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FROM THE HELM

Greetings to you all. I am so grateful to be part of a club like Fayerweather.

Somehow, through endless effort from your Officers, employees and volunteers, we have found a way to create a boating, dining and social atmosphere within the Covid-19 rules as established by the state. This has been a challenging task and has required the compliance of all of you to allow it to happen.

Last month, I focused on character and this month I am focusing on respect. What is respect?

Respect, also called esteem, is a positive feeling or action shown towards someone or something considered important, or held in high esteem or regard. It conveys a sense of admiration for good or valuable qualities. All our Fayerweather members and employees deserve such treatment.

In order for Fayerweather to function as it is during the pandemic all our members must be respectful of Fayerweather, what it stands for, and all its other members and employees. Most of you, almost all of you, have been respectful of each other. We have 1,000 members, some of whom are not fearful of Covid-19, and others who are very concerned about it. The reality is that we all must respect the rules of the state and be respectful of each other by wearing masks as required by the club. Cleanliness is essential.

The club allows groups of up to six people to sit together and remove their masks once seated. We do not allow members to interact while standing, without masks. We allow people to walk on the grounds and dock without a mask if they can keep their social distancing of six feet, but within six feet members and employees must wear masks. Members are not allowed to arrange for parties on the lawn that would not meet these criteria. Children are always to be kept under control and be kept near their parents. It has been wonderful to see families enjoy the grounds adhering to these rules.

Masks are always required to walk up the deck stairs and/or enter the clubhouse. Once you are seated you may remove your mask.

As we move from summer to fall, the need for adherence to these rules will become even more important because we will be moving inside which will mean we will be seated at socially-distanced tables. Respect for others must be shown by always wearing a mask as you enter the building, get up from a table, or use the restrooms. If you are standing at a table talking to friends, please wear a mask.

Unfortunately, we are not allowed to open the pool table or dart boards yet, so please do not try to use them. Thank you in advance for your respect of our club, its members and employees.

Best regards, **Andrew Cross, Commodore**



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Last month marked the return of a full complement of dining services to the club, including weekday lunch (Tues.- Fri.), Thursday dinner, Friday Happy Hour appetizers, Saturday lunch and Sunday brunch. Despite no longer having Lighthouse Grill as our food concessionaire, we were able to restore these dining options by bringing Vicki Robinson onboard on a part-time basis. We thank her and her team of kitchen staff and servers for the terrific job they have been doing. In addition, through a very generous donation from an anonymous member, we have been able to offset much of our food costs for the month of August, and subsidize the price of Thursday dinners while also offsetting the cost of appetizers and dessert. While this subsidy has ended, we remain committed to providing you with the reasonably-priced, quality menu options that you have come to expect.

Kudos again to the Fishing Committee for the amazing lobster dinner last month, even though the club was still without power due to tropical storm Isaias and to Me'stezo Grill for their terrific food truck at the club on two Saturdays in August. Look for Me'stezo Grill to return two Fridays in September: 9/4 and 9/18, from 4-8 p.m. each day. Also, we have rescheduled the ever popular Dan Carlucci for an acoustic evening on Saturday, Sept. 5, from 6-9 p.m.

As a reminder, we offer three, 45-minute seatings for Thursday dinner (5, 6, and 7 p.m.). Reservations are required by visiting the club's website. As a courtesy to those dining after you, we ask you to be mindful of the 45-minute time limit, and to bus your own table when finished. This saves time for the kitchen/bar staff who then must sanitize the table and chairs before the next seating. Please also remember to provide your credit card or chit card at the time you place your order, and ask your server for the guest book to register any visitors. We appreciate your respecting the social-distancing guidelines while at the club, and remind you to not move chairs from another table in order to seat more than six people at your own table.

Please remember to wear a protective face covering at the club when social distancing can't be followed. Remember that masks are always required when using the stairs to the back entrance, as well as when inside the building and on the launch.

We are actively seeking a new food concessionaire, and last month sent a "Request for Proposal" (RFP) to a dozen area food establishments. Although we are receiving responses, it is not too late for you to recommend a food service provider who may be interested in receiving our RFP. Drop me an email and let me know as soon as possible.

With cooler fall weather around the corner, we have purchased several commercial propane heaters for the deck so that we can extend outdoor dining as long as possible. Seating continues to be available in the Penfield Room for those times when outdoor seating is at capacity, and/or the weather is inclement.

After a three-month factory production delay due to Covid-19, we have just received a supply of FYC croakies, and they may be found at the Ship's Store dockside along with an array of summer clothing and assorted merchandise. Check with a launch operator who will be glad to assist you with your purchase.

Stay safe and well. See you at the club.



Food Glorious Food

The Fishing Committee cooked a lobster dinner even though the club was without power from Tropical Storm Isaias. More photos on pages 7-8. The Me'stezo Grill Food Truck will be back.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 12-6 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 4-8 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 4-8 PM

FYC is a private members-only club and all events are for members and their invited guests only.

Bob Ellwanger, Vice Commodore



Better Late Than Never

August saw the return of activities at the club with a Belated St. Patrick's Day celebration. Music flowed from the rooftop on several nights, provided by Ryan Collins, and Irish music by Keltic Kick.



FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

August has been a busy month getting entertainment and events back at the club. On Saturday, August 1, Ryan Collins kicked off the month playing from the rooftop.

