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**Recording Secretary**

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**Financial Secretary**

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**FROM THE HELM**

Happy Holiday's one and all Fayerweather Family! I am typing my final Foghorn Article to you and want to thank each and everyone of you for a great 2 years as your Commodore. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time and look forward to what next year brings us. For 2020, I have been nominated for a seat on

the Board of Governors and hope for your support at election time. I look forward to working with and supporting the Board and Officers for 2020 and our incoming Commodore.

Thanks to all who came down and helped me decorate the bar and outside deck. Pat Gombos donated his old bachelor pad Christmas lights for the railing and Mike Sabia donated his yearly tree for the outside deck. Jerry helped anchor it in, although a few strong winds have given it a bit of a lean from time to time. Andrew Cross made the extra runs to home depot while Tim Ward and Emily Hyde helped with lights as well. Thanks to Bob Ellwanger for thinking up and putting up the new LED's on the dance floor. By putting them on the bottoms of the beams, we can keep them up all year and not get in the way for Harvest Dance. He can also change the colors to fit the party and the season!

Happy Holidays!!! Happy New Year!!! And see you at the club!!!

Dave [davidjnemeth@gmail.com](mailto:davidjnemeth@gmail.com)

Please note the special hours for the holiday! Enjoy! And the Calendar for the Voting Schedule

**Fayerweather Holiday Hours**

**Special Hours and notes for the Bar**

Monday December 30<sup>th</sup> is the LAST DAY to use Chits for 2019  
 Christmas Eve the bar will Close at 6 PM  
 Christmas Day the Bar is CLOSED  
 New Year's Eve the bar will Close at 6 PM

**Special Hours for the Kitchen**

Open from 11-2 on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> for Chit Redemption Day  
 Kitchen is closed on Christmas Day  
 Lunch will be served on December 26<sup>th</sup>  
 There will be NO Thursday Night dinner on December 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Lunch will be served on January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 There will be NO Thursday Night dinner on January 2<sup>nd</sup>

\*Bar and Kitchen will have regular hours for every other day except as listed above



## Calendar of Events

**January 8**  
Auxiliary Annual Meeting 7 p.m.

**January 12**

**Annual Election Voting**

**Voting hours:  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**January 14**

**Annual Election Voting**

**Voting hours:  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**5:00 PM - 7:15 PM**

**Annual Meeting  
7 p.m.**

**January 18**  
Texas Hold'em Tournament 7 p.m.

**January 27**  
Board of Governors 7 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

**Saturday and Sunday 9:30  
a.m. – 3 p.m.**



## Slate of Recommended Officers for 2020

As determined by the Nominating Committee

December 16, 2019

### Flag Officers

Commodore	Andrew Cross
Vice Commodore	Bob Ellwanger
Rear Commodore	Kimberly Pugh
Treasurer	Gary Conrad
Recording Secretary	Tony Ortiz
Financial Secretary	Lauretta Janz

### Board of Governors

David Nemeth  
Mike Mears  
Nick Mirabile

## **ATTENTION** **ALL DUES PAYING MEMBERS**

Dues invoices will be mailed the first week of January. Please update your address before the end of December if you have moved. Go to [fycct.org](http://fycct.org) and click on MEMBERS tab in the upper right. Your user id and password are your 4 digit member # unless you have updated your password. Then click on update your profile in the menu on the left

If dues are not received (or postmarked) by January 31<sup>st</sup>-- a \$50 late fee is applied. Per the By-Laws, if dues are not paid by March 2<sup>nd</sup> (60 days from due date) membership will be terminated

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**DO NOT SEND OR BRING CHECKS TO THE CLUB.** If you pay your bills through your bank, make sure that you update the address.

If you are not renewing your membership, please notify the Financial Secretary at [finsec@fycct.org](mailto:finsec@fycct.org) by February 15th.



## From the Rear Commodore

We had two tremendous events in the past 30 days, and my heartfelt thanks go out to the countless members who helped to ensure the success of each!

The Harvest Pre-Wrapping Event was HUGE! Thanks to everyone who came out on Friday night to cut approximately 6,000 square feet of tulle and individually wrap some 1,200 lbs. of fruits and vegetables (which, with the help of Andrew, Mark B., Pat and others were picked up and delivered earlier that day). Also, a big thank you go out to Mark Perdieu for milling 80 new plywood strips to mount the produce on, and for the many members who stapled approximately 2,000 fruits and vegetables and mounted the plywood to the ceiling beams. Thanks to Jose, Emily and others who built the lobby jail. With countless members pitching in, we were done in record time on Friday night.

This of course was a prelude to the Harvest Dance itself the next day, which again was a sell-out. Thanks to the bar staff, DJ Peter G., the undercover sheriffs, the bailiffs, and to those who replenished the produce onto the ceiling during the event, we raised over \$1,000 towards the Children's Christmas Party. A fabulous time was had by all! Lastly, my sincere thanks to the Bar Committee who stayed after bar inventory early on Sunday morning to remove and store the plywood and restore the lobby to its simple elegance.

I hope everyone who attended the Children's Christmas Party had as much fun as my family and I did, and again there are so many members to thank who helped make this a great event. Thanks CJ and Bob C. for ensuring that Santa arrived (and departed) safely by sea. Thanks to the Auxiliary for wrapping the presents, and to elves such as Jerry W., Andrew, Dave and others who helped setup and breakdown the tables and chairs. Thanks to Vicki, Lisa and Laurie from LHG – the kid's buffet and hot chocolate stand were terrific! Thanks to bartenders Carlee and Olivia for maintaining the holiday spirit, and to face painters Julietta and Sandra for their creativity. A big thank you to FYC's House Elf Grace Shattuck (and mom Kim) for handing out the presents, and last but not least SANTA himself!



