

From the Commodore

Although the weather has not been the greatest the level of activity has increased at the clubhouse. The turnout for Wednesday and Thursday night racing is good with challenging courses and keen competition. School is out and next week sailing lessons will start. Susan Satti continues to be our galley operator and the hours are posted elsewhere within the MainSheet. 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 10th to the 12th* with the Fireworks Extravaganza occurring at 9:25 P.M. Saturday evening. We are fortunate to have an ideal viewing location and as usual we expect a lot of members, family and their guests to be present. For your protection and our security authorized personnel will be issued wrist bands to control access to our facility like we did last year. The second annual Maritime Cup Regatta takes place on Sunday the 12th. There will be a General Membership Meeting at 1800 on Sunday, July 19th. The meeting is an opportunity to find out what is happening and to participate in the management of your club. A notice will be mailed separately to the membership about 10 days before the meeting. As part of the meeting we will be electing a member to the Executive Committee to replace Lou Leverone who resigned because of time constraints. We thank Lou for his years of dedicated service. *Our annual Governor's Regatta takes place on Sunday, July 26th.* This should be an All Hands event for the club. If you are not racing please come down and help with the post race festivities or volunteer for Race Committee.

Members' Day this year takes place on Saturday, August 15. I desperately need a volunteer to coordinate/manage the day's activities. Please contact me if you are willing to help.

Walt Pratt, Commodore

Thames Yacht Club
**Forth of July After Race
Party & Picnic**

All Members are Welcome
Open to Racers and Non Racers

Saturday, July 4th, 2009
Starting at approximately 3:00 P.M.

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beer and Soft Drinks provided
Please bring a main dish to share

\$6.00 per Person
(\$3.00 for Kids)

Volunteers Needed and Very Much Appreciated

Please contact Greg Reese with questions
(860)402-7804 or greese69@comcast.net

TYC July 4th Events

TYC will celebrate the holiday with the 48th Francis T. Bradbury Memorial Long Distance Race and a PARTY & PICNIC. Attached is a folder with the NOR, SI, Combined Entry form and a flyer with information on the party & picnic which will start after the race. All members not just racers are invited to attend the picnic.

Why drive hundreds of miles when you can have a great time at the club. Hope to see you on July 4th at TYC!

Note from Editor

To include your articles or ads in future publications, please send to ted@tedpaulsen.com

Ted Paulsen, MainSheet Editor

From the Vice Commodore

Hello Everyone!

I Hope you all are enjoying the '09 summer as it picks up speed.

Well we finally got our Wine Tasting off and it was a great time. The weather cooperated to give us a beautiful evening on the porch with good people, good food and, I guess you know, good wine. Carlos helped us all become educated connoisseur's for the evening and has tabulated and listed the interesting results in this issue.

The 4th of July weekend is upon us and there are fun events planned by Greg Reese and Ted Paulsen for the membership to enjoy their club. Ted Paulsen has agreed to give us a concert on the porch for the July 2nd Thursday Night Weekend kickoff. And the Francis T. Bradbury Race will be held on Saturday the 4th by our Rear Commodore with picnic.

The next event for the Vice Commodore's social committee is a General Membership meeting on Sunday July 19. As always the membership will be asked to bring a dish for the Pot Luck social prior to the meeting and Beer and Wine will be served.

The Governor's Regatta will be held on Sunday July 26. We will need Volunteers to help prepare and serve food and drink for this great race. Come and represent your Thames Yacht Club as we host the local racers. Please contact me if you would like to be on the party crew. (pwelshct@sbcglobal.net)

I wish you all a great Independence Day!

Tom Welsh, You're Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Corner

We are well into the 2009 sailing season having completed the Chili Series held on Memorial Day and five of the seven scheduled Wednesday Night races in the Spring Series. I have learned a lot about my new position this past month and I know that learning process will continue.

I need to remind skippers that they are required to work on the committee boat at least once during the 15 week series. The skipper is required to be present with crew. Keep in mind that your boat cannot participate in this race when you are working on the committee boat.

July 4th is the Bradbury Memorial Race, a friendly long distance (compared to Wednesday nights) race for all members. Please join us for the race and be sure to stay

afterwards to enjoy the party/picnic which is open to all members, racers and non racers alike. For details go to our web site.

