

MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

Commodore's Corner

The next major event is the Membership Meeting on Sunday, July 16. The social and meeting agenda items are included in this Mainsheet.

The 36th Governor's Regatta is coming up on Sunday, July 30. The race will include a non-spinnaker class. Members are encouraged to join us in the race and after race party.

Thanks to Carolyn Leuze and her Social Committee for putting on an enjoyable Commissioning Day Party. The turnout was great with over 100 people in attendance.

The Dock Committee continues to patch the old dock and launch float. Lets all give Scott, Keith and Wayne a "big thanks" for keeping the docks serviceable for this season. Drawings to replace the old dock are in the final stages and should be finalized within the next two weeks.

In addition to heading up carpentry projects at the club, Ted Paulsen with the help of Jean Ann, has taken over the design and production of the directory. It should be available to the membership in July. Thank you Ted."

Thanks to Sabastian Desantis, Mayor Beth Sabilia and Henry Pianka for the new crosswalk in the front of the clubhouse. For safety reasons, members are encouraged to utilize this street crossing. Also, thanks to Cliff Fisher, the Club has parking passes to the Mitchell College parking lot this year.

I hope all of the members and their families enjoy boating and the club facilities this month of July.

Jack Scaduto, TYC Commodore

From the Vice Commodore

**Governor's Regatta Post Race Party,
July 30, 2006.**

The Governor's Regatta is one of the two ECSA races sponsored by Thames Yacht Club. Guests will include skippers and crews from

many boats home-ported in all yacht clubs in Southeastern Connecticut. Club members are also invited to attend the post race party at \$10.00 per person with prior reservations, and \$12.00 at the door.

This is an occasion when we can use the help of all club members. We will need help with planning, preparing and serving food. We also need help setting up tents and tables. We need help setting up the bars and then tending bar.. As always, cleaning up is a big job and needs dedicated people who are willing to stay the extra time to ensure a sparkling clean club (well, maybe not sparkling) the next day. We will be

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Membership Committee

We would like to welcome several new members to TYC...

Steven & Karen Smith

David Gyure

Gary Smith & Rebecca Barna.

Keep an eye out for them on racing nights and get together. A few potential members are looking to crew for anyone on Wednesdays, so if you can take them along it would help them get to know members.

Unfortunately we lost several members recently. They are Kieran & Jennifer Day, Luis & Barbara Lopez and Kevin and Laura Davis. We hope you will return in the near future; you will be missed.

Know anyone who would like to become a member, have them give me a call (860) 443-5968 or email me at jacfisher36@sbcglobal.net.

Jackie Fisher,

TYC Membership Committee Chair



working in the galley on Saturday evening prepping food and will start again the morning of the race. If lots of people help out a little one person doesn't have to do too much. Please call or email me and let me know where you can help. Truly, many hands make light work and this is a great way to meet fellow members and to feel good about helping out our club. We will also need desserts.

The evening before scratch sheets will be handed out in the upper lounge. A limited bar will be available for registering skippers and any members who want to take a break from galley and set up duties. If you care to bring an appetizer to share, that would be great.

Carolyn Leuze • 443-2517 • Magsgram@aol.com

Carolyn Leuze, TYC Vice Chair

From The Fleet Captain

Pirates Cookout: Despite a little rain and the threat of thunderstorms, the 2006 TYC cruising season got off to a great start at Flat Hammock. A number of hearty sailors made the trip to flat hammock and had a good time. The treasure hunt was held and Billerina won the grand prize and is now the first holder of the coveted "Golden Whale".

Watch Hill Rendezvous: This weekend event takes place July 22 and 23. Boats will meet at the club at 9:30 Saturday morning and leave for Watch Hill by 10:30. The fleet will anchor together off of Napatree Beach. Since part of cruising is getting to know the places you visit, we will have a Watch Hill trivia contest where the winner will be awarded possession of the Golden Whale until the next event. There will be a party at 5:30 Saturday afternoon where the whale will be awarded. The fleet will return the next day.

Cruise Committee: We are looking for volunteers who enjoy cruising and boating with others. The purpose of the committee is to plan and execute cruising or any other non-racing event away from the club. Committee members may contribute as much or as little time as they desire. The group will have informal meetings at the club or by phone and email. Contact me if interested.

