

From the Commodore

On behalf of the Bowen and Pratt families I thank all of you for your condolences, expressions of sympathy and generous offers of help after the untimely death of our grandson Solan Bowen.

The season is winding down as our daylight hours get shorter. For the most part the weather is delightful 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.

My compliments to the Race Committee, Regatta Committee, Social Committee and support staff for hosting a great Commodore's Regatta. Although I was not able to attend I received a lot of positive feedback about the race and party.

On Wednesday, November 4 we will hold our Annual Meeting and Elections as well as adopt a budget for 2010. If you have an opinion on items that should be considered please discuss them with a member of the Executive Committee prior to our October 20th budget meeting. Your opinions count and your input is always welcome.

Note that Saturday, November 14 is 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 on cleanup day they may find their way to the dumpster as we secure the property for winter.

Lou Leverone has agreed to serve as the club's Calendar Administrator. If you have any items you would like posted or changed on the calendar contact him via email at: louis_t_leverone@yahoo.com

Walt Pratt, Commodore

From The Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee unanimously recommends the following slate of Officers and Executive Committee Members for 2010 to be elected at the November 4th 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 not less than six voting members prior to October 18, 2009.

Officers:

Commodore: Thomas Welsh
Vice Commodore: Lynn Webber
Rear Commodore: Jeff Lamothe
Secretary: Chris Cooper
Treasurer: Calvin Brouwer
Measurer: Robert Geary

Executive Committee:

Steven Smith (2010)- continuing
Michael Passero (2010)- continuing
Melissa Madaus (2010)
Jack Law (2011)
Carlos Mojica (2011)
Justin Codner (2011)

Respectfully submitted; **Melissa M. R. Madaus,**
Cliff Fisher, Robert B. Geary



Commodore's Race. Photo by Robert's Picasa

From The Vice Commodore

Hello everyone!

Here it is the end of September, past the Autumnal Equinox and on to the fall calendar of events. Before we look into the next month activities I have to thank you all; the volunteers and the party patrons for an excellent year of parties. The Commodores' Race was an absolute success all around. True to our tradition of running this premier event, the race course was excellent and our Food, Beer, Wine and sponsored Goslings Rum held out to the end of the party. The sailors came and enjoyed our Mojica buffalo chicken wings, now a TYC icon, plenty of Dark and Stormy, another TYC favorite, and a good meal to finish out the day. We had a lot of volunteers that helped host this event and the many hands made light work and a lively Party Crew. The feedback of the sailing community is that you all did an outstanding job and I thank you for making it such a success. Again, I believe we upheld a fine tradition for TYC. Our beach atmosphere and hospitality won the day so you have all won the Party Trophy in my book. But don't forget to vote for TYC on the ECSA website for the Party Award anyway.



Attention!! Attention!!

The Oktoberfest is in the works for October 3rd per the circulated Flyer. It will be German cuisine with a menu of Bratwurst, Knock-

wurst, and Stuffed Pork with a potato and cabbage side. And we will not forget the sauerkraut and beer. Besides the dinner, any one who would like to make a sample dish or appetizer of German fair may do so for the intrigue of the evening. It would be nice to see some family recipe or just a good German favorite.

Saturday October 3rd, 2009

18:00 (6:00pm)

TYC club house, 396 Pequot Avenue

Cost is \$10 per person



The Kids Halloween party seems to be shaping up with Tim Reilly for October 23rd. Pizza will be served for the kids, adults are asked to bring a dish to share and all are welcome to join the spirit and wear costume. He has put out a colorful flyer and I'm sure the festivities will be enjoyed by all who venture down.

Saturday October 23rd, 2009

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

TYC club house, 396 Pequot Avenue

Children \$5.00, Family max \$15.00

The November 4th general membership meeting will be the next event so please, set the date aside and plan on attending. This event is an important aspect of your Thames membership so please come down and participate in the management of your club.

As always, to join the fun with the party crew for another excellent event this year, please contact me at pwelshct@sbcglobal.net or phone (860) 443-1451.

Fair Winds and Tides

Tom Welsh, Vice Commodore

Columbus Day Cruise

The final cruise for 2009 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 9. 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. Socializing and relaxing will be the order of the day. Bring your dinghy and enjoy the solitude of a quiet 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.

