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From the Helm

This past weekend was a hot one. As we were setting up for the Park City Regatta (which was awesome by the way), the thermometer in my truck showed 105 degrees. Actually when I first got in it showed 112 degrees but that eventually came down after I started to get moving. I originally thought “who the heck would leave their house in this ridiculous heat?” Then right around 4pm on that Friday the masses slowly, but without interruption, started to show up. It might have been in the 100’s outside but FYC inside was a nice cool 72 degrees and the members were enjoying the AC. Swanson’s raw/hot seafood bar was pumping out their typical delicious eats. James Dalton was playing all those songs we love to sing along to. So I say save on your energy costs at home and get down to enjoy the nice cool AC at FYC and grab yourself a nice cold beverage – there is a lot of summer left! As an alternative to the cool FYC air conditioning, Lori and I are now taking reservations on our inflatable floating island – as my friend Chris from County Cork has termed it, THE LORI ISLES. It made it’s debut at the Gathering of the Vibes and was slightly overbooked on it’s opening weekend. :)

So the upper, upper deck had a minor setback. Actually it is a little upsetting to me. The railing contractor took on a pretty large gig while he waited for our roof to be completed. Of course the new job got delayed with overruns and change orders. He has promised me that he will be at FYC to complete the railing any day now. I have heard that before from many a contractor so stay tuned. The good news is that we have most of the logistics worked out. The temporary service bar is all set. We have some great ideas for seating. A misting system is being considered. Music will be playing in the background. Now all we need is the railing guy to get here and finish it off.

Lastly, there are a few items I want to keep the members up to date on. The security cameras are fully up and running. We have 10 cameras covering the property to make sure our place is well protected. We are looking into having at least 3 of them up on our website so members can check out the weather on Black Rock Harbor. We have posted signs on the dock and around the club to inform the public that we have the video monitoring too. Also, there have been a few house rule changes. Members can now only have 1 dink rack at a time and 1 in water dink dock at a time. Some members were inquiring to have 2 dink dock positions and the BOG felt that the current house rule was not clear on the spirit of what previous Boards intended. Also, a member can now bring a child under 12 years old into the bar while they order their beverages. However, once their order is filled the under 12 child must exit the bar area. This is so parents alone with their kids don’t need to leave them unattended while they grab beverages.

Well that is it for now. Stay cool. Enjoy August.
Sláinte,
George E. O’Connell

Calendar of Events

Saturday, Aug. 20th
Bishop Cup Race Predicted Log Race

Saturday, Aug. 20th
FYC Stratford School Race • 7:00 pm

Monday, Aug. 22nd
B.O.G. Meeting • 7:00 pm

Friday, Aug. 26th
FYC/BRYC/PYC Series - Race 2

Saturday, Aug. 27th
Pig Roast • 6:00 pm

Weekly Events

Thursday Night Dinner
Check website for special menus

Friday Night Happy Hour
-Raw bar, lobster rolls, chowder-
-Live Music-

Wed Night Racing
First Warning Signal 6:50 p.m.
Kitchen Open



From the Vice Commodore

July just seemed to fly by here at FYC. I guess it really is true that time flies when you're having fun! I am once again overwhelmed with volunteerism at our club. In preparation for the **Park City Regatta**, I have seen some of the most dedicated volunteers ever. When I say "Dedicated", two people on the boat bearing the same name, Mike Andre and crew member Pat O'Donnell, truly live up to that moniker. Our marketing chair Mark McGinty is another one who puts in endless hours behind the scenes to make this regatta what it is today. Dedicated frost bite sailors, Carol and Bob Kubis, never miss a meeting and always follow through with any task given them. From HBC, Lee Henchman, our Race Committee chair, is about as dedicated as anyone could possibly be. Having a professional Race Committee of this caliber has really taken the PCR to new heights. And Andy Wolf was a big part of this. MaryEllen Tortorello helped in so many ways. Mike and Lynn Sullivan, in addition to their duties at FYC as Sailing Chair and President of the Ladies Auxiliary, are also major contributors. John Hannan was in charge of tallying all the donations to decide the top 5 donors. BRYC has stepped up more than ever this year under the leadership of Marlene Kimberly, Maya, and Jen who did a great Martini Night. Then with Mike O'Rourke in the drivers seat - Jeff Morrison, Mike Cooleen, and Jerry Giambalvo did a delicious Meatball Throw-Down. The BRYC Juniors had a dance and donated all the proceeds to our event. Finally I have to give kudos to the person who is the most dedicated and without whom this Regatta would have ended four years ago, my incredible wife, Betsy.

