

MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club



From the Editor

The season we have been waiting for is upon us. Please keep in mind that this is a volunteer organization and the key to making an organization like this work is to get involved and....volunteer. Have a fun and safe season.

Greg Reese, Mainsheet Editor

Commodore's Corner

The longer spring days have brought a beehive of activity to the Club with several projects in progress. As a reminder, Saturday, May 6, is Cleanup Day and we need your help getting the Club back in ship shape condition. Cleanup Day will be followed by our Kentucky Derby Party at 1600.

Commissioning Day is scheduled for Friday, May 26. The opening dayceremony is followed by a party. Please join us and welcome the new members to the Club.

A well done is in order for the following members who have stepped up and volunteered their time on recent projects.

- o Replacement of the upper porch roof - Cliff Fisher
- o Replacement of upper porch deck - team leader Ted Paulsen, House Committee Chair Russ Carr, Bob Gibbs, Ken Hanson, Joe Madaus, Roy Adamson, Greg Reese, and Cliff Fisher for staging the materials.

- o Bob Gibbs for restoring power to the dock that was lost during last December's storm.

A big thank you to these members who saved the Club thousands of dollars by not having to purchase these services.

GWEMOR recently completed installation of batter pilings to stabilize the new dock. The cost of the work was paid for by the Mohegan Tribe. In addition, the Dock Planning Committee is busy working with DOCKO Engineering and ingetting estimates from five different dock builders relative to replacement of the old dock. The dock in question is from the beach to the T head and was initially constructed in the 1973 to 1979 time frame. Continuing "band-aid fixes" is no longer considered cost effective since new wood is constantly being attached to old wood. The committee is presently considering all options and plans to pur-

sue the most favorable course of action that benefits the Club.

Launch service starts on Friday, May 19. The schedule was included in the April Mainsheet and is also listed on the TYC website.

Welcome to the team, Planning & Development Chair Pro Tem Greg Reese and Assistant Dock Committee Chair Keith Gagne.

There are a few projects coming up in the future and members able to lend a hand will be greatly appreciated. If you have a little time to spare in helping out the Club, contact me at tycjscaduto@aol.com or 860.859.3408.

J. Scaduto, TYC Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report

Three notable events are coming up.

The Kentucky Derby 4:00 Sat. May 6

Our first Warm-up Beach Party 6:00 Thurs. May 25

Commissioning Day 6:30 Fri. May 26

Our General Membership was well attended - over 60 members came to share food

brought by our "family" of good and generous cooks. The meeting followed, bringing

Membership Committee:

The season is just beginning and we have received four requests for new membership, most of which has come from you, the members,

Thank you for letting me know about anyone interested in joining or have them contact me directly at (860) 443-5968 or jackfisher36@sbcglobal.net.

We are sorry to loose Frank Pearson, Guy Hannum and Kurt Strasser as members. The Club appreciates their past service a looks forward to their returning to TYC in the future.

Remember!! You are our best resource for new members.

Jackie Fisher, Membership Chairman.

members up to date on activities both social and business. It is wonderful to see so many people at club events.

Speaking of which, the Kentucky Derby is on May 6th. We are having a party to wager on our favorite entries and to watch the race on our rented big screen TV. We will, of course, be sampling traditional Derby fare, most notably Mint Juleps. This gives you the opportunity to go through all your sailing trophies and find those julep cups awarded at some race in the distant or not so distant past - polish them up and bring them along! For those of us who do not happen to have julep cups, we will have something suitable to sip from. Food will be traditional light refreshments - ham and biscuits and such, along with the famous Kentucky Derby pies. The flyer is in this Mainsheet. Please let me know how many people will be in your group. You do not have to bring anything, other than cash for betting, unless you have this terrific recipe for something really special which you would like to share for the occasion. The folks who determine the winning horse will share the pot which will not be cash but gift certificates for the same amount from West Marine.

Lovely hats are in order, so plan ahead. Because this event begins at 4:00 on Cleanup Day, we realize that the attire for this affair could be a mixed bag. Do your best to make this initial Run for the Roses Party an affair worthy of the famous event. We will wind up the party at 7:00. Commissioning Day will begin at 6:30 on Friday, May 26. We will gather at the end of the dock for the initial ceremony and then proceed to the upper lounge for preprandial food and drink and introduction of our new members, followed by dinner in our lower dining room. Reservations are important as catering is involved. See the flyer enclosed. The Warm-up is an informal, mostly do-it-yourself, family event. We will provide the grill and you bring what you would like to grill and any other accompaniments. You will need to bring your own plates and silverware. We will have sodas available for a nominal fee. Music and festive atmosphere will abound, so come on down with or without children, dress up your yacht for Commissioning Day and enjoy eating and visiting with your fellow members. It would be helpful if you would let Chuck Wargo or me know if you plan to be there.