From the Membership Committee

Today we reached 200 members! Fantastic! Because of you and our web site, candidates for membership are keeping this committee very busy, thank you! Let's welcome Katharine Beal-Bradford (known to most of us as Katie and she is the daughter of Carolyn Leuze); Kevin and Annette Brielmann and their son Christopher; Corey and Risa Fox and their daughters Samantha and Julia; and Brian and Lisa Good with sons Collin, Jonathan, and Jason; Welcome aboard one and all! Hopefully you will get chance to meet them at the Oktoberfest on October 3rd.

Many of our members have expertise in so many areas which would be helpful to our club (that's what keeps our dues lower). We will be adding these skills to our data base in the future, but we would like you to contact the House Committee Chair, Vice Commodore or any of the Flag Officers or Executive Committee to inform them of your particular skills. For example, some of the skills of our new members include electrical experience, solar panels, cooking, diesel engines, etc. So let us know so we can use those wonderful skills.

Jackie Fisher, Membership Chair

Team Scaduto Takes #7

For the better part of 30 years the racing team of Past Commodore Jack Scaduto, Scott Scaduto and Jeff Pritchard have raced Fishers/Long Island Sounds. They were reunited Sept. 6th, along with Jean Ann Scaduto, for the 62nd Commodore's Trophy Race and accomplished a fete which will be hard to surpass. In addition to taking 1st place in Class III in the gleaming white J-22 Plain Vanilla, Team Scaduto won the Best Thames Boat Trophy for the 7th time. Previous victories came in 1989, 2000, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. The icing on the cake would have also been best in fleet, which they missed by a mere 5 seconds! ***Congratulations!!!***



Plain Vanilla at Commodore's Race. Photo by Robert's Picasa

Launch Committee Chairman Needed

The current Launch Committee, who have been maintaining the diesel launch and two outboard skiffs since 1998, will be retiring as chairman at end of this year. In order to continue this vital service to the membership it is hoped a number of members with boat and engine maintenance skills will step forward to help take over these duties. The committee also coordinates Launch operator staffing

and interfaces with the US Coast Guard for launch inspections and operator compliance requirements.

If you are interested and would like to discuss the effort involved in maintaining the boats and providing launch service please contact:

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

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

62nd Commodore's Trophy Race

On September 6, 2009 Mother Nature provided us with a spectacular day for the running of the 62nd Commodore's Trophy Race, the premiere event on the TYC racing calendar. This is the longest running annual racing event at TYC. A fleet of 49 boats were registered for this Gosling's Rum sponsored event. This included 22 boats from the TYC fleet.

On the water the North East wind direction presented a challenge for the Race Committee to pick a course with an up wind leg. The course was set and Mother Nature co-operated, providing one of the best racing days of the summer.

Club boats that finished in the top 3 were:

Class 3- 1st Plain Vanilla-Jack Scaduto & Jeff Pritchard

Class 4- 1st Zephyr-Lou Leveroni

3rd Sundance-Ted Paulsen

Class 5- 2nd Sam-Jim Anderson

3rd Sagacious- Bob Geary

I would like to thank the Race Committee for their help with this great race; Bob & Barb Welsh for the use of their boat Zapiema as the Signal boat, Rob & Kathy Amrein with Pinga, with the help of Al Schober and Vinny Moriarty as the mark boat and Tom Welsh & Dave Costanzo manned the pin boat. Also on the Signal boat were Judy Gibbs(PRO), Steve Purdy, Lloyd MacDonald, Mary Ellen Michalowski, John Erhard, Carolyn Leuze, Lee Reinhart and Lois Geary. If I missed anyone I'm very sorry. It was a great race all round.

For those that belong to ECSA please vote for TYC's Commodore's race for the Sylvestre trophy for the best run race circuit race.

Racing is a big part of TYC and it's nice that our day was a good one. We got lots of compliments on the water and of. This success was because of the volunteers.

THANKS TO ALL, Judy Gibbs



Bob & Barb Welsh's Zapiema was Committee Boat. They are now on their way South for the winter.



