

# MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

## From the Editor:

We are well into the 2007 sailing season. The club looks like it has undergone an awesome face lift and the new dock is stupendous as are the new dinghy racks. All of the events I have attended have been a great success and a lot of fun. The racing, cruising, parties and dinners have been great. My thanks to everyone involved...hence the key word; INVOLVED. Please do your part and get involved.

**Greg Reese**

## Commodore's Corner

July has been a busy month at the club with the Spring Series of Wednesday night racing already completed. Other major events in July were the Bradbury Memorial Race/Party the General Membership Meeting/Party and the Governor's Regatta and after Race Party. Thanks to Ted, Carolyn, Judy, Cal and all those who, on a volunteer basis, made these very successful events.

The next major club activities in August are the Opti Regatta on August 3 and Members Day/Oscar Kerman on August 11. (Details enclosed) In addition, the Commodore's Trophy Race and Party are coming up on September 9. Mark your calendar for these events.

Changes to Bylaws Article V Section 9 and Article VII Section 1 were approved at the General Membership Meeting on July 8. These changes are included in this issue of the Mainsheet.

Melissa Madaus is in charge of and the point of contact for all beach related matters at the club. Anyone with questions or suggestions related to the beach should contact Melissa.

The club has contracted with TIG Electric to install the dock electrical. Our members have

been performing the prep work to defray some of the cost. A big thank you is in order to Wayne, Scott, Keith, Cliff, Bob Welsh and all the other members who set aside time to work on this project.

Last, I would like to compliment our Fleet Captain Glenn Freiman for resurrecting the club's cruising fleet to what it was in years past. Thank you Glenn!

**Jack Scaduto, TYC Commodore**

## MEMBER'S DAY FUN

**AUGUST 11th**

### I NEED HELP

Please call Judy Gibbs  
860-444-7227 or email [jgibbs@snet.net](mailto:jgibbs@snet.net)

I won't happen without some helpers - many hands make light work

Please see the Member's Day flyer. There will be sign-up sheets at TYC. Please CHECK the reservation DEADLINES. The cut-off date for Saturday night's dinner is August 7 and THAT'S FINAL. Edie needs time properly plan and to purchase food etc.

**Lunch** \$2.00 for adults  
\$1.00 for kids under 12

**Dinner** \$15.00 per adults  
\$20.00 per non-members  
\$5.00 for children

Drinks included Soda & non-alcoholic drinks or beer for lunch & dinner and all that plus wine for dinner.

Of course don't forget the DJ and the games & prizes.

**Judy Gibbs**



## From The Vice Commodore

### Governors Regatta, Sunday, July 15th,

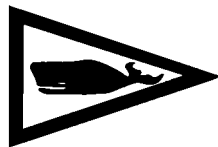
The Governor's Regatta was a lot of fun for everyone, including the sailors who had a delayed start. Once the wind filled in it blew pretty good, so the party was able to start about 4 PM.

The tents on the sand sheltered the bar and a keg, and they looked very festive. The food was good - the pulled pork and the baked beans were particular favorites of the crowd.

This event could never have happened without the help of the many volunteer members of TYC. From the beach crew who set up tents, duct taping them together as necessary, and the folks who set up the bar, and tended bar, and refilled snack bowls, to the galley crew who cooked and served all that food, to the good souls who emptied trash, and emptied trash again and again, to the wonderful clean up crew who stayed long after the party officially "closed" - MAHALO - thank you from all of us at TYC and I'm sure from all the party attendees. It is said that many hands make light work, which really isn't all that accurate. We had many hands and it wasn't all light work, but it was a lot of fun to work with such an enthusiastic bunch of hands and the work, light or not, got done.

MANY THANKS TO ALL HANDS INVOLVED.

