

MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

From the Commodore

Suddenly boating season is upon us. We enjoyed a spectacular turnout for commissioning last weekend as over 125 people enjoyed the festivities. A feature article about "The Little Boat Club on the Thames Celebrates 75 Years" in the sports section of the New London Day was published on commissioning day to coincide with the exact birthday of Thames Yacht Club. You just can't plan it any better than that. Well done to Jim Reyburn who worked diligently to convince The Day to publish the article. I received a lot of positive comments about how the club has never looked so good. The credit goes to Bevan Crighton who has planned diligently to improve the club's appearance and all of the volunteers who have devoted a lot of time and effort to make our facility something we can be proud of. Even though it was a brisk day it was good to see "full dressed" vessels at the dock for commissioning. I was also pleased with the excellent turnout of new members who joined us and received their Thames Yacht Club burgees. Welcome aboard again to all of you.

Racing got underway this past Monday with the Chili Series. A hardy group of sailors enjoyed stiff breezes to test their rigs and hone their skills. What a way to begin the season. Tonight the Wednesday Night Series begins and tomorrow the Force 5 Series get underway. This promises to be a full season. For those of you who participate in the racing please sign up for Race Committee duty on the Racing Bulletin Board.

Thanks to Tom Welsh and Carolyn Leuze we have a galley operator. Susan Satti commenced galley operations on Memorial Day. Please help support the operation by being a frequent customer.

When school gets out in a few more weeks the club will be in full swing. The launch will operate from 0900 to 2100 and the Youth

THE PASSING OF A PAST COMMODORE

As the Mainsheet was going to press we learned of the passing of Past Commodore Dick Steinhilber on Friday, May 30th.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Elaine and their family.

Dick was an active member of Thames Yacht Club for over fifty-five years and served as Commodore in 1972.

Sailing Program will be in operation. Additional information on the Youth Sailing Program is posted on our web site.

Lorena and Eric Jones displayed a good variety and new designs, including 75th anniversary items, of TYC clothing available for sale. Some of them are on display in the showcase on the main level. Talk to either one of them if you would like to make a purchase.

Walt Pratt, TYC 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.



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

From the Vice Commodore

The season is finally here. Thanks for helping us kick off the commissioning with the best turn out TYC can remember. The weather cooperated and the evening was a grand success because of the membership.

As the sailing season starts, the Chili series was a gusty sou'westerly and a beautiful day to enjoy the club. Wednesday and Thursday night racing begin and we look forward to seeing everyone around the clubhouse weather racing, sailing, beaching or just socializing about racing, sailing or beaching.

Please welcome our Galley hostess Susan Satti who has graciously taken on the galley this summer and hopes to serve you a concession type fare with variety. Susan will be serving most days as well as Wednesday nights. Please come support her efforts and enjoy a great lunch or dinner on the porch. Your support will make her endeavors worthwhile and the galley more available to us all. During the summer months while the galley is in operation access is limited. Please be courteous and respect its secure status.

Thursday night weekend kickoff will be in swing again this year and anyone is welcome to participate in this economical way to take the family out for some fun. Enjoy the club and spectator activities of watching the sun go down on the Force 5 racing fleet. Bring your burgers down and we supply the charcoal and grill.

This year has started out great and I look forward to more great events with you all. Thanks again for a great Commissioning Day

Tom Welsh, TYC Vice Commodore

Membership Committee

If you were unable to attend the 75th Commissioning Party, you missed a fantastic evening. More than 100 members and guests attended with over 30 of them being new members since our last commissioning.

This month we welcome the following new senior members: Peter Cherrick and Laurie Blovin, David DeRienz, Lisa and Jeff King, Kristen and Phil Michalowsk with Hannah, Ronald and Leigh Reinhart with Allen, and Paula and David Zabilansky with Justin, Jenna and Laurin. And three new Beach Members who are replacing the

Caplowes, Balzers Benvenutis, Hensens, & Wm. Sattis who did not renew their Beach Memberships. Barry Matt with Nina and Max, Rebecca and Richard Hale, Stacey and Sean Flynn, Sr. With Sean, Jr., Timothy and Kaitlin.

