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The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

TYC Announcements

Nominating Committee

If you are interested in serving as Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Measurer or as one of the other elected members of the Executive Committee please contact one of the Nominating Committee members.
Jim Avery 860.447.9889 or luffsong@mindspring.com
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House Rule #3

The old House Rule #3 was inadvertently left out of the revised 2006 House Rules.
This House Rule is now incorporated back into the 2006 House Rules and reads:

Children of members are not allowed to have guests on Club property, except during organized Club functions. Club and Club property are closed to children of members after sunset unless accompanied by parents, except during organized functions. (Children have been defined in the past as under 18 years of age.)

75th Anniversary Committee

The next meeting of this committee will be Monday, September 18th, at the Club. Anyone having any sort of input for this committee should direct it to Judy Gibbs or Cal Brouwer.

TYC Clothing

TYC clothing is available for sale. Ask the launch driver or Judy Gibbs **860-444-7227**. 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.

Beach Chairs & Related Gear

Please remove all your beach chairs and related gear by the end of September or it will be discarded.



Commodore's Corner

The Governor's Regatta and the after race party were very successful. Thanks to Cal, Judy, Lloyd and the Race Committee for organizing a good race and to Carolyn and her Social Committee for a wonderful party.

If you missed Members Day this year, you missed a great event. Cal, Lloyd and the Race Committee organized two good races; one in the morning and another in the afternoon after a grilled lunch on the beach. Over 100 people enjoyed the Surf & Turf Dinner along with a terrific DJ with fun games for all ages. Thanks to Past Commodore Judy Gibbs and her crew and the Race Committee for organizing this fun event.

The next scheduled events are Skippers Night on Friday, September 8 and the Commodore's Trophy Race and party on Sunday, September 10. If you have time to lend a hand in these events; please contact Cal Brouwer, Lloyd Mc Donald or Carolyn Leuze.

Let's thank Chuck Wargo and his Launch Committee for keeping the launch and skiffs running this season.

The Dock Planning Committee has spent an enormous amount of hours since March working with DOCKO Engineering in getting drawings completed and with contractors to obtain quotes for the new proposed dock. The cost to replace the dock will be presented to the membership at the November 1 General Membership Meeting.

Please be mindful of our neighbors and inform your crew and guests not to park close to their driveways. It is important to maintain good relationships with our neighbors to prevent parking restrictions on the surrounding streets.

After Labor Day, the hours of launch operations will be reduced. Please consult the enclosed launch schedule for days/hours of operations.

I would like to thank our good neighbor and Honorary Member Henry Pianka for his con-

tribution to the Club throughout the entire year. Henry is always there when we need him.

Jack Scaduto, TYC Commodore

From the Vice Commodore

Lots of activity in the galley this month. The hot weather and too frequent openings caused our new freezer to malfunction. By the time it is really fixed, we probably won't need it. By then, we can just put the freezer stuff in a dock box and the weather will keep it frozen.

The Governor's Post Race party was a great success. The several food stations were a good change from one long buffet line - less time spent on line - and the Tacos in a Cup were very successful - particularly the fish tacos. If you've never had a fish taco, come to the Commodore's Trophy Race Post Race Party on Sept. 10, and try one. You'll like it! Commodore Jack conducted

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Membership Committee

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Please welcome Art and Barbara Dean as returning members of TYC. They were members around 1990 to 1996 and have decided they wanted to return to get involved in sailing once again. They have two children and have lived in the Waterford area for 25 years. So nice to have you back!

We have had several inquiries for membership recently and are pursuing several outstanding applications.

Thanks to all of you.....we have a great cast of members.

Jackie Fisher
TYC Membership Committee Chair
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an inventory of our liquor supply and found that the hot weather at the party following the Governor's Regatta seemed to keep the liquor consumption down, which is good for the budget and probably good for the attendees. Plenty beer and water were consumed, though.

