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From the Helm

Irene is on her way up the coast and FYC is just beginning to prepare for her possible arrival. It is hard to believe it is hurricane season this early but it just goes to show you never know with Mother Nature. There is good news for our FYC members – this is the time for some of the best sailing and fishing in Long Island Sound. The winds pick up, and the blues and striped bass are well fed. So don't pack away those sails and rods just yet, get down to FYC and continue to press for a longer summer – and don't forget we have grills for those bass filets!

The Club is wrapping up it's capital improvements for the year 2011. For those of you who have been down know that the upper railing has not been finished. The contractor has put us off time and time again. He is now on communication silence and has put us in the position to ultimately makes us send a demand letter from our Club attorney. I tried not to go this route, but sometimes it is best to protect the Club's best interest. I have received another quote which was almost exactly on target with the winning bid. Once I get the green light, I hope to move forward with finishing the project. For me honestly, this has been one of the most exciting projects we have had this year and the biggest let down. All I want now is to get it finished and maybe get a month or two out of the new deck. Continue sending your ideas for the naming suggestions

Recently, with the huge success that Ben's events have been, many new members (and some not so new members) have asked about using the chit cards for these events. Some have even asked to use it for gas and the ship's store. The Club has historically only allowed these chits to be used for food and beverage only – it stated that right on the old chit tickets. The BOG and I have felt that the spirit of these chits were to have members get down and have lunch or dinner with their fellow members or bring a friend and introduce them to our Club. In keeping with that spirit, the BOG have clarified the House Rules to state just that. PC Selski has just finished up the membership directory, bylaws, and house rules. In there you will see the new clearly stated house rule and ones previously stated in last month's article. The new directory will be available for sale as a hard copy at the Club very soon. We will also have an electronic copy to send for free and a copy on our website under the 'Members Page' section. Username and password can be sent via email too.

One last thing. Lori and I recently were crunched for time on our way to work. We called our order into Lasses (203-332-4422) about ten minutes out. When we arrived there were two chicken Caesar salads waiting for us in the window. I dropped the money down and we both made it to work on time. Call Lasses for take out or just call ahead if you are pinched for time and want to eat in. It really made our day.

Sláinte,
George E. O'Connell



From the Vice Commodore

August had been a great month at FYC up until we felt the forces of Irene. We have been very fortunate compared to our sister club, BRYC, where much more substantial damage had occurred. Once again I am proud of our members and their resiliency. Volunteer members of our club were there starting Sunday and continuing throughout the following days. I would like to thank all who helped, too many to mention. A very special thanks to Jerry Hogarth, our Chairman of the House Committee, for spearheading the clean up efforts. I would also like to mention my son, AJ, for helping move the beer and wine with a team of volunteers, clean the beer cooler, and especially for keeping our bar open 'till dusk on Sunday. It was really awesome to see our members move the dock house and ice cooler back to their original locations while other members performed various clean up on the rest of our premises. As I write this article, my family in Easton still do not have power or internet at my home. I am pleased at how quickly the repairs are going at FYC. The bar has only been closed for a short time and the repairs should all be completed soon. I hope everyone will enjoy the rest of the summer. There are still many sailing and fishing events this fall. Come on down to the Best Club on the Planet. Hope to see you soon!

Jim Sorensen



Fleet Captain's Corner

Block Island trip a success with all the regulars in attendance. Next year we leave on July 14, 2012 and tide becomes favorable at 0830. So be it.

Shelter Island trip also went well and I want to give special 'well dones' to Rich and Carrie Parker as well as Sue and Bill Maloney for going as neophytes. Not an easy thing, to do this trip for the first time...I can just imagine the dire thoughts that Columbus must have had when first he sailed to come here. It is people like these two couples that keep our cruising going in our Club.

I had a thought and would like to present it at this time...FAYER-WEATHER CRUISING CLUB... composed of all the folks who now join us in our endeavors and all the ones yet to come with us. No dues and no obligations are entailed...we would meet perhaps two or three times a year at the Club and go over new ideas and thoughts for the coming seasons. What think you?

A reminder...these storms that are approaching as the hurricane season arrives, require that we take special precautions with our mooring tackle...no harm in putting another set of double bridles on at this point...tie sails down with extra lines, especially around roller-furling systems. Power boats require the same due diligence, even though they may be in the marina. I can do another set of bridles for you if need be. Preparation is the key.

