

# – Fayerweather Yacht Club – FOGHORN

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Gary Conrad

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Karen Clark

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## FROM THE HELM



I am thrilled to be getting the opportunity to meet and work with many of you through the coming year as your new Commodore. I want to thank the out-going Commodore, David Nemeth, for his devoted commitment to leading Fayerweather for the past two years. In addition, I would like to thank the outgoing BOG members, Mark

Berish, Nick Mirabile and Pat Gombos for their complete commitment to making Fayerweather a better place for all of us. Their efforts were constant and substantial. I would also like to thank the outgoing Bridge of Flag Officers for their efforts including Christine Ritzo and Bob Cote. Christine and Bob have both decided to take a year off from Flag responsibilities. Bob Ellwanger, who did an outstanding job providing your social program for 2019 as Rear Commodore has moved up to Vice Commodore and will be looking to hear from you as to how you would like to see the kitchen and bar improved. He has his own ideas which include some upscale wines and beer plus some varied items on the kitchen menu. Gary Conrad has done his constant, excellent job as your Treasurer and I ask if you see him at the Club to please make a moment to thank him for all he does for us. Then there are our three new Flag Officers who have committed themselves to help Fayerweather this year. We are lucky to have them. Antonio (Tony) Ortiz will be your new Recording Secretary doing minutes, handling coordination of the Penfield Room Rentals and handling the Club Calendar and Bulletin Board. Lauretta Janz will be your new Financial Secretary handling all the membership applications and dingy, boat and locker records, and Kimberly (Kim) Pugh will be your new Rear Commodore handling all the parties. I am very excited about the team we have been fortunate to assemble through the Nominating Committee. We also have three new Board members, who bring a wealth of experience to the Board. Rich Parker, past BOG and Commodore; Jerry Hogarth, cooking, carpentry and past BOG member, and your recent Commodore David Nemeth who has also been Vice Commodore, were all elected.

As I write this, the election was only six days ago, and we have been busy almost around the clock getting people into their new positions so you can experience a seamless transition of Officers. We have many ideas for this coming year which we will present in next month's Foghorn, after the Board has had a chance to review, reflect and commit to them in the next month.

By the way, we just had a fabulous Poker Tournament on Saturday which was well attended, about 40 people, both men and women, for an outstanding afternoon and evening of poker which was won in grand style by Rob Jefferson. I'm sure the Vice Commodore will elaborate on this.

I am also glad to say that we are nearing completion of the contract for the redefined gas tank project and expect to have it complete for our May dock opening.

See you at our home away from home...

Andrew Cross      Commodore@fycct.org

## Calendar of Events

### February 2

Frostbiting STARTS  
12:00 noon – 4 p.m. and  
goes every Sunday during  
February

### February 4

General Membership  
meeting 7 p.m.

### February 5

Auxiliary Board of  
Governors Meeting  
7 p.m.

### February 7

Acoustic Friday  
7 p.m.

### February 12

Auxiliary Membership  
Meeting  
7 p.m.

### February 22 and 23

Launch Operators Class

### February 24

Board of Governors  
7 p.m.

### February 29

Commodore's Dinner  
Dance 6 p.m.

## Weekly Events

### Thursday Night:

5:30 – 9 p.m.

Table Service Dinner  
Set Menu

### Friday Night:

5:30 – 9 p.m.

Grill is Open

Lunch Tuesday – Sunday  
Brunch on Sunday too



## FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Our January Poker Tournament was a resounding success! Thanks to all who braved the snow to attend, and to Vicki and Lisa of Lighthouse Grill for a delicious dinner. My sincere thanks to Jon Baum for stepping in at the last minute to run the event, and thanks to Bob Schley and Andrew Cross for their assistance. Congratulations to the winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Rob Jefferson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mike Moccia (guest of Mark Michael) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jim Calarco. By popular demand, a second tournament will be scheduled in October.

I am honored to serve as your Vice Commodore this year. With oversight over the Bar, Kitchen and Ship Store, my goals for the year are simple: to ensure that each of you has a positive experience of the club; that you visit more often; and that you stay longer when you do. With your assistance I know that we will continue our one-hundred-year tradition of being a welcoming and respectful Club for all our members. In order to achieve these goals, I rely on our members to let me know how we are doing – so please let me know – see my note below about the on-line survey.