Greg Reese, TYC Rear Commodore

Launch Passenger Service – Safe Operation Requirements

Members and crew/guests using the launch service for going to and returning from their boats during high passenger capacity times such as Wednesday evening racing and TYC Regattas may find that the Launch Operator will limit the number of passengers on board in order to provide safe travel. This responsibility of the Launch Operator to ensure safe passenger service is not a new requirement but is receiving greater emphasis as a result of US Coast Guard concerns with vessel stability vs the number of passengers carried.

The TYC launch is USCG rated for safe operation at a maximum load (passengers & gear) of approximately 2100 lbs which Coast Guard regulations previously equated to a 15 person capacity based on a **Standard Passenger weight of 140lbs**. The TYC launch carries life vests for 15 persons based on those USCG standards. However the USCG has reemphasized the requirement for the TYC vessel operator to restrict the total number of persons and gear on board to stay within the 2,100 lb. vessel rating.

TYC has been notified that the USCG is planning to invoke a **Standard Passenger weight of 180 lbs**. to be more in-line with the real world. This change when invoked



TYC club members receiving the overall winning trophy for the EBAC Moonlight Race on June 5 sailing their new J 22 Plain Vanilla. From left Jack Scaduto, Jeff Pritchard (co-skippers), and Steve Swan Chair of the EBAC Race.

will reduce our licensed passenger capacity to a maximum of 12 persons (including the operator).

Your cooperation and compliance with the launch operators' directions when boarding and operating the launch is appreciated and expected.

Launch Committee - Help Needed

If you are mechanically inclined and want to help maintain the club diesel launch and 2 outboard motor skiffs now is a good opportunity to get involved. The launch is perhaps the single most important asset of the club and serves the members from mid May through the end of October. Please contact the following if you have any questions or want to help.

Chuck Wargo - cpwargo@aol.com , 860-443-8828

Cliff Fisher - cliffisher@sbcglobal.net , 860-443-5968

Fleet Captain

There are four cruises planned for this summer. I have worked around TYC events not to interfere with any. The calendar is a terrific resource. August was the most open and the warmest time.

1- Sunday, August 2

Pirates Cruise to Flat Hammock Island. Not to be missed. We have had as many as 25 boats participate. Make sure to be in costume (optional) and bring any children you can shanghai for fun and games and a real treasure hunt. A grill will be provided so bring some meat with you, and it is a BYOB party.

2- Saturday and Sunday, August 8 – 9

Watch Hill Overnight. I will play some music on the beach if the weather permits. Bring your Dancing Shoes, tambourines, instruments, and a picnic basket dinner to relax together. A fire would be great but it is not allowed.

3- August 28-30, Friday through Sunday

Go Where the Wind Blows Cruise. It depends on the wind and weather. Maybe Block Island. Maybe somewhere else, after all many of us are sailors and the voyage is the destination.

4- October 9-11, Friday through Sunday

Columbus Weekend Cruise to Hamburg Cove.

Detail will be posted on Calendar and Mainsheet.

Ted Paulsen, Fleet Captain

Galley is Now Open

Please Support our Fine Dinning at the Club

Hours of operation:

- ▶ Saturday and Sunday hours will be 12:00 - 4:00
- ▶ Summer Schedule adds 11:30-4:30 Monday thru Friday

If it appears Mondays are going to be slow than I will close, but will notify the membership. The Galley will be closed due to inclement weather, feel free to contact Susan at 287-4414 to see if we are open. **Weds night dinners are being served to all members** and a menu for the month of June has been emailed.

Happy Summer, Smooth Sailing.

Looking forward to your continued support.

Susan Satti, Galley Operator



Michael Passero's Born To Run taken during Off Soundings

Thames Yacht Club for Hospice Southeastern Connecticut – Wednesday July 15

The Thames Yacht Club will once again be supporting Hospice Southeastern Connecticut on or around Wednesday, July 15, 2009. Members with PHRF boats who would like to participate in the Wednesday night race may do so for an entry fee of \$50.00. The idea of the lower entry fee (was \$100.00 in the past) is to encourage more entries and the opportunity for each boat to raise additional money per boat. You can donate the \$50.00 directly or register to donate and raise additional funds by using www.firstgiving.com HSECT. Attached is an entry form with Opti's & Force 5's with their entry fees.

This year we have added this new online registration. It's very easy and everyone who registers will get one free t-shirt per boat. It's a great way to involve friends and family to donate through your boat/club to a organizations which has helped provide care for our friends and families.

