

MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

Commodore's Corner

August was another busy month at the club with the Nonsuch Fleet, Opti Regatta, Member's Day, Oscar Kerman and the Force 5 North Americans all sharing in the activities. The Saturday Force 5 race was conducted in heavy winds resulting in multiple boats capsizing and one dismasting. Despite these adversities, all the sailors seem to have a great time. Thanks to Bobby and Jeanie Cullen who both did a wonderful job organizing the Force 5 event.

Member's Day had a great turnout with 100+ members enjoying the DJ, games on the beach and the excellent dinner. The non-spinnaker Oscar Kerman Regatta was held in conjunction with Member's Day with sea battles between the boats using water balloons and water cannons. Thanks to Past Commodore Judy Gibbs and her crew and the Race Committee for organizing this event.

The Opti Regatta went well thanks to Aileen Green, the Opti Moms, the Race Committee and the many volunteers who worked this event.

The next major club activities are Skipper's Night on Friday, September 7 and the 60th Commodore's Trophy Race and Party on Sunday, September 9. Information is included in this Mainsheet, the August Mainsheet and on the website.

After Labor Day through October, the launch service shifts to Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with a few exceptions. The launch schedule is included in this Mainsheet and on the website.

Again we have received a parking complaint from a neighbor. Please be mindful of our neighbors and inform your crew and guests not to park close to their driveways or in posted areas. It is important to maintain good relationships with our neighbors to prevent park-

THE PASSING OF OUR PAST COMMODORE

Long time member and Past Commodore Aborn D. "Denny" Smith, Jr. passed away on August 17, 2007. Denny was an accomplished sailor and raced for many years as well as cruising up and down the east coast from New England to Florida. For several years, you could find Denny and his wife Marge on the club porch, prior to racing on Wednesday night, telling interesting stories about his ocean experiences. He will be sadly missed. "There is a point of no return where ships may ride at anchor for a little space and then some starless night the cable slips leaving only an eddy at the mooring place. Gulls veer no longer, sailor rest your oar. No tangled wreckage will be washed ashore."
Past Commodore Denny Smith, rest your oars.

ing restrictions on the surrounding streets.

Several items have been reported stolen from the club over the past year. A wet slip dinghy was missing but fortunately later recovered. The ice money box was stolen, allegedly by a stranger posing as a club member. If you notice anyone acting suspicious, bring it to the attention of any club officer, older member or launch operator. If you are the last to leave the clubhouse at night, ensure the windows and doors are shut and locked.

The dock electrical was recently completed and only a few miscellaneous work items remain. A big "Thank You" is in order to Keith, Scott, Wayne and Cliff for continuing clean-up work on the dock.
Jack Scaduto, TYC Commodore



From The Vice Commodore

The Commodore's Trophy Race will be held on Sept. 9, followed by the Post Race Party at Thames Yacht Club. The bar will be open and snacks available for early arrivals, followed by dinner.

We could have as many as 150 people at this affair. This event will not be catered: we will do the cooking ourselves. Please sign up on the form on the bulletin board at the club if you will be able to help before, during or after the party.

The porches will be open only to party members from 3 PM on. Sorry if this is inconvenient, but as so many guests are anticipated, we need the room.

Members are invited as well as captains and crews from the race. Please sign up, call, or e-mail if you are attending, or if you would like to help out. The cost is \$10.00.

If you haven't helped with the Galley Prep before, during, or after a party, you are missing out on a truly exhilarating experience. We look forward to welcoming you as a member of the Galley Prep Team. There are no dues or embarrassing initiation rites. You just show up and you are instantaneously a member! Please call me for further information.

Carolyn Leuze, TYC Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore Corner

The Wednesday Night and Thursday Night Force 5 series are completed. We had terrific participation this summer with 4 spinnaker boats, 13 cruising canvas and 8 Ensigns. The weather was kind and we did not lose a single race. The Oscar Kerman Series was held on Saturday, the 11th of August and we had exceptionally good weather for the race. The wind was light in the first race but kicked up for the second. There were plenty of water balloons and squirt guns on the boats to keep things cool. Results for all these races are kept up to date at the TYC web site.

