

MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club



From the Editor:

This past month has been a disaster in regards to computer issues. On May 18th my computer crashed, causing me to lose everything. Here it is June 19th, and after installing a new motherboard, hard drive, reinstallation of the operating system, programs and fonts, I am finally up and running again. In view of the late date of this edition of the Mainsheet, some of the activities mentioned in the material to follow may have already occurred. Thank you all for your patience with this matter.

Greg Reese

Commodore's Corner

Turnout on Clean Up Day was extraordinary with well over 75 members participating. The clubhouse and grounds are greatly improved. A thank you and well done is in order to the membership and for the project leaders Chairman Russ Carr, Bevan Crighton, Scott Scaduto, Tom Welsh, Keith Gagne, Ted Paulson and Cliff Fisher.

In addition, we should be grateful to the following members who volunteered their time in repairing and restoring services to the dock and erecting the flagpole prior to Commission Day. A well done to Rui, Scott, Bevan, Keith, Jim Reyburn Wayne Gammo, Walt Pratt, Bob Gibbs, Rich Webber and Walter Brady.

The mid summer membership meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 16 (details enclosed). Nominations from the floor will be taken to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee.

The Club terminated its lease with Mohegan Aquaculture. The Mohegan Tribe paid a termination payment of \$38,782.00. Presently, an Oyster Garden lease agreement is in effect between the Club and Latimer Light Oyster Company, LLC.

DOCKO, Inc. has been contacted to devel-

The Passing of a Past Commodore

It is my sad responsibility to inform the membership of the passing of Past Commodore Richard T. Lathrop. We send our sincere condolences to his family and friends. "There is a port of no return where ships may ride at anchor for a little space. And then some starless night the cable slips leaving only an eddy at the mooring place. Gulls veer no longer, sailor rest your oar. No tangled wreckage will be washed ashore." Past Commodore Richard Lathrop, rest your oars.

Jack Scaduto, TYC Commodore

op site drawings in preparation to submit a Certificate of Permission application required to replace the old dock. The Dock Planning Committee and DOCKO, Inc. will meet shortly to begin the drawing development process.

I would like to wish all Club members an enjoyable boating season. May everyone have a fair wind and a following sea.

Jack Scaduto, TYC Commodore

Membership Committee

Ron Lemay has been accepted as a new member. Welcome aboard, Ron.

Joe Holden has recently resigned in Good Standing. May fair winds follow Joe and hope he returns soon.

Lots of Beach Pass activity and several requests for membership have kept the committee busy.

If you know of anyone who wishes to become part of TYC, have them give me a call (860-443-5968) or email me at atjacfisher36@sbcglobal.net.

**Jackie Fisher,
TYC Membership Committee Chair**

Vice Commodore's Report

Our Kentucky Derby Party was great fun for the folks who attended. Russ Carr was great as he hawked the merits of various horses and read the write-ups of the horses aloud. He took the wagers and when Barbaro won he determined the payoff. He really created a lot of enthusiasm in the crowd. The food was great and the Mint Juleps were a treat. Opening Day festivities will be this coming Friday, May 26, and we have many reservations. Thank you to all those who got in touch with Jack or me to let us know that you would be coming and what you would be bringing.

You should note on the front page of the Mainsheet, that we have a Membership meeting coming up on July 16. Please try to attend the meeting, preceded by a cookout. It is on a Sunday evening which should be a fairly convenient time for most members. Take a look in the galley and see our newly painted walls. The yellow color is bright and cheery. The trim and cabinets will be spruced up soon. Weekend warmups will be starting soon on Thursday evenings. Bring your own everything and we'll supply the grill and fire, and soda will be available at a nominal cost. Come meet new members and visit with old members.