Bob Butler
268-5775

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, Sept. 6th
General Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17th
FYC Clam Bake • 4:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 24th
FYC Poker Tournament • 3:30 pm

Monday, Sept. 26th
B.O.G. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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 6:30 p.m.
Kitchen Open

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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 also very grateful to the volunteers who have helped me put these events together. Here are some great upcoming events at our club:

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. Members are encouraged to bring guest, just remember to sign the guest book at the bar for all visitors.

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. Members are encouraged to bring guest, just remember to sign the guest book at the bar for all visitors.

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. Members are encouraged to bring guest, just remember to sign the guest book at the bar for all visitors.

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. Members are encouraged to bring guest, just remember to sign the guest book at the bar for all visitors.

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.

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Good & Welfare

Get well wishes for Dave Riordan and Ed Manes who are feeling better and back enjoying the Club.

Congratulations new life members: Jay Jost, Joan Husband, Laurette Reilly, Jim Anderson, George Palmgren and Kingsley McAlpine.

A special thank you to the Williams family of Captain's Cove Seaport for allowing safe harbor to FYC members during hurricane Irene. We appreciate your help and support.

Dee Powers

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Auxiliary News

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.

Your President,
Lynn Sullivan • 203 372-2981

Member Dinghy Notice

All dinks must be labeled with member names ASAP. Identification labels are available at the boathouse. We are in the process of updating paid members assigned racks and in-water dink slips. If they are not labeled and not paid for they will be removed from the property.

Thank you for your cooperation, this will better serve the members who are on waiting lists for dink racks and in water dink slips

Dee Powers,
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The Fishing Line

The Interclub Bluefish Tournament was held Sunday, August 7th. We had 8 boats entered. We placed 11th out of 14 participating clubs with our top five boats weighing in 53.84 pounds (top three fish per boat) lead by Bob Johnstone with 28.75 lbs.

Our annual *FYC Bluefish Tournament* will be held Sunday, **September 18th**. Entry forms and rules will be available on the Fishing Committee Board in the bar.

Also, the Annual Bridgeport Four Club Tournament will be held on October 9th. Watch for the entry forms and rules on the Fishing Committee Board in the bar. We need at least five boats to participate.

This year's Annual FYC Fishing Tournament standings as of August 25th are as follows;

Striped Bass		
1. VACANT		
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Bluefish		
1. Dave Farrington	06/19/2011	12.18 lbs.
2. Jerry Hogarth	08/13/2011	9.83 lbs.
3. VACANT		
Black Fish		
1. Larry Palaia	07/18/2001	4.97 lbs.
2. VACANT		
3. VACANT		
Porgy		
1. Frank Stirna	07/30/2011	2.56 lbs.
2. Larry Palaia	08/01/2011	2.43 lbs.
3. Dave McCann	08/10/2011	2.15 lbs.
Winter Flounder *		
1. Frank Stirna	05/07/2011	2.63 lbs.
2. Ed Kasper	04/30/2011	1.96 lbs.
3. Ed Wargo III	05/06/2011	1.65 lbs.
Fluke		
1. Ed Kasper	06/30/2011	6.34 lbs.
2. Bob Gaydosh	07/05/2011	4.02 lbs.
3. Dave Farrington	07/28/2011	3.42 lbs.

The next Fishing Committee Meeting will be Friday, September 9th at 6:30 PM. We will be discussing this year's FYC Annual Bluefish Tournament (Sunday September 18th).

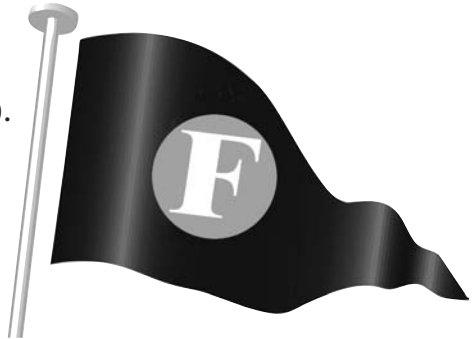
Jim Hogarth & Jim Hanrahan
Fishing Committee Co-chairmen

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

Membership Drive Open House Sunday, Sept 25th • 6-8pm

The Membership Committee will be hosting a membership drive cocktail party on Sunday, September 25th from 6:00 - 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 (cocktails and snacks will be served).
- Show your friends what FYC has to offer.
- Invitations available at bar. Members are encouraged to sign up at the bar to give us an approximate head count.



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FYC Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament
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