Skipper's night is Friday September 7 at 1830/6:30 pm. Trophies and awards for all sailing competitions completed will be presented, including the youth sailing program. Join us for the party and collect your hardware. This event is open to all club members, guests and crews. There will be a cook out at the club with hamburgers and hot dogs. The cost is \$5.00/adult and \$3.00/under 18. I need volunteers to cook and clean up. Please bring either an appetizer or a desert.

The Chowder Series begins Sunday, September 23rd and consists of 6 races through October 28. We usually have more reliable wind than on Wednesday nights and have no sunset to limit the course we set. Go to TYC web site for notice of race, sailing instructions and the application form. Skippers are reminded that they are obligated to volunteer for race committee.

Ted Paulsen, TYC Rear Commodore

From The Fleet Captain

The first day of the planned club cruise to Montauk brought 20 - 25 knot winds gusting to 30. Faced with an offshore passage and high winds, many of the sailors decided to forgo the trip to Montauk and settled for the easy sail to West Harbor. In the end, 2 boats successfully arrived at Montauk with an additional 4 boats ending up in West Harbor. Two of the boats continued on and sailed to Block Island the following day. While this trip turned out significantly different from what was planned, it was still a success since club sailors cruised together and shared experiences on the water. Due to the nature of the event, the golden whale was not awarded.

Look for emails and notes in the club house for additional cruising events.

Glenn Freiman, TYC Fleet Captain

Membership Committee

We wish to welcome several new senior members accepted by the Membership Committee to TYC. They are Stephanie and Justin Codner, Wendy Love, Marcus & Celeste Milukas, Michael & Dottie Nauer and Virginia and Remo Pizzichemi. Some have already been very helpful at a couple of the events at the club. Thank you. Helping out is simply showing you are part of the club and anytime you wish to do so, just give any one of the Officers a call and they can direct you in the right direction.

It has also been wonderful seeing so many of the new members coming to the Thursday night get together's and other events. In fact, Thursday Night has become a weekly event for many of the old and new members and we really have a fantastic time.

Don't forget if any you know someone who would like to be an active member and enjoy the camaraderie of the club, just give me a call.

We, the Membership Committee, wish to Thank You for the recommendations you have provided us. Between you and the web site, we have gained nineteen (19) new members and two (2) reinstatements this year, all of which we are very pleased to have as members of the Thames Yacht Club. Continue the great work!

We now have a total of 23 Beach Members, which also is fantastic. New members are: Mark Patterson and Catherine & Peter Rotella. The Executive Committee has agreed to capping the Beach Memberships at 23, therefore any new requests for beach membership have been put in a "holding folder". Beach membership has become very popular, so those that are current members should consider paying their dues on time next year so they don't lose their membership.

Jackie Fisher, Membership Chairperson

House Committee Report

Well I hope everyone has had, and is still having a great Summer.

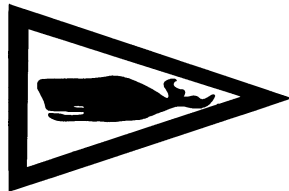
Work projects at the club have been lax over the summer season with the exception of keeping up with maintenance, which seems to be increasing exponentially as the club house ages. I know you all have all kinds of things to do during this time of the year, as do I, and so I have tried to keep work projects at a minimum. One project we have been working on is building an outdoor shower/changeroom for the beach crowd, and I think everyone is going to be happy with this, thanks to Jack Law and Chuck Wargo. This relatively quiet period that I mentioned above is fast coming to a close, and in the near future I will be seeking out volunteers to help in a couple of major projects we are lining up for the fall, probably late September.

One of the major projects that we really need to work on this fall is the replacement of our front porch. We are getting increasingly concerned about the safety of this porch and want to replace it before anything happens.

