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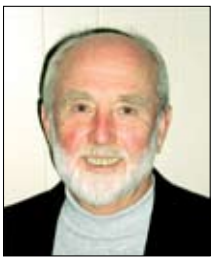
THE NEWSLETTER OF THAMES YACHT CLUB

From the Commodore

Hi Everybody,



It looks like we have most of our boats in the water now, and we are all looking foreword to a great season of boating. Please visit our website and check out all of our upcoming events.

Now let me break this newsletter down into other items that you may be interested in hearing about.

- If you haven't yet noticed we now have a new railing on our upper porch that warrants your inspection.
- Our new Galley operator, John, is receiving very good compliments from our members, so how about sampling his wares at the same time you inspect the new railing. Dinner on the upper porch? Cant beat the view.
- Our first cruise is coming up the weekend of the 26-27 June. Sounds like a lot of fun. *See Ted Paulsen or Rich Webber.*
- Our Youth Sailing program will be starting on 28th June.
- One of our big sailing events of the season, the Bradbury Memorial Race will take place on July 4th. *See Jeff Lamothe*.
- We are still working hard on getting our mooring field under control for the benefit of all of us. Thanks go to all of you who have correctly filled out your mooring applications, we have your information on file. For those of you who still haven't done so please help us out, we need your information now. If we don't have you in our system you don't really have a spot in our mooring field. *See Bruce Costick*.
- We have also received a letter from the State of Connecticut, Dept of Revenue, informing us that we are required to maintain information such as Name of Vessel, State of Registration, Registration Number etc on all the vessels in our club. So, again, if we don't have your information in our files it may be tough for us to explain why we need the moorings that we have.
- Unfortunately, due to a transfer, two of our popular members Carlos and Myrna Mojica will be leaving us at the end of this season. We will be looking, at our next General Membership meeting, for someone to fill Carlos's spot on our Executive Committee.
- Last but not least, to the displeasure of members sitting out on the porch or using the beach there is a growing mound of winter moorings sitting next to the walkway. These moorings are beginning to stink so please remove them.

As always, if you you have any comments, ideas, or suggestions on our club please let me, or the responsible Officer know.

Wish you all fair winds and following seas.

Bevan Crighton, Commodore.
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A REMINDER TO SAVE THE DATE

The General Membership Meeting is July 18.

Details Will Follow

Born To Run owned by Mike passero during Spring Off Soundings. Photo by Dave Costanzo

From the Vice Commodore

I just want to take a few moments to introduce you to our new galley operator. His name is John Sawchuk and he has been operating the galley now for almost a month. His background is in business but he very quickly realized this was not the field for him. He has since had several small ventures in the food business. He has run a Hotdog/ concession stand and took a local pizza parlor and reopened it as the American Grille. He learned a lot which was don't change something that is already working and that the food business is a tough one. He also spent some time working for the Carpenteri family at their very successful shoreline establishments for quite a few years. It was here that he began to build his catering business which he is still doing. This is the reason his schedule in June has fluctuated but he will be in full swing come July with a set schedule and menu. He has stated to me that he has enjoyed meeting everyone and is grateful for all the helpful feedback. He is beginning to feel right at home and hopes that we are all happy with his food and service. My favorite so far has been his Chicken Florentine Quesadilla

His schedule going forward will be:

- Monday and Tuesday day service to accommodate the youth sailing program
- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11:00am - 8:00pm

Any special events will be advertised in advanced by signs at the Galley and emails

Lynn Webber - Vice Commodore

Avast Me Hearties

July 17-18 – The Watch Hill Cruise

This is our annual cruise to a real beach town with ice cream, baileys cream and a very old carousel. We will send out details before the weekend, so save the date. The weather is always great this weekend!

The other cruises are:

- August 13-15 – Where the wind blows
- August 29 – Pirate Rendezvous
- October 9 – Weekend - Columbus cruise

Ted Paulsen and Richard Webber Fleet Co-Captains
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North Dumpling Island is a two-acre private island in Long Island Sound. Owned by Dean Kamen, inventor of the Segway Human Transporter, the island is home to the North Dumpling Lighthouse. This is one of the grand sights we pass on our way to Watch Hill. Photo by Ted Paulsen

From The Rear Commodore

Spring series racing is well underway for the PHRF, Ensign, and Force 5 fleets. As of July 1st we will have completed five of the seven Spring Series races. The good news is that you can still sign up for the Summer Series, which starts on July 21st.

