

MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

Commodore's Corner

Mark your calendar for the next two club events, which are the St. Paddy's Day Party on March 17 and the Membership Meeting; April 4th.

The clubhouse and grounds again are a "beehive of activity" with several projects in progress. Thanks to Team Leader Steven Smith, Bevan Crighton, Roger Green, and Joe Madaus for the great job restoring the senior lounge walls.

Assoc. Dock Builders is scheduled to begin work on our new dock on March 1. Keith Gagne is the Team Leader for construction of the shore portion of the dock and for restoring the dock utilities. Please support Keith in this effort so the docks will be operational by the start of the 2007 season.

A big thanks to past Commodore Judy Gibbs who again volunteered to head up Member's Day scheduled for August 11. Don't miss this event.

Russ Carr has stepped down as House Committee Chairman due to other commitments. On behalf of the club, I thank Russ for his contribution and efforts in keeping up the clubhouse and grounds over the past three years.

Our Secretary, John Ahearn and his wife Kirstin who serves as our Publicity Chairman, are leaving the club because of a business venture in Massachusetts. I thank John and Kirstin for their past support and wish both of them the best of luck in their new endeavor.

Jack Scaduto, TYC Commodore

Membership Committee

Just when we get nice and comfortable, things change and the nice Yacht Club we've enjoyed so much has to be left behind and new goals pursued.

This has happened to friends and members of TYC, who unfortunately have had to hand in their resignations from our Club. But, as time

The Passing of Walter Brady

Former Executive Committee Member and Mooring Committee Chair Walter Brady, passed away on January 23, 2007. Walter was an associate professor emeritus of Connecticut College. Before Walter's illness he would be seen almost daily sailing his little day sailor named Placebo. Walter was very accomplished in the academic world. He had a great sense of humor that many of us observed at the club. A memorial service will be held at 11:30 am on Saturday, March 3 at the Harkness Chapel at Connecticut College. It was a pleasure knowing and working with Walter. He will be missed.

and events take them elsewhere, we bid them farewell and wish them well in their future endeavors. Hopefully they will return or visit us soon.

We have had several people who have approached us regarding membership, including two new members who we will be announcing in the next Mainsheet. With the resignations we are facing, we are falling short of our ideal membership and an active membership helps keep our rates down. Now this is where you come in...if you have given me a name of a possible member, please follow through with them by asking them to send in their application (we have several outstanding). Something else you could all do is look around your community, talk to your friends, invite them to the club for a social event (St. Patrick's Party) or a sail. If you enjoy their company, I'm sure we all would.

It is our responsibility as members to find members who would be good for our organization and a pleasure to share our time with. Remember, word of mouth is the best advertisement; our strength and growth is in the members.

Jackie Fisher, Membership Chairperson



Vice Commodore's Report

The St. Patrick's Day party will be at Thames Yacht Club on Sat., March 17 at 6:30 PM. This is a potluck affair. (Sort of a combo on the pot of gold theme and the luck of the Irish, right?)

Those members whose last names begin with M to Z are requested to bring a dish to share. When you call or e-mail your reservations, would you please let me know what you would like to bring? It makes filling in the bare spots a lot easier if I have an idea of what is coming. Please make reservations by Thursday, March 15.

The next GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be on Wednesday, April 4th. Details will follow.

I am looking for a host for the Kentucky Derby Party on Sat., May 5. If this appeals to you, please let me know.

Work continues on the renovations to our galley. Painting will take place later on in the spring. Volunteers are welcome.

Many thanks for all your help with the social events of Thames Yacht Club.

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Carolyn Leuze, TYC Vice Commodore

From The Fleet Captain

Our 2007 cruising schedule is starting to take shape. We are going to continue with the successful Pirates Cookout day trip to Flat Hammock and the Watch Hill Rendezvous. We are also adding a club cruise to the North Fork of Long Island and a late season trip to Hamburg Cove. We are still discussing other possible trips depending upon the availability of cruise directors. So if you have a trip in mind and would like some company, let me know and we may be able to make it into a club cruise.