When my wife and I joined FYC our objective was to have fun and make lots of friends. Our club is like a family. We care about the members of this club and want us all to make "fun" our primary objective. I would encourage anyone who has any problem with any of our dedicated officers or BOG to confront any of us with your issue. I know I certainly will do my best to resolve any issue presented to me and I believe that holds true for all of our officers and BOG. Please remind anyone who has issues that the best way to resolve them is face to face. And come with ideas to solve the issues at hand. Fayerweather members are excellent at "rolling up our sleeves and fixing it".

Finally on a sad note, FYC lost a very dedicated sailor and outstanding member, Pat Hickey. Please keep her and all of our FYC members that have gone before us in your hearts and prayers. Although it is difficult to put on my uniform and attend a wake representing FYC, I know it is the right thing to do and always appreciated by family members. I always feel honored to be able to do this.

Have a safe and glorious summer - and stay "Dedicated" to FYC.

Jim Sorensen

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Saturday, Aug 6th

**Cheer on the Swimmers
to the finish line from
the FYC deck!**



From the Rear Commodore

Thank you to all the members who have come out and supported the recent FYC events at our club, as your participation is truly appreciated. I'm grateful to the volunteers who have helped me put these events together.

Here are some great upcoming events:

Saturday August 27 – Pig Roast (6pm start): Bring down your family and friends to a wonderful feast at FYC. This event will include a delicious menu of roasted pork, ribs, chicken, corn on the cob, cole slaw, baked beans and a fresh green salad. There will be music performed by a local bluegrass duo during dinner and then Pete Stern and his band will play from 7:30pm – 10:30pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and available at the bar. Non-members who purchase a ticket and are signed-in are absolutely welcomed.

Saturday September 17 – Clam Bake: Our annual clam bake is just a few weeks away. Always one of the greatest events at FYC, so mark your calendar and make sure to bring the whole family down for a great time. Tickets will be available at the bar next week. Non-members who purchase a ticket and are signed-in are absolutely welcomed.

Saturday September 24 – FYC Poker Tournament (3:30pm registration; 4pm start – SHARP): Back by popular demand, we have another Texas Hold'em poker tournament at FYC. Single buy-in format and tickets for this event must be purchased in advance at the bar for \$20 per person. Dinner will be served to all participants and prizes awarded to top finishers. Non-members who purchase a ticket and are signed-in are absolutely welcomed.

Saturday October 8 – Oktoberfest: Put on your lederhos'n, dust off your haferl shoes, and come down to FYC for Oktoberfest. Much more than just a beer party, this event will offer a family friendly food menu, great music and a costume contest for the best dressed individual and couple. Even if you don't have a miesbacher hat, I hope you will come down and enjoy a great event at FYC. Tickets will soon be available at the bar. Non-members who purchase a ticket and are signed-in are absolutely welcomed.

Saturday October 15 – Frank Sinatra Night: Always a great night at FYC and one of the events that traditionally sells out, make sure to mark your calendars for this fun night of great music and wonderful food. Tickets will soon be available at the bar. Non-members who purchase a ticket and are signed-in are absolutely welcomed.

Saturday October 29 – Halloween Party: A few days before you take the kids out to trick-or-treat, come by FYC and party with some grown-up ghost and goblins. Music, costume contest, along with great food and drinks – sounds like a good night to me. Tickets will soon be available at the bar. Non-members who purchase a ticket and are signed-in are absolutely welcomed.

Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering for any of the upcoming events, as I can always use some help. Also, visit our website or Facebook page to view pictures from past events and to find additional information about future events at FYC. Finally, 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.

Ben Thrush

ben.thrush@fayerweatheryachtclub.com

Fleet Captain's Corner

Our cruise to Block Island was probably one of the best we've had in the forty-five years that we have been doing it. A total of five boats reached and enjoyed...two others got as far as Mystic when problem developed causing them to return home earlier than anticipated.

Shelter Island pre-cruise meeting is July 27th and it looks like there will be twelve boats minimum on the cruise. Itinerary will be: Sat, August 6th: North Cove or Duck Island...Sunday: Coecles Hbr...Monday: Three-Mile Hbr...Tuesday is of course, Sag Hbr...Wednesday: West Neck for luncheon raft-up...Thursday: Dering Hbr or Essex...Friday: New Haven breakwater or Port Jefferson... and then Saturday, home. Although going to Port Jeff is somewhat a long day, the end result is more enjoyable than behind the breakwater at New Haven...it's a matter of choice.

