

# MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

## From the Commodore

School is out, summer has arrived and there is a flurry of activity at the clubhouse. Wednesday and Thursday night racing has been excellent with good participation. It's good to see all the activity on the beach and water. Susan Satti is doing an excellent job operating the galley where the food and service are exceptional - we are fortunate and grateful for her services.

Upcoming events in July include the Bradbury Memorial race on the 4th, New London Sailfest from the 11th to the 13th with fireworks on Saturday night and the first annual Maritime Cup Regatta on Sunday. We will host the Ensign Region II & III Championship from the 18th to the 20th and there will be a General Membership Meeting at 1800 on Sunday, July 20th. Our annual Governor's Regatta will take place on Sunday, August 3rd.

The July General Membership Meeting is an opportunity to find out what is happening and to participate in the management of your club. One of the items that will be discussed is a proposal from the Executive Committee to amend the bylaws schedule for dues payments. Essentially dues invoices will be mailed in late November or early December and be payable by the end of January. Alternatively the dues may be split into 3 payments in January, February and March with a service charge. Presently dues do not have to be remitted until early April and there is no service charge if the dues are not paid on time. This means there is no guaranteed income from the end of operations in October the previous year until the first of April. Some members pay their dues early in January however; at times the Treasurer has had to solicit payments to cover existing operations. In recent years we have undertaken capital improvements during the winter which can significantly reduce our operating balance if members do not pay their dues prior to early April. Because non-renewal of membership

## Important Notice to Members Regarding the TYC 2008 Directory

The 2008 Directory will be available in a few weeks. Please pick up your copy at the clubhouse. If you notice any incorrect information such as email address, boat name or type, etc. please contact me at [tycjscaduto@aol.com](mailto:tycjscaduto@aol.com) or 860.859.3408

**Jean Ann Scaduto**

or failure to pay dues by as few as 20 members can drastically affect our budget the Executive Committee is recommending we amend the bylaws.

The proposed bylaws change and membership meeting notice will be mailed separately to the membership a couple of weeks before the July 20th meeting.

**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.

## From the Vice Commodore

The season is definitely in full swing. The Thursday Night Weekend Kickoff was very lively this past week and we have plenty of grilling space to go around. Many thanks go to enthusiastic members who have donated items. Please bring the family and cook out on the beach. The evenings at the club have been beautiful and there are many more to come this year.

The Galley has been picking up speed and thanks to all who have helped Susan get up and running with your patronage. The summer hours have been posted by E-mail. At the risk of duplication I will repeat them here in the spirit of never enough communication:

**12 noon until 4:00 p.m, Thursday., Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.**

**On Wednesday. the galley will be open 11:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. A special dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. along with the regular menu. The galley will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.**

Your hostess, Susan (her article is on the back page of this edition of the Mainsheet), would like to offer breakfast hours on Saturdays providing there is interest; stop by and let her know. Check your e-mail for special days including Ladies luncheons, Tapas on the porch, make your own ice cream sundaes, Shore dinner and more!!!!

Please remember that any significant social events planned by members at the club should be approved by the executive committee. This policy is to ensure the consideration of the entire membership and every ones right to the availability of our great facility.

We are beginning the plans for the Governor's Regatta and there is a move afoot the have a ballroom dance night at the club. Those party planners that would like to be involved please drop me an E-mail at [pwelshct@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pwelshct@sbcglobal.net) and I will let you know when the next Social Committee meeting at the club house will be. I am looking forward to our next great party.

To any members who would like to send me digital sailing pictures for the Photo Loop we show at our social events, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me and we can figure out the best medium and delivery method to use.

May the fair summer winds continue for you all!

**Tom Welsh, TYC Vice Commodore**

## Membership Committee

Wow! Hasn't the weather been super? The club is in full swing, especially the Thursday night gang, sharing their goodies and their friendships. Chuck had a new half barrel grill (which we received from a new member) fired up for everyone's use while the Force 5 sailors got in 6 races.

While all that was taking place, the membership committee was interviewing three new members. Since our last Mainsheet, we are happy to welcome six new senior members, they are: Rich and Elyssa Cullen with Christopher, 5 and brand new Shea; Joshua and Patricia Hazelwood with Samuel, 18 and Grace, 15; Jonathan Hiller; Addison and Susan Marsh; Stephen Rountree; and Victor and Carol Winogradow. Once again, Welcome aboard!

If you see me around the club with a camera in my hand and I haven't taken your picture, stop me and smile. I'm trying to put a photo album together of all members. So help me out, OK?

Thanks again for letting folks know about your club. Enjoy every moment you can spend there.

**Jackie Fisher, TYC Membership Committee Chair**

## Rear Commodore's Corner

We're well into the racing season. The Chili Series is completed and the Wednesday Night Spring Series is nearing the end. Results can be found on the TYC website. As you read this, the Bradbury Memorial race on July 4th may already been completed. (If not, please join us in the race and/or afternoon party.), information is on the TYC website.

We have had good participation in the Wednesday Night Series with 20 boats, and it appears the Summer Series will have even more boats participating.

Coming in August will be the TYC Oscar Kerman Race Series to be held on August 16th during the TYC Members Weekend. This is a great opportunity to get out on the water and have some fun. There will be two races; one in the morning and one in the afternoon, separated by a nice lunch on our beach. We will be extremely liberal in assigning ratings to each boat and will give extra credit for those boats sailing with family and friends who are not generally race experienced. This is also a NON-spinnaker event, so you won't have to send aunt Betsy forward to jibe the pole. You can enter by completing the TYC Combined Race Entry Form, which can be found in the clubhouse at the Racing Information board or on our TYC website, and returning it to me.

