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Commodore -
George O'Connell

Vice Commodore -
Jim Sorensen

Rear Commodore -
Ben Thrush

Recording Secretary -
Emily Hyde

Financial Secretary -
Dolores Powers

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Ed Manes, P.C.

Richard Parker

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Jeff Vangele

Geza Yelenik



From the Helm

I know this is coming out a little early this month due to the Nominating Committee need to post the slate in a timely manner, but HAPPY NEW YEAR. I am very excited for 2012. I have a lot of very exciting personal things going on in the beginning of 2012 and I can not wait to get them in motion. I am also very excited to see the progress of the Club in 2012. I always feel personally that the Nominating Committee 'gets it'. They know what the vision is to keep FYC fun, yet viable, in the many years to come. They work very hard at selecting their slate to continue what, as I see it, is best for our Club. Again, this year I would like to thank them all for their time and angst. I know it is not an easy job to widdle down the numerous people who went upstairs for an interview and finally come up with their nominations. Their slate follows later in the Foghorn.

Phase II:

I would like to thank all of the chairpersons in each committee for their volunteer time, hard work and dedication to Fayerweather Yacht Club. Jim Sorensen, Vice Commodore, of Bar. Ben Thrush, Rear Commodore, of Entertainment. Donna Demattia of Membership. James Hogarth of Fishing. Jerome (Yes, Jerry on purpose) Hogarth of House. Mike Sullivan of Sailing. Ed Manes of Audit. Jim Eagen of Budget. Lynn Sullivan, President of the Auxiliary. Tom Bottillo of Power Boat. Bob Butler of Election. Wayne Ritchie of Dock. Jeff Vangele of Nominating. Dave Riordan of Hauling & Yard.

I must tell you all that I loved being your, at first, Board of Governor under PC Catherine Wall. Then your Vice Commodore under PC Ed Manes. And for this year, your Commodore. I really gave it my all and I hope, through all those who helped and volunteered, you saw the results. Either way the vote goes, I will be down at the Club helping out every chance I get. Whether it be finalizing my vision for the Bridge or watching the other capital projects, like the dock improvements, get under way. My hope is that momentum will continue and knowing the dedication and resolve of our membership, I have no doubt it will. Make sure you get down to FYC on January 3rd to vote. Like the saying goes 'make your voice heard' and don't forget you get a free sandwich!

My final thanks goes to every single member of Fayerweather Yacht Club. You all made my experience as your Commodore over the last two years very, very enjoyable. THANKS!

Sláinte,
George E. O'Connell - OUT!



From the Vice Commodore

I have considered it an honor and a privilege to have been able to serve as an officer for the past four years. I thank you all for your support. We have seen many improvements and hopefully this will continue. This issue of the Foghorn has been put out early because of the election on January 3rd. Make sure you get down to the club to vote. May 2012 be a great year as the past four have been.

Jim Sorensen



From the Rear Commodore

Thank you to all the FYC members who have come out and supported the events over the last year, as your participation is truly appreciated. I'm also very grateful to the volunteers who helped me put these events together, as your time and efforts were vital in making the events work. I hope those of you who spent your money on event tickets felt that what you received in return was worth your time and money, as I tried hard to offer something for you to enjoy. Although, for those of you who did not have a good time, sorry, yesterday was the deadline for all complaints.

Before I hand the Rear Commodore duties to my replacement, I do have two more events that I hope you will all be a part of. Tickets are on sale now and here are the details:

Saturday December 31 – FYC New Years Party: Bring in the new year with your fellow FYC members. Great music provided by the same DJ from our Harvest Dance, wonderful food, champagne toast and lots of unkept resolutions. Ticket are available at the bar for \$15 per person, so mark your calendar for this great event. Appetizers will start at 7pm and be served throughout the evening with a champagne toast at midnight.

Saturday January 7 – FYC Race Night: Like the 5th Beatle, FYC Race Night may not receive the most attention, but the ponies still put on a good show down at our club. Come down to FYC and place your bets with your favorite horse, or maybe even be a jockey for one of the races. This is a great event to enjoy the company of your fellow FYC members as well as feeling like you are sitting post side at a Triple Crown race. No tickets necessary for this event, as appetizers will be available, but members are encouraged to bring their own food. The first race will start at 6:30pm and the betting minimum is \$1.

Again, thank you all for the kind words and support over the last year, as its been a pleasure to be your Rear Commodore.

Ben Thrush

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2012 Election - Running from the Floor

I, Bill Selski, Past Commodore, am running for Board of Governors. I have been a member since 1997 and have participated in many Club events and have held many positions. If elected, I would like the Board to have meaningful communication with the membership, i.e. Long Range Planning committee.

●●● ATTENTION ●●●

FYC ELECTIONS WILL BE
ON TUESDAY, 1/4/11
VOTING WILL BE OPEN FROM
11:30 - 2pm and 5:30 - 7:15pm
COME DOWN, VOTE, AND
SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, Jan. 3rd

FYC ELECTION DAY

11:30 - 2pm and 5:30 - 7:15pm

General Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 23rd

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

Saturday, Jan. 7th

FYC Race Night • 6:30 p.m.

Weekly Events

Thursday Night Dinner

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Friday Night Happy Hour

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–Live Music–

Monday Night Dart League

7:00 p.m.

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Good & Welfare

Get Well wishes for Sandye Mann. We hope you're all feeling better and on the mend.

The Officers, Members and Auxiliary mourn the loss of Past Officer Walter Dobosz. His smiling face will be sorely missed around FYC.

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Auxiliary News

Well the Christmas Dinner was enjoyed by all. Hope the holiday season was good. We are now into January and some new business. Our meeting for members are on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 700 pm. Please try to attend. We will be having a guest speaker this month. If you have any questions please call me.

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SLATE OF THE 2012 NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB

The Nominating Committee hereby endorses its slate of Officers and Directors for the 2012 election as follows:

Officers (one –year term)

Commodore: Edward Manes

Vice Commodore: Richard Parker

Rear Commodore: Thomas Bruton

Treasurer: Andrew Wolf

Financial Secretary: Dolores Powers

Recording Secretary: Emily Hyde

Board of Governors: (three-year term)

George O'Connell

Russell Dunleavy

Geza Yelenick

The Nominating Committee thanks everyone who stepped forward to interview for these positions. These were extremely difficult choices given the qualifications and level of integrity of all who approached us.

Anyone wishing to run from the floor is heartily encouraged to do so pursuant to the provisions of the Bylaws.

Respectfully,

The FYC Nominating Committee

RACE NIGHT



Saturday,
January 7th
6:30 pm

- \$1 Minimum Bet
- Appetizers & BYOF

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