

MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club



From the Editor

The boating season is getting closer. Boat covers will soon be gone and the process will soon start to prepare our vessels launching.

Personally, I am looking forward to taking part in the cruises planned by Glenn Freiman, our new Fleet Captain. If he is in need of an RSVP, please sign me up.

Greg Reese, Mainsheet Editor

Commodore's Corner

The next Club event is the April 5th Membership Meeting (details enclosed). One agenda item is deterioration of the old dock. GWENMOR has completed temporary repairs on the old dock to get us through this season. The Club plans to perform any other necessary repairs this spring.

The Mohegan Tribe Oyster Garden under the new dock has been taken over by Latimer Light Oyster Company. The Tribe has contracted with GWENMOR to install batter pilings to strengthen the new dock. Also, the Tribe is getting bids to build and install two floating docks. The tribe agreed to these items prior to terminating their oyster operations at the Club.

Past Commodore Judy Gibbs has volunteered as Members Day Chair scheduled for Saturday, August 19. Thank you Judy!

Welcome Fleet Captain Glenn Freiman, ECSA Junior Rep. Melissa Madaus and Dock Planning Committee Chair Scott Scaduto as new members of the Executive Committee. Also, thanks to Nick Kostopoulos who volunteered to straighten out the boat storages on the beach. Their willingness to serve the Club is greatly appreciated.

This Club belongs to all of its members. Anyone having ideas on how to improve the Club is asked to share them with any member of the Executive Committee.

In addition, anyone who can spare a little time to help on any committee, please contact any committee chair or myself. Anything that you can do, no matter how small, will be helpful. Many hands make light work!

J. Scaduto, TYC Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report

Our St. Patrick's Day Party will be a thing of the past by the time you receive this, but we have the General Membership Meeting coming up on April 5 at 6 PM -please RSVP to Carolyn at 860-443-2517 or magsgram@aol.com and let me know if you can bring a dish to share -an appetizer or a dessert. Galley help is always appreciated. The meeting will begin at 7:30. Cost is \$4.00

Clean up Day on May 6 will be followed by our Kentucky Derby Party from 4 PM - 6 PM. We will christen our new television capabilities with the televised Run for the Roses. Ladies must wear a garden party hat - the more elaborate the better! Appropriate light refreshments and libations will be served. Raffle tickets will be available so you can reap a reward if the race turns out the way you predict. More details to come. Cost TBA. Many thanks for your great ideas for social occasions. They are being incorporated into the calendar for this summer. We will have our Thursday "Warm ups" and a Hawaiian Luau. Practice your hula! Date TBA.

Carolyn Leuze, TYC Vice Commodore

IMPORTANT NOTICE

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND SOCIAL

Wednesday, April 5, 2006,

6:00 PM, Appitizers with Beer, Wine and Soda

7:30 PM General Membership Mtg.

Please bring an appetizer to share. It helps keep our costs down and we all get to share everyone's delicious recipes.

Cost: \$4.00

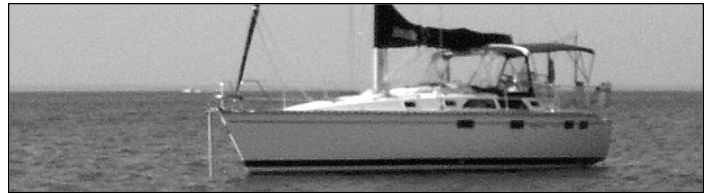
A major agenda item is the old dock deterioration and proposed solutions.

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Save the Date, Cleanup Day May 6th

TYC Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday May 6th. There is a lot of work to do despite the relatively warm winter. The December storm wrecked havoc on the pier and the beach. In addition there is work to do constructing the outside shower and swim float. I could use a volunteer to direct each of these two large projects. The club would also benefit from a good turnout. Last year's cleanup was well attended and as a result the club looked good for the season. Let's do it again. Hope to see you there, coffee and doughnuts will be served at 9:00 a.m. and lunch will be provided.

Russ Carr, TYC House Committee Chairman



From The Fleet Captain

With the coming of spring we can't help but get excited about all the adventures we will have in the coming season on the water. This year at TYC we are planning a lot of fun activities that will invigorate the cruising aspect of our club.

As your new fleet captain, I would like to start small, with simple activities that will appeal to both cruisers and racers alike with big and small boats.

