

MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club



From the Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for the computer issues I had last month which prevented me from putting an October Mainsheet edition together. Thank you for your patience. I would like to wish the TYC Membership a quick and safe off-season.

Greg Reese, Mainsheet Editor

Commodore's Corner

The November General Membership meeting will be a very important, busy meeting. We will be electing new officers, voting on by laws and voting on the new budget. Please plan to attend this meeting on November 2.

The Commodore's Trophy Race and Party were a great success due to many people. I would like to thank all those who helped and I cannot possibly name each one. Many people do behind the scenes jobs and often go unacknowledged, but it all contributes to the overall success. To name a few: Chuck Estell started with mowing and trimming the lawn. Jack and Jean Ann repainted the porch areas. Russ had new sliding windows installed. Jean Ann took over the social responsibilities so Jackie could race, and many able helpers handled both parties. The race committee ran a great race. Our neighbor Henry put the trash to the road (as he does every week). And the list goes on and it shows how well we do when we work together.

The Chowder Series races are underway and run every Sunday through the end of October. If you are not racing, you can still come down and enjoy some chowder and sailing comradery.

I would like to thank Cliff Fisher for organizing coverage for the launch. And give a special thanks to all those who responded to his requests for help. Your service is appreciated.

We are meeting with the company repre-

sentatives that are assuming the oyster business from the Mohegan Tribe.

We have two social events left this year and hope to see a lot of you there.

Eric Jones, TYC Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report

I am on Xapisma with Bob & Barbara Welsh and Cliff motor sailing in western Long Island Sound nearing New York City with the skyline in sight. It was a beautiful day and I hope it stays that way while we head toward Florida.

Anyway, what a wonder and super Halloween Party we had on Saturday October 15. Some 31 members attended, some in costumes, but all laughed so hard watching or playing games and enjoying the great decorations and eating delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts. For those of you who couldn't attend you really missed a great party!

Thanks to Judy Gibbs, Carolyn Leuze, Lynn & Jim Londregan, Lorena Jones, Jack & Jean Ann Scaduto for helping to decorate and cook and thanks to all of you who cleaned up afterward. Our next event is our Annual Holiday Party Friday, December 2 at 6:30 pm.

Being this is my last event as Vice Commodore, I would like to prepare a special dinner for you. Therefore, it is very important you RSVP me by Monday, November 28 at jafisher36@msn.com or 443-5968. I will need help in the kitchen, decorating, setting up and cleaning up afterward. Also appetizers and desserts are always welcome. A flyer is enclosed in this Mainsheet with details. The Children's Sundae with Santa Party is December 11.

I truly wish to thank all who made my term as Vice Commodore a memorable event. I wish the incoming Vice Commodore much success and offer my help at any time.

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P.S. Because of technical difficulties the Mainsheet wasn't published in October. Thus my thanks to all who helped with the Commodore's Trophy Race was not acknowledged. I would like to thank Alma Brouwer, JoAn and Pet Brouwer, Claire and Wayne Gammo, Lorena Jones, Dottie and Mike Mansfield, Mary Ellen and Phil Michalowski, Michelle and Frank Rosetta, Jack, Jean Ann and Josie Scaduto, Al Schober and Pat Welsh. who helped put up the tents, served the food and cleaned up afterwards.

There were others, we know, we thank you also. Without volunteers the success of such events does not work. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart!

Jackie Fisher - Vice Commodore.

Planning and Development Committee

The Planning and Development Committee would like to hear from members who have any comments or suggestions for improvements they would like to see at TYC. The committee has been tasked with planning and proposing changes to improve TYC. The committee meets monthly usually the first Thursday of every month at 19:00. Any member is welcome to attend.

Current Projects Include:

Replacing upper deck roof and decking.
Replacement of Launch Float
Installing phone, cable, and internet.

The committee can be reached via email at the following address: tycplanning@myeastern.com

John Huff, Committee Chairman

Rear Commodore's Corner

Skipper's Night was a lot of fun thanks to the many people who helped set up, cook the hamburgers and hot dogs, stocked the ice chests with beer, soda and water and especially cleaned up at the end of the night. Thanks to all who helped! We had over seventy paid participants. Thirty five trophies were presented to skippers for races completed to date. The Youth Sailing Program also presented certificates to all their participants and trophies/medals to the winners of Optimist races. A special thank you is in order for Cal Brouwer and Tom Welsh (Jr) for their superb support to race committees all season long.

The Chowder Series started Sunday, September 25 and will run for 6 weeks. The Notice of Race is on the TYC web site. We usually have more reliable wind than on Wednesday nights and no worries about sunset limiting the course we set.

Rear Commodore, Lloyd McDonald, is looking for help on the Race Committee during this series.

