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From the Helm

I like fall a lot. I like to take drives up Route 8 and just enjoy the nice crisp air. I also LOVE to sail in the fall. Nothing better than still being in shorts and throwing on a Irish Knit sweater and going out for a couple of hours or just take one of our infamous harbor cruises. The Halloween Race is coming up this weekend and we also have the Wild Turkey Regatta the day after Thanksgiving. If you are around the Club, come on down and enjoy watching the races from our newly completed The Bridge. The new deck area was officially named at October's Board of Governors meeting. I tried to find out the member's name of the original suggestion but I was unable to. As soon as I get that information, I will pass it along to the membership in my next article – I promise.

Are you ready for it? Yes, Fayerweather Yacht Club's Harvest Dance 2011 is upon us this month! This is not only the number 1 supporting event for the Children's Christmas Party; it is THE most fun, craziest event of the year. Just a hint ... there are cops, there are robbers and there is a high security jail with video surveillance. If you are a new member you have to come, plain and simple. Bring friends as well because they will be signing up for membership after they see what goes on. I am sure Ben's article has more information so please check it out.

So Lori is pleased to note that this is my 3rd to last article as your Commodore – at least for this go around (kind of kidding). I am very excited of what we have accomplished over the last 2 years. The last two upcoming articles will just be a huge 'Thank Youfest'. So many people have guided me in my position and they need to be called out. Until then, keep sailing, keep fishing, keep coming down for Lasse's awesome meals, and keep having fun using FYC!

Sláinte,
George E. O'Connell





From the Vice Commodore

I have just finished putting the Sinatra Night pictures up on our website. All of the big smiles certainly indicate the high level of good times had. Our Rear Commodore, Ben, has been doing a great job with our club events! I would like to thank Jose and Terry for lending me their camera when mine ran out of juice.

This month we have our Sailing Awards on the 5th. If you haven't come down to sail on a Wednesday night or weekend this year, plan to give it a try next year. You don't need a boat, just come down and we will put you on one. There are several members who have come down to try out sailing and have since been coming and crewing just about every Wednesday night. If sailing isn't your bag there are also many excellent fishermen here at FYC. If you would like to get involved in our fishing events just contact Jim 'Hogie' Hogath. The Fishing Committee runs events throughout the year, like the Fish Fry's for example.

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet for our annual Harvest Dance, don't delay because this one sells out. FYC is still the place to be on Friday nights with Swansons raw bar providing great chowder, clams, oysters, and especially the best lobster rolls on the planet. Our lunches and Thursday night dinners by Lasses are well worth the trip down. I have our lunch and Thursday dinner menu available on our web site.

Our new railings are now completed on the deck over the Penfield Room. Take a walk upstairs and check out the view, it's incredible. Make plans to stop by our Club for one of our many events or just for a drink. I always end up staying longer than planned, running into old friends or making new ones. Hope to see you soon at FYC.

Jim Sorensen



Fleet Captain's Corner

Are you aware of the action by our launch operator Ryan Conrad that saved a man from drowning this summer? It happened this way: Ryan saw a man and his lady out sailing in our channel and suddenly the boat went out of control. Finding the man in the water and the lady unable to control the boat which was going in circles, Ryan went to the scene immediately and was able, after some difficulty, to get the man onto our launch. When the man regained his composure, Ryan pulled alongside the sailboat and the man rejoined his lady...no names here, but we wanted to express this kudo to Ryan for what he did, without which this could have been a fatality.

The South yard looks good...and moorings will start to come out shortly...please be certain that your name is on your mooring ball or tallbuoy.

If winter comes, can Spring be far behind?

Bob Butler
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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, Nov. 2nd
General Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 19th
Harvest Dance 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 28th
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-

Monday Night Dart League
7:00 p.m.

REMINDER

Cash left on chit cards, must be spent on food or liquor by December 30, 2011. The balance left, is not carried over to the next year.

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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 November 19 – Harvest Dance: One of the most popular events at FYC is only a few weeks away. Tickets are on sale now at the FYC bar for \$25, and as in years past, this event will certainly sell out. It's a great evening of dancing and "harvesting" vegetables with your fellow FYC members, but be aware, unlawful vegetable picking will get you an escorted visit to the FYC jail – luckily bail is only \$1, especially for those repeat offenders. If you can, make sure to also stop by the night before (Friday 11/18 @ 6pm) for a pizza party and help set up for this great event. It's a fun time, the pizza is delicious and your help is certainly appreciated.