Preliminary 2007 TYC Cruising Schedule:

Pirates Cookout	Late June daytrip to Flat Hammock
Watch Hill Rendezvous	July weekend trip to Napatree point
North Fork adventure	Early August club cruise to Montauk point and 3-mile harbor
	Hamburg Cove
September/October	Weekend trip to Hamburg Cove

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Glenn Freiman, TYC Fleet Captain

From the Measurer

As the weather warms and thoughts of spring emerge, it is not too early to give some thought to getting your PHRF handicap straightened away for the 2007 sailing season. All headsails require a measurement, and this means that they must be off the boat. This applies to your largest jib/Genoa and all spinnakers. If you are getting a new sail or having your sailmaker make some adjustments to your current inventory, have your sailmaker measure your sails, have him mark them, and send me the data on the sail maker's stationary. Otherwise we can arrange to measure your sails at the Club. Other measurements concerning the boat and rig can be made either in the boat yard or in most cases after launch. Remember that all boats intending to race in any race in 2007 need a new 2007 PHRF handicap certificate prior to race entry.

If you only plan to participate in TYC sponsored events, then a valid PHRF handicap is all that is needed. Use the enclosed form or go to the TYC website. TYC handicap forms will also be available in the Club House early this spring. If you want to participate in the race events sponsored by others, you will need a PHRF handicap assigned by ECSA. Go to the ECSA website at www.ECSA.NET, and follow the instructions.

We hope to see you out there soon, Good Sailing.

Bob Geary, TYC Measurer, 860.446.9222

Youth Sailing Program

The registration material for the 2007 summer program is enclosed in this newsletter and will be available through the club website at www.thamesyachtclub.org. A Youth Sailing Activities Overview is also enclosed for your planning. If you have any questions please contact me.

Cliff Fisher - TYC Youth Sailing Chairman

Swimming Lessons

I am happy to inform you that I will be returning to teach swimming this summer.

I will start the week of July 9th having 3, 2 week sessions. After the first 2 weeks additional weeks can be done 1 at a time. As you know I am quite flexible so I am sure we can work something out to meet your schedule and mine.

I look forward to seeing everyone and I know we will have another great summer.

860-4420871 or email; quinn@snet.net

Donna Greene

From the House Committee

House Committee We have a lot of projects going on at the Club, not counting our biggest project which is replacing our old Dock. A relatively small group of volunteers are doing some good work to make our Club look attractive for the upcoming Summer Season. I hope that you notice and approve of the work these people are doing and appreciate their efforts.

Hopefully, by the time the Club opens we will have re-finished the upstairs walls, painted the downstairs walls, painted the inside stairs, replaced the Men's Shower, repaired our holey upstairs ceiling, constructed new Dinghy Racks, and mended lots of other items that are not high profile but detract from our Club's appearance.

One of the biggest projects we have going on "inside" the Club is to bring our Galley up to inspection standards. This involves buying some new equipment, and a lot of labor. So if you haven't yet volunteered your services we are still looking for help on this project. Bevan Crighton. House Committee Chair. Bevbarb@sbcglobal.net

Bevan Crighton. TYC House Committee Chairman.

Big Boat Day

An exciting new activity, BIG BOAT DAY, was added to the Junior Sailing Program this past summer. The purpose was to expose Junior Sailors to the experience of sailing on a large boat. Last summer only the Level 3 students participated. Three members donated the use of their boats for the afternoon. Because BIG BOAT DAY was an unqualified success, it is being improved and expanded for the 2007 season.

Level 2 and Level 3 Junior Sailors in Session 2 will participate in Big Boat Day. Groups of four to six Junior Sailors will be assigned to sail on a member-owned and volunteered Big Boat. Onboard the big boat will be the owner (or designee), a sailing instructor, and the Junior Sailors.

Level 2 Sailors will sail on Tuesday, July 31st from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm. They will leave the mooring, sail down the Thames, to Seaflower Reef, and return to the mooring.

Level 3 Sailors will sail on Thursday, August 2nd** from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. They will leave the mooring, perhaps sail to the designated anchorage in West Harbor, Fisher's Island, drop anchor and probably raft together. They will swim, eat lunch, be reassigned to different BIG BOATS, and return to the mooring.