An evening of playing cards has been suggested. Anyone interested in Pitch, cribbage, or something else? Let me know. Thanks for all your help at our get-togethers.
860-443-2517, magsgram@aol.com

Carolyn Leuze, TYC Vice Commodore

From The Fleet Captain

Our first cruising event of the year, the Pirates Cookout is rapidly approaching. This is an afternoon social event at Flat Hammock (just north of West Harbor on Fishers Island). Boats should start arriving off of the island at anytime in the morning where they may raft up at the discretion of the skippers. The highlight of the event is a treasure hunt that will begin at 2:00. A number of treasure maps will be handed out to the winners of a scavenger hunt. The maps will lead to various prizes including the coveted Golden Whale. This is a casual event where all members and friends are encouraged to stop by at any time. I will be monitoring channel 72 all day if anyone has any questions.

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

Glenn Freiman, TYC Fleet Captain

TYC Cruising Schedule:

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

Notice:

High speed wireless Internet now being available at the club.

Rear Commodore's Corner

By the time you read this the Chili Series, several Wednesday Night and Force 5 races will be completed. The next big event for TCY Club racing is the Bradbury Memorial Race on July 4. Notice of race in this Mainsheet. Use TYC Combined Entry Form available on the web page and at the club to sign up. 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. There will be a cook out at the club after the race. \$5.00 for adults / \$3.00 for children under age 12. Hot dogs, hamburgers and soda provided. BYOB!!! We encourage non-competitors to join us for the cook out and after race fun. The party should start about 1500.

It's not too soon to register for the Oscar Kerman Series to be sailed during TYC's annual Member's Weekend, 19 August, 2006. See the Notice of Race on the TYC web site. This is a light hearted competition when we especially welcome non-racers to participate. 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.

All Wednesday Night and Chowder skippers are reminded that they are obligated to volunteer for Race Committee one time during the season. Sign up at the club.

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
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Good Stuff to Know

Defender is currently looking to fill a few key positions. We specifically want to hire people with boating experience. Can we place a help wanted ad on your website and in a club newsletter?

We also have 10% off coupons to offer to your club members. Who should I contact regarding these? Finally we have Maptech's new Long Island Sound Embassy Guides at 33% off list price for a group purchase of 12 or more. This is \$29.99 per guide and the offer expires on 7/15/06. Can we post a message on your website for these offers also?

Al Shober, TYC Web Chairman

Small Boat Stowage

Members who have paid for small boat storage must affix the 2006 sticker to their boat.

The stickers will be issued shortly. Small boats left on Club grounds without 2006 stickers will be considered abandon.

Contact Nick Kostopoulos at kostond@yahoo.com or 860.44.3445 for information concerning small boat stowage.

Nick Kostopoulos

Big Boat Day

TYC is adding an exciting new activity to the Junior Sailing Program. It is referred to as Big Boat Day and is designed to give Junior Sailors experience in larger keel boats. In order to make this great day happen, the sailing program needs the generous contribution of four members' keel boats, preferably with the owner or an owner's agent on board. Let the Junior Sailors and instructors do all the work while you enjoy a beautiful day on the Sound.

Big Boat Day will be beneficial for the Junior Sailors in several areas: for those Junior Sailors whose parents do not sail a larger boat, it will be a totally new sailing experience; for those who are not competitively inclined, it will provide a stress free experience; and for those who enjoy competition, it will provide an opportunity that could lead to crewing for Club races on larger boats. The latter reason will also be a great benefit to the racers in the Club looking for Wednesday night or weekend race crew members.

This is how we envision Big Boat Day working. Using boats owned by members, one instructor and several Junior Sailors will spend a sailing session on the boat. In addition to the instructor and Junior Sailors, the boat owner or a designated agent will also be on board for safety purposes. Prior to the sailing session, the owner and the instructor will meet to familiarize the instructor with the boat.

Big Boat Day is scheduled to occur during an afternoon of the first Junior Sailing Program session, which is July 3 through July 20. We anticipate about 15 Junior Sailors will participate, which means we need the contribution of four members' boats. Dick Kilburn will volunteer the use of his Tartan 30, SHANDYGAFF, so we need at least three more boats. If you are interested in volunteering your time and your boat or would like more information, contact Dick Kilburn at (802) 253-9213 or jkilburn@pshift.com, Melissa Madaus at 444-7206 or mjmadaus@juno.com, or Cliff Fisher at 443-5968 or cliffisher@sbcglobal.net. Thanks in advance for your help in showing the Junior Sailors the thrilling world of keel boat sailing.