Party on the beach after race

Commodore's Race. Photo by Robert's Picasa



Zephyr, Lou Leverone



Born To Run - Michael Passero



Sundance, Ted Paulsen

Fall Off Soundings 2009

Five Thames Yacht Club boats participated in the annual Fall Off soundings series on Friday September 11, 2009. Friday dawned as a usual “awful Soundings day”, with rain and winds over 30 miles an hour. The committee boat could not anchor near New London Ledge as planned and displayed the ‘Lima’ flag which means follow me and the fleet made its way to Gardiner’s bay. By the time Nor’easter (the committee boat) arrived in Gardiner’s Bay, the winds had increased to over 40 miles an hour and Race Committee announced no race for the day.

On Saturday morning September 12, 88 boats checked in for the start of the race in Gardiner’s Bay. The winds had moderated and the skies were overcast and drizzly. The wind continued to lighten and the Race Committee shortened the course.

The Thames boats that were in the trophies for the weekend were Mike Passero’s Born to Run 2rd in the NonSuch class., Jackie’s Fisher’s Rusty Nail was 4th in Class C-6 and Bob & Barb Welsh’s Xapiema carrying a 5% penalty, finish 4th in Class A.

Despite the weather and the challenges a good time was had by all.



Born To Run Off Soundings Crew



Some of the Fleet Saturday morning



Coast Guard Academy Ludders



Mike Passero behind his lazy jacks



Off Soundings Committee Boat Noreaster on the right with support vessel Arcadia steaming to the starting area on Saturday morning

Off Soundings Photos by Mike Passero

Chicken Wing Report from the Secretary

I've receive very kind praise for my Buffalo chicken wings, which many enjoyed at the Commodore's Race party this past September 6th. Unfortunately praise did not get me very far in terms of race results, but that's another story. Some of you have even asked me for the recipe, something which of course fills my heart with pride and brings tears to my ears. I brag to my children about it; and my mom too (she is a great cook). Anyways, I am delighted to share these sacred instructions with the TYC membership. They come to you (almost) directly from Buffalo's famous Anchor Bar (1047 Main St.) where the chicken wings were invented by Teresa Bellissimo, and a puertorrican chemistry graduate student who was there moonlighting for free beer - but that's also another story. The sauce keeps very nicely for many months in the freezer (I have not been able to establish an expiration date), and one controls the "heat" with the amount dispensed per chicken wing, so is a good idea to make a large batch and use it as you go along in life. For an event like the Commodores (where ~200 chicken wings were consumed) I used 1 bar of butter, a large 12 oz bottle of



Tabasco sauce, a large 12 oz bottle of Red Hot sauce, a 12 oz jar of raspberry jam (yes! and it has to be raspberry), about 2 or 3 tablespoons of flour, and about a teaspoon of Hot "Mexican Style" Chili powder (from McCormick spices). Ok, so in a large sauce pan one first melts the butter under medium heat. When all the butter has melted you then add the chili powder, and mix the chili powder well with a wooden spoon (special Honduran mahogany works best, ask Jackie Fisher). Let the butter start "stuttering" (but don't let it burn) and slowly add one of the flour tablespoons, mix in with the magic spoon. Keep adding flour under medium heat while stirring until all the butter is sucked up by it, what you get in the pan are sort of wet flour lumps (technically this is called a 'roux' - honest, pronounced "roo"). OK, lower the heat a bit and add the bottle of Tabasco, followed by the bottle of Red Hot (which is not really that hot, you can use two Tabascos, that will make what I call kamikaze sauce) and you mix them well into the roux. The sauce will thicken magically as the roux lumps disappear into a red sea of hotness. Increase the heat to medium again and when the concoction is about to start boiling lower the heat and add the raspberry jam. Mix in well braking all the jam lumps with your magic wooden spoon. The heat helps to break up the jam. Once all the jam is gone you are done. What I do is pour the stuff while warm into large jars and, like I said, keep it in the freezer until needed. There is something about chicken that goes along with this thing very well, though if you feel adventurous you may want to try it as a BBQ sauce for pork chops. On the chicken side, the wings are cut into two and seasoned freely with Lowry's seasoned salt before going on the grill. Once cooked through, I put them on a large pan and pour the magical mystery sauce on top. Enjoy!

Carlos Mojica, Wing Master

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