The other major product, while not as serious as the porch, is the replacement of the landscape wall. This wall has been steadily deteriorating over the last few years and is a real eyesore at the entrance to our club.

Before planning to do these projects it would really help me if I could get some idea of the volunteers who might be available, so please let me know if you would like to help.

Bevan Crighton, House Committee Chairman



Youth Sailing Program

Another exciting and fruitful summer for the Junior sailors resulted from hard work by the instructors and sailors alike, as well as the help of many parents. The Beginner Classes saw a big boost in enrollment in both sessions and the separation of beginning sailors into three separate age groups worked out well. Our more advanced racing sailors had a very good year at the many regattas in our area and the Team Racing group went from 0/7 last summer to 4/3 this year finishing in a tie for 3rd place in ECSA East. "Good Going"

Big Boat Day was another adventure and success this year thanks to the planning efforts of Dick Kilburn and the help of Mike Passero and Jim Lawler for providing their boats.

The next major event is Skippers Night on Friday Sept 7th at the club. See you there!

Cliff Fisher, Youth Sailing Chairman

IMPORTANT NOTE: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

If you are interested in serving as Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Measurer or as one of the other elected members of the Executive Committee, please contact one of the following Nominating Committee Members.

James Avery	860-447-9889	luffsong@mindspring.com
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Bevan Crighton	860-887-9340	bevbarb@sbcglobal.net

TYC SKIPPER'S & FAMILY NIGHT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2007

(See enclosed insert)

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE DICK ROBERT'S YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM FUND RAISER

There will be a fund raiser for the DRYs Program at TYC on Friday, October 19, 2007.

In addition to the cocktail party we hope to have a silent auction. Donated items are needed. Please ask businesses, friends or anyone that might have an item they are willing to donate. Examples are nautical gear, new books, art work, hours of babysitting, hosting dinner at your home for a # of people, a basket of cheers, a basket of bath products, tickets to a special game or Show, handmade jewelry, a night at a hotel or your beach house.

All the proceeds of the evening will go to support youth sailing, so please help us out.

If you have items please call Judy Gibbs @ 860-444-7227 or email jgibbs@snet.net

Judy Gibbs

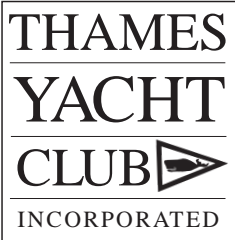
CLASSIFIED ADS

Wanted

Used Ensign sails. We're looking for a good second set of sails with which to day sail our ensign. If you have an extra set or know of a good source, please contact us at
860 444-7206 or mjmadaus@juno.com

For Sale

Small inflatable (RU260) West Marine (Zodiac) approx. 8' lgth, 2 yrs old, very limited use. In WS-4 slot at the dock---\$500
860-887-9475, cell # 860-389-2583 B. Costick



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INTRODUCING a new column in our Mainsheet

Do You Know...

that the Commodore's Trophy Race Post Race Party this year is a luau?

Get your aloha shirts and your muu muu's out of the back of the closet and come on down for Island flavor food and drink on Sept. 9 at about 4:00PM. Sign up or call ahead.

That TYC ice is NOT free!

A surprise to many, I think! Please put your money in the lock box on the bar. Thank you!

Quicknotes from the Executive Committee

The Committee has been busy on the following major issues:
Completion of the dock repairs - these are essentially complete with only a few minor items (ladders for example) requiring installation.
Finances - the Committee is expecting a full breakdown of expenses/revenues in preparation of the upcoming budget presentation to the full Club at the September (?) Members Meeting.
Outdoor showers - In order to alleviate some of the traffic to the 2nd floor showers, a new outdoor shower and changing room was approved and is presently under construction.
ID of Members - the recent unfortunate incident where our ice-box money was taken away by a stranger posing as a member has prompted discussion into potential solution to the issue of ID'ing members. No final decision has been made, some of the suggestions include photo-IDs, a poster in the Club with member photos, special wristbands, and others. The incident has also prompted some to argue it is another reason for the Club to hire a Manager or Steward.
New Members - our Membership Committee has been very busy this season with 22 new members being accepted so far. If you have any questions or comments on any of these items, please do not hesitate to contact either Jack Scaduto the Club's Commodore or Carlos Mojica the Club's Secretary.

