

July 2021

Fayerweather Yacht Club Newsletter

Volume CVII

Foghorn



FROM THE COMMODORE

Hi Everyone,

If you have not been to the club, the carpet installation is complete! The installers started at 16:00 hours on Sunday and were done around 01:30 the next morning.

Job well done!

We had a very well attended Race Night in June with around 70+ attendees, but I will let the Rear Commodore tell you about it.

The Club is collecting bids for replacing the overhang off the locker room. I will keep you posted as things develop.

Our Club is doing well. We budgeted for 600 members and we are over that with 27 new members last month and another 27 this month, bringing us well above 650.

A huge "Welcome Aboard!" to our new members.

Unfortunately, "An EP Experience" has decided to exercise their right to end the contract with FYC. Our Vice Commodore is working diligently to come up with a solution. I'll let him talk about it in his article.

And finally, as we are emerging from the COVID pandemic crisis, it is important that we keep our due diligence. Please, if you are not vaccinated, wear a mask and keep social distance while visiting the Club.

That's enough for now,

Bob Schley

Commodore FYC



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FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

As was indicated in a mid-June member email, Chef Kevin and his team at An EP Experience will be ending their contract after seven months as Club food service provider. Their last day will be Thursday, July 8, when they will provide lunch and dinner service. Restaurants continue to have difficulties hiring quality staff – especially servers, waiters and dishwashers – with many in the area reducing their hours or closing altogether. We will miss the quality cuisine that Chef Kevin has provided, and wish him and his wife Patrice much success in the future.

At the time this update was written in late June, we are exploring several options to continue to keep the kitchen open. Not unsurprisingly, restaurants are reluctant to expand their operations as they struggle to staff their current operations and maintain their profitability, which adds to the challenge of securing a replacement. Meanwhile, I encourage you to submit any suggestions as to who may be interested in operating the Club's kitchen, and appreciate your patience and understanding as we seek a replacement.

REMINDER

Because we have a few members who neglect to clean up after themselves, **here's my constant reminder to please remove all trash from your tables, return glassware and empty bottles to the bar and dishes, utensils, and trays to the bussing table in the front of the Penfield Room, and close the table umbrella.**

Otherwise, the unsightly table depicted in the photo in this issue is what the staff has to clean up when they arrive the next day.



Bob Ellwanger
Vice Commodore

SHIP STORE

We have replaced the glass on the door of the dockside Ship's Store, and stocked it with some of the most popular apparel and Club merchandise available for purchase, including FYC caps, buffs, cozies, croakies, polo shirts and unisex fishing and sailing long-sleeved shirts. Any member of the dock staff will be glad to assist you.



FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

As always, we can't thank our members and their guests for making our parties a lot of fun! A great crowd showed up for Race Night and along with a dedicated group of volunteers the night was a great success. Chef Kevin made a delicious Roast Beef dinner sticking with Race Night tradition.



UPCOMING EVENTS

We will be hosting a Clambake on Saturday July 24th at 6:00pm. On the menu will be clams and oysters on the half shells, lobster and grilled chicken for those who do not eat seafood as well as plenty of sides and dessert. Sneaky Pete will be playing for everyone's listening enjoyment. Tickets are on sale at the bar currently for \$35.

I look forward to seeing you at the club and our upcoming events.

Kim Pugh
Rear Commodore

2021 EVENTS

July 24 • 6:00pm • Outside
Clambake

August 14 • 6:00pm • Outside
Luau

September 11 • 2:00pm • Outside
Cornhole + Chef Throwdown

October 16 • 6:00pm • Outside
Oktoberfest

November 19 • 6:00pm
Harvest Dance Setup

November 20 • 7:00pm
Harvest Dance

December 18 • 12:00pm
Children's Christmas Party



Join us for a
Clambake!

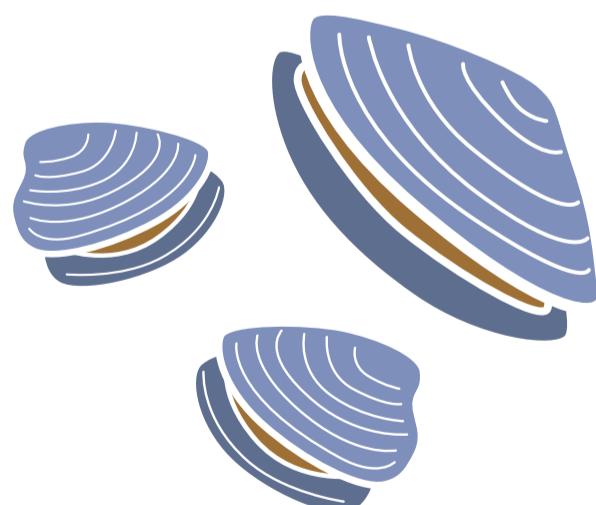
July 24 at 6:00pm

Fayerweather Yacht Club

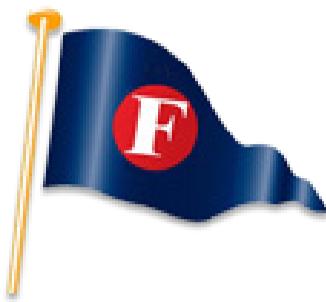
Indulge in a night of yummy seafood
and great music.

