

MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

Commodore's Corner

Sailing season is here! The club is open and the yachts are filling in across the mooring field. The weather is fine, inviting you to come enjoy the facility.

Launch Service is running now everyday, 0900-2100, through Labor Day.

Aileen Green is operating the galley, offering a wide variety of food choices. She is serving lunches everyday but Friday, staying late on Thursday night, and open on Saturdays and Sundays. Don from Grampy's is still providing his customary Wednesday night dinners, but this year will also offer alternate choices.

We had a good turnout for the second porch party. Many thanks to Jean Ann and Jack Scaduto, and Barbara and Bevan Crighton for all the work they did to cause it to happen. And, of course, a big thanks to John Ahern for putting up with the smoke while flipping all those burgers.

For those that missed the June 26 General Membership meeting that followed the porch party, the members voted in a bylaw change that requires requesters desiring to change their membership status to Master Mariner, do so by September 1 of the year before it is to take effect. They still must be 65 years old some time in the year the request is for, but don't need to be 65 when submitting the request. You can find the actual bylaw words in the new club directory.

Russ Carr has designed a new

dingy ramp, and with the help of Bevan Crighton, Jack Scaduto, and Chuck Wargo, has fabricated the structure. The ramp should be usable by the time you read this.

Windows – Please be sure the downstairs windows are locked if you are the person closing up the club at the end of the day.

Winter sticks/floats – Please remove yours soon, they are very unsightly. Those remaining will be disposed of before the Governor's Trophy Race.

As a reminder, if anything needs to be passed to the club officers or committee chairmen, please enter it in the logbook in the radio room.

Good news! We will have a Member's Weekend this year, thanks to Bob VanderWiede assuming chairmanship for the event. If you want to get involved in its planning and success, please give him a call.

Eric Jones, TYC Commodore

Membership Committee

The season is now in full swing and we still have a number of inquires for membership.

Please welcome new members:

Ed & Rene Lyall of Salem.

Ron & Roberta Brower of Quaker Hill.

Kevin Krause of Enfield, is returning as a senior member.

Please let me know of any interested candidates that would be a consideration for membership.

Stu Craig

Chairman, Membership Committee

Galley is Now Open

Hours of Service

Saturday - Wednesday	10 A.M.-5 P.M.
Thursday	10 A.M.-8 P.M.
Friday	Closed

Vice Commodore's Report

Before I report the going ons for the upcoming month, I want to correct an error that appeared in my Column in the June, 2005 Mainsheet. After thanking John and Lisa Huff for the small refrigerator they donated I wrote "The only thing they ask is you keep it clean for the others to use." The statement should have read "The only thing we (TYC) ask is you keep it clean for others to use." I apologize for the error.

Commissioning Day, May 27th, was wonderful. Over 80 members attended the opening of TYC for the season and several new members received their Club Burgees. Once again there was such a variety of fantastic appetizers and desserts along with the Taco soup made by Lorena Jones. Jack and Jean Ann Scaduto and Lynn and Jim Londregan were the prime volunteers again, but many helped clean up. Volunteers are the backbone of TYC, To all of you, I thank you!

Our next big event is the Membership Meeting and Porch Party (which will have taken place when you read this) on Sunday, June 26, 2005. Bevan Crighton and Barbara Leclerc are Co-chairing the event with Jack and Jean Ann Scaduto. This too, shall be reported on in the next Mainsheet.

On Saturday, July 16, 2005 TYC will again be sponsoring the Annual Governor's Regatta and After-race Party. Don Foster, our Wednesday night chef will be preparing the buffet for the party. We will need lot of volunteers for this event. Please contact Jean Ann Scaduto (860-859-3408 or tyccaduto@aol.com) as soon as possible to let her know if you can help set up tables, tents, serve food and drinks, clean-up; we need lots of desserts. It is really important you try your best to help out and it's a great way to get to know other members!

The GALLEY is open during the day and on weekends. Aileen Greene has some great hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, drinks, goodies and many other things.

Also, on Wednesday evenings, Don Foster will have some limited choices, along with his regular dinner specialty. There're signs at the Club for future Wednesday night dinners.

Jackie Fisher, TYC Vice Commodore



Lisa Huff sits on the deck of Goombay Smash, Stu Craig's J-30 with Ambitious, James Goldman's J-24 in their sites during the A Class Race.

Rear Commodore's Corner

We had great conditions for the Chili Series this year. 15-20 knots of wind, steadily out of the West. Three races were completed of progressively increasing length. The combined corrected results are: 1-Goombay Smash, 2-Capricorn, 3-Sundance, 4-Syrah, 5-Fast Lane.

As of 22 June, four Wednesday Night races were completed. So far we have fifteen boats registered for the Wednesday Night Series with one or two more joining each week. It is not too late to sign up and enjoy the friendly competition. Results are posted on the Race Committee board at TYC and on the TYC home page.

The next big event for TCY Club racing is the Bradbury Memorial Race on July 4. Historically we have tried to set one long course for this event and intend to do so again this year. See the Notice of Race in this issue of the Mainsheet. The food after the race will be sold through the galley. BYOB!!!

It's not too soon to register for the Oscar Kerman Series to be sailed during TYC's annual Member's Weekend, 13 August, 2005. This is a light hearted competition when we especially welcome non-racers to participate. Handicaps will be adjusted to give inexperienced sailors a good chance to win. Many whole families participate. "Non-sailing spouses" take the helm and no yelling is permitted. Don't forget to bring water balloons, super soakers and other non-lethal means of offense! See the NOR in this Mainsheet. Register using the Combined Entry Form available on line, at TYC or the morning of the race.