Pirate's cookout: This event takes place on Flat Hammock off of Fishers Island sometime in June. The plan is that we anchor off of Flat hammock and occupy the island for a barbeque. The proximity of the island and the lack of time commitment make this event accessible to almost every boat in the fleet.

Watch Hill Rendezvous: This weekend cruise takes place in watch hill off of Napatree point sometime in July. The key event of this cruise will be a campfire/cookout Saturday evening on the beach.

Block Island Challenge: This cruise will feature a fun race from the club to Block Island. In the spirit of cruising, time allowances will be given for towing a dingy, fishing while underway and catching fish. This event will also include a bon fire on Charlestown beach on Saturday night. This trip is tentatively scheduled for August.

Please contact me and let me know what events you are interested or if you have other ideas.

Glennfreiman@sbcglobal.net

Rear Commodore's Corner

The 2006 sailing season is rapidly approaching. With it come many chores that need to be completed. This also applies to the racing activities. Every three or four years we need to do some significant maintenance on the Queen Merry. This winter it was docked at Fort Trumbull Marina. It will be hauled out sometime in the spring for several days to be de-barnaced, scraped, painted and what ever else it needs. We will need a small group of volunteers to help with the work. Please send an e-mail message to me if you will help. When I know the haul out date I will call you to coordinate the project. With enough volunteers each one should only have to work a few hours to complete the task.

The first race of the season is the Chili Bowl, Monday 29 May. Enclosed in this issue of the Mainsheet is the Combined Entry Form for the TYC 2006 racing season. Fill it out and return it to me with your check. Early entries will be appreciated.

Again this year there will be Force 5 Thursday Night racing. As with the Wednesday Night Series, the Force 5's will have separate Spring and Summer Series. 2005 was the inaugural season for the TYC Force 5 fleet. The intrepid Force 5 skippers demonstrated perseverance and growing numbers through out the season. I expect an even larger Force 5 fleet this year.

As in past years, each boat racing the Wednesday Night or Chowder Series will be required to serve on the Race Committee for one race. There is a sign up sheet on the Race Committee board at the club. Sign up early to ensure a date that works best for your circumstances.

Thanks in advance for your support to the 2006 racing program.

Contact me at: lpmcDonald01@comcast.net.

Home phone (860) 464-2401

Lloyd McDonald, Rear Commodore

The Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is currently designing a new membership application which should be ready shortly. If you know anyone who has shown interest in joining TYC, please send their name and telephone number to me or ask them to call me. I currently have three families who have requested applications to be given consideration in the coming months.

Jackie Fisher - (860) 443-5968 or jacfisher36@sbcglobal.net

Membership Committee Chairman, or

Bevan Crighton - (860) 887-9340 or bevbarb@msn.com or

Tom Welsh - (860) 443-1451 or twelshct@earthlink.com.

Jackie Fisher, TYC Membership Committee Chair

The club has plans to hire a steward for the 2006 season. Weekend hours are required. For details, please contact: J. Scaduto at TYCJScaduto@aol.com

Youth Sailing Program

The Registration Form and Cover sheet for this Summer's Youth Sailing Instruction Program are contained in this Mainsheet. This summer should be fun and exciting for a number of reasons. First off, we have hired 4 instructors who will be bringing a wide range of talent to the program, with a renewed emphasis on fun sailing as well as competitive racing. This mix of Instructor talent will enable the program to offer separate areas of instruction to the competitive and non-competitive sailor. The Opti will remain the primary boat for beginners. However to meet the needs of bigger/older beginners the Club 420 sailboat may also be used for their lessons. The 420s' will see expanded use by the Intermediate and Advanced sailors based on ability and sailor size, much the way that the Flying Juniors were used last summer.

The Advanced 420 sailors will have the opportunity to participate in the weekly Team Racing series run by Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association as TYC returns to the Team Racing Program.

In an effort to expose our "older" young sailors to all aspects of sailing we plan to incorporate a taste of 'Big Boat' crewing into the Sailing Program during the summer. This experience will be non-competitive and will involve the assistance of members willing to join in the program by participating with their boats. More to come.

Your Youth Sailing Committee continues to look forward to improving the sailing experience for our young sailors. If there is a potential sailor in your family, come join in and let them enjoy the fun of sailing.