If you do not wish to register on First Giving, you may send a check directly to Hospice Southeastern CT., 227 Dunham Street, Norwich, CT 06360 indicating it is from a TYC Member. HSECT is a 501(c)3 corporation. All donation are tax-deductible

All supporters of Hospice are invited to the Mudhead Regatta MegaParty at Mystic Shipyard whether you raced or not. The party caps off the HSECT Race Week on Saturday, July 18th at 5 PM, complete with Gosling's Rum, bountiful cuisine from Mystic restaurants and the dance crazed sound of the Rock n' Soul Revue. Tickets for the party are only \$20.00.

Direct questions to Judy Gibbs: jgibbs@secorauto.com

LAUNCH SCHEDULE

Summer Schedule For July

Saturday 9:00 am -9:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am -9:00 pm

Monday 9:00 am -6:00 pm

Tuesday 12:00 pm -9:00 pm

Wednesday 9:00 am -9:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am -9:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am -9:00 pm

The launch schedule is posted to the calendar at:

http://my.calendars.net/thamesyacht_club

Within the calendar on the first day of each month is a listing "Launch Schedule" if you click on it will bring up a pdf file listing the schedule for the month you are looking at.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale - 2006 JY Club Trainer (OPTI) used one season for OPTI sailing lessons. Great low maintenance, sturdy boat for the beginning sailor in New Condition. Asking \$1000. Contact Cliff Fisher , cliffisher@sbcglobal.net or 860-443-5968

Wee Nip #55

This is the boat that a parent can sail with their child(ren) for an excellent instructional experience.

Designed by TYC members for the junior sailing program of years past. Fiberglass hull, teak rail, aluminum mast, wood blades. \$800.00. She's a classic.

Michael Passero

mpassero@ct.metrocast.net

or

860-625-7516 (cell)



**48TH FRANCIS T. BRADBURY MEMORIAL
LONG DISTANCE RACE
JULY 4, 2009
THAMES YACHT CLUB, INC.
396 PEQUOT AVENUE
NEW LONDON CT 06320**

Notice of Race

- 1 RULES** Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Prescriptions of US Sailing, rules of the PHRF of Eastern Connecticut and the rules of participating one-design classes. Time-on-Time handicapping will be used for PHRF classes.
- 2 ADVERTISING** Advertising will be restricted to Category A.
- 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY** The series is open to all racing and cruising handicap boats and to certain one-design classes of at least three (3) entrants. Entries will be accepted and assigned to classes at the discretion of the race committee. A copy of a **2009** PHRF certificate (whether from PHRF of Eastern Connecticut or from Thames Yacht Club) should accompany the entry form. Boats without an established rating will be assigned one. Entries close July 4th at 0930. Skippers of record **must be members** of Thames Yacht Club.
- 4 FEES** \$20.00 per boat, payable to Thames Yacht Club, Inc. Add \$3.00 if skipper is not a member of US Sailing.
- 5 SCHEDULE** First Warning at 1030. One race of 10-15 nm in length is scheduled. The starting sequence of RRS 26 will be used.
- 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** Sailing Instructions and Scratch Sheets will be available at the Series Skippers' Meeting and from the Queen Merry prior to the First Warning.
- 7 COURSES** Courses will be displayed on the race committee vessel Queen Merry. Marks are as stipulated on the Course Marks and Symbols Chart. Special Marks will be stipulated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8 SCORING** Overall results will be determined by best-to-worse corrected times in handicapped classes and finish positions in one design classes.
- 9 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS** VHF-FM Channel 72 will be used for communication between the race committee and competing boats. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones and other portable devices such as "blackberrys."
- 10 PRIZES** Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place boats in each class with at least five (5) entrants for each class. Race results will be announced at the Clubhouse after the race. Trophies will be awarded at Skippers' Night, Saturday, November 7, 2009.
- 11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** Competitors participate entirely at their own risk, see Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 12 ENTRIES** Return entry to: Greg Reese
69 Webster Hill Blvd
West Hartford CT 06107-3458
860-561-9746
gbreese69@comcast.net

**48th Annual Francis T. Bradbury
Memorial Long Distance Race
July 4, 2009**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The Series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Eastern Connecticut (PHRF-EConn) Handicapping System, Course Symbols and Marks handout, scratch sheet, and these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 Rules of the Road provide commercial traffic with the right of way in a restricted channel. Failure of a racing boat to keep clear, whether intentional or not, will result in disqualification.
- 1.3 The Time-On-Time handicapping system will be utilized for handicapped boats.
- 1.5 US Sailing sail numbers of Rule 77 and Appendix G are not required.
- 1.6 Each class must have a minimum of 2 boats appear in the starting area in order to have a race started for that class.