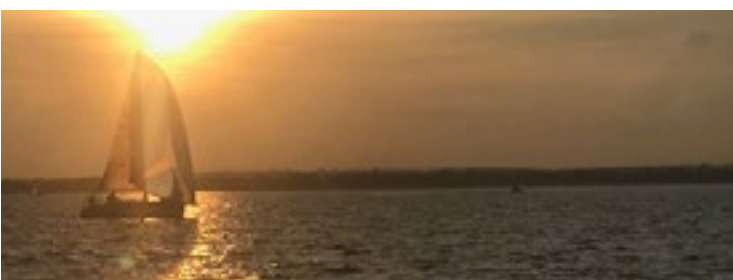
On Saturday, August 8, with NO POWER, the fishing committee pulled off a very successful Lobster Bake.

Ryan Collins was back at the club on Saturday, August 15, once again playing from roof.

We closed out the month of August with our Belated St. Patrick's Day celebration. Thanks to Vicki and her crew for the delicious Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner and Dan and his crew keeping everyone hydrated. Keltic Kick played from the rooftop and several members came dressed up in their festive green attire.

Thank you to all who came to the club on a Saturday night in August.

**Kim Pugh,
Rear Commodore**





Sailing Committee Report

The Wednesday Night Racing series has held five races with 17-plus boats on the starting line.

There will be five more races to complete the series. The weather has been cooperating with beautiful nights and steady winds into the evening.

With the days getting shorter, starting times have moved to 6:30 p.m. from 7 p.m.

FYC boats have been doing very well with boats in the top three positions for the Non-Spin division. In the Spinnaker division, one FYC boat is in fourth place closing in on third in an extremely competitive field.

Spectators are welcome. There were a few out there the last two Wednesdays.

All are welcome to sail. It is a great way to improve your boat handling and meet other sailors at the club. Beginners are welcome and encouraged. To be scored in WNR you must have a YRALIS PHRF certificate.

Ladies Sailing

BRYC invited FYC Ladies for a fun "Chowder" race on Friday, July 24. FYC entered two boats with five FYC ladies sailing. A special shout out goes to Bruce Poushter for volunteering his boat Flor D'Luna to host FYC Ladies for the race. After a beautiful, although light-wind night, FYC sailors were invited back to BRYC for a cup of chowder and good cheer.

The Sailing Committee will be working to schedule more ladies' sailing events.

Ladies Night Out

The Black Rock Yacht Club hosted a fun "Chowder" race with Fayerweather women sailors. Two boats and five women sailors from our club participated.



Calendar

Sept. 4-6
2020 Vineyard Race, Stamford Yacht Club
Sept. 11
PYC Annual Falker Island Overnight Race
Sept. 13
FYC Ken Johnson Memorial Race
Sept. 13
Women @ the helm, Old Saybrook (ECSA)
Sept. 19
Brent C. Donahue Cross Sound Race
Oct. 24
BYC/FYC Halloween Race
Nov. 27
Wild Turkey Regatta

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Auxiliary Corner

Sadly, summer is coming to an end. And are kids back to school? Things keep changing.

The Executive Board met in August and discussed whether or not to hold a Membership Meeting in September, when we usually return from the summer. At this time, we will not be having a membership meeting. We will keep you informed via an e-mail or through the Foghorn.

To ensure you are getting the e-mails, please send me your current e-mail address.

We will also need it to reach you for on-line voting. While we are at it, also include your phone number and current property address. We can make sure all our information is updated.

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Plaque marks the spot

Centennial Committee members John Pynch, left, and Bob Schley recently installed the time capsule on the club grounds. Come back in 2069 to see what's in it.

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Fishing Report

It is September, back to school in a hybrid mode, college which is largely virtual. I have had it with this pandemic. Otherwise, the fishing is HOT! Bass, Blues, and all the ground fish are chewing.



It was good to see many of you came down for the lobster dinner on August 8. We served about 145 lobsters and had a great time on the lawn for three social-distanced seatings.

Big thank you to all the guys and gals on the Fishing Committee crew who setup, cooked, and cleaned it all up

Our next event is Saturday, Sept. 26 – HUNKY TURKEY. This is always a fun one. Szalonna cooked over fire pits in the side yard. Come on down!

The FYC Fishing Annual fishing contest has been open and there are a bunch of fish being weighed in.

Anyone who sent me a note or told me they wanted to enter, the bar will have a list and now you can come down and pay \$25 and get a 2020 pin.

If you are on the list they will check you off as paid, and if you are not then you will be added. Thanks for all the participation and keep an eye on the fishing board this is when the competition starts to really get going and the fish stories will keep getting better.

THIS YEAR WE HAVE A KIDS CONTEST TOO! Sign up is \$10 for 16 years and under. Kids can weight in ANY type of species, please take a photograph of the angler with their catch and a picture of the scale. Of course there will be prizes!

The virtual fishing board is slowly filling up too with some of the usual suspects posting nice fish. This is posted at the scale and on the announcements board until the bar is open.

Stay safe and see you all soon!

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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| Species | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Blackfish | 6.87 Mike V. | 4.51 Keith J. | 4.08 Larry P. |
| Black Sea Bass | 4.32 Mike V. | 3.71 Matt Z. | 2.86 Keith J. |
| Striper | 16.01 Steve E. | | |
| Fluke | 2.77 Topher S. | | |
| Porgy | 2.31 Larry P. | 2.22 Jerry H. | 1.77 Xander W. |
| Striper (Trophy Class) | 50" Xander W. | | |
| Striper (Trophy Class) Kids Division | 36" Aiden C. | | |

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Socially-Distanced Socials

The kitchen is open, events are taking place, and the weather is cooperating to create a sense of normalcy at the club.





Folks On The Water

Fayerweather members showed up in good numbers at the Charles Island Music Fest. Four bands played on a barge just off shore.

