

MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

From the Commodore

The hot, humid and hazy season has been in full force the last couple of weeks and I hope you have found time to enjoy some of the more comfortable weather afloat. There has been a significant amount of activity on the beach and people are enjoying the cool water even though the jelly fish are out in full force this summer.

The Maritime Cup turned out to be a successful regatta primarily due to the great participation and efforts of Thames Yacht Club members. Special thanks go to Greg Roth, Cal Brouwer, Jim Reyburn, the Welsh family who provided the race committee boat and all of the other volunteers and racers. It was good to see a sailing event return as part of the New London Sailfest. A bonus to the racers was the minefield of spectators and boats that didn't have a clue about the Rules of the Road.

The recent theft of a portable computer from the Senior Lounge serves as a reminder that our facility is not fully secure. Do not leave your valuables unattended or out of sight. You should not rely on others to ensure that items are secure. The primary duty of Launch Operators is to shuttle people to and from their vessels - this means that the clubhouse is often left unattended. Because of budget constraints our Steward, Steve Pianka is limited to working no more than 23 hours a week. The odds of having a secure clubhouse during daily operations are not in your favor. Be alert and do not hesitate to take action or seek help if you see suspicious activity.

Members' Weekend is August 16 - 17. The chairman resigned and I am in the process of reorganizing. The event will occur and if you have time I could use some help. Please call me at (860)884-1679 (Cell phone). Look for a flyer to be distributed via email and linked to the calendar on the web site.

Article V, Section 5. Of the bylaws outlines the requirements to become a Master Mariner. If

Important Notice to Members

Regarding the TYC 2008 Directory

The 2008 Directory are available. Please pickup 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 or 860.859.3408
Jean Ann Scaduto

you are over 65 years of age and have continuous membership as a Senior Member for the past 10 years and wish to apply you should submit your application to the Secretary by September 1st.

At the last Executive Committee meeting the board modified the House Rules to prohibit parties outside the clubhouse and on the beach after 2200 hours (10 P.M.).

At the General Membership meeting the bylaws change to make dues payable in January was approved by a majority. Dues should be paid in full by February 1 or you may elect a payment plan with final payment due by March 30.

Walt Pratt, TYC Commodore

Membership Committee

This month we welcome Jeff Pritchard as a new member. He is very well known around the club, sailing with many of our members for many years. He and Jack Scaduto have recently bought a boat together to race and enjoy.

Total members are 199, thanks to you and the web site. Let's keep it going!

**Jackie Fisher, TYC Membership
Committee Chair**



From the Vice Commodore

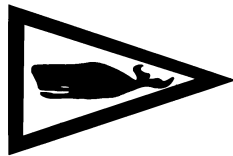
I hope your summer is going well and you are able to enjoy the events unfolding this year.

The Governor's is past us now and we look forward to Members Day Weekend. Please don't miss the fun. We are planning a great day with breakfast, lunch and dinner around the Oscar Kerman Race. The Kids will love the evening beach games with the DJ and we are planning an excellent dinner.

As always I encourage you to come down and enjoy the Thursday night weekend kick offs on the beach. The evenings are beautiful.

Look forward to seeing you there.

TomWelsh, TYC Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore's Corner

July has been a very active racing month for the club. We held the Bradbury Memorial race on July 4th, The First Annual New London Sailfest Race on July 13, completed the TYC Wednesday Night Spring Series on July 9th. The Summer Series began on July 16th. The Bradbury Memorial Long Distance Race, held on July 4th, was delayed and shortened for lack of wind, but was finally completed. The Wednesday Night Spring Series had Rusty Nail finishing first overall in Class A, Goombay Smash in Class B and Teamwork leading the Ensign class. Congratulations to all of our racing participants. I also want to give a big THANK YOU to our Wednesday Night Race Committee; Cal Brower, Judy Gibbs, and also our weekly guest RC members. A great job by all.

As for events in upcoming months, please mark your calendars for the Governor's Regatta on Sunday, August 3, the Oscar Kerman to be held on Saturday August 16th during Members Weekend. All members are welcome to this friendly racing event or just show up to party with friends and family. This year's running of the Commodore's Trophy Race will be Sunday, September 7th.

Skippers Night event will be Friday September 5th where awards will be given out for this spring and summer racing events.

Ted Paulsen, TYC Rear Commodore

Weekend Warm Up at TYC

For three seasons now a band of members, of all stripes have been enjoying a regular Thursday evening on the waterfront at TYC. Making memories, new friends and nurturing old friendships. Gathering around the grill real charcoal grill, with some tunes gliding over the treasured sand and seacoast at the "Club". On most evenings MP3s supply the acoustic atmosphere and on a couple of occasions our experience has been spirited by live musical talent. It is something you really don't want to miss. This past week warmed up with gusto.