Remaining TYC 2006 Cruising Schedule:

- 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 (203)318-8544

Glenn Freiman, TYC Fleet Captain



Presentation of the Golden Whale Burgee at the Hammock Rock Pirate's Cookout Cruise on June 17th

Race Committee Boats and Personnel Needed

In the coming weeks there are several events which require the participation of the membership to the fullest. For these events, the Club will need committee boats, mark boats and utility boats, as well as the personnel to man them. Coming up:

Governor's Regatta: Sunday, July 30th. Committee boat, mark boat, utility boat with checkers, timer, signalers, gunner, observers, mark setters, etc. Principal Race Officer is Cal Brouwer. CalPCTC@aol.com or 860-444-7419.

Dick Roberts Optimist Regatta: Friday, August 4th. Committee personnel and extra patrol boats. Principal Race Officer is Walt Pratt. wlpratt@snet.net or 860-859-3964.

Force 5 New England Championships: Saturday, August 26th. Committee boat and personnel, 2 mark boats and utility boat. Cal Brouwer is principal race officer.

Commodore's Trophy Race: Sunday, September 10th. Committee boat and personnel, mark boat and utility boat. To volunteer, contact Cal Brouwer.

If you're not racing or assisting with shore side functions, consider joining the race committee team!

Other contacts are Commodore Jack Scaduto tycjs-caduto@aol.com or 860-859-3408; or Rear Commodore Lloyd McDonald at lpmcdonald01@comcast.net or 860-464-2401.

Cal Brouwer

Governor's Regatta

The 36th edition of the Connecticut Governor's Regatta will run Sunday, July 30th. This is a premiere race for the Club. And, an all hands-on event. For those racing, you will find the Notice of Race and Entry Form elsewhere in this Mainsheet. For those not racing, you are encouraged to either join the race committee team or the post race party team. Sign-Up sheets are posted in the Clubhouse.

Cal Brouwer

75th Anniversary Committee

This blue ribbon committee has met twice since its inception; the next meeting is set for July 24th. Some event dates have been set, others are being worked on. The committee will be seeking input on an anniversary slogan, logo and design of a pennant. For family oriented events, substantial junior participation will be encouraged. This celebration committee is open; anyone who is interested in serving on it may. Those interested should contact Commodore Jack Scaduto or either of the Co-Chairs, Judy Gibbs or Cal Brouwer. 2008 will be a grand year for the Club!

Cal Brouwer

Hospice Regatta, Wednesday July 12th

The Hospice Regatta will have the same format as last year.

Entry fees:

Opti's	\$25.00
420's	\$25.00
PHRF	\$100.00

Each entry will receive one Hospice tee shirt. Entry forms are on the bulletin board at TYC.

Hospice volunteers will be at the club to sell additional tee shirts and raffle ticket. Please support a great organization.

Judy Gibbs 860-444-7227

Member's Day August 19

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.

Volunteers needed for this fun filled day. I need volunteers to be in charge of the following items:

1. Continental Breakfast.
2. Lunch. It will be Hot dogs and Hamburgers on the grill.
3. Set up for dinner. Many hands make for a lighter work load, more fun and new ideas.

Judy Gibbs 860-444-7227

TYC Clothing

TYC clothing is available for sale. Ask the launch driver or Judy Gibbs. Some items are in a glass showcase near the fireplace.

Items include:

Hats, Denim Shirts, Tee shirts, Polo's and Micro fleece Pullovers. Tee shirts are also available in kids sizes. There is also a small catalog for additional items.

If you don't see you size, items can be ordered. I look forward to seeing everyone in TYC clothing.

Judy Gibbs 860-444-7227

Youth Sailing Program

The sailing program is well underway with 4 enthusiastic instructors and the addition of 3 newer 420 sailboats purchased by the Dick Roberts Fund from Mitchell College. If your younger sailors missed registering for the July 3rd through July 20th session the second three week session starts July 24th through Aug 10th. For those sailors in the first session who want to improve on what they learned this is a great opportunity and the additional tuition is only about \$85 extra for the 3 weeks. Let us know how you like the program and the Instructors this year and also points of improvement are important. The program is for your young sailors!

