

MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club



Message From the Editor

I would hope at this time that each member has their copy of the TYC 2005 Directory. If not, it is available through Jean Ann Scaduto. Kudos to everyone who assisted in the project. Especially to Jean Ann, who's efforts and dedication continue to impress me with the production of both the Mainsheet and the Directory, Thank you for your assistance.

Also, please use this new e-mail address for future Mainsheet submissions;

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Greg Reese, Mainsheet Editor

Important Parking Notice

Members, crew and other guests are reminded that parking in front of the Club-house is prohibited, except for the handicapped space and those reserved for the three ranking Club officers. The remaining spaces are for loading and unloading only with a 15 minute time limit. Also, the gates leading to the driveway and the north ramp can not be blocked. **Please keep in mind these are towable offenses.**

Commodore's Corner

Sailing season is slipping by quickly. The weather has been great; come enjoy the facility and the water while the Summer's heat holds out.

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

We had a good turnout for the post race beach party that followed the Governor's Regatta. Many thanks to Jean Ann and Jack Scaduto, Barbara and Bevan Crighton, and all the other members that did so much to cause it to happen. Don from Grampy's filled us with his scrumptious food and the beach bar worked out well. In the same respect, we appreciate the fine job the race committee and supporting staff did in conducting the regatta.

Our co-sponsored (TYC and Shennecossett YC) youth sailing program is going well, as is the Optimist Wednesday night racing. What an enthusiastic group of young sailors.

The new dingy ramp is in use. It's rather substantial, but not designed for use by powered vehicles (cars). We are adding a bottom panel to allow for sand height variations and easier transition between the sand and the ramp.

New stickers have been issued for all dingy/small boats that members have paid to keep on the premises. Please put them on your boats

As a reminder, please be considerate of other members, and pick up after yourself. If you find any problems that need our attention, please enter them in the logbook in the radio room.

Member's Weekend is coming up fast. The highlight of the weekend is the Oscar Kerman Series, where anyone and everyone can race their boat. You can't have a bad start as your time clock starts when you cross the starting line. Sign up for the events you want to participate in. If you want to get involved in the preparation for the weekend events, please give Bob VanderWiede a call.

Eric Jones, TYC Commodore

Membership Committee

Please welcome **Robert and Janet Welsh** to the club as new members.

Also welcome **Tim and Erin Smith** of New London as beach pass members. Let me know if you would like me to send out some club information to friends that are interested in joining.

Stu Craig -Chairman, Membership Committee

Vice Commodore's Report

Because I was not able to attend the Membership Meeting/Porch Party on June 26, 2005, I wish to thank Bevan Crighten and Barbara LeClerc for all the work they did to make it successful. Approximately 40 members attended the meeting and enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers cooked by members of TYC. Thank you everyone for bringing salads and desserts to share.

I wish to thank Jean Ann and Jack Scaduto for taking charge and running a very successful Governor's Regatta after-race party. Jean Ann sends many thanks to the following members who helped put up the two tents and worked to make the Governor's Regatta party a great success. Cliff Fisher, Chuck Wargo, Mike and Dotty Mansfield, Alma Brouwer, Mary Ellen Michalowski, Josie Scaduto, Jeanie Cullen and Vonice Carr. She said they had to improvise in several cases and they came through with brilliant and workable ideas. Also many thanks to Don Foster for the delicious food and managing to help us with all that was needed to accomplished such a super event.

We look forward for the next event on September 11, 2005, the Commodore's Trophy Race. Once again we will need lots of help to set-up, serve and clean-up. Please call Jackie Fisher (860-443-5968 or email jacfisher36@msn.com) to say you can help. We also need desserts to make everyone happy.

On September 25 we start our Chowder Series. Remember, members are invited to attend any and all of the events, It is a great way to support your club and get to know other members.

Jackie Fisher, TYC Vice Commodore

Youth Sailing Program

After much hard work by many members of the Committee the Sailing Lesson Program is well on its way with the second 3 week Session started July 25th. Enrollment has been excellent with many of the sailors in the first session continuing on with an additional instruction. Wednesday night racing has had 12+ Optis on the starting line with a few 420s joining in.

To accommodate the increased interest of older/larger children in the Program, Flying Junior sailboats from Shennecossett Yacht Club are now being used. If you get a chance to stop down on a Wednesday evening around 5PM you will get a feel for the enthusiasm of the young sailors. The next generation of TYC members is forming right now and the future looks bright.

In addition to the Lesson Program, our sailors are busy off racing at area Yacht Club Regattas and finishing in the top of the fleets. Our instructors are providing the knowledge and techniques need to become good sailors and competitive racers.

The next big event for the Sailors and the Program is the TYC Opti Regatta scheduled for Friday August 5th. Come down and help our young sailors and other area sailors enjoy the thrill of competition in a fleet of 40+ Optis. Contact Dana Fowler at dana.fowler@comcast.net or 860-536-0226 to offer your help.

Cliff Fisher - Youth sailing Chairman

Rear Commodore's Corner

Don't forget to join us on Member's Weekend. The Oscar Kerman race will be on Saturday, August 13. One class, non-spinnaker, handicaps adjusted in favor of less experienced skippers. Skipper's Meeting at 0900. Warning for first race at 1030, second race approximately 1330. This event is focused more on fun than competition.