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## Rear Commodore Corner

The Racing season is going great! The Wednesday Spring Series is complete and the results are posted on the club's web site and included in this issue of the Mainsheet. Sixteen boats raced in this series and we expect more to participate in the summer series. These races are a great way to learn about the rules and strategies of racing. The Francis T. Bradbury Memorial Long Distance Race on July 4 had 15 boats and three classes with the race taking us to Fishers Island and back.

The next big event is Member's Day and the Oskar Kerman race, Saturday, August 11. The series will consist of two races. One in the morning, first warning at 1030 and one after lunch, first warning at 1400. A skipper's meeting will be held at the Thames Yacht Club at 0900 the day of the race. I encourage everyone to join in. Don't forget that water balloons and squirt guns are part of this race and will be followed by member's day activities.

A short reminder about the ferries in the river, make sure you stay out of their way. We do not want to have issues with them during a race, if they register a complaint with the Coast Guard it could jeopardize our activities.

**Ted Paulsen, TYC Rear Commodore**

You will read elsewhere about Members' Day on August 11th. . Judy has all kinds of great things planned. She needs help for this wonderful affair.

The next big racing event is the Commodore's Trophy Race on Sept. 9. Once again we need help the day before to set up and cook, the day of the event to set up tents and set up and serve, and of course, the clean up crew. We have many social events and we count on our members to help out. Please call or e-mail Judy or me if you can put in a few hours on either or both days.

Trash is getting to be a huge problem at the club. Cans are full long before pickup day. Please consider taking your boat or picnic trash home with you. If you live in New London, you may be able to fill up the huge garbage can the city gave you!

Please be considerate out on the water. Big boats and little boats have to share the river. We all represent Thames Yacht Club. Let's be sure that we present the club in a good light.

**Carolyn Leuze, TYC Vice Commodore**

## From The Fleet Captain

Our first two events of the year are past and they were both blessed with good weather and strong attendance.

With 23 boats in attendance and approximately 100 people, the second annual Pirates Cookout at Flat Hammock was an unprecedented success. It was a beautiful day and a good time was had by all. The treasure hunt was held and the golden whale was won by the team from Vamonos.

This year's Watch Hill Rendezvous was also a success with 10 boats in attendance and good weather. The golden whale was won by Sea++ who now holds the whale until our next event, the club cruise August 18

We have two events remaining in our schedule the first is our club cruise where we will sail to Montauk Point on Saturday, August 18th and then proceed to 3 mile harbor Sunday the 19th and then return to New London on August 20th. Our trip to Montauk coincides with lighthouse weekend so there should be plenty to do in the area. We will anchor in Lake Montauk which almost always has plenty of room and very protected waters. There should also be plenty of room in 3 mile harbor since we will be arriving Sunday afternoon.

<b>North Fork adventure</b>	August 18th, 19th & 20th club cruise to Montauk point and 3-mile harbor
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<b>Hamburg Cove</b>	September/October weekend trip to Hamburg cove
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**Glenn Freiman, TYC Fleet Captain**

## Commodore's Trophy Race

Sunday, September 9th, will be the running of the 60th Commodore's Trophy Race, the Club's premier racing event of the year. Please see the Notice of Race elsewhere in this Mainsheet. The entry form may be downloaded from the Club's web site but there are hard copies available at the Club by the racing bulletin board. Deadline for entries is Wednesday, September 5th. This has always been a well attended race and it is hoped it's on your schedule again this year. And for those going on Off Soundings, it makes for a great tune-up race. See you then!

**Cal Brouwer, Race Secretary**

## 37th Connecticut Governor's Regatta

This year's Governor's Regatta was held Sunday, July 15th, in varied and sometimes frustrating conditions. The fleet consisted of 34 entries in an Ensign class, 2 spinnaker PHRF classes and a non-spinnaker PHRF class. The day started out promising with forecasts calling for breezes close to the 20 knot range. Accuweather called for the wind to prevail from the south-west while NOAA predicted it from the south. The committee boat arrived on station well in advance of the 1155 first warning but not long after the wind died to nearly nothing. When the time for the first warning arrived, a postponement signal was made instead. For the next 1 hour and 30 minutes everyone patiently waited for the wind to fill-in and settle on direction. Finally, at 1335 the race committee announced a windward/leeward course from the starting area to the Silver Eel whistle and return, a distance of approximately 6 miles. First warning was at 1340 and the first start at 1345. 33 boats started and finished. By 1400 the wind had accelerated to 17 to 21 knots, pretty steady out of the south.