\$25/person by June 30 • \$35/person after
Tickets can be purchased at the bar.

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







AUXILIARY CORNER

There was a Membership meeting on Wednesday, January 9, to vote in Cindy Leighton as Recording Secretary and Elizabeth Tichenor as Board of Governor. They were elected to the positions with a unanimous vote! **Welcome Cindy and Elizabeth to the Board! Thanks for volunteering.**

Opening Day didn't get the turn out like we've had in the past due to the weather. It was cold and chilly! The Auxiliary raffled off 7 baskets donated by members, and the raffle was a success. The proceeds will help fund future events. **Thanks to those who donated the baskets, and to those who purchased the tickets!**

Our next membership meeting isn't going to be until September 8. However, the Auxiliary is hosting a **Happy Hour on Tuesday, July 20, at 6:00pm, for Auxiliary members. Come on down and meet other Auxiliary members. We would especially like to meet those who joined in 2020 and 2021 and have been quarantined. Come and try our signature drink, the Goodbye Quarantini!** Please remember to bring your Auxiliary membership card!

If you change your phone number, e-mail or home address, please be sure to let us know. We want to make sure we can reach you.

Hope to see you at Happy Hour!

**Debbi Rosati
Auxiliary President**

Auxiliary Happy Hour

July 20 • 6:00pm

Come down and meet other Auxiliary members while sipping our signature cocktail, "The Goodbye Quarantini."

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FROM THE FISHING COMMITTEE

"The weather is here, I wish you were beautiful", so says Jimmy Buffet. We are all of a sudden in July and now that the plague has been managed it's time to get back to some fun summer activities and events!

As rumored and promised the Fishing Committee hosted a "Surprise Saturday" pop-up raw bar and BBQ on June 12 and June 25, they were a big hit and a good time was had by all.

Our plan is to keep the menu simple and affordable, have some fun and live music as well. These events will be a great Saturday night addition on the water. Keep an eye on the email blasts or Facebook because we will be planning more of these events very last minute and weather dependent about two times per month.

FISHING SEASON

The FYC Fishing Contest has been open to enter as of 4/1/2021 and any member can enter at any time all season. It is \$25 to enter to post your catch on "the board". **Sign-up is available at the bar and remember you need to sign up 24 hours before you can enter a fish.** Related to this contest there is a rules changed posted at the club and now printed here as follows:

ATTENTION FYC FISHING FLEET

The following rules update are effective immediately and apply to the 2021 annual fishing contest.

Striped Bass: All entries will be entered by LENGTH ONLY. Measure the fish from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail (not the fork).

Please take a picture of the measurement as practical and email to fycfishing@fycct.org and release the fish as quickly and safely as possible.

Bluefish: All entries will be entered by LENGTH ONLY. Measure the fish from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail (not the fork).

Please take a picture of the measurement as practical fycfishing@fycct.org and release the fish as quickly and safely as possible.