Thursday Warm Ups continue to be popular. Chuck Wargo even provided a band one evening, but they were aced out by a granddaddy of all thunderstorms which rivaled the fireworks in splendor. We will continue the Warm Ups into the fall, but with racing schedules and children returning to school, the day may have to be changed from time to time. Make sure Jean Ann has your e-mail address so you can keep up with the changes.

Sunday, September 10th.....

Keep this date circled on your calendar! That's the date of our Commodore's Trophy Race with the big party following. Please call or email if you can help out in the galley and with set ups and take downs. We had a wonderful crew for the Governor's Regatta and I am very happy at the number and dedication of the folks who helped out. We will again have a working party on Sat. evening to set up tables and decorate, and to do a bit of food prep. We will not have a cocktail party on Sat. night, so don't worry about appetizers. We will meet on Sunday at about noon to finish up prep for the food and drink and set up the tent(s) and bar stuff.

Thanks to all of you who gave so generously of your time in July. I hope you and others are up for volunteering in September. We will be having the taco bar and a deli bar, which are all set. We will also have a salad bar, so if your specialty is a really great salad, we could use your contribution. Please let me know.

Call for reservations if you want to attend the post race party. \$10.00 with reservations, \$12.00 at the door. Carolyn Leuze • 860-443-2517 • magsgram@aol.com

Carolyn Leuze, TYC Vice Chair

From The Fleet Captain

With perfect weather and strong participation, the Watch Hill rendezvous was a success. Over ten boats made the trip to Napatree point. Among the participants were: Luff Song, Billerina, Course Change, Misa Gaia, Edelweiss, Vominous, Sundance, Serendipity and Acadia. I apologize if I missed anybody who may have also been at Watch Hill. The trivia contest was held Saturday night and the Golden Whale awarded to the Judy and Bob Gibbs' Boat; Course Change.

Our next event, the Block Island Challenge will have taken place by the time this is printed. Look for a report in the next Mainsheet.

There has been some interest in reviving the club's traditional end of season Columbus Day cruise to Hamburg Cove. Hamburg Cove is a quite well protected harbor about 8 miles up the Connecticut River. This event would span the three day weekend at the discretion of the skipper. Please contact me if you are interested in this cruise.

Glenn Freiman, TYC Fleet Captain

Rear Commodore's Corner

The Oscar Kerman Series was sailed on Saturday, 19 August. We had exceptionally good weather and wind, 10 - 12 knots. There were 18 boats registered, 15 completed both races. Most boats elected to start as close to the starting signal as possible, while 3 or 4, intentionally or not, started closer to the end of the ten minute starting window. The final results were determined by the combined corrected times from both races. 1st place Friendship - Roy Adamson, 2nd place Jeanie - Jeanie Cullen, 3rd place Teamwork - Eric Jones. The rest of the fleet finished in the following order: Second Wind, Goombay Smash, De ja Vu, Phoenix, Billerina, Montrose, Okasan, Micassa, Luff Song, Windhorse, Fruition, and tied for 15th Escape, Zephyr, Cringle.

Skipper's Night is Friday, 8 September at 1900 hours. We will be awarding prizes for all the races/series completed at that time. This event is open to all club members, guests and crews. This year the Youth Sailing Program will be presenting awards and certificates to their participants. There will be a cookout at the club with hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. The cost is \$5.00/adult and \$3.00/under 18. I need volunteers to sell tickets, cook and clean up. Please bring either an appetizer or a desert. Sign up at the club so we can plan accordingly.

The Chowder Series starts Sunday, September 24 and runs 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. As in the past we need people to make some type of chowder for each of the Sunday races. The club will reimburse you for all expenses. Sign up for chowder making on the Race Committee board at TYC. Rear Commodore, Lloyd McDonald, is looking for help on the Race Committee during this series. 464-2401

Lloyd McDonald, TYC Rear Commodore

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Grounds Committee

Member's Day...A Blast!!!!

