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From the Helm

February is always a very interesting month. For the service industry, it is known to be one of the slowest months of the year. So what does FYC do? We get people to get out of their cocoons and come on down to the Club and warm up through a variety of events. Both our Vice Commodore Jim and new Rear Commodore Ben have planned many events to help us do that – check out their articles for more information. Another way to warm up in this chilly month is to keep moving. Hence the Commodore's Dinner Dance on February 26th. This event is one of those platforms where FYC can really show how, through the dedication of the Officers, Board and volunteer members, we all come together to polish up this gem for our invited guests. The bar has received numerous calls about tickets already. Just so you know, I have to wait until all the replies are in from our invited guests before I can release the tickets for the membership, but please keep an eye out on FYC's website for when they will become available – there will be some.

We have just started rolling out our new chit cards over the last two weeks of January. I have put a generic picture of the Fayerweather Lighthouse and our burgee on each card thanks to Mike Andre. However, there will be dates scheduled to have your picture added to the card for a small fee in the near future. Quite a few of our members travel to reciprocating yacht clubs and this might be something to add a little ease to their acceptance – I have heard stories of people being asked for photo id's at a few clubs. After giving some members and officers a test card, we worked out most, if not all, of the bugs. This will be treated like a credit card. You'll sign it like a credit card and your member name and chit balance will be printed at the bottom. I have also figured out a way to have it work for the kitchen as well but need to get final approval from the BOG. By the time you will read this we will have worked that final concern out. If you have any issues with the card, please make sure you alert the bartenders, email me at fayerweatheryachtclub@yahoo.com or fill out the 'Contact Us' form on the website. We hope to be using this card as a door key as well. Once I have all the chit cards out, I will begin working on that project. I hope to have that completed by late spring or early summer. I will keep you updated in both the Foghorn or on the website.

Well time to get some of the 132 items on Lori and my wedding checklist completed. So far we have 21 done. 120 days left until...seriously?!?

Sláinte,

George E. O'Connell
Commodore



From the Vice Commodore

Winter is going by fast with all the good times here at FYC. We have the frostbiting sailing season well under way with our FYC dink sailors into their second month and our Ideal 18 series just getting started. The races are on Sunday afternoons. What better than to come down for brunch and then watch the races. Or come down for some après sailing food and drink. We will be serving up some chili and various soups and finger food (cooked by our members) to warm up our sailors and members who venture down. If you would like to help or have a dish you would like to make let me know. Check out our website for pictures of recent events at the club. If you have any pictures you would like to see on our website please get them to me and I will put them up. Fayerweather is still the place to be on Friday nights with live music and Swansons Raw Bar. Check our website for information on Friday nights and upcoming events. We have begun planning The Park City Regatta for 2011 and should have the date set by next month. If you are interested in volunteering for this event please let me know. Finally, I thank you for your support in the recent election. I shall look forward to working with our new Rear Commodore Ben and our Commodore George. See you at the Club.

Jim Sorensen



From the Rear Commodore

I've said it a million times, and I don't exaggerate, I'm very happy to be the new Rear Commodore at FYC. My friends have told me that choosing to run for an uncontested officers position was a sign that nobody else wanted the job, but I like to think it was uncontested because of the confidence people had in my nomination. Perhaps its easier to get older than to get wiser.

I certainly want to thank our previous Rear Commodore Rich Parker for all of his time and energy spent over the last year. Rich has set a high standard for all Rear Commodores to follow and I truly appreciate his leadership, and even more, the money he left in the Entertainment account.

The first Race Night of 2011 turned out to be a great evening. Jim Anderson and his chefs provided a fantastic meal and assistance from all of the volunteers made the event an enjoyable time. The list is too long to include, but thank you to all those who helped put this event together. I really appreciate your support.

Over the coming weeks there are some great events happening at FYC, so please mark your calendar for the following:

Sunday 2/6 – Superbowl party & chili cook-off. If you have a great chili recipe, and want a fun place to watch the Superbowl, FYC should be your destination. Also, cash prizes for winning chili (1st - \$100; 2nd - \$50; 3rd - \$25). Have your chili ready at FYC for a 5pm start. Awards will be given at half time.

Wednesday 2/16 – FYC pool tournament. Find out if your pool playing is as good as you think. Top 5 finishers will receive a FYC Pool Team shirt and will represent FYC at upcoming pool tournaments against other local yacht clubs. Play will begin at 7pm sharp and there is a \$5 entry fee per person. Sign up at the bar.

Friday 3/11 – Mexican Fiesta Night. Bring the entire family and enjoy a delicious mexican buffett and great margarita drink specials. Tickets are available at the bar, but can also be purchased the evening

Calendar of Events

Sunday, Feb 6th

Superbowl Party

Wednesday, Feb 9th

Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb 16th

FYC Pool Tournament 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Feb 28th

B.O.G. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1st

FYC CONTINUED ELECTION

VOTING • 5:30 - 7:15pm

General Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Events

Thursday Night Dinner

Seatings at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Check website for special menus

Friday Night Happy Hour

–Raw bar, lobster rolls, chowder–

–Live Music–.

FYC Dart League

Monday Nights 6:50 p.m.

●●● Notice of ●●● Continued Election

As a result of the tie for Board of Governors at the January 2011 annual election, there will be a run-off (election) on Tuesday, March 1, 2011. The time for this Continued Election will be from 1730 until 1915. The general meeting will start as usual at 1900. The two members in contention for the Board of Governors are Wayne Ritchie and Jeff Vangele. The standard rules for voting in this Continued Election prevail... in order to vote, you must show your Club membership card or a photo ID. All members of the election committee are advised to be ready to serve if called to do so.

of the event. Adults \$10, and children under 10 are \$5.