**Ted Paulsen, TYC Rear Commodore**

## House Committee Report

Well, you have finished all the work on the boat, it is in the water, and you have been for your first sail. Now, you are asking yourself what can I do next? We do have one small task that needs to be done and that is put a couple of coats of paint on the railings that some of our club members have already power sanded down. Let me know if you can help. I am still gathering information on our clubs roof; i.e. what shape is it in, when will we need to re-shingle, how much will it cost, can we do some or all of the work ourselves? If any of you have any expertise in these areas I would really like to hear from you.

We also have a problem with the door over the Galley counter, being cumbersome and hazardous to open and close. If any of you have ideas on this matter, please let me know.

The Clubhouse is looking very good and we have a new Steward "Steve" who is going to help keep it looking good. Please read and follow the "House Rules" and make Steve's job easier.

Next time you are down at the club take a walk upstairs to the Senior Lounge and check out "all" of the re-finished tables. Thanks to Bruce Costik.

My thanks and appreciation to all the people who have been showing up over the past few months to get our club in its present shape.

**Bevan Crighton, TYC House Committee Chairman**

## From the Measurer

Enclosed in this Mainsheet is a current tabulation of TYC boats that have a valid handicap for the 2008 season. If your boat is not listed, then you need to get your handicap established ASAP and you should not be racing until you do so. If you need help, please give me a call.

**Bob Geary, TYC Measurer**

## SEAQUESTER WINS NS-2 AT SPRING OFF SOUNDINGS

The Spring series of Off Soundings was held on June 13-14, sailed in the finest weather in recent memory for the Spring. On Friday the 118 boat fleet sailed in light winds from Watch Hill, RI to Block Island, RI. And on Saturday the fleet sailed counter-clockwise around Block Island. Nine TYC boats participated in several classes. Seaquester was in the trophies by sailing to first place in Non-Spinnaker 2.

**Congratulations to Mike and crew.**

**Judy Gibbs**

## Did you know?

All requests for use of the clubhouse for private social functions shall be made in writing to the House Committee Chairman at least 14 days prior to the date of use. Clubhouse rental is not available from the weekend before Memorial Day through Commodore's Trophy Race Day. A private cookout on the beach or a gathering of more than 8 or 9 people that interferes with galley or normal operations including meetings in the Senior Lounge is a private social function and as such is not authorized without approval of the House Committee Chairman.

Guests must be accompanied by their host at all times while on club property; crew members are exempt. Guests are encouraged to sign our guest book. No person shall be a guest at the Club for more than three times during the season. Exceptions may be made by the House Committee for out-of-town guests on extended visits. Guests shall abide by all rules and regulations.

## Mooring at Fishers Island

The yacht club maintains a mooring in West Harbor at Fishers Island for the use of our members. The mooring is available on a first come/first served basis. Up to 3 vessels may raft during daylight hours and no more than 2 vessels may raft overnight. Users must be willing and prepared to accommodate other members alongside that wish to raft. The mooring's position is Latitude 41 15.935 North and Longitude 072 00.291 West. It is marked TYC and #83.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### For Sale

#### Sabre 382

Sagacious is ready to race or cruise and is currently available. You can visit her at "boats.com" or give me a call.

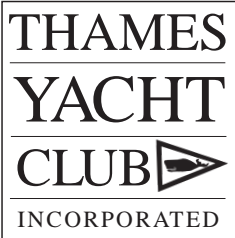
**Bob Geary 860.446.9222**

### For Sale

#### 25' Evelyn

Prototype built as Bob Evelyn's personal boat with a very successful PHRF record. Many time winner of the Mudheads. Lots of new and good sails. Windward traveler sheeting, #30 lewmars, adjustable leads, new halyards, 4 HP Johnson.

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## **JUNIOR SAILING, BIG BOAT DAY 2008**

Attention Captains Courageous

Volunteers needed. We are looking for boat owners to participate in Big Boat Day 2008. This is the third season for Big Boat Day whose purpose is to expose Junior Sailors to the experience of sailing on a large boat.

This year we are planning a morning sail for the younger and less experienced Junior Sailors and an afternoon sail for the older more experienced one. Groups of four to six Junior Sailors will be assigned to sail on a member-owned and volunteered Big Boat. The owner (or designee) will be on board the boat along with a sailing instructor and the Junior Sailors.

The morning session (9 am - noon) is for the OPTI 1B and OPTI 2 Junior Sailors.

The afternoon session is (12:30 pm - 4:30 pm) is for the 420 LTR and OPTI 3LTR.

The date is Wednesday, 23 July. In case of inclement weather, the backup date will be Friday, 25 July.

Because we are planning both a morning session and an afternoon session, we need 3 boats for the morning and 3 boats for the afternoon. Please specify which session you prefer. Please feel free to volunteer for both sessions,

The easiest way to contact me is by e-mail at:  
[jkilburn@pshift.com](mailto:jkilburn@pshift.com)

For those who prefer phoning, my telephone number is: (802) 253-9213

**Dick Kilburn**

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## **Galley Operations**

The Galley will open for the summer hours the week of June 22nd.

Hours of operation will be 12 noon till 4 p.m., Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. On Wednesdays the galley will be open 11:30 a.m. till 8:30 p.m.

A special dinner will be served at 7 p.m. along with the regular menu. The galley will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays. We would like to offer breakfast hours on Saturday providing there is interest. Stop by and let me know. Check your e-mail for special days including:

Ladies Luncheons

Tapas on the Porch,

Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundaes

Shore Dinners and more.....Happy Summer!

**Susan Satti, Galley Operator**