Carolyn Leuze, TYC Vice Commodore

Half Bird Half Fish Sailing Foundation

This non-profit foundation in conjunction with Save the Sound is organizing a 12 meter race in the New London Area on July 15. Five 12 meter yachts will be provided by America's Cup Charters of Newport. The cost of chartering a 12 meter is \$7800 per day of racing, shared between a crew of 10 to 12. Also, help is needed to serve on the race committee. Any members interested should contact tycjscaduto@aol.com.

Wanted Club Custodian

Mary is unable to return this year as custodian. If anyone is interested in filling this position, please contact Jack at tycjscaduto@aol.com or 860.859.3408.

From The Fleet Captain

Introducing the Golden Whale....The coveted golden whale is a special TYC burgee that will be awarded on a temporary basis to boats that participate in club cruising events. Recipients of the whale will have to exhibit excellence in an activity such as finding buried treasure, building a sand castle or a cruising race. The intent is to create a fun atmosphere and give every boat the opportunity to fly the whale at one time or another. Recipients of the whale will proudly fly the flag from their boat until the next cruising event where the whale will be returned to the fleet captain and then awarded to another member.

Our cruising schedule kicks off June 17 with the Pirates Cookout on flat hammock. This is a day event with the main activity being a treasure hunt that will begin at 2:00. A number of maps will be available to those lucky enough to get one that will lead to treasure buried somewhere on the island. This is a casual event where all members and friends are encouraged to stop by.

TYC Cruising Schedule:

- Pirates Cookout: June 17
- Watch Hill Rendezvous: July 22 and 23
- Block Island Challenge: August 26 and 27

If you have any questions on any cruising event then feel free to contact me. glennfreiman@sbcglobal.net.

Glenn Freiman, TYC Fleet Captain

Youth Sailing Program

Just a reminder that May tends to be the month that most of the registrations for lessons come in and usually the first 3 week session fills up fast. Interest and enrollment in the program by new members and non-members has been active and we are off to a good start. If you have any questions on class scheduling or sailing level for your young sailor please call or email Whitney Gollsnieder, 860-447-8774 or jrsailing@myeastern.com. Remember if you have misplaced your registration form and program overview from last month's Mainsheet, all this information is available on the TYC website www.thamesyachtclub.org or contact Whitney.

While not directly Youth Sailing Program related, a new swim float will be on station for all the little and Big Kids (adults) this summer and I don't think this new swim float will come anywhere near sinking under the load of a gang of kids like the old float.

Cliff Fisher - Youth Sailing Program Chairman

cliffisher@sbcglobal.net

TYC Member Night at Westm Marine

New London, Sunday - May 7th - 5PM to 8PM

Discounts - At least 10% on all purchases.

The store will remain open from 5PM to 8PM for TYC members and is not open to the general public so make your list and check it twice.

The West Marine store is located in the shopping center on N. Frontage Road along Interstate I-95 New London.

Rear Commodore's Corner

The 2006 racing season starts this month. All those planning to participate in the Wednesday night races should submit their applications to me soon. They are available in the April Mainsheet and on the TYC web site under Racing. Be sure to get your PHRF certificate from Bob Geary. The season starts with the Chili Bowl Series on Memorial Day, 29 May. This is a non-spinnaker race for all boats. Skipper's Meeting at 1030, First Warning: 1200. We plan run up to five races, starting with very short sprints to a longer courses at the end.

The Wednesday Night series starts two days later on 31 May. Get that bottom paint on soon.

The Force 5 fleet will continue racing again on Thursday nights this year. Use the Combined Race Entry Form (available on the TYC web site) to enter this series.

The Race Committee is still looking for help on Wednesday nights on a regular (but very flexible) basis. We have had good support from members in the past. You do not need to be a racer to join the race committee team. No experience necessary. Let me know if you are interested.

Lloyd McDonald, TYC Rear Commodore

Notice from the Mooring Committee

If you sell or rent your mooring, or if your mooring is for sale or rent, or if you do not intend to use your mooring this season, be sure to let me know about it. This will make it easier to accommodate new members' mooring needs.

If you have not yet done so, send your mooring applications as soon possible to me at 46 Parkway South, New London, CT 06320.

If your winter marker is on the beach, please take it home.