Did you know that the Club goes through several thousand single-use plastic straws in a year, and that 90% are tossed aside unused? Starting this month, the bar staff will no longer automatically provide a straw with your drink. Straws are still available upon request at the bar, as well as at the condiment station in the Penfield Room. Over time, this seemingly small step affirms the Club's commitment to preserve our marine environment while reducing waste.

Check out the flyer in this Foghorn for this month's featured Ship Store items, guaranteed to help keep you warm this winter! Any of the bar staff will be more than happy to assist you with your purchase. You may already have noticed the "comment cards" on the tables in the Penfield Room. Please take a moment to let us know how satisfied you were with your meal and submit your completed card to the bar staff. Your feedback helps us provide an even more rewarding dining experience.

By now you've probably received an email inviting you to complete a brief online survey about how satisfied you are with your FYC bar and kitchen experiences. (If you missed it, there's a link to the survey on the FYC website.) I appreciate your feedback on these two important aspects of the Club. "Acoustic Friday" returns to FYC during the off-season! Mark your calendar: Feb. 7, March 6, and April 3. Solo artist and lead singer for Hitch & the Giddyup Dan Carlucci will kick things off and perform on Feb 7 from 7-9 p.m.. Check Dan out at <https://www.dancarlucci.net/>, see you then! Looking forward to a terrific year, I respectfully remain,

Bob Ellwanger, Vice Commodore

[vice@fycct.org](mailto:vice@fycct.org)

PS: **WANTED:** a gently used brown leather sectional or four-cushion couch that you'd like to donate to FYC. If so, please let me know.

## ALL DUES PAYING MEMBERS

Invoices were mailed. You can view your statement on the Website [fycct.org](http://fycct.org). (Click on MEMBERS in the upper right corner and use your 4-digit member number as the user ID and password to sign in.) If you have not paid the \$100 assessment in full for the gas tanks or exceeded your chit account in 2019 it will show as a balance forward. Dues must be paid in full in order to receive your chit allowance of \$150.

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If you pay your bills through your bank, make sure the address is correct. Payments not postmarked by January 31<sup>st</sup> will incur a \$50 late fee. And Per the By-Laws, if dues are not paid by March 2<sup>nd</sup> (60 days from due date) membership will be terminated.



## From the Rear Commodore

I am honored to be your 2020 Rear Commodore and look forward to hosting fun social events and parties throughout the year. My sincerest gratitude to Bob Ellwanger who has been sharing his time and knowledge with me.

Our first event of the year is the Super Bowl Party on Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 5:30pm. We will broadcast the BIG game on the BIG screen, and invite you to bring snacks, food, family and friends to watch the game. We will provide two 4-foot subs for you to enjoy as well.

We have already started to plan for the rest of 2020. Please mark your calendars for our next event the St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>, more details to follow. You can always find information and updates about our events in the Foghorn, Emails, FYC website and on Facebook. Have any suggestions or comments? Interested in joining the FYC Entertainment Committee? Email me at [rear@fycct.org](mailto:rear@fycct.org). I look forward to hearing from you.

Kim Pugh – Rear Commodore [rear@fycct.org](mailto:rear@fycct.org)

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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.***



Join us for

### SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

February 2, 2020

5:30PM

Bring your family, friends and food!

The game will be broadcast on a HUGE SCREEN TV  
in the Penfield Room

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



JOIN US THE FIRST  
FRIDAY OF FEBRUARY,  
MARCH AND APRIL  
7-9PM

Feb 7: Dan Carlucci -- Hitch &  
the Giddyup lead singer

Mar 6: TBA

Apr 3: Dan Carlucci



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### Auxiliary Officers

**President**

Karen Clark

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Carrie Parker

**Treasurer**

Carrie Shelton

**Recording Secretary**

Deb Conrad

**Financial Secretary**

Cindy Filep

### Board of Governors

Judy Duva

Sharon Fabricatore

April Kleinman

Donna Palaia

Debra Rosati

**Sunshine**

Darci Labash

### Auxiliary Corner

Hello Auxiliary Members,

I am happy to say we had a good turnout for our most recent meeting. It was good to see members there who usually cannot make it on Wednesday night. The Recording Secretary voted in the new slate because it was uncontested. Starting at the next Auxiliary Meeting, February 12th, the new Officers and Board of Governors will be sworn in and be active.

