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The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

From the Commodore

The daylight hours are getting shorter but the weather is beautiful and to me it's the best time of the year to be out on the water and enjoy boating. I hope you are taking the time to enjoy it while it lasts. Soon we will have to start preparing for the hard, cold winter that will follow.

Skippers' Night was well attended with Ted Paulsen and his crew doing an excellent job of preparing the facilities and food. It was good to see a wide distribution of the trophies and especially rewarding to see the junior sailors competing successfully in a wider range of events. Well done to the winners and all of the participants who make the competition better.

My compliments to all of the participants, Race Committee, Regatta Committee, Social Committee and support staff for a super Commodore's Regatta. We had a good turnout and next year we hope to see even more of you taking part. This should really be an all hands event. Hurricane Hanna threatened us and delayed the start by two hours but it was well worth the wait to have good wind and relatively calm seas. The post race festivities were just super; Tom Welsh keeps raising the standard to ensure that everyone will have a good time.

Put Saturday, November 1 on your calendar and join us for cleanup/decommissioning day. A lot of volunteers will make the work load easier and make for a shorter work day. There is still a lot of personal property lying around the yacht club including sails, mooring balls, markers, oars, lawn chairs and toys. If they are still lying around they may find their way to the dumpster as we secure the property for winter.

On Wednesday, November 5 we will hold our Annual Meeting and Elections as well as adopt a budget for 2009. Some of the major considerations for the 2009 budget are to hire a bookkeeper, increase the hours that a steward will be on duty and several capital improvement projects for the clubhouse including replacing the ramp from the clubhouse to the dock, landscaping in front of the clubhouse, installing a new railing on the upper level and replacing windows on the main level.

A controversial item that will be reviewed by the Executive Committee is whether or not to continue the sale of ice. Expenses have outpaced income as fewer people elect to pay for what is being used. If you have an opinion on these or additional items that should be considered please discuss them with a member of the Executive Committee prior to our October 21st budget meeting. Your opinions count and your input is always welcome.

Walt Pratt, TYC Commodore



2009 Nominations

The Nomination Committee presents the following slate of Officers and Executive Committee Members for 2009 to be elected at the November 5th General Membership meeting. Any nominations by petition for any office or Executive Committee seat must be submitted to the Secretary in writing and signed by no less than six voting members prior to October 22nd.

2009 Slate:

Commodore:	Walter L. Pratt
Vice Commodore:	Thomas Welsh
Rear Commodore:	Gregory Reese
Secretary:	Carlos Mojica
Treasurer:	Calvin K. Brouwer
Measurer:	Robert B. Geary
Executive Committee:	
	Steven Smith (2010)
	Michael Passero (2010)
	Bruce Costick (2010)
	James Avery (2009)
	Lou Leverone (2009)
	Keith Gagne (2009)

Carlos Mojica, TYC Secretary

Rear Commodore's Corner

The Chowder Series is now under way and we have more than twenty boats participating. Even the Coast Guard Academy sailing team has joined in.

Skipper's night was successful with over 50 trophies handed out. It was great to see the participants in both youth and senior sailing accepting trophies at the same event. I would like to thank Carolyn Leuze for collecting our hard earned money at the door, Mike Johnson and Jean-Pierre Godbout for grilling all the meat, and all the members that saw a project that needed to be done, and helped.

A closing thought... Next year, if you do not participate in any racing, try it with your boat or crew for a friend. All levels of sailors are involved and improving, but most of all are have a great time. It is nice to sneak out a few minutes early on Wednesday, or whenever there is a race and sail around the course with fellow sailors.

Ted Paulsen, TYC Rear Commodore

Article VIII - Elections

Section 2. Any nominations by petition for any office or Executive Committee seat shall be given to the Secretary in writing and signed by not less than six voting members prior to October 18th.

House Committee Report

Well, it looks like Summer is winding down, cooler days and longer nights are rapidly approaching.

I hope you all have had a great Summer even though it seems to have gone awfully fast. I also hope you used the Club over the Summer months and enjoyed all the work that you and fellow members put in to get it looking so good.

Now it is time to start thinking of getting back to work on Projects that remain outstanding.

At the beginning of the year among the projects that I thought we needed to be looking at were.

- Paint North Walkway Railing
- Rebuild Landscape Wall
- Rebuild Ramp from Deck to Beach.

We ran out of time in the Spring to tackle this work as everyone, including myself, needed to get our boats ready for the water. But, over the next couple of weeks I am going to be looking at buying some of the materials we will be needing to work on these projects, with the hope that I can convince you once again to join us in one of the work parties that I will be organizing over the Fall months.

Bevan Crighton, TYC House Committee Chair

Columbus Day Cruise

The final cruise for 2008 will take us on a scenic trip up the Connecticut River to Hamburg Cove. Commodore Walt Pratt will lead the cruise and intends to leave around 1330 on Friday, October 10. Moorings become scarce after mid-afternoon on Saturday so if you plan on finding accommodations you should arrive early. Bring plenty of fenders and be prepared to raft vessels on both sides. Last year we had an excellent turnout and we anticipate good participation again this year. Socializing and relaxing will be the order of the day. Bring your dinghy and enjoy the solitude of a quite cruise around the cove. Usually there are sailing dinghy races to observe on Sunday morning. A leisure cruise up the river and possibly Selden Creek is a possibility on Sunday afternoon. Departure for New London will take place after lunch on Monday. Call Walt at 859-3964 (home) or 884-1679 (cell) and let him know if you will be joining the group.

Walt Pratt

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**

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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**