Sparks were flying early. A refreshing break in the weather provided lowered humidity and clear skies for our barbecue oriented weekly event. Burgers, steaks, kabobs & finally Smores simmered over the grill from 6pm till after nine as Ted Paulsen's guitar treated friends and families to a fabulous mix of jazzy tunes. Ted wasn't alone, either, his vocals nicely backed up with clarinet, sax, drums and bass. The Force Five fleet provided a visual backup on the water, not to mention the 135 foot ketch anchored down near the G5 channel marker.

Make a point of coming down to the club on Thursdays, extend your summer and make some dreams come true. You'll find your weekend warmer, longer with this weekly kickoff.

Weekend Warm Up is an open event funded by the generous contribution of those in attendance. From the "Kitty" charcoal, lamp oil, ice, soda and beer are available to support a family or professional on the run. It is a non profit operation. It is also a no fuss, you're "never to late" to show up event. Weekend Warm Up is intended to foster a stronger TYC community and trigger even more community oriented cruising, racing and rendezvous plans ashore or afloat through out the weekend, through out year. Make it a part of your schedule. Make your membership and winter storage fee work for you at TYC. You won't be disappointed.

75 YEARS OF PREMIER SAILING 1933 - 2008

Trivia Question

In the 1970's there was the Tyro Series. What was it for and what boats were used? Know the answers?
E-mail them to Cal Brouwer at tycrace@gmail.com

Next Mainsheet Deadline is end of day, Saturday, August 23rd

Care of the Beach

Our beautiful beach is being enjoyed by many members this year, which is wonderful to see. To clarify for everyone, there is a community toy box located under the walkway to the north of the clubhouse that contains member-donated toys and floats for all members to use. Please remember to neatly return all toys and floats to this area as you leave so the beach will remain pleasant for everyone. If other members are actively using the toys on the beach when you are leaving, please ask the members remaining on the beach if they will put the toys away.

Adjacent to the community box is an area for beach chairs to rest vertically when not in use. Please take an extra minute at the end of your beach day to make sure the toys are put away and your beach chair(s) are neatly stacked in a vertical position. Everyone's attention to these simple steps will help ensure a pleasant TYC experience for all members.

Melissa Madaus

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Trivia Question

In years past, there was an annual event called the Caduceus Series. What years was it raced, what boats were used and more importantly, who was allowed to participate, either as skipper or crew?

Know the answers?

E-mail them to Cal Brouwer at tyrace@gmail.com

COMMODORE'S TROPHY RACE

Sunday, September 7th, will be the running of the 61st Commodore's Trophy Race. All members are highly encouraged to participate in this blue ribbon event, whether it be racing, being on the race committee or being part of the award winning post-race party team. For the racers, the Notice of Race and the Entry Form are posted on the Club's web site. Copies are also available at the Clubhouse. Vice Commodore Tom Welsh will be accepting volunteers to assist with the party and Race Secretary Cal Brouwer will build a list of those wishing to serve on race committee. Don't miss this premier racing event of the season. Be there!

Cal Brouwer, Principle Race Officer

Did you know?

Our property line to the north runs roughly on a line perpendicular to Pequot Avenue in line with our dinghy racks. A pole on the beach with a red pennant helps to identify this line. We should not be utilizing the beach beyond this point nor using it to temporarily bring boats onto the beach. Please be mindful of our neighbors and respect their property rights.

Galley Operations

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

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale

25' Evelyn

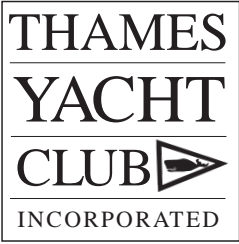
Prototype built as Bob Evelyn's personal boat with a very successful PHRF record. Many time winner of the Mudheads. Lots of new and good sails. Windward traveler sheeting, #30 lewmars, adjustable leads, new halyards, 4 HP Johnson. \$12,900 takes all.
Call 860-859-3408

For Sale

2005 AVON, model Rover 310, inflatable with 2006 - 6 HP Tohatsu 4-stroke outboard.

Avon is 10'2" Rib Lite Hypalon boat with non skid fiberglass deck. Padded carry bag, boat cover, motor cover, oars and inflator foot pump included. Motor like new with less than 20 hours. Serviced but not run in 2008. \$2400.00.

Bob Geary 860.446.9222



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