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Lloyd McDonald, TYC Rear Commodore

Commodore's Trophy Race

As Principal Race Officer I would like to thank everyone who was on the Race Committee and helped TYC host a fine race on September 11. After a postponement of 1 hour and 10 minutes, Mother Nature cooperated and the wind filled to about 8 knots and increased slightly as the day progressed. Special thanks to Bob and Barb Welsh for the use of Xapiema as Committee Boat. Grandson Thomas Welsh assisted Barb in boat handling and Race Committee for the day. Doug Craig on Bryan Station with able bodied crew Steve Rosen and Paul Generous did their usual outstanding job as mark boat. Lou Leverone and Ray LeFevre did a great job manning the utility boat. Other Race Committee who did outstanding work aboard Xapiema included Race Secretary-Cal Brouwer, Rear Commodore Lloyd McDonald, Josie MacDonald, Craig Spears, Connie Beauregard, Gabe Stern, and Dave Costanzo.

Special thanks to Connie Beauregard and Carolyn Leuze for selling raffle tickets to Benefit of the Dick Roberts Youth Fleet Fund.

The sponsors of the event were Mt Gay Rum, Yellow Front Package store and Ed Cramer and Defender Industries. Thank you ladies and gentlemen.

It was a great day.

Judy Gibbs

Principal Race Officer-Commodore's Trophy Race

Fall Off Soundings

Sagacious & Xapiema bring home 1st place trophies.

Rain greeted the Off Sounding fleet on Friday September 16, however, more wind than forecast allowed the fleet to have a quick trip from New London to Shelter Island, NY. Friday night's party was filled with talk of the effects of hurricane Ophelia on Saturday's Race. However, Saturday was a delightful day with moderate to light winds. When the wind lightened the Race Committee shortened the course.

Eight TYC boats participated with 2 winning their classes. Bob & Tom Welsh and crew sailed Xapiema to first place in Class A. Bob Geary and the crew of Sagacious took First Place in NS-1.

It was a great weekend for sailing.

Judy Gibbs

TYC's 2005 Member's Weekend

Member's Weekend was held on August 12, 13, and 14th

Thanks to all who participated in this year's event. We are told that it was different than other years, but we are claiming a moderate success. We received about 37 responses to our email on the event. We had about 35 adults on Friday evening for our BBQ burgers and dogs, Ice Cream, Movie on the beach and Poker night.

We had about 53 adults participate in Saturdays Pig Roast, and everyone enjoyed the sing-along and music in the evening.

Of course there were lots of kids, plenty of prizes and games. Greg Roth cooked all the burgers. Thanks to all who helped out, especially the moms Dana Fowler, Laurie Finenhaurr, the Potters and Aileen Greene who was just terrific. Also thanks to our family, who came and helped. Jay for running the Texas holdem, and Ted for the music. Also thanks to Jean Ann and Jack Scaduto.

The pig was something else! When Roger arrived from Salem with the pig, it was quite a spectacle, head and all (no apple). The pig arrived around 4 PM. Nick and Bob spent the afternoon carving out the most scrumptious meat from the big fellow. It was pretty much cut up and eaten by the evening.

Bob and Mary Jane Vander Wiede
TYC Member's Weekend Chairs



The Star (or main ingredient) of the TYC Member's Weekend Pig Roast sports an official TYC baseball cap prior to the start of the Saturday evening festivities.

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September 12 TYC Executive Committee Meeting Summary

- **Treasurer Report:** The Executive Committee is actively working on the 2006 Budget. Some items under consideration are the replacement of upper decking, steps and roof, replacement of the front door lock with key cards and the installation of two additional first floor sliding doors.
- **Dock Committee:** Wayne Gammo is looking into getting an estimate on a new concrete floating dock for the launch.
- **Vice Commodore Report:** Jackie Fisher reported that the Commodore's Trophy Race Party was very successful. Aileen Greene will serve chowder, hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. for the Chowder Series.
- **House Committee:** Chairman Russ Carr reported that the clubhouse will be rented on September 24, 26, October 2, 8, 16 and 29.
- **Rear Commodore Report:** Lloyd McDonald reported that 71 people attended Skipper's Night Awards party and awards were given out for all races to date. The Chowder Series starts on Sunday, September 25.
- **Unfinished Business: TYC Bylaw Review:** The Executive Committee is working to complete revisions on the TYC Bylaws by early October and plans to present them to the membership at the November General Membership Meeting.
- **Oyster Garden:** The Mohegan Tribe has requested TYC to transfer the Oyster Garden lease to a new party. The tribe has agreed to pay for batter pilings to strengthen the new dock.
- **The next regular TYC Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm at the clubhouse.**