Cliff Fisher - Youth Sailing Chairman

The Condition of Our Dock

As many of you know, our dock took a beating this winter. The December storm in particular did considerable damage and exposed many areas of concern. Approximately \$5000 was spent restoring the dock to a condition that will support the club activities in 2006. During the December storm we lost more than 20 planks from the gallows to the end of the old "L" head. With the planks gone we could see that the stringers and cross joists were in sad repair. Many of these were replaced. Other stringers and joists will need to be replaced next year. Most of the cross bracing is non-existent, although the batter pilings being paid for by the Mohegans will solve that problem. Finally many of the pilings were driven in 1973 and are past their nominal 30 year life span. The dock committee has decided to recommend a pro-active approach. Instead of constantly throwing money at yearly repairs, we recommend that the old dock be replaced. We have a bid from Gwenmore Marine of \$96,000 and anticipate a period of performance sometime next winter. The dock committee intends to do a full survey of the old portion of the pier and publish the results in the Mainsheet.

Russ Carr, TYC House Committee Chairman

Cleanup Day May 6th
Save the Date

TYC 2006 Directory

The TYC Directory will be going to press shortly. The information listed for you in last year's directory may be incorrect due to a new email address, phone number change, different boat, change of name of boat, etc. Please look at your information in last years directory and report any updates to Jean Ann Scaduto, tycjscaduto@aol.com or 860.859.3408. It is important that we have up-to-date information in case of an emergency and we need to contact you. For instance, if your boat breaks away from its mooring and we don't have the necessary information, you will not be contacted. Please help us to have correct information for all our members.

Jean Ann Scaduto

Notice from the Mooring Committee

There are several members who need a mooring space. Anyone wishing to sell or rent their mooring should let me know and I will pass the information on. Please remember that the Mooring Committee must be notified about any change in the ownership or rental status of a mooring.

Enclosed with this issue is an Application for Individual, Non-Commercial, Mooring Space Permit which is to be submitted to the Harbormaster via the Mooring Committee for annual renewal of a mooring space or for a new mooring. Please return the application via mail or email to:

Walter Brady

46 Parkway South

New London, CT 06320

wfbra@conncoll.edu 860 447 1980

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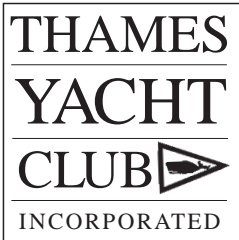
For Rent: Desirable North End Mooring for rent. Calm and protected, near beach and apartments. 450#, fully inspected and certified. Call Steve 860-460-6975

For Sale: Etchells 22 with trailer and mooring. Very solid boat, Hull #150. Set up for club racing, can be legal for E22 Class racing with little effort. New suit of Kevlar sails for club racing. Several suits of E22 Class sails in used condition. Lots of new sheets and rigging. Boom tent and lots of extras, everything you need, ready to race. Single axle trailer included. Two year old 500 lb mushroom mooring included. Great location.

All the above \$7000. Call Greg Vasileff, 860-455-9939

Wanted: We are looking for a mooring, chain, and mushroom suitable for a 14' bluejay. If anyone has one, please contact us at 444-7206 or mjmdaus@juno.com.

For Sale: Wee Nip #55. A TYC classic in fiberglass. This is great boat for a family with small children. Mom or Dan and all the kids can fit in and comfortably learn to sail. Contact the Passeros



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Executive Meeting Highlights

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Commodore Jack Scaduto welcomed Melissa Madaus, ECSA Junior Rep, and Glenn Freiman, Fleet Captain, to the Executive Committee. Jack also gave an update on the Oyster Garden/Dock Project: The Mohegan Council agreed to provide TYC with two floating docks and ramps. The Oyster Garden committee will meet soon to evaluate what direction to take concerning the old dock.

Membership Committee

Bevan Crighton reported that the committee is working on creating a new membership application, writing new procedures for accepting members and plans to create an information package that will be available at the club for perspective new members.

Fleet Captain Report

Glenn Freiman reported that his initial plans as the new Fleet Captain are to start small, with short cruises to places such as Flat Hammock and Watch Hill. The cruises will include social activities at the destinations.

House Committee Report

Russ Carr reported that he is working on revising the House Rules. He reminded everyone that the date for the spring cleanup is May 6th. Russ also reported that the dock repairs have been completed.

New Business

The Executive Committee approved a request from the Cape Dory Sailboat Owners Association for dock and/or mooring space and the use of our facilities on Thursday, July 27th, 2006 as part of their New England Flotilla.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at 7pm on March 21st, at the clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted,
John Ahearn,
TYC Secretary