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The Trustees are working on a new budget that will affect the financial future of the Club. They meet after every Tuesday night after the scheduled Club meetings – your ideas, suggestions and input would be welcome.

**What are you doing Wednesday nights?
Come on down to the Club and play a little Setback!!
The fun starts Wednesday, March 24th at 7pm**

There's going to be a big raffle!
For a bottle of Johnny Walker Blue label!
Tickets are \$10/each & available through Commodore Joe Piccerillo
Drawing to be held at Opening Day

**Mark the dates for Work Party time!
Members who fail to meet their requirements
Will be fined at \$15/hour!**

2017 TRUSTEES

Bob Abate - Regatta

Feresteh Bekhrad - Audit

Mike Ferraro - House

Owen Little - Bar Liaison

Rick McCormick - At Large

Joe Salato - Entertainment

Ken Waldron - Chairman

Remember --

You can friend us on Facebook

You can log on to us at "waucomayachtclub.com"

**Coming this summer!
Oldies night at the Waucoma Bar!**

2017 BAR COMMITTEE

Scott Carr – Bar Manager

Roy Ferreira – Vending Machines

Bill Heimann - Inventory

Tony Ornato - Ordering

Jeff Vandermaelen – Bar Supplies

Richie Ware – Happy Hour - change

Kim Wilk – Bar Chairperson

In an effort to keep all members up to date on Club activities, we are requesting your current email address as we feel this may be the most efficient way to communicate with you. Please contact Owen Davis at "oydavis@att.net" with your address.

MEETING DATES

March 7	March 21
April 4	April 18
May 2	May 16
June 6	June 20
July 4	July 18
August 1	August 15
September 5	September 19
October 3	October 17
November 7	November 21
December 5	December 19

Suggested Fishing Tournament Dates

May 19 -21	Striped Bass
June 4	Summer Flounder (Fluke) Rain/wind date: June 11
August 19	Tri Club Bluefish Challenge
August 27	Children's Fishing Tournament
September 10	Porgy / Black Seabass
September 24	Bluefish
October 22	Blackfish

Herman Hotchkiss and the King's Block

In an earlier article I mentioned briefly the story of Herman Hotchkiss who's stone in the Union Cemetery states, Herman Hotchkiss born July 1, 1765, died February 20, 1836, "He was the Founder of Fair Haven." History is not clear when he received that title or from whom. Union Cemetery is a City cemetery and is not part of the church there.

In anticipation of the building of the Grand Ave Bridge in 1791 Hotchkiss bought several pieces of property on both sides of the bridge to build his businesses. He purchased property about 1820 on the west side of the bridge from the Granniss family. Hotchkiss had the Granniss house moved to another location and on this property he built his hotel and tavern. The tavern was a lively watering hole for the growing Fair Haven Community.

In 1847 Daniel M. King, a lessee, ran his Fair Haven Coffee in the building supplying coffee to the local oystermen and visitors. King later became the owner of the building and renamed it "King's New Block." Several new businesses included S.P. Howard, jeweler, A.A. Wilcox, Boot, shoe and hat store and Rowe and Smith, Ladies Dress Goods and Clothing Store. By 1884 the name was changed to the Fair Haven Hotel. Later a pool hall was also located there along with Lewis L. Adler's Fancy Goods. The building's address in 1894 was listed as 14-20 Grand Ave.

Over many years the building housed many different business and into the 1900s it became empty and unused. By 1976 the Old King's Block was scheduled for demolition. The new plan was to eliminate the Grand Ave Bridge and build a raised bridge over the river. The western approach to this new bridge would start back around Grand and Clinton Ave and cross the river over to the East Grand Ave side. This would eliminate the turn bridge. Fortunately, because of the uproar from the Fair Haven residents this plan was scrapped and the Old King's Block survived into the twenty-first century.

Waucoma member Anthony Griego 2017