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The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

From the Commodore

The daylight hours are getting shorter which is an early indication that our season is starting to wind down. There is still a lot of good sailing left and I love this part of the year with the cool breezes and reduced activity on the sound. I hope you find the time to enjoy it.

Thank you Jean Ann Scaduto and Ted Paulsen for all of the work you did to publish the 75th Anniversary Directory.

Well done to the Race Committee, Regatta Committee and Social Committee on a very successful Governor's Regatta.

Thanks to Bevan Crighton, Keith Gagne, Cliff Fisher, Steve Potter and Dave Costanzo for helping to lower the height of the northern Optimist dinghy racks

Kudos also goes to the Dick Roberts Optimist Regatta Committee for an excellent job in preparing and hosting the regatta.

My personal thanks go to all of the TYC members who contributed a lot of time and effort to make the Ensign National Championship held in Niantic Bay last week an extremely successful event.

Well done to everyone who helped to make Members' Day a successful event.

The Commodore's Trophy Race is Sunday 9/7 and should be considered an All Hands evolution. Participate in the regatta or volunteer your services to setup and help with the post race activities.

There is a lot of personal property lying around the yacht club including sails, mooring balls, markers, oars, lawn chairs and toys. When they are not in use they should be properly stowed or removed from the premises. While you may treasure your wooden oars or new sail we do not have room to stow those in the clubhouse.

Walt Pratt, TYC Commodore

From the Vice Commodore

A BIG THANKS to all that participated and helped Launch the Governor's Regatta party and the Member's Day Weekend. It was good to see everyone enjoy themselves. I got a lot of satisfaction watching it all come together. If you didn't get a chance to make it just ask some one that did. I'm sure they will tell you it was an excellent time.

The season is going great guns! Our social events just keep getting better. There shall be no exception for rest of the season. Rear Commodore Ted Paulsen's Skippers Night is September 5th and he is planning a good time for all to look back on the seasons racing. The Social Committee is looking forward to the Commodores' Trophy Race on September 7th sponsored by Goslings Bermuda Rum. Join the Race, Join the Party Crew or Join both but come join in on the Party. It will be another awesome event with GOOD food, GOOD drink, and GREAT atmosphere made BEST by the people who come to the party. This year has been busy, but we are still planning a Ball room dance night and will pass on the details soon.

As always all those who 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@sbc-global.net or phone (860) 443-1451.

Tom Welsh, TYC Vice Commodore

Important Notice to all Members

It has been noted that children are playing on and around the storage racks and boats on the TYC Beach.

You are notified that children are prohibited from climbing or playing on and around the stored boats areas at TYC. This is a Safety issue and it is expected that all parents and members responsible for children shall adhere to this important issue.

2008 Nominating Committee

At the August Executive Committee meeting the board established the following members for this year's Nominating Committee: Eric Jones, Bruce Costick and Melissa Madaus.

Rear Commodore's Corner

August was a very busy racing month. August 3rd was the ECSA Governor's Regatta with a good turnout. Club Members, Rich Foye got second place out of ten Ensigns, Jeff Scaduto got second and Stu Craig received third place in non-spinnaker. Congratulations to all races, it was a good sailing day. The Osker Kerman, on members weekend was the 16th of August, and Jack Law won first place, Jack Scaduto second and Lou Leverone made third place. On the 24th was the 75th anniversary race. First place in non-spinnaker went to Stu Craig, second to Jackie Fisher and third went to Jim Avery. Tom Welsh won the Force 5 followed by Cliff Fisher.

Coming up Friday, September 5th at 18:00, is Skippers Night. Trophies for club racing to this point in the season will be handed out. We will be having a pot-luck supper that night. This is always a fun event full of surprises. Sunday, September 7th is the Commodore's Trophy Race at 10:50. This promises to be a great race and fantastic party after. Be sure to be there and help if you can.

I would especially like to thank Cal Brouwer for all his help in TYC club races. He has been an essential part of the racing program. Thank him when you get a chance! I would also like to thank Judy Gibbs for her hard work on ECSA races. As you can see the Club is the place to enjoy and participate in scheduled events.

Ted Paulsen, TYC Rear Commodore

From the Measurer

As the days get shorter, and many of you are no longer away cruising, the thought of racing in the TYC Commodore's Trophy race or the Club's Chowder Series may be of interest. If you haven't been racing with us during the summer season and need a PHRF Handicap assigned for your boat, now would be a good time to get that done. Please remember that the handicap is reviewed and assigned annually, so you need a 2008 Handicap for racing this fall even if you had a handicap assigned last year. For those of you that have had a sail measured before, you know that this is not a big chore provided that the sails are off the boat. For new sails, you can facilitate this exercise by having your sail maker measure and mark your sails. This eliminates a measurement appointment with me and your boat. If you do have your sail maker do the measurements, please have him document this data on their letterhead and forward that information to me.

If there are any questions, please talk to your sail maker or give me a call. Good sailing.

Bob Geary, TYC/ECSA Measurer

Club Mooring Applications

All members at the Thames Yacht Club (TYC) who maintain a mooring are required to submit annually an "Application for Individual, Non-Commercial Mooring Space Permit" to the TYC Mooring Committee. This year the state also requires a Connecticut Boating Registration, for the boat that will be placed on the mooring, to be submitted along with the application. Please submit your application as soon as possible to avoid putting your mooring at risk. Completed applications should be submitted to the TYC Attention:

Mooring Committee

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale

1986 Hunter 34 Sailboat- 'Starchaser'

Great cruiser/racer with excellent sail inventory and instrumentation. Forward and aft cabins, large galley, nav station, forward head w/shower, and quiet/smooth Yanmar 26HP diesel. Little use in last 4 years. Asking Price - \$25,000

Contact Cliff Fisher for more Info. 860-608-0811, or email cliffisher@sbcglobal.net

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 lewmares, adjustable leads, new halyards, 4 HP Johnson. \$12,900 takes all. **Call 860-859-3408**

1969 Cal 25

G.C., 8HP, O.B., Harken Traveler Whisker Pole with Trailer \$3000, call before 2pm **Rich Webber 860-872-2780**

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. Weight 85 pounds! 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**

Spinnaker for sale suitable for 33-34 foot boat. ¾ oz Shore Spinnaker in good condition. SLU = 44.2' SMG = 23.6'. \$350.00. **Bob Geary 860.446.9222**