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The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

Commodore's Corner

Spring & summer racers were awarded trophies during Skipper's Night in early September. Congratulations are in order to all the recipients. A big thank you to Rear Commodore Ted, Cal, Judy and those on race committee for giving us a great racing season.

The Commodore's Trophy Race generally went well but the lack of wind provided a challenge for many of the racers. The experienced race committee recognized the racers difficulties and saved the day by shortening the course. Sincere thanks to Cal, Judy, Lloyd, members of the race committee, the Welsh's for providing the race committee boat and to Bruce Costick for his mark boat. In addition, the After Race Luau Party was very well received. Thanks to Vice Commodore Carolyn and her many helpers who worked all weekend to put on this enjoyable event.

The next social event is either an Oktober Fest or Halloween Party on Saturday, October 27. Details will follow.

The Chowder Series is in progress and racing will take place every Sunday until the end of October. Chowder and other food items will be served in the afternoon so come on down and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Fall Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 3rd. This is the time of year that items such as the Queen Merry and the launch float are secured plus general cleanup of clubhouse and grounds. Please come down and lend a hand.

The fall General Membership Meeting will be held on or about the first week of November. Election of Officers and Executive Committee for 2008 plus approval of the 2008 Budget will be conducted at this meeting. The meeting date and further details will follow.

The Mystic Seaport Dyer Dhow Derby is scheduled for Saturday, October 20th.

There are five races during the day; Juniors, Men, Women, Mixed Pairs and Quarter Ton (2 - 4 sailors per boat). Skippers Meeting at 10:30 AM and racing starts at 11:00 AM with cocktails and awards ceremony at 4:15 PM. There is complimentary admission to the grounds for competitors and spectators.

I would like to thank everyone for their support this year in keeping the club ship shape and on an even keel.

Jack Scaduto, TYC Commodore



Membership Committee

Once again we'd like to welcome two new members. **Shawn and Edi Day**, who bought Harmony from the Pizzichemis and **John and Cindy Atkinson**, who won a Southcoast 23'. Each of them are extremely excited about being members of TYC. Bevan was excited also, they each have many skills and can help the club.

Now that gives us a whopping 21 members so far this year and 2 reinstatements.

Now don't forget after some of the friends of yours whom I have sent applications. Now is the perfect time to join and get involved during the Holidays, there are at least two parties left.

We've had a spectacular year, thanks to you and our Web Site.

Jackie Fisher, Membership Chairperson

Do you know ...

...that when a member's offspring reaches 21 years of age, they are no longer considered as part of the family membership and are to be treated under the guest policy in House Rule # 4.?

From The Vice Commodore

Our Commodore's Trophy Post Race Party was great fun. Lots of people and lots of food. A luau is a great way to wind down the regular sailing season. Many, many thanks to the many people who helped put on the affair. It was a lot of work and the folks who were there to help on Saturday and Sunday really did far more than anyone could have expected. We fed dinner to over two hundred people, and we did it all ourselves!

Let's have some new faces in the galley at the next party, and give these stalwart few the rest they deserve.

A few dates for the season to come - The October party - be it Oktoberfest or Halloween will be on Saturday October 27th. Our Christmas Party for adults will be on Saturday, December 8th, and the children's party will be the following day, Sunday, December 9th. The date of the fall Membership Meeting will be announced later.

If you would like to host or help at any of these get togethers, please let me know. I can be reached at magsgram@aol.com or 860.443.2517. Remember it is OUR club.

Just like Admiral Lord Nelson - Thames Yacht Club expects every man (and woman) will do his duty.

Carolyn Leuze, TYC Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore Corner

Skipper's Night was a lot of fun thanks to the many people who helped set up, cook the hamburgers and hot dogs, stocked the ice chests with beer, soda and water and especially cleaned up at the end of the night. Thanks to all who helped! We had over one hundred paid participants. Trophies from Mallove's Jewelers were presented to skippers for races completed to date. The Youth Sailing Program also presented certificates to all their participants and trophies/medals to the winners of Optimist races. A special thank you is in order for Cal Brouwer, Tom Welsh (Jr), and Sean Miller for their superb support to race committees all season long.

The Chowder Series started Sunday, September 23 and will run for 6 weeks. The Notice of Race is on the TYC web site. We usually have more reliable wind than on Wednesday nights and no worries about sunset limiting the course we set.