Also, mark your calendars for Skipper's Night, Friday September 10 at TYC. Trophies will be presented for completed races/series that evening.

Lloyd McDonald, TYC Rear Commodore



Whew!!! Having just completed the building of the new Dinghy Ramp on Saturday July 9th. Included in the picture are, left to right Eric Jones, Bevan Crighton, Jack Scaduto, Russ Carr, Bob Gibbs. Not included in the picture, but who also helped build the ramp are Guy Hannum and Chuck Wargo.

Governor's Regatta

The 35th Connecticut Governor's Regatta was sailed July 16th. 38 boats entered, 36 started and 35 finished in 4 classes. The 12 boat Ensign class constituted the fleet's largest with PHRF boats divided into a non-spinnaker class and 2 spinnaker classes. Southeast winds prevailed throughout the day ranging from a low of 3 knots to a short peak of 11. The afternoon flood tide caused to racers to slow down on the beat from Cormorant Rock to the windward mark set near South Dumpling, resulting in the Ensign class being shortened there. Results are inserted elsewhere in this Mainsheet.

A second race was scheduled but due to the lateness of the finishes, the race committee elected to end it at one and allow the racers to retire to the Club for an excellent post-race shore party.

Many thanks go to those who assisted in running the Regatta. Doug Craig provided Bryan Station as the committee boat. On board in addition to Doug were Lloyd and Josie McDonald, Craig Spear and Connie, Carolyn Leuze, Steve Rosen, Paul Generous and Dana Fowler.

Andiamo was Mark Boat "W" with Lou and Helene Leverone doing the honors. The utility boat was Dave Heminway and his Mako 17. Assisting were Steve Berry and Ray LeFevre. Great jobs done by all! If I have failed to include someone, I sincerely apologize.

Cal Brouwer, Principal Race Officer



Rusty Nail, Jackie and Cliff Fisher's Pearson 31 round the final windward mark "W" and head for the finish line in the 2005 Governor's Regatta

Commodore's Trophy Race

The 58th Commodore's Trophy Race will be sailed Sunday, September 11th. The Notice of Race and an Entry Form are enclosed with this Mainsheet. Closing date for entries is Wednesday, September 7th at 2000. First Warning on race day is 1055.

This is a major race for the Club. It's an all hands on event. Doug Craig has once again offered Bryan Station as the Mark "W" Boat. A committee boat is needed as well as a utility boat and the appropriate personnel to man them. Those wishing to volunteer should contact Principal Race Officer Judy Gibbs at 860-444-7227 or jgibbs@snet.net.

Entry forms need to go to Race Secretary Cal Brouwer along with the appropriate PHRF certificate and fee.

Race Secretary Cal Brouwer

Great New London Ocean Race

The 27th Great New London Ocean Race was held July 8th and 9th. This 60 plus mile overnight race was the first of the season on the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association's Offshore Circuit. Changes this year were moving the start/finish line to the Queen Merry and leaving which direction to round Block Island to the choice of the navigators. 6 boats entered, 5 started and 3 finished. The race started in a driving rain in a moderate northeast wind. Sea conditions in The Race ranged from 8 to 10 feet and 6 to 8 feet at Cerberus Shoal. Winds approaching Block Island were noted to be close to 40 knots. The finish on Saturday morning, the 9th, was in brilliant sunshine, relatively flat seas and north-west breezes of 10 to 12 knots. The results are posted elsewhere in this Mainsheet. Judy Gibbs was Principal Race Officer, assisted by Cal Brouwer and Bob Gibbs.

Cal Brouwer

Authentic TYC Clothing for Sale

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| Hats | \$13 (various colors) |
| Kids Tees | \$8 |
| Adult Tees | \$10 |
| Adult Golf Shirts | \$20 |
| Sweat Shirts | \$15 (limited quantities) |
| Ties | \$15 |

Please look or ask for Claire Gammo who is there on most weekends or email her at clairegammo@sbcglobal.net. For youth shirts see Cliff Fisher. Get them while many choices are available.

Claire Gammo



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Member's Weekend, August 12, 13 and 14th

Mark your calendars and plan to spend the weekend at the club. Lots of fun, games, prizes for all ages. Check the bulletin board for sign up sheets.

Friday night:

Burgers and Dogs, and fixins: \$1 ea.

Make your own Sundaes: \$1.50 ea.

Movies on the beach with Captain Ron

Casino Night upstairs.

Saturday:

Breakfast at the club: French toast, etc.

Race in the morning and in the afternoon, Prizes.

Pig Roast in the evening - DJ and live music!!!

\$9.00 per, guests \$13 per, children under 11 no charge.

Sunday:

Pot luck brunch.

More festivities and racing, stay tuned.

We are putting together the finishing touches on our plans and are looking for good helpers.

Jobs available include:

Casino Manager

Blackjack Dealers

Craps Table Manager

Texas Hold-Em Manager

Liquor Custodian

Pig Pick Up

Ice Cream Sundae Scooper

BBQ Grill Person

Soda Jerk

Lei Distributor

Call Bob or Mary Jane if you can help make this a fun weekend for all. 203-668-4627 or 203-453-3869 or... email us at vanderwiede@yahoo.com

Check the website for more information. Mark your calendars!!!