Dick Kilburn

Melissa Madaus

Swimming Lessons

TYC is exploring the possibility of offering beginner and intermediate swimming lessons for children of members and beach pass holders this summer. Donna Greene has graciously agreed to teach these lessons at the Club during weekday hours. In order to establish the program and set date, time, and fee schedules, it is imperative that we know as soon as possible how many students are interested in taking lessons at each level. If you are interested in signing your children up for beginner or intermediate swimming lessons at the Club this summer, please contact Melissa Madaus at mjmadaus@juno.com or (860)444-7206 before June 10th.

Melissa Madaus

Cal Brouwer

From The Mooring Chairman

Please take home your winter markers. They do not contribute to the aesthetics of the area. Winter markers remaining on the premises after June 15 will be discarded.

Remember to inform the Mooring Chairman about any sale, rental or modification of your mooring.

Walter Brady, TYC Mooring Chairman

28th Great New London Ocean Race

The Club is proud to sponsor the 2006 running of the Great New London Ocean Race. This Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association (ECSA) double point overnight long distance race is navigator's choice. Start and finish are off the Club's committee boat Queen Merry. From the start, the course is through The Race to Cerberus Shoal, around Block Island in either direction honoring "1BI", thence back to Cerberus, through The Race to the finish. In addition to the traditional spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes, the 2005 race featured a double-handed (spinnaker) class. There seems to be more interest in such a class for this year. The Notice of Race and Entry Form are posted on the Club's web site. If you have any questions, contact Race Secretary Cal Brouwer or Principal Race Officer Judy Gibbs.

Cal Brouwer

Volunteers Needed for Member's Day, August 19th

A fun filled day for the entire family is being planned. Highlights include the Oscar Kerman Race which encourages everyone to sail. Get extra points added to your rating for bringing all the kids or grandchildren. A DJ is booked for late afternoon and will feature games and prizes for young and old. And a family dinner in the evening.

I need a committee to help with the details and the set-up and clean-up of the day.

Many hands make for a lighter work load, more fun and new ideas.

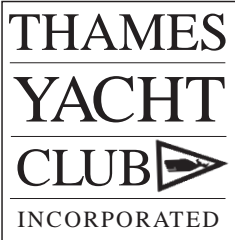
Please call- Judy Gibbs 860-444-7227 or email jgibbs@secorauto.com

Judy Gibbs

Wanted: Galley Operator and Club Custodian. Persons interested should contact J. Scaduto at tycscaduto@aol.com or 860.559.3408

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

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



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 16, 2006, Meeting Highlights

Commodore's Report: Member turnout on Cleanup Day was amazing. It is impossible to thank everyone individually since upwards of 75 members showed. A big thank you and well done is in order for the membership and for project leaders Bevan Crighton, Scott Scaduto, Tom Welsh, Keith Gagne, Ted Paulsen and to Cliff Fisher for restoring the beach. Commodore Spike Lobbell of SHYC invited TYC to use its facilities including the dining room. Call 535-0112 for reservations.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Potter reported that he ran into some difficulty with the program to produce the membership cards, but they will go out soon. Dinghy stickers are at the club and will go out to members.

House Committee: Mitchell College is going to issue us several parking passes for their lot on Pequot Ave.. Members will be able to pick them up at the club.

Mooring Committee Report Walter Brady reported that everyone waiting for a mooring has been accommodated to date.

Dock Committee Report Wayne Gammo reported that a team is meeting Saturday, 5/20, to repair the launch float Keith replaced the water line on work day. And will finish replacing some washers and/or valves to solve a few remaining leaks. Beyond that, the water has been restored to the dock.

Unfinished Business:

Work on revising the House Rules continues. Rules 3,4,7, 20-28 were presented at this meeting and all changes were approved.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at 7pm on June 20th, at the clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

**John Ahearn
Secretary**

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.