I must say it has been a great two years for me as your Auxiliary President. Everyone has been so supportive and we, as an organization, have accomplished so much and grown in numbers to an all-time high. We have over 320 members and are still growing. New events, word of mouth and Auxiliary representation at the membership meetings have all helped us grow.

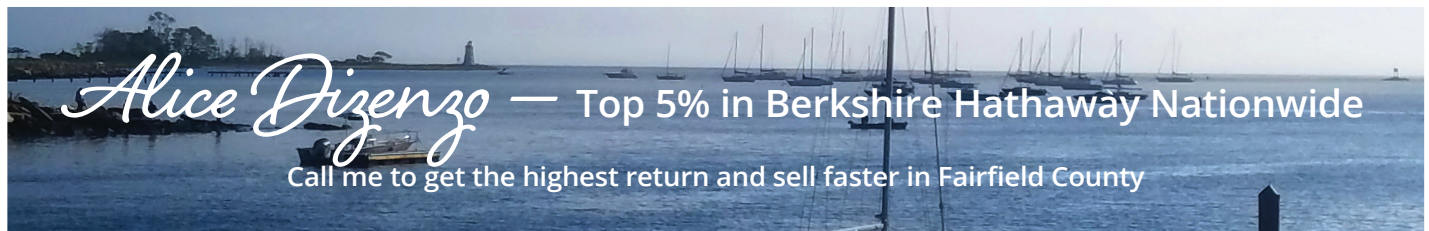
I am confident that the incoming crew will continue to bring in more members, improve the club and have amazing social events. The goal of the Auxiliary is to socialize and help support the club. If you haven't been to one of our meetings, please make a point to get to one. The members are kind, motivated and friendly people.

Congratulations to the incoming Officers and Board of Governors and many, many grateful thanks to the outgoing crew. The amount of time and energy they have devoted to our club over the last few years is commendable.

Join us on February 12<sup>th</sup> as we induct the new slate: Debra Rosati, President, Kristie Nemeth, VP, Deb Conrad, Recording Secretary, Diane Billings, Financial Secretary, Carrie Shelton, Treasurer and our BOG members: Karen Clark, Judy Duva, April Kleinman, Beth Michael and Lindsay Whitin.

Sincere thanks to all of you who helped me over the past two years. I look forward to working on the Board of Governors.

Sincerely, Karen Clark - Auxiliary President Any questions feel free to contact us at [fycaux@gmail.com](mailto:fycaux@gmail.com).



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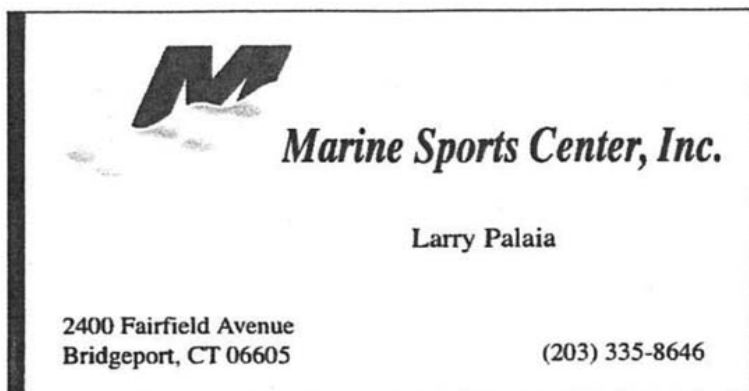
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## Sailing Corner

The Sailing Committee's primary purpose is to promote the development of interest in sailing. At FYC we want to create more opportunities for people to sail. For this year, we will be promoting more Women Sailing events. Whether you are a beginner, want to hone your skills or just enjoy a Sunday sail with a drink in your hand....stay tuned to this page as we will be promoting all FYC sailing events as well as promoting Women's Sailing events throughout the year.

### WOMEN's SKIPPER EVENT

Friday July 24<sup>th</sup>, Women's Skipper event at BRYC, All FYC skippers and boats are invited to this fun event. It is a casual race event, for all boats, the only requirement is that the skipper must be a Lady.

Wednesday Night Skippers meeting will be May 6<sup>th</sup> 7PM at FYC

Frostbiting starts February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sundays from 12 to 4. If you are not racing come out and watch, or volunteer to be on the committee boat and help. All are welcome.