Walter Brady, TYC Mooring Chairman

TYC Members Win 2005 Off Soundings Perpetual Trophies

The Off Soundings Club Annual meeting and awards dinner was held on April 1, 2006. The following TYC members were awarded perpetual trophies for overall performance in the combined Spring and Fall Series in 2005.

The E. Standish Bradford Trophy for first place in Class A was awarded to Bob & Tom Welch's XAPIEMA.

Second place for the Chanteyman trophy in NS1 went to Bob Geary's SAGACIOUS.

The Nor'easter trophy for first place in NS2 was won by Bob and Brian Gibbs on CAPRICORN. CAPRICORN also won 3rd place for the Samuel Pepys trophy that was for the best performance in the combined NS1, NS2 AND NS3.

Judy Gibbs

Cleanup Day May 6th

Reminder, Cleanup Day is Saturday, May 6th

Cleanup Day is May 6th. Festivities will start about 9:00 a.m. We have a lot of work to do but with lots of help many tasks are already off to a fast start. Below I've listed the major tasks. If you have a special talent for one of the tasks, bring your tools and see me upon arrival with a request for assignment. I will attempt to accommodate those requests to the extent that I can get everything done.

Pizza will be served for lunch.

1. Landscape and plant at the front of the club. I will need at least one post-hole digger and a volunteer to pick up 20 bags of shredded cedar mulch from Montville hardware.

2. Beach cleanup and snow fence removal. We will need a small army on the beach this year. I will have a 30 cu. yd. dumpster out front and Cliff will be bringing his front loader.

3. Add fill material in the vicinity of the ice machine and ramp. I will have ordered 5 cu. yds. of rock fill but it will have to be spread out in the washed out area.

4. Install door decals on the new doors. If you want to do this bring a level.

5. Erect the new bath house and outside shower. Bevin is in charge of this. If you want to help, call him.

6. Finish the remainder of the upstairs porch deck. About 2/3 of the deck is down but we skipped over a lot of screws that now need to be back filled. This is straight forward and Ken will provide supervision. Bring your drill.

7. The dock water supply and electricity needs to be completely working and tested.

8. The gallows needs to be erected.

9. The trim around the front door needs to be finished.

10. All four bathrooms need to be cleaned and furnished.

There will be the usual cleanup in the kitchen, bar area and generally throughout the club. With the refinished downstairs floor and new porch deck upstairs, the club should look spectacular for the Kentucky Derby Party that follows. You will want to be there to see it and place your bet on your favorite horse.

Russ Carr, TYC House Committee Chairman

• CLASSIFIED ADS •

For Sale: Jim Avery's Tartan 27 "LUFF SONG." For a complete inventory and pictures, go to:

<http://www.geocities.com/tartan27inct/>

Editor's note regarding Jim's boat: My wife considers "LUFF SONG" to be the prettiest boat in the TYC mooring field.

Wanted: 3 to 5 hp outboard with long shaft. Call Stu at 860-368-6576.



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Executive Meeting Highlights

18 April 2006

Commodore's Report:

Commodore Jack Scaduto reported that Keith Gagne has been appointed as Assistant Dock Committee Chair. Jack also thanked Bob Gibbs for restoring power to the dock. The Half Bird, Half Fish Sailing Foundation is planning a 12-meter yacht race in the New London area on July 15th and has asked TYC for race committee support. The Friendship Sloops will arrive at the club on June 30th and leave the next day.

Treasurer's Report:

Dinghy stickers have been completed and will go out soon.

House Committee:

Clean up day is May 6th and volunteers are needed for many projects. A new freezer has been purchased for the galley.

Dick Robert's Youth Fleet Fund Report:

Cal Brouwer reported by e-mail that the committee met on April 8th and discussed the articles of incorporation and bylaws. Pete Costas will file the appropriate forms with the Secretary of the

State's office. With that filing, the name will be changed to the Dick Roberts Youth Sailing Program, Inc. After that filing the formal 501(c)(3) application will be completed and submitted to the IRS.

Unfinished Business:

Work on revising the House Rules continues. Rules 12-19 were presented at this meeting and all changes were approved.

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

If you would like to receive a full copy of the minutes from this meeting, please e-mail me at john.ahearn@wfsb.com or call 860-536-3975.

Respectfully submitted,

**John Ahearn,
TYC Secretary**

Executive Committee Vacancy

Nominations from the floor is required to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee at the June 28 Membership Meeting. Refer any question to TYCJscaduto@aol.com

TYC 2006 Directory

This is the final reminder to update your information for the TYC Directory. For any changes or updates please contact Jean Ann Scaduto at tycjscaduto@aol.com or 860.859.3408.