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The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

Commodore's Corner

The membership at the November 15 meeting approved the following bylaw changes:

(a) Increase in Senior Member level assessment from \$114.00 to \$181.22 to fund the construction of a new dock and clubhouse capital improvements. There were no changes in senior member level dues.

(b) Increase in new member entrance fee to \$1000 lump sum or \$1200 over a four year period.

(c) Increase in dues and assessment to 50% of Senior Member rates for Master Mariners who keep a boat the club.

The terms expire this year for Executive Committee members Lloyd McDonald, Stephen Potter, Claire Gammo and Walter Brady. I want to thank these members for their past service to the club.

I am currently looking for chairman and members for the Planning and Development Committee and Mooring Committee. Please contact me if you would like to help out on these committees.

The clubhouse will be winterized in December with the water secured except for the first floor women's head. The first floor will be available on a limited basis for club meetings through March.

A new launch float is on order from Custom Float Services. The Design includes a maintenance free 36' laminated beam construction with a fiberglass "correct deck" and a design life of 30 + years. This new float will make the Dock Committee's job easier.

The club received Army Corps of Engineers approval in August and DEP tentative approval in October for the new dock application. Our northern neighbor, the Fishers, submitted a letter to the DEP opposing our application. The Fishers claim the TYC dock built in the year 2000

is 10± feet from his south property line and our new proposed dock represent additional encroachment preventing the Fishers from obtaining a dock permit. The Dock Planning Committee is working with DOCKO and the DEP to resolve this problem.

I want to thank all those members who have helped in keeping the club ship shape over the past year. Several members performed small jobs on an ongoing basis that contributed to the overall success of the club. THANK YOU!

I send all the members and their families my best wishes for a Healthy and Joyous Holiday Season.

Jack Scaduto, TYC Commodore

Membership Committee

Membership activity for the year 2006 is as follows:

- Six resignations
- Twenty two requests for applications
- Eight new members
- Eight actively seeking/pending membership
- Four no interest/various reasons.

Overall it was a great season thanks for all your recommendations. The Membership Committee will continue to follow up on all applicants throughout the winter months and look forward to hearing from more people who would like to become members of TYC.

Once again, thank you for your help and interest in your club.

Happy Holidays!

Jackie Fisher, Membership Chairperson
Bevin Crighton and Tom Welsh,
Membership Committee Members



Vice Commodore's Report

Happy Holidays to all. What a great job I have! I get to go to all these parties and see all these great people, and lots of folks contribute food and time so that the work of entertaining is done by lots of people. Which brings us to the Christmas Party.

It's on Friday, December 8, at 6:30, with a catered dinner following at 8 pm. If you come to only one party a year, make it this one. The club is already beginning to look festive, thanks to our new Christmas tree. If you want to lend a hand with decorating, let Jean Ann or me know.

We will need the services of setting up folks, as well as clean up folks. It is a catered affair so the work load will be easier.

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS. We don't want to say NO WALK-INS, but it could work out that way. I have to get the number of people to the caterer early in the week, and it really isn't fair to those folks who responded, to have the arrangements changed at the last minute because of unexpected guests. When you read this, get on the phone and call - or e-mail with your reservations, to Carolyn at 860-443-2517, or magsgram@aol.com. I will be away much of the time before the party, so leave me a message and I will get back to you.

This year has sped by. We had lots of get togethers at the club, and I would love to hear from you about new ideas for parties in the new year. That's right - - - HAPPY NEW YEAR
Carolyn Leuze, TYC Vice Commodore



2007 Officers and Executive Committee

The following Officers and Executive Committee were elected by the membership at the November 15, 2006 General Membership Meeting:

Commodore	Jack Scaduto
Vice Commodore	Carolyn Leuze
Rear Commodore	Ted Paulsen
Secretary	John Ahearn
Treasurer	Robert VanderWiede
Measurer	Robert Geary

Executive Committee

Mike Passero	2007 & 2008
Walter Pratt	2007 & 2008
Joe Dlubac	2007 & 2008
Jim Avery	Continues for 2007
Jean Ann Scaduto	Continues for 2007
Charles Wargo	Continues for 2007

From The Fleet Captain

With winter approaching and our boats put to bed for the season, it's easy not to think much about boating as we catch up on all the things we did not do around the house during the boating season. Over the past season, the Thames Yacht club has made great strides towards restoring its once strong cruising program. For these activities to continue to grow, the club needs leaders. The club's cruising calendar should not revolve around the schedule of one individual; we need people to lead cruises and rendezvous. There really is not much involved in leading such an event, the only requirement is to pick a date and provide advice to the other sailors if required. If you cruise and find that our cruising schedule does not fit your schedule, then consider leading a club event next season.

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Glenn Freiman, TYC Fleet Captain

From the Measurer

As the season winds down and thought is given to new Sails, please remember that we need to reflect this on your handicap certificate. For those of you that have had a sail measured before, you know that this is not a big chore provided that the sails are off the boat. For new sails, you can facilitate this exercise by having your sail maker measure and mark your sails. This eliminates a measurement appointment in the spring. If you do have your sail maker do the measurements, please have him document this data on their letterhead and forward that information to me.