The Race Committee still has openings for additional crew to help run races on the Queen Merry on a PRN basis. Ask me how you can help. 464-2401

Lloyd McDonald, TYC Rear Commodore

Publicity Update

After receiving our press release regarding the joint TYC/SYC Youth Sailing Program, the New London Day has approached us about writing a feature story that follows a new student through our sailing classes. The story will be part of their feature series on kids trying something new this summer. We are in the process of identifying a candidate.

Please remember to let us know if you have any club related news you would like to publicize. I can be reached at jahearn@meredith.com or 860-244-1622.

Keep an eye out for TYC mentions in Windcheck and Soundings in the coming months.

John Ahearn, TYC Publicity Chairman

Great New London Ocean Race Returns

After a one year hiatus, the Great New London Ocean Race returns to the ECSA Offshore Circuit with a new course.

The Ocean Race, in its 27th rendition, is now solely sponsored by Thames YC. The new course is navigator's choice. From the start off the Queen Merry, it proceeds out through The Race to Cerberus Shoal, thence around Block Island in either direction, back to Cerberus and thence through The Race to finish at the Queen.

Classes will be established for spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats. Interest has been expressed in some boats racing double-handed. The First Warning is 1855, Friday, July 8th. Entries close Wednesday, July 6th at 2100.

The Notice of Race and appropriate Entry Form can be found on the Club's website. Race Secretary Cal Brouwer is accepting entries, the Principal Race Officer will be Judy Gibbs.

The ECSA Offshore Circuit awards double bonus points for this race.

Cal Brouwer

Two Good Days of Racing; Spring Off Soundings

On the weekend of June 10 & 11 varied weather conditions greeted the nine TYC boats and crews that participated in the Off Soundings Spring Series.

On Friday's race from Watch Hill to Block Island competitors faced winds from 10-15 knots with clouds, rain and sun. Saturday while racing around Block Island racers had a great day with 15-20 knots of wind making the race quite fast.

Club members receiving trophies for the weekend were Hugh O'Brien with Ripple 3rd place in Class C-1, Bob Geary with his new Sagacious 2nd in NS-1 and Spence Kloter and Cal Brouwer 4th in NS 2. A good time was had by all.

Judy Gibbs



At the start of the Ensign Class; Russ Carr's Swoose, Bob Geary's Sagacious and the Gibbs' new Ensign (in the distance) all go on a starboard tack.



Billierina, the Mainsheet Editor's C&C 27 with his guest "Minnesota Crew" keeping an eye on the competition prior to the start of the B Class Race.

Mooring Committee Notice

Two quick points and then we can all go sailing:

1. Mooring space permits need to be forwarded to mooring committee. There are a number of delinquent members.
2. There are a number of winter markers located on the beach. All markers need to be removed on or before 15 July in preparation for Governor's Regatta. Any markers remaining on beach at that time will be disposed of.

Thank you all for your cooperation. Any questions, or ideas don't hesitate to call: 860.437.7933. You can forward completed Mooring Space Permits to me:

Via mail: Guy Hannum

63 Bayshore Drive

New London, CT 06320

Via fax: 860.447.1047

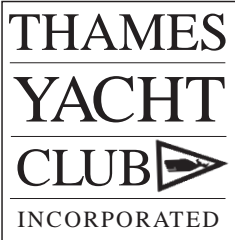
Guy Hannum, TYC Mooring Chairman

Optimist Regatta

This is a reminder that The Thames Yacht Club will be host to The Optimist Regatta on Friday, August 5. We would love to have anyone and everyone help us on this very exciting day. Please let us know if you can help! We need Race Committee, boat loaders, help with the BBQ, registration and many others supporters!

Thanks in advance for all your support and help!

Contact Dana Fowler 860-536-0226



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June 21, 2005 TYC Executive Committee Meeting Summary

- **Commodore Report:** The club is working to clean up the facility, replace the north ramp and getting the members to take home their winter floats.
- **Vice Commodore Report:** The Commissioning Day Party had a good turnout with 80 people attending. The Governor's Regatta Party on July 16 will be catered by Don Foster.
- **Rear Commodore Report:** the TYC Wednesday Night Series has 15 boats registered to date. A new lap top computer was purchased to facilitate race scoring.
- **Planning and Development:** Plans are in progress to replace the clubhouse upper porch decking and roof.
- **House Committee:** A work party on Saturday, June 25 plans to install a new north side ramp. An additional dinghy dolly will be purchased for member use.
- **ECSA Offshore:** Opti's and PHRF Hospice races are scheduled at TYC on July 13.

- **Youth Sailing:** The program is ready for the June 27 start date. Level I spots are filled; a few spots are left in the last 3 week session.
- **Mooring Committee:** Six new moorings were installed to accommodate the membership. Members should take home their winter floats ASAP.
- **Mainsheet Editor:** The 2005 TYC Directory will be available to the members in July.
- **DRYFF:** \$525 was raised for the fund in a silent auction during the Commissioning Day Party.
- **TYC 75th Anniversary:** Cal Brouwer is looking for members to serve on this committee.

The Next TYC Executive Committee will be held on July 19 at 7 PM at the clubhouse.

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