

MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

From the Commodore

The college basketball season is over, the Bruins are headed for game 7 in the NHL quarter final playoffs, the Red Sox are beating up on the Texas Rangers at Fenway, and the Celtics open round one of the NBA playoffs tonight against the Atlanta Hawks. All indications are that the boating season is upon us as the covers come off and the bottom paint goes on. Yesterday when I was at the club house members were bringing down their moorings for installation and Seaquester made fast to the dock as Mike Passero with Jim Avery aboard returned from an underway session trying to maximize the length of the season. Hopefully you are not far behind.

I am pleased to announce that we have secured the services of Steve Pianka to serve as our club Steward this season. Please take the time to introduce yourself to him as he tries to become familiar with our members. Budget constraints limit the number of hours we can have a Steward on duty therefore I am still soliciting volunteers to serve as "Officer of the Day" who will act as my direct representative. Contact me if you are willing to assist

Dave Hemenway has agreed to serve as Chair for the Members' Day activities the weekend of August 16.

The club house is nearly ready for the new season. The front porch construction is almost complete - the glass rails will be installed this week. The porch stairs to the second deck have been partially redone. Rails are being stripped and prepared for painting and the south walkway rails are about to be installed. Bevan Crighton and many volunteers have logged more hours than ever this winter to make all of this happen. Inside they have refinished the walls of the Senior Lounge and next week the main deck will get a new coat of varnish. All of this is a reflection of the pride that our members take in their organization and I hope you appreciate their

efforts as much as I do.

Commissioning takes place at 1830 on Friday, May 23rd. This should be considered an All Hands evolution and I hope that you will be able to attend. New members who have joined in the last year will be formally welcomed into the club and the new Senior members will be presented a TYC burgee to fly from their vessel. Let's make all of them feel welcome.

For those of you who plan on racing other than in a one design class now is the time to renew your rating certificate. If you have not taken care of this please contact our Measurer Bob Geary.

Our efforts to obtain a galley operator for the season have been fruitless. The volume of business does not appear to be lucrative. If you know of anyone who may be interested in running the galley please contact Tom Welsh.

Walt Pratt, TYC Commodore

E-Mail Addresses

In today's electronic age keeping members informed by e-mail is a very important way to communicate and is increasingly becoming the preferred method. Recently, several e-mails have been returned which usually means an e-mail address has been changed and the member has not notified us of the change. Progress reports are often issued updating members of activities and planned future events. If you haven't been receiving e-mails from us on activities going on at TYC means we do not have your current e-mail address. Please contact us at tycjscaduto@aol.com to add your name to our TYC database. Thank you in advance.

Jean Ann & Jack Scaduto



Important Notice: If you are the last person to leave the club, please make sure the doors are locked.

From the Vice Commodore

Thank you all that participated and helped to create a General Membership Meeting that was a true pleasure. It was good to see everyone enjoy themselves.

The season is certainly coming in fast now. We have kicked 2008 off with some excellent social events. There shall be no exception for the 75th dinner on April 26th which at the time of this writing is shaping up great thanks to the 75th committee. The next grand occasion for the Vice Commodore's Social Committee is the Commissioning day on May 23. This is intended as a formal and fun occasion for all Members, Owners and Officers. Check out your etiquette section in Chapman Piloting and don't miss the 75th year commissioning of Thames Yacht Club. We have a lot to take pride in and our sailing organization is strong and active.

Our new porch, thanks to Bevan and his band of porch builders, looks fantastic. The new dock thanks to Scott and all the members who have dedicated their time, tools and efforts and a club house that looks as good as I can remember. The beach is an active and tremendous resource that is prized by growing numbers every year. With all this going on this year the commissioning weekend is a time to admire the Club and wind up for the summer season.

Please come join us at the flagpole on May 26th 2008 1830,
396 Pequot Avenue New London Ct 06320.

A social will begin at 1800 with Cocktails and hordurves,
A \$15.00 donation will be appreciated.

RSVP By May 19, 2008

pwelshct@sbcglobal.net or phone (860) 443-1451

Also those that don't want to miss out on being involved and join the fun with the party crew for another excellent event this year, please contact me at pwelshct@sbcglobal.net or phone (860) 443-1451.

Tom Welsh, TYC Vice Commodore

The Ensign Class Association 2008 National Championship will take place at Niantic August 11 - 14. As one of the hosts, Ensign Fleet 57 (Thames Yacht Club) is soliciting housing for crewmembers and their families who are coming from out of the area for the regatta. Any accommodations you are able to provide are helpful. Contact Walt Pratt for additional information.

Mooring Committee News

1) New requirement for CT Mooring application: per the harbor master Connecticut mooring permits must be accompanied by a copy of your 2008 CT Registration. If you are renting or loaning your mooring to another party their registration should be provided.

