

MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

General Membership Meeting Wednesday, November 1st

Commodore's Corner

The Race and Social Committees once again pulled off another successful Commodore's Trophy Race and Party. Several of the club's Past Commodores attended and participated in the award activities. Special thanks to Cal, Judy, Lloyd, Carolyn and the Race and Social Committees for organizing this very successful event.

The next social event is the Halloween Party on Saturday, October 28. (Details enclosed) Last years party was so successful that it still is a topic of discussion. Please don't miss this party.

The General Membership Meeting and Social is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1. Important meeting agenda items include the 2007 budget, the proposed new dock, bylaw changes and election of officers and Executive Committee for 2007. So please mark your calendar for this important meeting.

The Chowder Series is in progress and will run every Sunday until the end of October. Chowder and other food items are served in the afternoon so come on down and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Fall Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 4. (Details enclosed) This is the time of the year the club secures items such as the Queen Merry and the launch float, plus general clean up of the club grounds. Please mark your calendar and come down and lend a hand.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Mainsheet Editor, Greg Reese, for the work required to publish the newsletter over the past year. Greg always managed to get the newsletter out despite all the computer adversities. Also, I would like to thank the numerous members who stepped up on a daily basis keeping the club "ship shape" over the course of the season.

Jack Scaduto, TYC Commodore

From the Vice Commodore

Beautiful weather and a great appreciative crowd blessed our most recent social event, the Post Race Party following the Commodore's Trophy Race. Final figures are not in yet, but we hosted about 150 sailors and members. The taco bar was again a great hit. The salad bar was enhanced by contributions by several club members. The deli bar and the ice cream bar filled out the food stations – all were popular, and there was even a bit of food left at the end of the party. The liquor bar was of course, among the most popular. Without the generous help of many of our members, the party would not have happened. Consider lending a hand at one of our get-togethers. It's fun and somewhat frantic.

Saturday, October 28, at 6:30 pm will be the Halloween Party for adults. Costumes are good, but not essential. A prize might be available. This will be a potluck affair, so check your recipes (or your favorite take-out menu). The cost will be \$8.00 for reservations and \$10 at the door.

Shortly, thereafter, on Wednesday, November 1 we will have our fall General Membership Meeting. A social hour with beer, wine and soda will be at 6 pm and the meeting at 7:30 pm. The cost will be \$5.00. If your last name begins with A – L it would be nice if you can bring either a hors d'oeuvre or dessert. Members whose names begin with M – Z can contribute a dish another time.

Carolyn Leuze, TYC Vice Commodore

Membership Committee

Lots of inquiries for membership recently, thanks to all of you. We'll keep you informed to any new members.

Jackie Fisher,
TYC Membership Committee Chair

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Rear Commodore's Corner

Skipper's Night was a lot of fun. Thanks to the many people who helped set up, cook the hamburgers and hot dogs, stocked the ice chests with beer, soda and water and especially cleaned up at the end of the night. Thanks to all who helped!

We had ninety-one paid participants. Pewter trophy bowls from Mallove's Jewelers and brass chart weights from Weems & Plath were presented to skippers for races completed to date. The Youth Sailing Program also presented certificates to all their participants and trophies/medals to the winners of Optimist races. A special thank you is in order for Cal Brouwer and Tom Welsh (Jr) for their superb support to race committees all season long.

The Chowder Series started Sunday, September 24 and will run 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.

This brings an end to the 2006 racing season. After serving for two years as Rear Commodore one of the most encouraging things I've noticed is the development of novice sailors into competent racing skippers. The often heard cliché, "Racing is the best way to develop your racing skills." is true. So, if there is anyone out there who is thinking about racing, but fear of the unknown is holding you back, Try it, you'll like it!

Lloyd McDonald, TYC Rear Commodore



2007 Nominations

The nomination committee presents the following slate of officers and Executive Committee for 2007 to be elected at the November 1st General Membership meeting. Any nominations by petition for any office or Executive Committee seat must be submitted to the Secretary in writing and signed by no less than six voting members prior to October 18th.

2007 Slate:

Commodore:	Jack Scaduto
Vice Commodore:	Carolyn Leuze
Rear Commodore:	Ted Paulsen
Secretary:	John Ahearn
Treasurer:	Robert Van DerWeide
Measurer:	Bob Geary

Executive Committee: Michael Passero, Walter Pratt and Joe Dlubac

John Ahearn, TYC Secretary

From The Fleet Captain

Due to inclement weather the Block Island Challenge was cancelled. Bad weather seemed to be a common theme this year with TYC cruises: it rained at the Pirate's Cookout, the Watch Hill rendezvous was postponed due to rain and now the Block Island challenge was also rained out. Despite the weather, we had a successful cruising season with over 15 boats participating in various events and many others who were interested but had schedule conflicts.