It is truly a group effort to host events such as these, and I couldn't have done it without your help! What a great way to end not only the year, but another decade at FYC.

Just a reminder about the Poker Tournament for Saturday, January 18, 2020, starting at 3:30 PM. Registration fee is \$25, and it includes the dinner as well as all the chips you'll need to play Texas Holdem. (Don't know how to play? We'll teach you!) Register at the bar, and note that registration closes on 1/14/2020.

Sorry, but late registrations and/or walk-ins cannot be accepted. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers.

It has been an honor to serve as your Rear Commodore this year, and with your vote I look forward to serving you and representing the Club in the role of Vice Commodore in 2020. I wish you a Wonderful New Year!

Sincerely, Bob Ellwanger 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. This includes outside of the club as well – and put those umbrellas down.***

## Auxiliary Corner

2018-19

### Auxiliary Officers

**President**

Karen Clark

**Vice President**

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

December has been festive! The club is all decorated, the deck is lit up and we even have an outside tree. The Auxiliary members put up the Christmas tree in the Penfield Room on December 4th along with helping wrap Christmas gifts for the Children Christmas Party. We had a terrific Christmas Dinner Party on Wednesday December 11th in lieu of our monthly meeting. The Fishing Committee cooked the meal: lobster and steak, baked potatoes and green beans, while the club officers served us. It was delicious! Thank you to Ed Stillwagon for his donation and a special thank you to Diane Billings for chairing this wonderful event. Thank you to all of you who helped setup and clean up and thank you to the Fishing Committee. It was wonderful to be doted on and they took very good care of us. A great time was had by all.

We also donated \$525 to the Norma Phreim Breast Cancer Center. Our own Deb Selski delivered the check in person. Thank you Deb!

The Children's Christmas Party was well attended and all the kids had a great time despite the rain/foggy weather. The whole club sparkled with Christmas decorations all month long. Between the silver and white Christmas tree in the Penfield Room to the Christmas Tree in the bar, the Santas and holly hung all over the club....it was hard not to get into the Christmas Spirit! I hope the holiday spirit follows us long into the next decade.

The Auxiliary is blessed to have a team of wonderful Board of Governors and a terrific team of Officers at the helm. I am fortunate to work with all of them. If you missed us for the Christmas Dinner then we will see you at the next Members' Meeting,

Wednesday January 8th, 7 pm. January's meeting will be primarily used to vote the new officers and BOG in. Please come to the meeting with your ID and member card so you can vote in the next crew.

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

### Auxiliary 2020 Slate of Officers

President	Two-Year Term	Debra Rosati
Vice President	One-Year Term	Kristie Nemeth
Recording Secretary	One-Year Term	Deb Conrad
Financial Secretary	Two-Year Term	Diane Billings
Treasurer	One-Year Term	Carrie Shelton

### Board of Governors

One-Year Term	Karen Clark
One-Year Term	Judy Duva
Two-Year Term	April Kleinman
Two-Year Term	Beth Michael
Two-Year Term	Lindsay Whitin

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## Sailing Corner

2019 was a very active sailing season for Fayerweather sailors. FYC hosted six regattas including the “Sail Park City” regatta that raises money for St Vincent’s Hospital.

The Wednesday night Black Rock harbor series had a total 25 boats and completed 12 races. Mike Andre’s “Dedicated” took third place in the Spinnaker division. FYC took top 3 honors for the Non Spin division with David Raymond/Thomas Hermann’ “Dream Weaver” in 1<sup>st</sup> place, Kevin Curtis’ “WildFire” for 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tom Bruton “Mystique” in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Frostbiting:** With the cold weather already here we are preparing for the annual One Design Ideal 18 Frostbiting series. Sailing starts February 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at noon and continues until April 26<sup>th</sup>. If you want to compete, beginners are welcome, contact [Philip.Gavey@gmail.com](mailto:Philip.Gavey@gmail.com). All are welcome to watch, if you want to watch the spectacle please come down to the club and watch from the upper deck. For the more actively inclined, you can volunteer to be on the Race Committee boat or the Safety Chase boat.

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The 2020 schedule:

Feb 2 – April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Frost Biting Ideal 18’s
May 13 <sup>th</sup> – Sep 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Night Series
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sail Park City Regatta
Sep 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Johnson Memorial Race
Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>	BRYC/FYC Halloween Race
Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wild Turkey Regatta

Other Races that FYC sailors compete in:

May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	75 <sup>th</sup> Block Island Race
Sep 4 <sup>th</sup>	Stamford YC 86 <sup>th</sup> Vineyard Race
Sep 11 <sup>th</sup>	PYC Falkner Island Overnight Race
Sep 19 <sup>th</sup>	Brent C. Donahue Cross Sound Race BRYC sponsored

(All regattas will be listed on Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (“YRALIS”) and at [Yachtscore.com](http://Yachtscore.com).)

As we get closer to the start of the official season, I will send updates and links to the regatta’s as well as report on other events that FYC sailors compete in.

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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Our Centennial Year is over! We had some great events to commemorate the past 100 years. I'd like to thank the Committee for all their help throughout the year. Our final phase, the 'Centennial Walk' has been completed. The bricks and the 'Centennial Walk' bluestone have been installed. It's a great memorial to our Centennial for all to see.



We still have the Centennial burgees and bumper stickers on sale at the bar.



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**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.    Grill: Wednesday and Friday: 5:30 - 9 p.m.

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

**Fayerweather Yacht Club Presents**  
**Texas Holdem**  
**Poker Tournament**



**Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020, 3:30 PM**

Prizes for Three Top Finishers  
 Food Served

**\$25.00**



**Register at the bar by 1/14/20**

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