TYC Launch Service Schedule
Labor Day through October 28th 2007

Monday Sept 3rd -Labor Day	9am-9pm	
Fri-Sept 7th	4pm-9pm	
Sat-Sept 8th	9am-9pm	
Sun- Sept 9th	8:00am-9pm	Comm. Trophy Race
Thurs- Sept 13th	4pm-8pm	
Fri- Sept 14th	7:30am-10am, 4pm-8pm	Off Soundings
Sat- Sept 15th	10am-8pm	
Sun- Sept 16th	10am-8pm	
Fri- Sept 21st	4pm-8pm	
Sat- Sept 22nd	10am-7pm	
Sun- Sept 23rd	10am-7pm	Chowder Series Starts
Fri-Sept 28th	4pm-8pm	
Sat- Sept 29th	10am-6pm	
Sun- Sept 30th	10am-6pm	
Fri- Oct 5th	4pm-8pm	
Sat- Oct 6th	10am-6pm	
Sun- Oct 7^h	10am-6pm	
Mon- Oct 8th Columbus Day	10am-6pm	
Fri-Oct 12, 19, 26th	4pm-8pm	
Sat- Oct 13, 20, 27th	10am-6pm	
Sun- Oct 14, 21, 28th	10am-6pm	Chowder Series Ends Oct 28th

TYC SKIPPER'S & FAMILY NIGHT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2007

1830/6:30 PM

\$5.00 Per Person

\$3.00 age 10 and under

Hot Dogs

Hamburgers

Snacks

Soda, Juice, Water, Beer

(BYOB Adult Drinks)

If you like, please bring a dish to share

e.g. salad, appetizer, dessert, etc.

TYC RACING AWARDS

Presented After Dinner

ALL TYC MEMBERS & RACING CREWS ARE INVITED

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR:

SET UP

GRILLING

CLEANUP

Important TYC Mooring Notice, September, 2007

Mooring information is important: Mooring applications serve the club in multiple ways including fulfilling new member requests and updating records used to operate the club. Annual mooring application submittals allow the club mooring committee to catalogue the moorings and identify members using them. Accurate records will allow the Membership Committee to inform new members of mooring availability, about which almost every new member inquires. Mooring applications and inspections are required according to the TYC by-laws. Please submit your mooring applications as soon as possible and thank you to those who have already submitted mooring applications. Your individual action greatly improves the club's ability to manage mooring affairs and membership requests.

Club Mooring Applications: 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 applications should be submitted to the TYC no later than September 14, 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. Also include your mooring number on your application. (Web site for application http://www.ct.gov/dot/lib/dot/Documents/dpermits/ap_imspace.pdf)

To date approximately 50% of the applications have been received; please make every effort to submit your application.

General concerns regarding unknown status for mooring applications not yet submitted to the TYC Mooring Committee :

Concern (1): Winter moorings still in use: A recent inspection of the mooring field identified many winter moorings still in place. Members who did not use their assigned mooring this year should submit an application as soon as possible. Without an application TYC can only assume that the mooring may be abandoned and is therefore available for use and transfer to other members that desire a mooring.

Concern (2): Moorings and boats without current mooring applications: There are many moorings in use for which a mooring application has not been submitted to the TYC Mooring Committee. Accordingly; the launch driver will begin passing out mooring applications to all members requesting launch service to their mooring / boat, asking they take a few minutes to fill out the application that day before they leave the club to ensure a safe and compliant boating environment for all members.

Roy Adamson, TYC Mooring Chairman