This brings an end to the 2007 racing season and my first year as Rear Commodore. I could not have done this without the help of so many. Walter Pratt, Lou Leverone, Lloyd McDonald and Stu Craig, all past Rear Commodore, have also helped with advice and actions. Also a special thanks to Judy Gibbs for running members day and helping me select trophies, and Jean Ann Scaduto who reads the result times after each race and makes sure I enter them correctly into the computer.

Ted Paulsen, TYC Rear Commodore

Stonington Harbor Yacht Club Dinning

TYC members are invited to the dinning facilities of the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club.

Fall and Winter hours are:

Lunch: Friday, Saturday, Sunday 12:00 - 2:00 pm.

Dinner: Wednesday, Thursday 5:30 - 8:00 pm, Friday, Saturday - 5:30 - 9:00 pm

Sunday: 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Please call ahead at 800.535.0012 for reservations

House Committee Report

I mentioned it in my last report and I want to bring it up again. We are nearing a time when we want to start work on replacing our Front Porch, the North and South walkways around the club house, and the Landscape Wall at the club entrance. We can't do this work unless we get a good group of volunteers, and I really don't want to go out and order a pile of material and have it sit around the club all winter.

So it would be extremely helpful to me if I knew that I could count on a few guys. I have had some offers of help but not yet enough to give me the confidence to tackle these big projects. If I can get a good response to this request then we can break the work up into easily managed sections. If I don't get a good response then we may have to think about postponing this work. So "please" if you think you can help, even for a few hours, give me a call or send me an E-mail.

Bevan Crighton, House Committee Chairman

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 of 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



Bob Geary along with his crew
on board **Sagacious** round
Vixen's Ledge during the 2006
Commodore's Trophy Race

SAGACIOUS & RUSTY NAIL WIN AT OFF SOUNDINGS

Off Soundings sailors experienced a beautiful day on Friday September 14, then experienced a typical fall Off Soundings blustery day on Saturday September 15th with winds exceeding 40 miles per hour at times with periods of light rain.

Bob Geary, TYC Past Commodore and Off Soundings Commodore, and his crew sailed Sagacious to first Place in NS1. Jackie Fisher and crew sailed to first place in C6. Bob Cullen and crew on Jeanie took 3rd place in C-4.

Everyone who sailed tested their skills and experienced another weekend of exciting Fall sailing.

Cliff Fisher, Youth Sailing Chairman

FORCE 5 SEASON FINALE

It was only fitting that with the end of Summer would come the conclusion to Force 5 racing at the Club with the fleet's annual "Take Your Boat Home Regatta." This year's event was special, as after 4 years, the featured race was from the Queen Merry out to New London Ledge Lighthouse and return. The second race was from the Queen out to "5" and return and the final race was a downwind start to "Junk" to "Hogback" and to the finish.

Dimitri Sitty, Bob Cullen, Tom Welsh, Dave Knecht, Cliff Fisher, Dave Costanzo and newcomer Sean Miller constituted the entries. Cullen emerged on top with Sitty, Knecht and Welsh nipping at his transom. Sitty won the opener with Cullen 2nd and Welsh 3rd. Cullen won the intermediate race with Sitty 2nd and Knecht 3rd. Knecht topped the fleet in the final heat with Cullen 2nd and Welsh 3rd.

Final results were:

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| 1-Cullen | 2-1-2, 5 pts. |
| 2-Knecht | 4-3-1, 8 pts. |
| 3-Sitty | 1-2-6, 9 pts. |
| 4-Welsh | 3-4-3, 10 pts. |
| 5-Fisher | 5-5-5, 15 pts. |
| 6-Costanzo | 6-6-4, 16 pts. |
| 7-Miller | 7-7-7, 21 pts. |

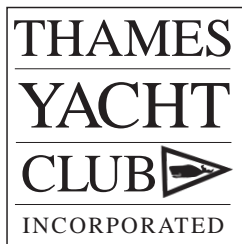
Before boats go into winter storage Bob Cullen will host the Lake Hayward Regatta on October 13th.

Cal Brouwer

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale

1992 - JY15 Sailboat complete less sails. The boat is at the club. Best Offer. Proceeds will be used for the TYC Youth Sailing Program. Contact: **Cliff Fisher**, 860-443-5968 or cliffisher@sbcglobal.net



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