The total membership now stands at 194 of which 22 are Beach Members. A huge thanks goes to all of you and our great site because we have an additional 6 members pending their completion of applications and interviews. Keep up the great work! Have a wonderful summer on the water everyone.

Jackie Fisher, TYC Membership Committee Chair



Rear Commodore's Corner

The TYC race season is now in full swing! It is not too late to register for the Wednesday or Thursday Force 5 spring series. I would encourage racers and non-racers alike to participate in these events. They are a lot of fun and are a great way to get involved and to get to know people in your club. I would also like to remind all of the Wednesday Night skippers that they are required to work race committee duty at least once during the fourteen weeks of racing. The skipper and at least one crew need to be present. The RC signup sheet is in the club. Those not signing up will be assigned a duty date by me, so please sign up early so you'll get the week that's most convenient for you and your crew. Keep in mind that your boat is not eligible to race on your race committee duty night. See our web site (thamesyachtclub.org) for Notice of race and Sailing Instructions.

On the Fourth of July we will be holding our annual Francis T. Bradbury Memorial Long Distance Race. The official Notice of Race is included in this Main Sheet issue and you can use the TYC Combined Entry Form to sign up. We will have a cookout after the race, all TYC members, so join us in the fun.

The Queen Merry is in place, thanks to the help of Walter Pratt, Steven Bradley, Judy and Bob Gibbs and Chuck Wargo. I would also like to thank Paul Egan for letting us store the Queen at Fort Trumbull Marina for the winter.

Ted Paulsen, TYC Rear Commodore

HOSPICE REGATTA- JULY 16

Added prize for the boat that raises the most money
This year's Hospice Regatta at TYC will be held Wednesday night July 16. Classes for Optimist, 420's and PHRF. Hospice Southeastern Connecticut is a non-profit organization providing care in the home to anyone in need of end-of-life services regardless of a person's age, disease, religious beliefs or financial status.

We also provide bereavement support groups at no cost to adults, teens and children. Have your friends, families and co-workers donate toward your entry fee. Don't just pay the entry fee yourself see how much you can raise. Also, don't forget matching funds if your company matches. A Volunteer from Hospices will be at Skipper's night with tee shirts, hats and the awards.

LET'S DO OUR SHARE FOR THE GREAT ORGANIZATION

For more information, contact Judy Gibbs at 860-444-7227 or jgibbs@snet.net See the club bulletin board for entry forms.

Also check the Hospice website at www.hospicesect.org.

Judy Gibbs

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

A special Mainsheet Treat

Jackie mentioned that a lot of people have been asking her for the recipe of her Chinese Salad. Here you are:

Chinese Salad

Crumble Topping:

1/2 Cup of Butter (real butter)

2 pkgs. Ramen Noodles, crumbled (no seasoning packet), I break them up in the package before I open it.

1/2 cup of Sesame Seeds

4 oz. of Slivered Almonds

2 T. Sugar

Saute until brown (watch carefully, because it burns easily) Drain on Paper towel.

Prepare Dressing:

1 cup of salad oil

1/2 cup of sugar

2 T. Soy Sauce

1/4 Cup of Red Wine Vinegar

Mix dressing ingredients together and put aside.

Salad:

One large head of Napa Cabbage aka as Chinese cabbage, cut bottom and top off and slice thin like a loaf of bread (shave, so to speak)

1 medium onion chopped thin

Place cabbage and onion in large salad bowl.

Add topping and dressing and serve immediately. Keep the ingredients separate and put them together when you are ready to serve.

The amount made for TYC used 2 med/large Napa Cabbages and I doubled all other ingredients.

Jackie Fisher

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale

2005 Nissan outboard engine, 4 HP, 4 cycle, 20 hours.

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