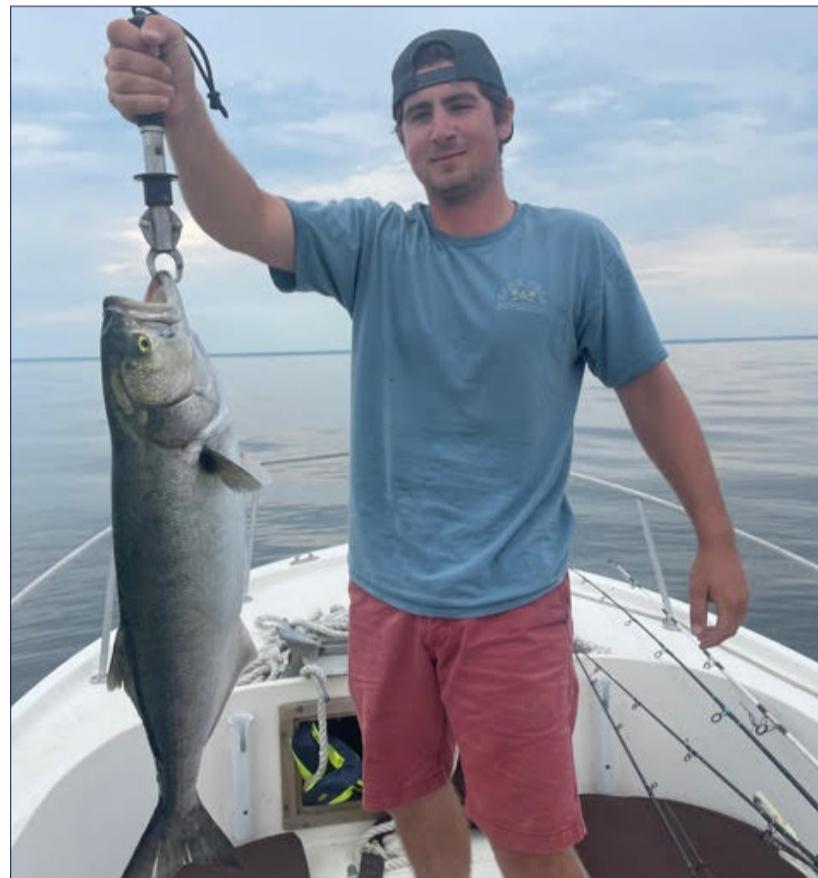
These rule changes have been implemented to allow our contest to be competitive, align within CT DEEP rules, and support catch and release to promote a sustainable fishery.

The Fishing Committee would like to send out a big CONGRATULATION to Jim "Hogie" Hogarth. During this June Hogie became a double life member at FYC 50 years and still going. Myself and all the guys love him and would not be doing what we do here today without his friendship and service to the club over so many years.



Please let your fellow anglers know, it is difficult for us to contact everyone who has registered individually.

Otherwise for "the board" there are some nice fish that have been entered. We have seen big blues, bigger bass, and plenty of ground fish; porgies, sea bass, and some fluke.



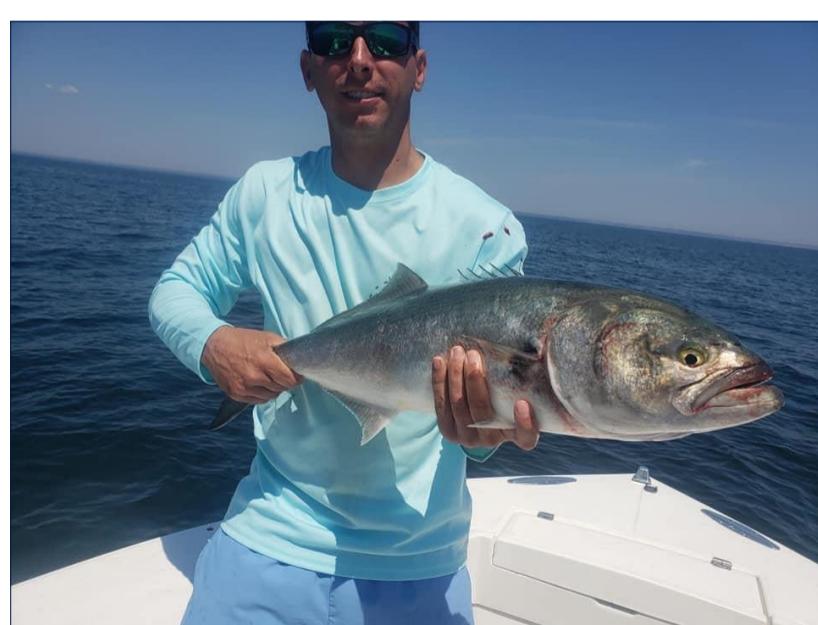
Drew Jamaitis
your friendly launch operator on this day-off!



John Kollar
Get Bent!



Matt Zygmont
Nice Fluke!



Chris Frattaroli
On the Blues!

Keith Jamaitis
Fishing Committee

If you have pictures of your fishing adventures that you would like to share please send to fycfishing@fycct.org.

FROM THE SAILING COMMITTEE

If you are a sailor and want to rent the FYC J22 Club boat, come out and get certified. There is no charge to be certified to sail the boat.

We will take you out on a 1-hour sail and walk you through the program. The J22 is a fast, stable, and fun boat to sail. The club provides a Radio, Life jackets and sailing instructions.

Once certified, you will be able to rent the boat any time you want to go out sailing.

Certification requirements are posted on the FYCCT.ORG website under Sailing/Sailing Program.

LEARN TO SAIL

Learn to Sail classes will start in July, look for an email from the club to register for classes.

The class will be in-house instruction using US Sailing Keel Boat 101 teaching guide and 4 on the water sessions. Once a member successfully passes the class, they will be certified to use the club boat.