The 2020 schedule:

Feb 2 – April 26th	Frost Biting Ideal 18's
May 13th – Sep 9th	Wednesday Night Series
July 18th	FYC/BRYC Sail Park City Regatta
July 24th	BRYC Women's Skipper Event
Sept 11th	PYC Annual Falkner Island Overnight Race
Sept 13th	FYC Ken Johnson Memorial Race
Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	Brent C. Donahue Cross Sound Race
Oct 24th	BRYC/FYC Halloween Race
Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wild Turkey Regatta

(All regattas will be listed on Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound ("YRALIS") and at Yachtscore.com.)

If you have any questions, comments please feel free to email: Mike Mears ([mike.r.mears@gmail.com](mailto:mike.r.mears@gmail.com))

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## Fishing Corner:



Welcome to 2020 and congrats to all of our new Flag Officers and Board of Directors! We look forward to working with you all. The FYC Fishing Committee is back and looking forward to another fun year of fishing and our annual calendar of events. We will try to keep the prices right and everything is always fresh and homemade by the crew. Our final schedule of events is still being worked out so please keep an eye on the FYC email blasts, Facebook page, and the Fishing Board for the latest updates.

Our Annual Fishing Contest will be available to enter soon and congratulations to the 2019 winners.

We are always looking for new volunteers to help with our events. If interested, please see one of us while at the club or send me an email if you are available and want to give us a hand and have some fun.

Stay warm and see you soon.

Keith Jamaitis ~ FYC Fishing Committee

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### Fayerweather Yacht Club SHIP STORE February Featured Items





**Women's Quilted Vest \$48**  
100% quilted micro-polyester, thermolite insulation for minimum weight and maximum warmth, windproof and water-resistant.



**Waffle Knit Zip Pullover \$30**  
Three-dimensional waffle-weave looks great as a light jacket or additional layer. Cranberry (shown) for women; navy for men.



**24 oz. Insulated Mug \$23**  
Double-wall thermal insulated tumbler. Limited quantities are available.

We also have a supply of men's and women's navy windbreakers in all sizes. Features an adjustable hood, cuffs, and hem, with waterproof zippered pockets. **\$48**

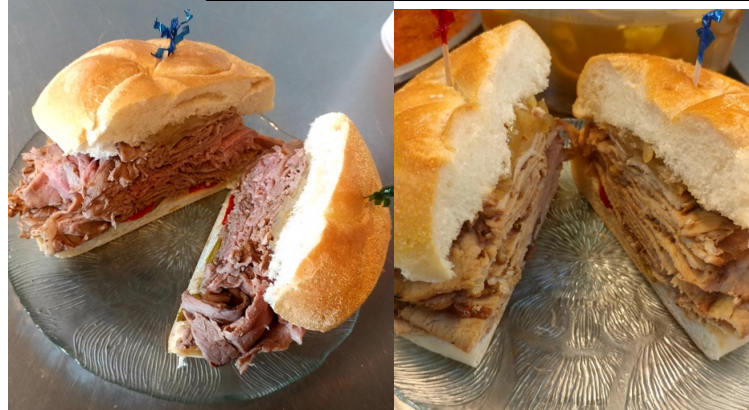




Our delicious Zuppa Toscana won 2nd place at Chowdafest! So come on down and get your self a bowl!!!

Also, check us out on Facebook: Lighthouse Grill at Fayerweather Yacht Club. We will be posting pictures, as well as upcoming club events that we will be doing!

Our famous Vazzy's Hot Roast Beef and Hot Porchetta Sandwiches are back on the menu! Please let us know if you would like Roasted Peppers or Hot Peppers on your sandwich, we will make it happen!



Business Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11 am - 2 pm: Thursday – Friday 5:30 pm - 9 pm  
Saturday-Sunday 11 am – 3 pm  
Sunday Brunch 11 am - 2 pm



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## Fleet Captain's Corner:

We begin this year with a review of things old and new as we re-publish articles previously published in 2017. Back by popular demand! Each month we will touch on certain items and cover points that should appeal to all our members...this will be a tutorial of sorts and we hope that all will enjoy and appreciate what we do here.

### We'll start with SHACKLES

Shackles is 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 of 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.

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