The challenges of the day were to dominate the full outgoing ebb tide and to beat the clock due to the relatively short length of the course. In the Ensign class the 5th boat to finish was just 37 seconds behind the first. In Class 2 (Spinnaker) the winning boat corrected out just 10 seconds ahead of the 2nd. In Class 3 (Non-spinnaker), the spread between 1st and 2nd was 40 seconds. Complete results can be found elsewhere in this Mainsheet.

A race of this caliber takes many personnel. Special thanks go to Bob and Barb Welsh for use of their Xapisma as committee boat and to Bob and Judy Gibbs for Course Change as the mark boat. Performing valuable jobs were Bob Gibbs and Lou and Helene Leverone on the mark boat, Tom Welsh and Sean Miller on the utility boat and Judy Gibbs, Craig Spear, Lloyd and Josie McDonald, Paul Schwartz, Dave Sombric, Jeff LeMothe and Barb and Bob Welsh on the committee boat.

Jobs well done! And, thank you.

**Cal Brouwer, Race Secretary  
and Principal Race Officer**

## Bylaw Updates

Two bylaws changes were approved at the General Membership Meeting on July 8, 2007. The two bylaws are listed below in their final form.

### Article V Section 9 second paragraph:

For new members who have been processed through the Membership Committee and approved after August 31st, full privileges, except for voting rights, are granted for the remainder of that year. The payment of membership dues for new members approved after August 31st is waived for the remainder of that year and those new members shall commence payment of dues when billed along with all other members for the subsequent year. Members approved between July 15 and August 31 shall pay 1/2 dues.

### Article VII Section 1:

There shall be three membership meetings of the Club. Such meetings shall be held during the first week of April, a July meeting and during the first week of November. For good reason and by vote of the Executive Committee the date of such meetings may be changed.

### Bylaw Committee

## TYC 2007 Directory

The 2007 directory will be delivery to the club on July 26. Please pick up your directory when you are at the club so we can keep postage at a minimum.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### For Sale

"Harmony" a 1972 Santana 26 (W.D. Shock mfg) and 350 lb Mooring (Both currently in the North Mooring field) as is in sailing condition \$1000.00 or best offer.

**Call Dave Reilly 860-334-2403**

### For Sale

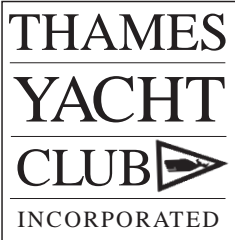
**Mooring 250 lbs.** New chain, mooring buoy and pennants 1/2" galvanized. Long link anchor chain and galvanized shackle...made in USA. Installed in 2007. \$500

**Jim and Ginny Verdier, 413-665-2903**

### For Sale

**GINNY LEE 1987 O'DAY 27FT. SLOOP** Outboard 12 HP Nissan (~250 hrs.); Draft: 36" - spectacular - America's Cup Keel; Ballast - 5,500 lbs. New inside cushions with new shelves, new lines, new sailcover (2006.) Sleeps 6. Main and roller furling in good condition. Great family boat or single handed. Original owners. She's ready to set sail! Location: Fort Rachel Marina, Mystic, CT (dry-dock.) \$9,500.

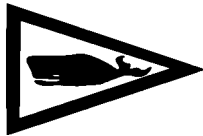
**Jim or Ginny Verdier - 413-665-2903 or cell: 413-530-6563.**



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