blackfish season too). There is still only one bluefish and one striped bass on the board and some blackfish that can be beat so get out there and make it happen Captains!

A big thank you to the Fishing Committee Crew for cooking at the OcktoberFest Party. We had great weather, Lake Ave. jamming on the roof and as usual Jerry's special pork tenderloin and hot pretzels and sausages were a big hit.

Again, remember to pay up for the contest and hope this wind dies out so we can get out and fish before it's really over. Enjoy some of the pictures of your fellow members from the kick-off of Blackfish season.

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

Keith Jamaitis ~ FYC Fishing Committee

fycfishing@fycct.org



FYC FISHING COMMITTEE EVENT

One more Cook out!
This Sunday 10/25

Lobster or Steak or Chicken
Served with Potatoes and Corn
\$25

3 Seatings - Reservations Available:
12:30p / 2p / 3:30p

Seating inside or outside
Members and their Guests welcome
Everyone MUST follow FYC Mask and Social Distance Rules
Kitchen will be closed

RSVP: At the club / call 203.576.6796 / manager@fycct.org