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Congratulations and best wishes to Josh and Sara Wilbur on the birth of their son Zachary.

The Officers, Members and Auxiliary mourn the loss of member Francis McGuire. We send our condolences to his family and friends.

Enjoy the hot summer days and nights at your Clubs air-conditioned clubhouse and sea breeze deck.


Dee Powers

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Sailing

I would like to thank all the skippers and crews who participated in our Regatta Weekend. A great big thank you to all the volunteer's for your help with both the Park City and the FYC/BRYC Invitational Regatta's.

New this year we will run a sunset distance race, on August, 20th. Start time is 1900, with two courses; one for boats flying spinnaker and a shorter course for non-spinnaker boats. This will be a true test of navigation and tactical skill. The race will commemorate the famous Captain Samuel Smedly, Revolutionary War Privateer, who operated the Black Rock Harbor Customs House that is our Fayerweather Yacht Club today, Prizes will be awarded for the first boat to cross the finish, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd corrected and the last boat home will be awarded a special prize.

Last but most important our Junior Sailing needs your support, both contributions of time or money would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be sent to Fayerweather Yacht Club, checks payable to FYC Jr. Sailing.

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Auxiliary News

The Auxiliary has been invited to the South Norwalk Boat Club for a hotdog social on August 18th at 630pm. All who would like to attend please call me so that I will be able to give them a count.

Our first Board meeting will be on September 7th and the Auxiliary meeting is on September 14th at 700. We will be placing another order for auxiliary shirts so please try to attend that meeting if you would like to order one.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, see you in September.

Your President,
Lynn Sullivan
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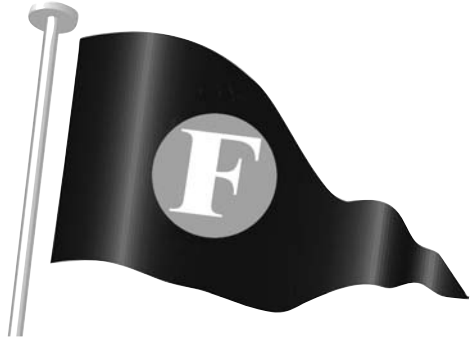
FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB COOKBOOK

The FYC Auxiliary will be putting together its own new cookbook. So, get your favorite recipe or two and help us put out a great book. Recipe sheets available in the Auxiliary box at the club or you can email your recipe to: roed23@hotmail.com All club members are urged to participate.

Membership Drive Open House

The Membership Committee will be hosting a membership drive cocktail party on Sunday, September 25th from 5:00 - 8:00PM. Members are encouraged to bring down perspective candidates to the Club. BOG, Officers, and representatives from various committees will be there to welcome you and your guest, talk about the Club, and give tours.

- This is a free event (open bar for first hour)
- Appetizers will be served
- Members are encouraged to sign up at the bar to give us an approximate head count



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Bishop Cup Race - Sat, Aug 20th

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No, it's not Christmas - but yes, you can ring the bells! That is, bells 2 and 10. Don't ring them with a hammer, but with a clap (clapper) as you go by them timing your boat for the Bishop Cup Race. The distance between them is 1.68 Nautical miles.

Load your boat similar to the way you'll have it on race day - fuel and friends. Set your tach, get up to speed, and run mark to mark. Try to use a stopwatch. When you pass the second mark, maintain your speed, and make a wide turn, still maintaining your speed, and go mark to mark again. Now that you have your two times, use these to figure your time to run the course, which will be posted at the club on Aug 14th, the same day race packets will be available.

If you need help in figuring your time, call me and I will get you expert help. But remember, run the marks and get the two times. From there we move forward. Remember, this is a race that will test your navigational skills, and how well you know your boat. It is a test of time and distance, not of power.

If you plan on running the race, you must - repeat must - call me, as there is new info that you need to know. Also, remember that you must bring an observer to exchange. All you need is a compass, a tach, and an engine. A sail boat with these three things and no sail is a powerboat. We've had some sailboats from FYC enter in the past. And all of you who keep your boats at town or private marinas, it's your Club to, not just a place to get gas. It would be a boast to win the race. This is the 1st race of the 2nd century for the Cup. And it's being run from our Club - home water advantage!

Last thing - if anyone would like to donate a prize, it would be appreciated.

The race is Saturday, August 20th, and of reasonable distance.

I do hope you'll be in it.

Tom Bottillo

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FYC Membership Directory

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