Saturday 3/12 – St. Patricks Dinner Dance. Start the celebration of St. Patricks Day early with great music, delicious food and a few pints with your fellow FYC friends. Colleen and The Boys will be performing traditional irish and favorite modern music that should fill the dance floor. Tickets will soon be available at the bar.

Friday 3/18 – Italian Dinner Special. Another great evening for the whole family to enjoy a delicious dinner together. Along Came Carol will be providing a wonderful Italian food buffett and the bar will be offering a great wine special. Tickets will soon be available at the bar. Adults \$10, and children under 10 years old are \$5.

Saturday 3/19 – FYC Texas Hold'em tournament. Come play the most popular poker game in the world with your fellow FYC members. Beginners to professionals, there is room for everybody at the table. \$10 entry fee per person and lunch will be served to all participants before the games begin. Sign up at the bar.

Saturday 3/26 – Country Western Line Dancing. Dust off your cowboy boots, put on some jeans and come learn some fun line dancing steps. Tickets will soon be available at the bar.

Visit our website or Facebook page for additional events coming in the next couple of months. Also, stop me at the bar, send me an email or leave me a note regarding any suggested events you would like to see happen at FYC. Thanks again for choosing me as your Rear Commodore and I look forward to seeing you at our club sometime soon.

Ben Thrush

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Fleet Captain's Corner

At long last we come to the end of the Dock Rules for our Club...

Rule Ten: Dock personnel are empowered to enforce all rules concerning the use of the docks and boats. Anyone refusing to abide by the rules will be reported to the Board of Governors for disciplinary action.

Rule Eleven: The fee schedule for all services (i.e. dock charges), is posted on the Club bulletin board. (More on this later...)

Rule Twelve: Boats being commissioned in the Spring will be permitted one free day at the main dock and up to two free days at the transient dock if required. The same will be permitted for decommissioning activities.

Comments on the above Rules: As to Rule Ten...there have been a few situations where members have not allowed the dock personnel to do their jobs, but instead have given 'lip' to those who have been trying to enforce the rules. It is hoped that in the future this will not be allowed and instead the offending folks will actually be brought before the Board.

Rule Eleven: Charges are as follows: Main Dock Member

\$1.25 per foot per night...Transient Dock Member
.50¢ per foot per night...Main Dock Non-Member
\$2.50 per foot per night...Transient Dock Non-Member
\$1.00 per foot per night.

It is critical to note that dock charges are on-going even though the season for boating may have ended and most boats have been pulled out for the season. Any exception to this is a matter for the Board of Governors.

Club Boats: There are specific rules relative to our boats...we will go into these in next month's Foghorn...although they are not as stringent as the Twelve Club Rules, they do have merit and will be discussed.

Any question relative to the Club Rules should be addressed to the Chairman of the Dock Committee.

Bob Butler
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The Fishing Line

At the January Committee Meeting the following Tournaments Dates were set;

Striped Bass	June 5, 2011
Fluke	June TBD*
Interclub Bluefish Tournament	August 7, 2011
Bluefish	September 18, 2011
4 – Club Bluefish Tournament	October 9, 2011
Blackfish	October 23, 2011

*Waiting on new DEP Regulations

We will have the first Fish Fry of 2011 on March 4th. Watch for further details posted at the Club.

The next Fishing Committee Meeting will be Friday February 11th at 6:30 PM.

A listing of all this year's Fishing Committee Events and the 2011 Annual Fishing Contest Rules are available on the Fishing Committee Board in the bar.

Jim Hogarth & Jim Hanrahan
Fishing Committee Co-chairmen

Good & Welfare

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW LIFE MEMBER
Milton Minek

The Officers, Auxiliary and Members mourn the loss of members Paul Connelly, George Egri and Vincent Sproul and we send our condolences to their families and friends. Condolence cards have been sent and donations have been made in there memory.

FYC BURGEE STICKERS

For sale at the bar \$3.00, for car bumper and stern of your boat. The stickers aid in security identification when parking in the club lots or on a mooring. Show your pride in the club and purchase a sticker today.

Thanks to all who have supplied information regarding this column.

Dee Powers
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Auxiliary News

The new year is here. Our dues are due. If you have not sent your check, please do so. New members dues is \$33.00 and please fill out the card from the auxiliary box. Ask the bartenders for it. Make sure you write AUX of Fayerweather Yacht Club on the envelope. February is installion of officers. Please come and join us. You may pick up your auxiliary cards at that meeting and you will find out what our up and coming events will be. If you have any questions please call me. Stay safe and warm.

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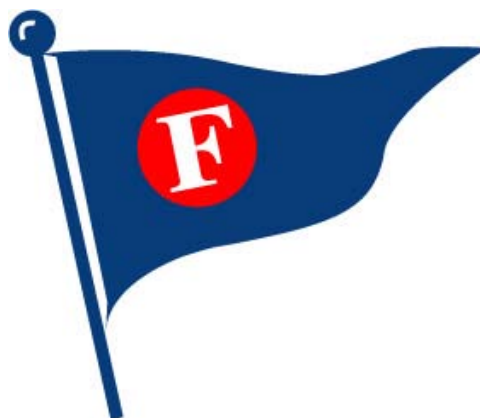


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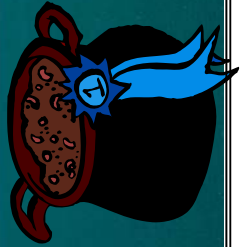
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