

## From the Commodore

The end of the season is rapidly approaching. There are fewer boats on their moorings and less activity at the club each weekend. Some good boating days remain but they are becoming less frequent; eventually it will be time to haul out and put the cover on. For us it was not the best of seasons but we are looking forward to next year.

**Decommissioning day takes place Saturday, November 14th.** We need a lot of help as equipment will be relocated to its winter storage, debris removed, snow fences put up, the ramp on the launch float has to be hauled up and secured, water lines on the pier blown down etc... It's a long list but with a lot of voluntary help we can make quick work of it. Please consider being there. More information will be promulgated via email.

It's also time to remove lawn chairs, toys, sails, mooring equipment and any personal property you may have lying around the club. Anything that remains on Decommissioning day will be considered abandoned property and will go into the dumpster.

In less than two weeks there will be a general membership meeting and elections. We will also have to approve the budget for 2010. Please take the time to join us and participate in your club's government. I am pleased to report that Thursday the Executive Committee approved a budget that keeps dues and assessment at the same level as this year while restoring full launch service hours during the summer period. This is a significant accomplishment in these difficult financial times as the costs of our goods and services continue to increase. I commend the committee and Treasurer, Cal Brouwer for their diligent work.

This will be the final edition of the MainSheet this year so I want to wish all of you a joyous holiday season and hope that next year will bring all of us peace and happiness.



Walt Pratt, Commodore

## Nominating Committee Report

October 20, 2009

The Nominating Committee worked diligently and cooperatively to fulfill its mission to propose a list of flag officers and Executive Committee candidates for election. An open request for interested candidates was included in the September issue of the Mainsheet. The committee considered all candidates that responded to the open call and additionally requested participation from other members suitable and qualified for the positions. In cases where multiple candidates were interested in one position, each candidate was interviewed by the Nominating Committee and each was asked the same set of questions. In such cases, each candidate was also asked if they would consider serving the Club in another position.

After thorough review, the Nominating Committee unanimously submitted the following slate to the Secretary for distribution to the membership:

### 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)- replacing Bruce Costick  
Jack Law (2011)  
Carlos Mojica (2011)  
Justin Codner (2011)

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa M. R. Madaus, Cliff Fisher, Robert B. Geary

**Election of 2010 Officers and Executive Committee - As a result of a petition Bevan Crighton has been added to the ballot as a candidate for Commodore.**

## From The Vice Commodore

**Hello everyone!**

Here we are at the end of our racing season. After a rainy spring, what a great sailing summer! As much as boat prep was hindered by weather, Chili Series, Wednesday Nights, Thursday Nights, Chowder Series and our Regattas all proved to be great events for our love of sailing. During the season TYC proved why our sailing is premier on and off the water. We had an excellent year from the St. Paddy's Day to Oktoberfest. Our Governors and the Commodores Regattas were very successful events all around while other sound races were not so fortunate. Our other parties were no exception. The recent Oktoberfest was first-rate with the German cuisine and beverage imports. The kids Halloween Party, put on by Tim Reilly, Melissa Madaus and other Trick or Treat friendly folk, was also a success. Tim is planning a TYC skating invite at Galaxy Skate Arena next month.

### **TYC SKATE INVITE:**

Saturday, December 12, 2009, 10am - Noon

See next page for details

*The General Membership* meeting is right around the corner, Wednesday November 4th at 18:00 (6 pm). I hope you will make the Social before the Executive Committee's Report. Beer, Wine and Soda are on the House. We are planning a Pot Luck buffet and that means there will be a smorgasbord of great dishes brought by your club members. It is also Elections Night for next year's officers so please come down and participate in your clubs management.

It takes the voice of the membership to make a great club.

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ELECTIONS – Wednesday November 4, 2009**

**Social – pot luck @1800 (6 p.m)**

Please bring a dish or appetizer to share for pot luck dinner. Beer, wine & soda will be provided at no cost to members



## **CHRISTMAS PARTY ANNOUNCEMENT**

We are not far from the Christmas party believe it or not and I hope the turn out will be better than ever. Saturday December 19, we will celebrate the last get-together for the year. Please reserve the date for this holiday cheer with good friends and great libations. I promise you will be glad you came.

Again, thanks to all the Members and volunteers for their efforts to make a tremendous TYC season. It's been great to see all the activity and participation around the club. I know the Racing has been great and the days of summer have been gratifying.

As always, contact me if you would like to be on the party crew. We have a great time and many hands make FUN work (pwelshct@sbcglobal.net)

*Fair Winds and Tides*

**Tom Welsh**, Vice Commodore

## **From the Membership Committee**

Please welcome 5 new members to TYC. Corey and Risa Fox and their daughters Samantha and Julia. They live in Florence, MA. Kevin C. Brielmann and Annette Hochder-Brielmann and their son Christopher, from Hartford, CT. And Katie Beal-Bradford of Mystic, Ct.

We now have 200 members, thanks to all of you and our fantastic web site.

I would also like to give a special thanks to Edi and Shawn Day for helping me prepare the Oktoberfest dinner.

**Jackie Fisher**, Membership Chair

## **C L A S S I F I E D   A D S**

### **Mooring for Sale**

400Lb mushroom mooring located in the north field. It is currently in the water with a winter cap and has roughly 25ft of anchor chain attached to it. It is in an ideal location close to shore and was inspected by Geer Brother Divers close to two years ago. The asking price is \$500. If interested, call Fred at 860 543 0668.