In October the Thames Yacht Club participates in the Dyer Dow Derby at Mystic seaport. The event is open to clubs who have donated a Dyer Dow in the past.

There will be races for Juniors, Men's, Women's, mixed pairs and the Quarter-Ton where 4 people race in each boat. A cocktail party follows soon after the racing ends. This is a fun event open to all TYC members. Racers and spectators receive free admission into the seaport for this event. Please e-mail me and state if you are interested in racing or just going to the seaport.

Glenn Freiman, TYC Fleet Captain

TYC Fall Cleanup

Fall Cleanup at TYC is scheduled for November 4th. We had a great turnout for the Spring Cleanup and as a result the club has looked good this past season despite the hard winter. If you recall, we started the Spring with a badly damaged dock, overturned ice machine and shower, and the entire area around the northside ramp was washed out. The membership turned-too and got everything in order plus the usual general cleanup and we were ready for the season. Well, fall cleanup is every bit as important. The club needs to be put up properly or it can suffer the ravages of winter similar to our poor old dock. Therefore, I've scheduled the Fall Cleanup Day for November 4th. Work will start promptly at 9:00. Be there early if you want some of the doughnuts and coffee.

The work list includes:

- Erecting the snow fences
- Removal of the broken window in the galley
- Cleaning the gutters
- Securing and blowing down the dock water
- Cleaning and covering the galley fan
- Removing the awning material from the awning frame
- Removing the dock boxes
- Securing the launch float and ramp
- Bringing in the Queen Merry
- General cleanup and stowage

Regarding the general cleanup and stowage, no items can be

Executive Committee Meeting

19 September 2006

Meeting Highlights

The Chairman reported the following:

The Race and Social Committees did a great job during the Commodore's Trophy Race and the after race party. Thanks to Cal, Judy, Lloyd, Carolyn and the helpers of both committees for all the work required to make this event successful. Keith Gagne continues performing House Committee projects besides his other assignments as Assistant Dock Committee Chair. Thanks to Keith. The Army Corp of Engineers approved our dock application. The club owes the DEP \$3,819.00 for the dock application fee.

Rear Commodore's Report

Lloyd McDonald reported that skipper's night was well attended with 91 paid attendees. The night raised \$331.00, with \$175.00 in profits. The trophies were from Weems & Plath and Lloyd noted the good discount we received. The Chowder Series begins Sunday, 9/24 and there are four boats registers, but we expect at least eight more.

Membership Committee

Jackie Fisher reported on potential new members. There have been seven new members accepted and 12 prospects at various points in the application process. Jackie projects more Beach Pass Holders next year.

Race Secretary Report

Cal Brouwer reported by e-mail that the Commodore's Trophy Race had 45 boats participate. Preliminary gross receipts for entries and the party are \$2511.

Youth Sailing Program Report

Cliff Fisher reported that planning has begun on the 2007 program. There is the possibility of having a five day/week program due to the inclusion of Team racing. Most of our instructors will be returning in '07. Cliff is exploring the idea of using the old launch float for a 420 float. Cliff is also going to approach Mitchell College about adding our sailing program to their summer day program for kids.

Mooring Committee Report

Jim Avery reported that Walter Brady is home and doing well. We hope to see him back at the club soon.

Dick Roberts Youth Sailing Program, Inc. Report

Cal Brouwer had no report. Judy Gibbs reported that \$234.00 was raised from the Commodore's Trophy raffle and this was all profit.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at 7pm on October 16, 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

left adrift around or under the clubhouse. If you still have boat parts or beach chairs lying about take them home now. Anything that looks like trash will be thrown in the dumpster. We will break for lunch, usually pizza, about 1:00. If anything remains to be done we will finish up after lunch. Water will remain on in the clubhouse until approximately Christmas unless cold weather is forecast. Once the water pipes are isolated and blown down water will only be available in the downstairs ladies head.

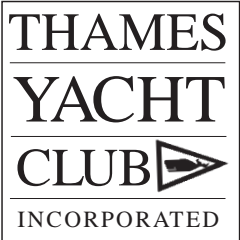
Russ Carr, TYC House Committee Chairman

Cleanup Day . . . Be There
November 4th, 9:00 A.M.



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