2.0 ENTRIES

- 2.1 Entries will be accepted or rejected and assigned to classes at the discretion of the Race Committee (RC). Skippers of record must be members of Thames Yacht Club.
- 2.2 Class assignment and handicaps will be based on the **2009** PHRF of Eastern Connecticut system. At the discretion of the RC a handicap will be assigned to a boat without an established one.

- 3.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Racing Information bulletin board prior to 0930 if the first Warning Signal is not delayed.

4.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES & THE START

- 4.1 One long race, 12 to 15 nm. is planned.
- 4.2 Class assignments are given in the scratch sheet, class flags are as follows: The numeral pennant section of Postponement Signals does not apply. This changes Race Signals.

| <i>Class</i> | <i>Class Flag</i> |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Ensigns | Ensign Class Flag |
| Class B | Numeral Pennant 2 |
| Class A | Numeral Pennant 1 |

- 4.3 Races will be started as provided in rule 26, with classes starting in the order posted on the Course Board. It is intended to make the Warning Signal for a class simultaneously with the Starting Signal for the preceding class, although the RC retains the option of delaying any Warning Signal. For races following the first race, classes may be started in any order. The Preparatory signal is Flag 'P' or a Starting Penalty Flag – Flag 'I' (Rule 30.1), Flag 'Z' (Rule 30.2), Flag 'I' and 'Z', or a Black Flag (Rule 30.3).

Succeeding classes will be started at five minute intervals by displaying the warning and preparatory signals at the starting signal for the preceding class

Note that under this system the Race Committee may delay a start by not flying the warning signal for a class and that no additional signals will be required for the delay. Subsequently the warning signal may be made at any time by displaying the class flag for the next start and this commences the five minute sequence.

- 4.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Queen Merry and the starting mark East of the Queen Merry. **First Warning, 1030.**
- 4.5 Boats whose warning signal (5 minutes) has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 4.6 A boat which is subject to Rule 30.1 (*I Flag rule*) may be notified before her start signal.

- 5.0 **SKIPPER'S MEETING** - The skipper, or a representative of each entry, shall meet at the clubhouse at 0900, Saturday, July 4, 2009. The scratch sheet, Course Symbols and Marks handout, and sailing instructions will be made available at this meeting.
- 6.0 **THE COURSE**- The course will be posted on the Queen Merry. Marks will be identified on the Course Symbols and Marks handout. The course designation procedures, as given on its reverse side, will be followed. Note the requirement to cross the starting line to begin the second round when the symbol "2" is used. **SPECIAL MARKS:** The race committee may set as many as 2 special marks (orange inflatable buoys) identified and positioned as follows: **SPECIAL MARK "M"** may be set southerly of the Queen Merry on the west side of the channel. **SPECIAL MARK "B"** may be set northerly of the Queen Merry on the west side of the channel.
- 7.0 **RECALLS**
- 7.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1 and Race Signals. The RC will attempt to hail each boat over early via voice or VHF/FM Channel 72. A racing boat crossing the line early and failing to return to make a proper start will be penalized 30 minutes. Rule 29.1 is changed accordingly.
- 7.2 General Recall signals and procedures will be as specified in Rule 29.2 and Race Signals. The class recalled will be the next class to start. Normal starting sequence shall then resume.
- 8.0 **THE FINISH** - The Finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Queen Merry and the finish mark.
- 8.1 Boats unable to finish are instructed to notify the RC before retiring from the race course.
- 9.0 **TIME LIMIT** - The time limit for each class to finish is 1530.
- 10.0 **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:** Communications with the RC will be carried out on VHF/FM Channel 72.
- 11.0 **PROTESTS**
- 11.1 A boat intending to protest shall comply with rule 61.1, which requires, among other things, a hail using the word "Protest." A written protest shall be delivered to a club official at the clubhouse prior to one hour after the RC comes ashore.
- 11.2 Notices of protest hearings will be posted on the Racing Information bulletin board. It is intended that any protest be heard as soon as feasible after the day's racing. Failure of either party to appear may result in a judgment against the absentee.
- 12.0 **SCORING** - For handicapped boats, overall positions will be determined by best to worse corrected times. For one-design classes, overall positions will be determined by best to worse boat for boat finishes.
- 13.0 **PRIZES**
- 13.1 Race results will be announced at the clubhouse after racing. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd boat in each class with at least five entries at Skippers' Night, Saturday, November 7th.