If you are thinking of replacing your asymmetric spinnaker, you should be aware that ECSA has modified the measurement requirements for these sails. Beginning in 2007, A-sail girth penalties will be treated the same as regular spinnaker penalties. That means that the maximum, unpenalized midgirth has been increased from 175% J to 180% J. Also note that in the past we prohibited oversized, pole-flown A-sails. In 2007, they will be permitted subject to the aforementioned penalty.

If there are any questions, please talk to your sail maker or give me a call. Good sailing,

Robert Geary, TYC/ECSA Measurer

Dated Information

Your information sheet from the TYC database will be included with your TYC invoice for 2007. Please check the information and update where required and return with your payment check to the treasurer. Thank you,

CONTACT Jean Ann Scaduto

Commodore's Mudslide 3-Peats in The Commodore's Trophy Race

Sunday, September 9th was the 59th running of the Commodore's Trophy Race. 44 boats entered the Club's premiere racing event of the season with 42 finishing. The fleet was divided into 3 spinnaker classes, 2 non-spinnaker and 2 one-design classes.

The course was 13.9 miles which featured a downwind start (the first in about a dozen years) three reaches, another downwind leg and a windward finish. Winds were from the north-northeast pretty much in the 12 to 15 knot range.

Taking Best Thames Boat honors for the third consecutive year was Jack and Scott Scaduto's Evelyn 25 Mudslide in Spinnaker 3 with a corrected time of 2h 20m 14s. This was followed closely by Stu Craig's J-22 Goombay Smash in Non-Spinnaker 2 with a time of 2h 21m 29s.

Coast Guard Academy was well represented this year with 7 entries. In addition to 2 offshore boats there were 5 new Colgate 26s that raced.

Taking first places were Dave Dickerson's Lindy, Petersen 38, from Niantic Bay, Spinnaker 1, 2h 21m 43; Paul Jennings' En Charette, Branford, Spinnaker 2, 2h 18m 42s; Jack and Scott Scaduto's Mudslide, Evelyn 25, Thames, Spinnaker 3, 2h 20m 14s; Coast Guard's Colgate 26, #9; Gary Woodruff's Tailgunner, Ensign, Niantic Bay; Dave Kelly's Mast Transit II, J-27, Niantic Bay, 2h 18m 37s and Stu Craig's Goombay Smash, J-22, Thames, Non-Spinnaker 2, 2h 21m 29s.

Taking second places were Bill Healy and Dave Peterson sailing SirPrize, Sirena 38, Spinnaker 1, Niantic Bay, 2h 21m 57s; Bob Bruno's Arabesque, Chance Custom 31, Duck Island, Spinnaker 2, 2h 22m 23s; Bob Powers' Tigger, Chance PT-32, ECSA, Spinnaker 3, 2h 23m 40s; Coast Guard's Colgate 26 #8; George Bates' Ensign, Bonanza, Wadawanuck; Mark Dixon's Nunnehi, Olson 911s, Duck Island, Non-Spinnaker 1, 2h 22m 16s and Bill St. John's Irish Lady, Ranger 26, Essex Corinthian, Non-Spinnaker 2, 2h 34m 17s.

Third places were taken by Bruce Kuryla's Secret, Nelson Marek 42, Milford, Spinnaker 1, 2h 22m 8s; Bob Cullen's Jeanie, J-30, Thames, Spinnaker 2, 2h 31m 26s; Cliff and Jackie Fisher's Rusty-Nail, Pearson 31, Thames, Spinnaker 3, 2h 23m 43s; Coast Guard's Colgate 26 #14; Ward Woodruff's Nightwind, Ensign, Niantic Bay; Bob Geary's Sagacious, Sabre 382, Thames, Non-Spinnaker 1, 2h 25m 58s and Roy Guile's Kristina, Tartan 30, North Cove, Non-Spinnaker 2, 2h 45m 25s.

Cal Brouwer, Chief Race Officer



Memories Wanted

The 75th Anniversary Committee is seeking photos, any printed written material, and informational or amusing anecdotes related the club that can be used in a book being compiled on the club's history. The committee is also looking for pennants, trophies, and other memorabilia that could possibly be used in exhibits. If you don't have such material, please check with friends and others who might have club information or artifacts from years past. All contributions should be in no later than February 1, 2007. Loaned material will be returned and owners will be credited for any used. Contact Jim Reyburn at 860-442-2087 or email at jreyburn1@msn.com

Jim Reyburn

Please Take Your Boat Home

The present small boat storage area north of the clubhouse is encroaching on our neighbor's property. Therefore, the club plans to redesign this boat storage area to alleviate the problem. Members storing their boats in this area are requested to take their boat home over the winter to facilitate work. Please contact me if you are interested in helping out in the redesign and construction of this project.

Jack Scaduto, TYC Commodore

For Sale

2003 Honda 2HP - 4 Stroke Outboard, less than 6hrs use.

Weighs about 25lbs, \$550

Contact Cliff Fisher 860-443-5968

Mooring For Rent

Desirable North-end Location Mooring For Rent 450 lb mushroom and heavy chain and tackle in the most desirable and protected location in Greens Harbor (TYC field). Close to the apartments, second row offbeach. Inspected annually. \$400 May-October, 2007 (TYC member preferred)

Call Steve at 860-460-6975

Please Take Your Mooring Balls Home



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On the Water Images from Member's Day