Saturday December 3 – Member Cook Night: Come enjoy a delicious meal prepared by some of the best yacht club cooks in CT. Tickets are \$12 per person and only a limited amount will be sold, so purchase your tickets early. Dinner will be served at 6pm and the menu will include your choice of Steak or Chicken, along with seasoned potatoes, grilled vegetables and a dinner salad. If you have any interest in helping with this event, (prep work, cooking, serving, etc.) please contact me soon.

Sunday December 18 – Children's Christmas Party: Bring the kids down to meet Santa at FYC, as this is always a great event for the entire family. Ticket information and event details to follow, but make sure to save the date.

Saturday December 31 – FYC New Years Party: Bring in the new year with your fellow FYC members. Live music, great food, champagne toast and lots of unkept resolutions. Ticket information and event details to follow, so mark your calendar for this great event.



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
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Welcome Aboard New Members: William Goetz, Kevin Lamoin, Bertram Spiller, Christopher Angle, Harold Oesall, Richard Dufour, Suzanne Caruso, James Warner, Elizabeth McGoe, and Dr. Jeffery Charles Wood.

Get well wishes for Denny Donohue, Lou Fabion, and Bill Wenzel.


The Officers, Members and Auxiliary mourn the loss of members Joseph Szor and Harold Mitchell. We send our condolences to his wife Marjorie, family and friends.

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Auxiliary News

Thank you Eleanor, Carol and Rosemary for the desserts at the October meeting. Our hostess for the November meeting are Carrie Parker and Donna Palaia. Our Holiday Dinner will be on December 14th at 7pm. Sharon F has stepped up to chair the event for us, so please let here know what you would like at the November meeting. Your choice will be lobster or filet mignon. The price is now \$20.00. You may also call Sharon at 203 874 8832. The cut off date will be December 1st. We will be forgoing any gift giving, but collecting toiletries and things for the new Home of the Brave for the women in Bridgeport. Please remember to bring your wine bottles for the Wassail baskets and you may bring any items to be given to the Home of the Brave that evening too. We still are in need of MORE RECIPES for the club cookbook, which can be submitted in the Auxiliary box at the bar. See you in November

Your President,
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The Fishing Line

This year's Annual FYC Fishing Tournament standings as of October 24st are as follows;

Striped Bass			
1.	VACANT		
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Bluefish			
1.	Frank Stirna	10/22/2011	14.04 lbs.
2.	Dave Farrington	10/23/2011	13.90 lbs.
3.	Ed Wargo III	09/10/2011	13.57 lbs.
Black Fish			
1.	Ed Wargo III	10/23/2001	7.17 lbs.
2.	Ernie Gagnon	10/23/2011	6.51 lbs.
3.	Larry Palaia	07/18/2001	4.97 lbs.
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.

* Season Closed

The next Fishing Committee Meeting will be Friday November 11th at 6:30 PM. We will be discussing this year's Awards Distribution.

Jim Hogarth & Jim Hanrahan
Fishing Committee Co-chairmen

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Individuals wishing to run from the floor have the opportunity to submit up to (50) fifty words for publication in the January Foghorn.

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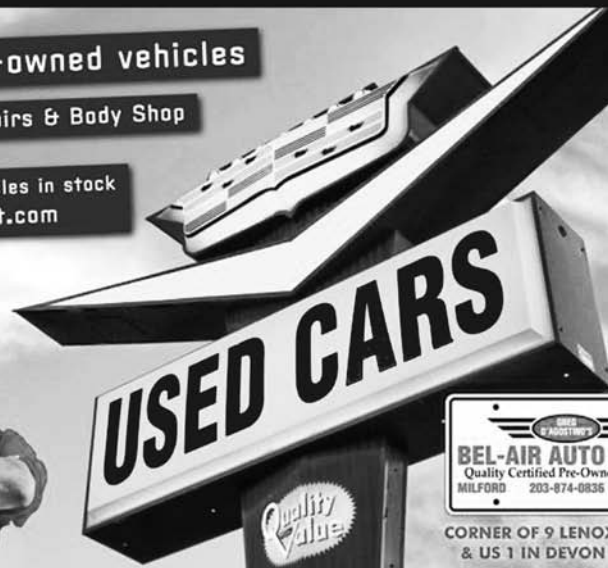


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Please join us in this worthwhile effort. Each time you come to the club, please bring something with you for the food drive. Items may be left in the club near the turkey posted in the entrance area. Items that are especially appreciated at this time of the year are cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, sweet potatoes and gravy, boxes of stuffing mix, and boxes of mashed potatoes. All items will be weighed in by the Food Bank, and we will keep a tally of the weight we have reached. Our goal this year is 500 pounds. If you are coming to the Harvest Dance, please do not



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