2) Club Mooring Application phased submittal:

May 1- 30, 2008 Submittal: Member Moorings with current inspections

June 1- 30, 2008 Submittal: Member Moorings requiring inspections submit 2008 mooring application with updated Mooring Inspection data.

3) General information that should be documented on mooring application for TYC records include identification of assigned mooring field number and the mooring location (latitude and longitude).

Web Address - for Connecticut Application for Individual, Non-Commercial Mooring Space

www.ct.gov/dot/lib/dot/Documents/dpermits/ap_imspace.pdf

Roy Adamson, TYC Mooring Committee Chairman

From the Measurer

Now is the time to get your PHRF handicap straightened away for the 2008 sailing season. All headsails, if not previously measured, 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 2008 need a new 2008 PHRF handicap certificate prior to race entry even if nothing has changed from 2007.

If you only plan to participate in TYC sponsored events, then a valid TYC 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 other clubs, you will need a PHRF handicap assigned by ECSA. Go to the ECSA website at www.ECSA.NET, and follow the instructions.

Bob Geary, TYC Measurer

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House Committee News

Well, we have accomplished an awful amount of work over the past few months, much more than we thought we were going to get into. Every "little" job turned into a major undertaking as we discovered how badly our club has been deteriorating over the years.

Bearing in mind how hard it is to keep paint sticking to wood in the conditions our club is exposed to we have been putting a lot of effort into using materials that will maintain their appearance for years to come, and only require a periodic washdown to keep looking good. This has meant using composite materials for the deck floors, and PVC materials for posts and railings.

All of this material doesn't come cheaply, and the House budget is taking a beating, but "doing it right" now will pay off both in cost and longevity in the long run. The end result, we hope, will keep our club looking good and maintenance free for a long time to come.

Installation of the railing system for the front porch has started, and by the middle of next week (23 April), it should be completed. I think you are going to like how this looks.

The South Walkway should also be finished by the time this publication comes out, and the downstairs floor will have been re-finished with a new coat of protection fairly soon.

Much interior painting also took place over the winter months, and the 2nd Floor walls received a second coat of varnish. Work is in progress to re-finish the wood tables. All in all I think the club is going to look pretty good for opening day, and with a new Steward in place we can hopefully keep it looking good over the Summer months. We had a partial Clean Up day a couple of weeks ago to get rid of all the debris that was accumulating from the work on the porch and walkway, and to benefit from having the dumpster there we also got rid of a lot more junk. Many club members have unselfishly contributed hours of their free time to the House Committee to help improve the appearance of our club, and to complete much needed repairs. I know these Guys and Gals are not doing this work to get their "names in lights", but everyone should know who they are, and hey, I'm the House Committee Chair, and if I want to tell everybody what a great bunch of people you are, then so be it.

My memory isn't what it used to be, so I really, really am sorry if I haven't got your name here, but you know you contributed.

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Special to The Mainsheet

April 17, 2008

Ask anyone in the know and they'll tell you that all the stops have been pulled out for the club's 75th Anniversary dinner-dance April 26 at Port 'N' Starboard at Ocean Beach in New London.

Open to current and former members, the event promises to be the largest club celebration in recent years, with 115 reservations logged at press time and the likelihood of more to follow. It will top the list of the major special festivities throughout 2008 to mark the club's first three-quarters of a century.

The evening, which will be black-tie optional, will begin at 6 pm with a cocktail hour to be followed by dinner at 7. An after-dinner program will honor early and longtime members and mark highlights of the club's history.

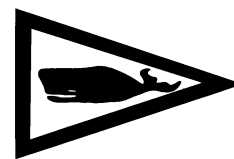
"Father Rick" Albamonti, who has served as club chaplain, will give the invocation and Past Commodore Eric Jones will be the master of ceremonies. Official photographer for the evening will be member Dave Costanzo, who will take portraits of attendees for memento purposes. Music will be by W. J. Ronoski, a well-known deejay who has supplied dance tunes at club parties for a number of years.

Featured at the gathering will be artifacts, photographic exhibits, and video slide shows chronicling the saga of the club from its incorporation on May 23, 1933 to the present day. Plans are even underway to have a fully-rigged Wee Nip on display. The popular sailing dinghy was a staple for youth sailing at the club for many years.

The celebration has been in the planning stages for more than a year by a 75th Anniversary Committee co-chaired by past commodores Judy Gibbs and Calvin Brouwer.

"With all the effort and detail work that has gone into this event, we anticipate a spectacular, first-class evening," says Commodore Walter L. Pratt. "It will be a memorable tribute to all those whose vision and determination have made the club what it is today."

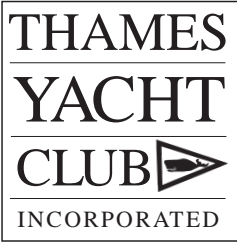
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