

# MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

## Commodore's Corner

The season has barely started and we already had five major work parties with exceptional member turnout. A big thank you is in order to Bevan, Keith, all the team leaders and members who have participated in these work events. Even junior Liam Greene has done his share of work.

The recent storm washed tons of debris on our beach, which brings us to Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May 5. Taking down the snow fences, cleaning the beach and clubhouse and other work projects are planned. Please come down and lend a hand; many hands make light work. After clean-up, join us for the Kentucky Derby Party at 4 pm. The next social event is Commissioning Day scheduled for Friday, May 25. (Details enclosed) Please mark your calendar.

Our contractor is working to complete the main dock and position the launch float by mid May to support launch service that commences on May 18. The club is responsible for construction on the shore portion of the dock and to restore dock utilities. Member support in this regard is greatly appreciated. Contact Team Leader Keith Gagne if you would like to help.

Past Commodore Al Schober has been working towards refurbishing the galley. His work transforming the old galley refrigerator into one that looks brand spanking new is truly amazing. Thank you Al.

The ugly dinghy racks have been replaced by two neat rows of storage bays. Dinghy storage assignments should be issued shortly. Thanks to team leaders Michael Passero, Cliff Fisher and a cast of many club members.

Checkout the first floor of the clubhouse that has been completely painted out by Lloyd, Bevan and crew. Also, the women's bathroom downstairs just received a major facelift compliments of the Fishers.

Last, I want to extend sincere thanks to our club attorney's Michael Passero and Peter Costas who work hard keeping the club on a straight course and who can swing a hammer with the best of us.

**Jack Scaduto, TYC Commodor**

## Vice Commodore's Report

Two major social events are coming up. First is the Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday, May 5 from 4 pm to 7 pm. This allows plenty of time for you to study the entries and jockeys so that you can make informed decisions about which horse(s) to favor. Russ & Vonice Carr will be hosting this event. Light refreshments will be served, with mint juleps, beer and wine. We will have a huge TV with great viewing from all quarters. The cost is \$10.00 and you don't need to bring anything. Reservations, please by

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## Membership Committee

Membership Committee: Welcome aboard new Senior members; Al Matheson sailing "The Clifford B II" and David and Anne Pugsley aboard "Elusive". Also welcome Beach Members Erica Benvenuti, Carolyn Coulson Cava, and Judy Bowdish.

The best advertising medium for Thames Yacht Club are you our members. Both the sailing spirit of our members and the wide range of programs, activities and facilities offered by Thames Yacht Club make membership a lasting experience. Let your friends know what sailing is all about and invite them to join our activities and become members.

**Jackie Fisher, TYC Membership Chair**



Wednesday, May 2, to me at 860.443.2517 or magsgram@aol.com.

The other event is the Commissioning Day Ceremony on Friday, May 25 at 6:30 pm at the end of the dock where we will have:

Reading the Proclamation

Firing of the Cannon

Presenting the Colors

Unfortunately the final arrangements have not been completed for our buffet dinner thus I am unable to set the price. We will have the dinner in our beautifully newly painted main floor and if your last name begins with A-L please bring an appetizer or dessert, and let me know which your plan to make when you make your reservations. Preceding dinner and immediately following the opening ceremony we will have appetizers in the upstairs lounge. Reservations, please by Tuesday, May 21 to me at 860.443.2517 or magsgram@aol.com. By then the price will be set.

Work continues in the galley that is getting a transformation. Thanks to Al Schober for the amazing makeover of our old refrigerator.

**Carolyn Leuze, TYC Vice Commodore**

### From The Fleet Captain

Our 2007 cruising is soon to kick off with the second annual Pirates Cookout. This one day event takes place at Flat Hammock off of Fishers island June 30th from 11:00- 4:00. A charcoal grill will be provided for everyone to use. We will have a scavenger hunt with the winners getting maps to treasure buried somewhere on the island. Once again, the grand prize of the event will be the coveted golden whale burgee. For those of you that are not familiar with the golden whale, it is a award given to members at cruising events to be returned to the fleet captain before the next event and then given out again.

### Preliminary 2007 TYC Cruising Schedule

#### Pirates Cookout:

June 30th daytrip to Flat Hammock

#### Watch Hill Rendezvous

July 21st - 22nd weekend trip to Napatree point

#### North Fork adventure

August 18th, 19th & 20th club cruise to Montauk point and 3-mile harbor

#### Hamburg Cove

September/October weekend trip to Hamburg cove

**Glenn Freiman, TYC Fleet Captain**

### Rear Commodore Corner

It is great to see fellow sailors at the marina repairing and refreshing their boats with a bit of spit and polish. We begin the racing season with the Chili Series on Monday, May 28, 2007. The Wednesday Night race series begins later that week on May 30th. It's time to sign up! Information and sign up sheets are at our web site for both races.

The skipper and crew of each racing boat is required to participate as part of the race committee, at least once each season. The sign up sheet is posted near the trophy case.

I would like to invite racers and their crews to join us for a workshop on race rules and running of the committee boat.

The workshop will be held Wednesday, May 23rd at 1830 (6:30pm). I know many of us would benefit from this. The Queen Merry is in fine shape for another season. I would like to thank Bob and Judy Gibbs, Bob Geary, Lynn and Richard Webber, Paul Eagon and the boys at For Trumbull for all their hard work and expertise in getting the Queen in shape for the season.

I look forward to seeing you at the races. Don't miss any of the fun racing with the Club.