It was a great pleasure to treat our members to a fun filled day. Mother Nature, a huge turn-out and a DJ with lots of games, made member's day a big success. It was great to see so many members and their families on the beach, on the water and just hanging around having fun. A great time was had by all ages.

As the event chairman I could not have handled the event without the many helping hands. Special thanks to Carolyn Leuze, Tahlia Lemay, Lou Leverone, Joe Madaus, Claire Gammo, Aileen Greene and Jean Ann & Commodore Jack Scaduto for their countless contributions to the day. Also thanks to the numerous others that lent a hand.

I can't forget, Rear Commodore Lloyd MacDonald and his wife Josie, Past Commodore Cal Brouwer and Tommy Welsh for their race committee work. Also to Youth sailing instructor Julie Spears for running the W.W. Meek race for the Optimists. The big kids (adults) on the race course bombarded each other with water balloons and super shooter squirt guns. You got extra points if you hit the Commodore or a Past Commodore. I got very wet.

Just a few facts- Continental breakfast was served at about 0830 with 25 people, we served 120 people for lunch, ran 2 races for the Oscar Kerman series, also the W.W. Meek series for the juniors., The DJ started at 1600 and played to 2000. Dinner was served to 135 people. The beach and porches were busy every minute. People were everywhere. The beach and the dock served as a dance floor for partiers. Many others enjoyed the music and games from the beach. The evening wound down with some parents and kids sitting around the bone-fire and many other volunteers cleaning, joking and putting the club back in shape.

Thanks again for the many offers of help. Many hands make light work and more fun for everyone. A good time was had bt all.

Past Commodore Judy Gibbs

Commodore's Trophy Race

Sunday, September 10th

The Club will host the 59th Commodore's Trophy Race Sunday, September 10th. This is our premier racing event of the season and an important ECSA race of the Offshore Circuit. Also, it's an all hands-on event for the membership. If you are not racing, consider joining the race committee team or the post-race party team. Sign-up sheets will be at the Club for your convenience. Don't miss this Blue Ribbon event!

Cal Brouwer

Youth Sailing Program

Thanks to all the instructors, sailors and parents for making this summer's sailing activities a learning experience. This year's instructors brought the beginnings of past enjoyment and learning back to the program and provided a basis for future improvements. Many new sailors learned the fun of sailing and most will be returning, with some of their parents showing an interest in becoming TYC members. We started two new activities (Team Racing and Big Boat Day), that will become a regular part of the sailing program. The Youth Sailing Committee did learn that the new activities caused some problems with schedules and curriculum and we will be adjusting both areas for next summer. While our program and many sailors' activities are limited to the 7 weeks of classes, sailing can be a year round experience if you become involved in the following associations: US Sailing Association - (www.ussailing.org) , Optimist Association - (www.usoda.org) , Club 420 - (www.club420.org) and Team Racing - (www.ustr.org) . By accessing these associations you will get a wealth of knowledge that will have you prepared by next summer to be a better sailor and competitor when you get in the boat.

Hope to see you all at TYC for Skippers Night - Friday Sept 8th -7PM

Cliff Fisher - Youth Sailing Program Chairman

W. W. Meek Series

11 boats sailed 4 races for the annual W. W. Meek Series that was held on Members' Day. Abby Finkenauer totaled a low score of 7 points to take the top honors. Conor Fowler was second with 11 points, just nudging out Anna Finkenauer with 12 points. Results follow:

1.	Abby Finkenauer	7 pts
2.	Conor Fowler	11 pts
3.	Anna Finkenauer	12 pts
4.	Aidan Fowler	16 pts
5.	Kyle Freiman	20 pts
6.	Fritz Finkenauer	25 pts
7.	McKenzie Potter	27 pts
8.	Megan O'Malley	36 pts
9.	Bray Potter	37 pts
10.	Patrick Madaus	43 pts
11.	Chase Freiman	43 pts

Cal Brouwer

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