Thanks to Bevan Crighton our club Optis are repaired and ready for the rigors of another summer.

Cliff Fisher - cliffisher@sbcglobal.net

From The Mooring Chairman

1. The club needs as many moorings as possible to accommodate visitors on Fireworks Night (July 8). If your mooring buoy is installed but you do not intend to use your mooring until after that date and will permit the club to rent it to a visitor, let the mooring chairman (860) 447 1980, walter.brady@conncoll.edu know. Rental fees will provide needed income to the club. As a reward we will scrub your mooring and pennant.

More important: If you do not intend to use your mooring at all this season, and wish to make it available to the club for rent or to rent it yourself let the mooring chairman know. There are still some members who may wish to rent a mooring this summer. It will also help us get an idea about what moorings are actually being used.

2. While conducting an inventory of the mooring field, we found it very difficult to establish a correspondence between members and moorings - no name, number, boat name, weight, etc. appear on at least half of the moorings. According to the mooring space application:

"Moorings should have adequate ground tackle,, mooring buoys shall be white with a clearly visible horizontal blue band around the circumference of the buoy centered midway between the top of the buoy and the waterline. The weight of the anchor, and the name of the vessel should be indicated on the buoy."

Our own regulations call for the mooring number and owner's name in addition to vessel name and anchor weight. This will make figuring out what's what much easier.

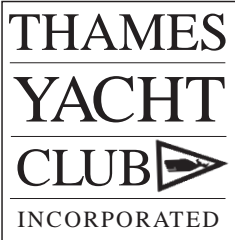
3. Getting the diver's signature on your mooring space application can be done most easily if you send the application directly to me (46 Parkway South, New London, CT 06320) and then I will give it to your diver for his signature. Remember to indicate who your diver is on the application.

Walter Brady, TYC Mooring Chairman

Leukemia Cup

A meeting was held in June by the Mudheads to disseminate information on the upcoming Leukemia Cup being held on Saturday, July 22. This year's cup will not only host boats that race but also a non-racing class (boats that do not have PHRF certificates) will be invited to "race" sail. The purpose of the Leukemia Cup is to raise money for Leukemia research. In six years, Connecticut sailors have raised \$373,000 for this fund. This year, online fund raising is available. For more information please go to the Mudhead website at www.mudhead.org, the Leukemia Cup website at www.leukemiacup.org/ct, Scott Scaduto, TYC representative at sscaduto@ebmail.gdeb.com or the Campaign Manager, Priscilla Fusco at 203-379-0445 ext 25 or email her at fusco@lls.org.

Jean Ann Scaduto



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 16, 2006, Meeting Highlights

Commodore's Report: Jack Scaduto reported the following:

1. TYC donated \$100 to Movable Feast in memory of Richard Lathrop.
2. Thanks to Jean Ann for getting directory ads and for cleaning the clubhouse. Thanks to Ted Paulsen for taking over the design and production of the directory. Finally, Gilbert Leuze, a new custodian was hired.
3. Thanks to Cliff for being instrumental for getting parking passes for the Mitchell College parking lot. Also, Beth Sabilia, Sebastian and Henry's effort in getting a cross walk painted in front of the clubhouse is very much appreciated.
4. TYC is invited to participate in the Mudhead Leukemia Cup Regatta on July 22. Over \$400,000 has been raised in five year.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve Potter reported that everyone with outstanding dues has paid. The club is in good shape financially. There was a suggestion to open a club account with Defender and West Marine. The general consensus was that this was a good idea.

House Committee: Russ Carr reported the following: Keys to the front door are available from the launch driver for \$3.00.

There has been a report of the smell of gas in the galley. The cause is the pilot lights on the stove do not stay lit. We need to get a licensed plumber to work any gas problem in the galley but we can do an inspection to ensure that the problem is the pilot lights. In the present condition I don't believe there is a safety problem.

Dock Committee Report: Scott Scaduto reported the following: Dock repairs were performed on the "catwalk". A "step down" was installed and some split clamps that support the "catwalk" were reinforce. Also, several planks on the fixed dock and the floating dock had to be nailed down. This will be an on going task since the stringers that support the planks are rotten.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at 7pm on July 18th, at the clubhouse.

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, Secretary**