**Ted Paulsen, TYC Rear Commodore**

### From the Measurer

Sailing season is fast approaching, and Rear Commodore Ted Paulsen has scheduled the first series of races. In order for you to participate, you will need a 2007 PHRF handicap certificate. To date only a few members have requested one. Please do not wait until the last minute and be disappointed. TYC Handicap forms are available on the Club website and at the Club house.

**Bob Geary, TYC Measurer, 860.446.9222**

### Youth Sailing Program

As most members know our Program is open to the public and each year more members children bring friends along to experience the fun and excitement of learning to sail. In addition many members grandchildren are also picking up where their parents left off 20+ years ago and are carrying on sailing traditions. Our program gets underway in about 8 weeks so if you want to join a great group of young sailors, now is the time to register for classes. Registration information and applications are available on the TYC website [www.thamesyachtclub.org](http://www.thamesyachtclub.org) by clicking on the Junior Sailing link

**Cliff Fisher - TYC Youth Sailing Chairman**

## From the House Committee

As I am writing this article it looks like Spring may finally be making an appearance, I hope so cause I'm fed up with winter.

A huge amount of work has been taking place at our club over the past few months and I, and all the volunteers who have been doing this work, hope that you approve of the changes. While on the subject of volunteers let me express my gratitude to all the members who have given up their free time to work on improving our club, we all benefit from their efforts. I am sure that I speak for them all, when I ask for your help in keeping our club ship shape and spick and span. We are suffering a little at this time in our membership numbers, and one of the ways that is sure to attract new members and keep our fees down is having a club (to paraphrase Real Estate Agents ) that shows well.

If you have ideas on how we can continue to improve our club, please get in touch with me.

### Work in progress;

Our new dock is progressing daily. I saw one of the pylons they pulled from the old dock and was amazed at how bad it looked below the surface of the water.

We have also built two new Dinghy Racks, a vast improvement on our old Dinghy storage and now hard at work on improving our Galley. I will need volunteers to help repaint the cupboards and walls when the modifications are completed.

The recent bad weather took its toll on our club. Besides making a mess of our beach it also tore off some of our roof shingles, and we have a couple more water leaks into the club that are going to need repair.

### "News Flash"

For all of you who have gotten out of shape and put on a few pounds of winter fat over the cold season, the TYC House is sponsoring an "exercise" program.

Aerobic exercises will include shovelling huge amounts of dirt. For those of you who want to bulk up, we have carrying of heavy cement blocks from one area to another. This exercise program is guaranteed to help you discover muscles you never knew you had (or wish you didn't have). And its free!

The other advantage of this program is that we will end up with a new landscape retaining wall at the front of the club.

### Clean Up Day, Saturday, May 5th

This is the day we prepare the club for the upcoming season, lots of jobs to do, and its a great day to get together with fellow members who you havn't seen for months.

## In Summary

The House Committee needs your help in the following areas:

- We need painters for the Galley
- We need help to repair the roof shingles (I believe we may have replacement shingles)
- We need help to repair the water leaks into the club (beside the leak from the missing shingles)
- Don't forget the exercise program (replacing the landscape retaining wall)
- And don't forget Clean Up Day, Saturday 5th of May.
- Please give me a call.

**Bevan Crighton. TYC House Committee Chairman.**

## Dick Roberts Youth Sailing Program, Inc.

Great news! Who says the wheels of government work slowly?! The Dick Roberts committee submitted its application for IRS 501(C)3 non-profit status December 18, 2006. Approval was received February 20, 2007. What this means is that to our friends and fellow yachtsmen (and women!) donations and contributions to the Dick Roberts Youth Sailing Program, Inc. are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. Your favorite accountant can tell you what that is. The application process up to submission was long and arduous and I want to thank Judy Gibbs, Jack Scaduto and especially Walt Pratt and special counsel Pete Costas for its preparation. Well done! A fund raiser for the Program is expected to be held in the October.

**Cal Brouwer, President**

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### For Sale

500 lb mushroom anchor w/summer & winter floats  
Professionally maintained

Location: N41 20 052, w 072 05 614

**Paul Generous 860-429-3410**

### For Sale

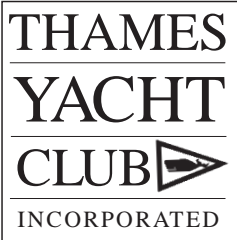
2 bay stainless steel sink unit (from galley) complete with faucet.

**Best offer: 860-887-9340**

### For Sale

2 cast danforth type anchors 30# and 35# \$40 each

**Jim Avery for another club member 860-447-9889**



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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### **Richard H. Roberts Youth Sailing Press Release Program, Inc.**

The Richard H. Roberts Youth Sailing Program, Inc., which supports junior sailing and training in the New London area, has been granted nonprofit status by the Internal Revenue Service, according to Calvin Brouwer, program president.

The program is named for a leading figure at TYC for 43 years. Roberts, who died in October, 2002, was race secretary, rear commodore, and commodore (1975-76). He always championed junior sailing, ran many Hospice regattas, was a proponent of community boating for area youth, and was editor for many years of the Mainsheet.

Roberts also was a well-known figure in area and national sailing organizations. He served on U. S. Sailing's board of directors and its race management committee, and was commodore of the Off Soundings Club and the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association.

With the program's 501(C) 3 status, all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Donations may be made to: Richard H. Roberts Youth Sailing Program, Inc., % Treasurer, 34 Jones Court, Norwich, CT 06360

**Jim Reyburn**

### **Galley Operator Wanted**

Person needed to operate the  
TYC Galley this summer as  
a concession.

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