SAIL PARK CITY REGATTA

After a brief hiatus, we will be hosting the Sail Park City regatta July 17. FYC Fishing committee and BRYC will be helping with the annual event.

There will be three divisions:

Spinnaker

Non- Spinnaker

Navigator / Cruiser Class

All are welcome to run the buoys, you don't have to be a seasoned sailor to join the fun. **This is a charity event; all proceeds will be donated to St. Vincent's Hospital.**

To register please go to Yachtscoring.com "2021 Sail Park City Regatta at Fayerweather Yacht Club".



If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Sailing Chair.

Fair Winds,

Sailing Chair

Mike Mears

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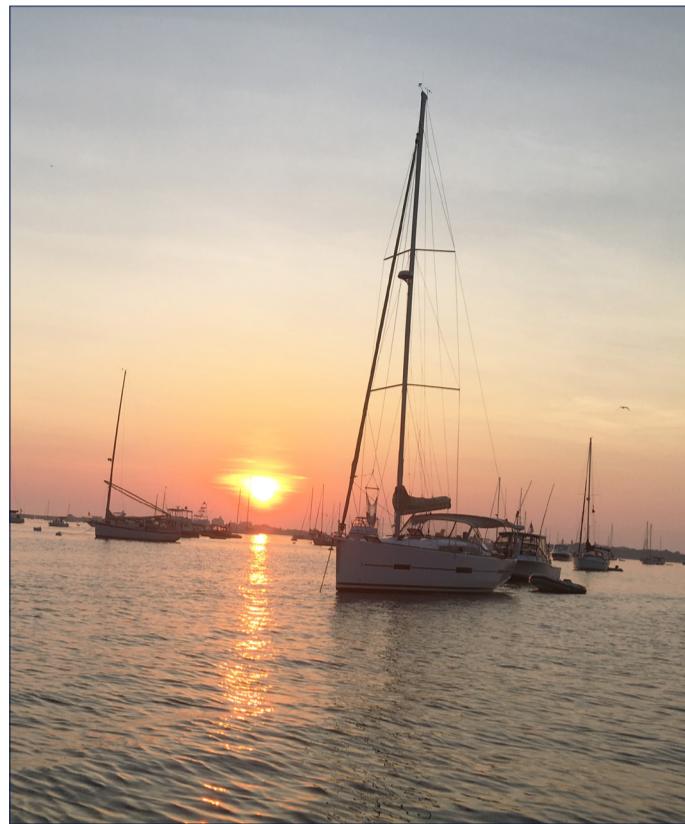
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FROM THE FLEET CAPTAIN



**The final and "set in concrete" date
for the first cruise this summer is
July 25, 2021.**

We are going to Shelter Island rather than Block Island, there are many and sundry reasons for this but they are not important, the important part of this news is that we are going! We are going to Shelter Island and we will have a fine time and are looking forward to having as many of our Club members as possible join us, both Power and Sail.



If you are a "newbie" joining us or veteran, we will have a meeting at the Club on July 14 at 19:30. We will go over all the details of the cruise and collect the contact data of all who will join us on the trip, skippers' names, all folks on each boat, name of boat, color and type.

Any question relative the above, call me or my wife Jo at 203-268-5775 and if neither of us are home to answer, the dog will answer your questions.

Bob Butler
Fleet Captain



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KITCHEN HOURS

Valid through July 8

Tuesdays - Fridays
Lunch

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Thursdays - Fridays
Dinner
5:00pm-9:00pm

Saturdays
11:00 - 3:00pm

Sunday Brunch
11:00am - 3:00pm

Visit our website Galley Page for all current menus
and also to place takeout orders.



WINE LIST

RED

	Glass	Bottle
House Cabernet Sauvignon	\$2.75	—
Mondavi Merlot	\$3	—
Vendage Cabernet Sauvignon	\$3	—
Dark Horse Rosé	\$3.50	\$13
House Zinfandel	\$4.50	—
Block Nine Pinot Noir	\$8	\$30
Ghostrunner Red Blend	\$8	\$30
Shadowbrook Zinfandel	\$8	\$30
Broadside Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon	\$10	\$35

WHITE

	Glass	Bottle
House Pinot Grigio	\$2.75	—
Placido Pinot Grigio	\$3	—
3 Pears Chardonnay	\$4	—
Vendage Chardonnay	\$4.50	—
Gooseneck Chardonnay	\$5	\$18
Giesen Sauvignon Blanc	\$7	\$25
Haymaker Sauvignon	\$7	\$25
KJ Riesling	\$7	\$25
Kris Pinot Grigio	\$8	\$30

SPARKLING

	Glass	Bottle
Verdi Spumante	\$7	—
Enrico Brut	\$8	—

PORT

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