# SPECIAL PAGE FOR THE YOUNG FUTURE SAILERS

## Children's Roller Skating Gathering

Shake off those cold weather blues and join your TYC friends for a morning of roller skating! Galaxy Roller Rink in nearby Groton is a good place to get some exercise and have some fun. We will reserve a few tables so we can enjoy each other's company. Hope you can join us at:



**Galaxy Roller Rink**  
**210 Bridge Street, Groton CT**  
**Saturday December 12th**  
 Early Bird Skate, 10am-Noon

Skating Admission: \$5, plus \$2 skate rental (parent spectators normally free, although parents can skate also !!)  
 Located just off RT-95 near Gold Star bridge and easy to get to. Directions: [www.galaxyrollerrink.com](http://www.galaxyrollerrink.com)

An RSVP would be appreciated. Contact Tim at [tmr.nlct@ct.metrocast.net](mailto:tmr.nlct@ct.metrocast.net)

**Tim Reilly and daughters Grace & Lindsey**

## Children's Christmas Party

**Please come for the TYC "Sundaes with Santa"**  
**Sunday, December 6th, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Fun arts and crafts activities**

**Make your own sundaes for everyone**

Despite the last-minute nature of this announcement, we will have lots of fun!



Photo by Melissa and Joseph Madaus

Santa will meet the children upstairs (that's right, kids, you can go upstairs for this one!)

**Please RSVP by email** to Melissa Madaus at [mjmadaus@juno.com](mailto:mjmadaus@juno.com)

Adults: Please discreetly bring a wrapped gift (under \$5) for each child you bring to the party with their name clearly written on it and deposit it under the tree upstairs at the Club.

**Melissa and Joseph Madaus (860)444-7206**

## Children's Halloween Party 10/23/09

Friends, Ghosts and Goblins were in attendance at the recent TYC Children's Halloween Party. Pizza and soft drinks and other treats were in abundance. The children participated in the TYC costume parade, musical chairs, bobbing for donuts, and the best silly dancer contest. There was a lot of group participation, especially for line dances such as "the Cha-Cha slide" and "Hokey-Pokey". As one parent commented at the end of the evening: "The kids had a blast !!!" A special recognition to Melissa Madaus and Stephanie Codner who participated in the event planning. An additional thanks to all those parents who helped out during the event. Start thinking of your costume for next year !!!!

**Tim Reilly**



Photo by Tim Reilly

## Rear Commodore's Report:

Writing this article is one of my last duties serving as Rear Commodore. I had to cut my tenure short due to moving out of state to a location where I have joined a yacht club a mere five minutes away as opposed to over an hour. It has been a pleasure being a club officer and although my position did not allow me many opportunities to race myself, I still had a lot of fun. I would like to thank everyone that has helped me this past season; especially Cal Brouwer for his "front end" help updating the NORs and SIs for most events and Ted Paulsen for his help with the "back end" work associated with the scoring after most events.

The Chowder Series just concluded last weekend and we had some terrific races.

**Skipper's Night will be Saturday, November 7th at 6:00 P.M. at the Club.** We will be awarding prizes for all TYC racing events. The event is to be a pot luck and will be \$5. Please anticipate an email flyer coming your way in the next few days.

In closing, I would like have everyone give their support to Jeff LaMothe, who is on board to become our next Rear Commodore.

**Greg Reese**, TYC Rear Commodore

## TYC Racers caught at starting line



Luff Song sailed by Phil Michalowski

Photos by Greg Reese



Hammer Raced by Jeff Lamothe



Wind Horse sailed by Lynn and Richard Webber



**THAMES YACHT CLUB  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ELECTIONS  
SOCIAL & POT LUCK**

**Wednesday November 4, 2009**

**SOCIAL – POT LUCK @1800 (6 P.M)**

**PLEASE BRING A DISH or APPITIZER TO SHARE FOR POT LUCK DINNER  
BEER, WINE & SODA WILL BE PROVIDED AT NO COST TO MEMBERS**

**If you would like to help with the logistics of the event  
please contact Tom Welsh at 860.443.1451 or [pwelshct@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pwelshct@sbcglobal.net)**

**Thank you all and hope to see you there!!**

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**The General Membership Meeting will commence at 1930 (7:30 P.M.)**

**Find out what's happening and participate in your club's government.**

**Agenda items include:**

- **2010 Budget – with no dues or assessment increases**
- **Officer & Chair reports of what is happening**
- **Discussion of house repairs and capital improvements**
- **Election of 2010 Officers and Executive Committee - As a result of a petition Bevan Crighton has been added to the ballot as a candidate for Commodore. A ballot is enclosed; blank ballots will also be available.**



**Official Ballot of the  
THAMES YACHT CLUB, Inc.  
November 2009 Election of Club Officials**

**Officers:**

Commodore: - vote for one	Bevan Creighton	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Thomas Welsh	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice Commodore: - vote for one	Lynn Webber	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rear Commodore: - vote for one	Jeff Lamothe	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary: - vote for one	Christopher Cooper	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer: - vote for one	Calvin Brouwer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Measurer: - vote for one	Bob Geary	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Executive Committee:**

Continuing through 2010: - no vote required	Mike Passero	
	Steven Smith	
Term expiring in 2010: - vote for one Replacing Buce Costick -	Melissa Madaus	<input type="checkbox"/>
Term expiring in 2011: - vote for three	Justin Codner	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Jack Law	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Carlos Mojica	<input type="checkbox"/>