We need members to volunteer their boats and their service for BIG BOAT DAY(s) 2007. We need 3 boats for each BIG BOAT DAY as scheduled above. If you want to volunteer, call or e-mail: jkilburn@pshift.com (802) 253-9213

Dick Kilburn

Mooring Committee News:

1) Mooring Identification - Mooring Balls or floats should have the following information inscribed before they are installed by the diver for the summer season.

- a) Mooring #
- b) Mooring Weight
- c) Owners Name
- d) Vessels Name

2) Mooring Gear - Please think of our neighbors in this matter and remove your winter mooring gear from the club beach as soon as possible.

3) Club Mooring Application Update: All members at the Thames Yacht Club (TYC) who maintain a mooring are required to submit annually an "Application for Individual, Non -Commercial Mooring Space Permit" to the TYC Mooring committee. Completed permits should be submitted to the TYC by April 1, 2007, Attention: Mooring Committee.

Note: Individual moorings require inspection bi-annually (every two years); please identify the inspection status for your mooring with the mooring space application submittal.

Many applications have been received - Thank you for your prompt response.

Roy Adamson, TYC Mooring Chairman

Planning and Development Committee

As your new TYC Planning and Development Chairman, we are still seeking members who would like to be part of this committee. The primary purpose of the committee is to identify, propose and incorporate small and large long term modifications to sustain and better the club as we go into the future. Please let me know if you are interested in participating, please contact me for more information.

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Greg Reese, TYC P&D Committee Chairman

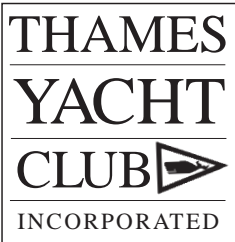
CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale

2003 Honda 2HP - 4 Stroke Outboard, less than 6hrs use. Weighs about 25lbs, \$550 Contact Cliff Fisher at cliffisher@sbcglobal.net or 860-443-5968

Wanted-

Bluejay Sailboats - Youth Sailing program is considering using BJ's in the training program. Please contact Cliff Fisher at cliffisher@sbcglobal.net or 860-443-5968



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dinghy Storage Changes

The existing storage racks are currently being dismantled and new design racks will be built to improve access for members dinghies and to accommodate the increasing needs of the active Junior Sailing Fleet, Force 5 fleet and the increased number of dry sailed members boats. In order to accomplish this work in time for next summers activities **ALL BOATS CURRENTLY REMAINING IN THE RACKS AND ON THE BEACH IN THE AREA OF THE RACKS MUST BE REMOVED .**

Also the area adjacent to the racks used for storage of dry-sailed larger sailboats is being revised to conform to our property boundaries without impacting member use of our beach.

Members with existing boat storage assignments, (wet and dry) may have noticed that they have not received a bill for the 2007 season. This is because All storage assignment and billing for the 2007 season will be based on available space resulting from the area redesign and the requirement for members to request a Wet or Dry storage assignment. This requirement to request a storage assignment is based on the need to accommodate the needs of those members who actively use their dinghies/boats vs those members whose dinghies/boats have not moved from their locations in years.

While the club provides launch service during the sum-

mer it is recognized that some members have requested dinghy dry storage because they may need access to their boats at times when there is no launch service. For those times, namely Spring and Fall, the club is considering providing a service dinghy for member use in getting to their boat. The past two years such a service dinghy with oars was left on the launch float by a member during off season for other members use however it was not widely identified.

IF YOU REQUIRE A RACK, BEACH OR WET SLIP STORAGE SPACE CONTACT NICK KOSTOPOULOS at email

kostond@yahoo.com or at his home phone number listed in the membership directory.

Advertise in the TYC Directory

Many of you have a small business or offer a service that may be of interest to our members. If you are interested in advertising in our club directory contact Jean Ann Scaduto @tycscaduto@aol.com or 860.859.3408.

Membership Dues

A reminder that membership dues are due by March 31. If you have paid, thank you.