The annual Bradbury Memorial Long Distance Race is scheduled for July 4th. This is planned to be a 12 to 15 mile race with the first warning at 1030. Entries close at the Skippers meeting at 0930 on July 4th. If you plan to race, letting me know ahead of time is appreciated. I'm planning a long race, but promise that the course will be shortened if required to ensure that everyone makes it to the picnic. Even if you're not racing, please come down and join the fun at the picnic. See the flyer elsewhere in the Mainsheet for details.

Our next major race will be the Governor's Regatta on July 25th. If you don't plan to race, Race Committee volunteers are always welcome for this major club event.

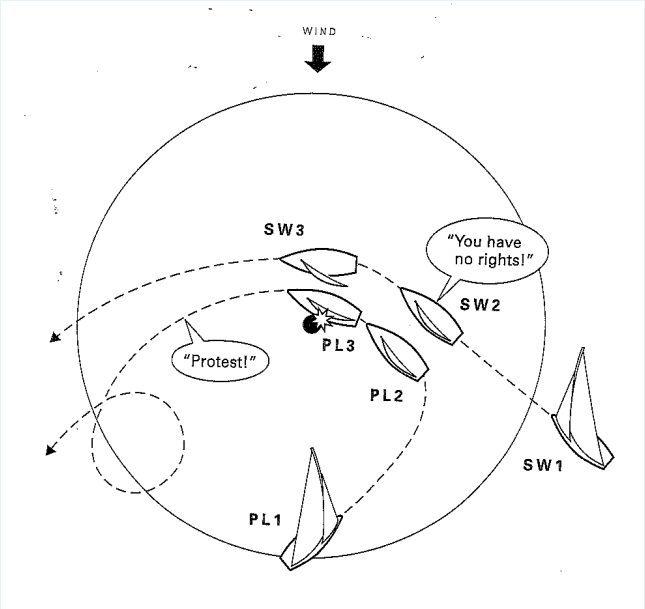
I'd like to mention one non-racing issue that's on my mind. When transferring from the launch to your boat, or vice versa, please stand with two feet outboard of the lifeline but both on your boat before stepping onto the launch. I often see people straddling their lifelines with one foot on the launch and one on their boat. This seems to me like an unavoidable accident waiting to happen.

As always, if you have any questions or comments regarding TYC racing please contact me.

Jeff LaMothe lamothe@slamcoll.com

RULES QUIZ

Within one hull length of a windward mark to be left to port, Boat PL (an 18 foot boat on port tack) tacks to a close hauled course to leeward of boat SW (on starboard tack). As PL's bow approaches the mark, SW remains close-hauled and hails to PL, "You have no rights!" As SW bears away to round the mark, she forces PL to bear away into the mark to avoid hitting her. PL immediately gets clear of the other boats, hailing "Protest!" as she does, and does one turn that includes a tack and a gybe. SW sails on. After the race, PL files her protest against SW for failing to keep clear of her. You are on the protest committee; how would you decide this?



Answer on page 5

Answers are based on The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009 – 2012. Dave Perry's 100 Best Racing Rules Quizzes is published by the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing). For a comprehensive explanation of the rules, read Dave Perry's Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing Through 2012 which is also available from US Sailing -1 (800)877-2451 or ussailing.org

From The House Committee

I hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy the view from the upper deck. I've received many compliments on how it turned out and I'd like to pass along many thanks to the members who engineered and built the framework for the wire railing. I finally compiled a new to do list and will get it on the website.

Ron Reinhart, House Committee Chair
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New upstairs railing.

THAMES YACHT CLUB 2010 JULY 4th CELEBRATION

49TH FRANCIS T. BRADBURY MEMORIAL LONG DISTANCE RACE

Entries close, Skipper's meeting at 0930

First warning at 1030

One race of 12–15 NM in length is scheduled.

See the Notice of Race on the TYC website for more information.

PICNIC ON THE BEACH

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Steamers

Beer, Wine, Soda

Bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share

Appetizers & Keg tapped at 1600

The grille gets fired up at 1700

Bonfire on the beach after dinner

Adults - $10

Children -$5

Mooring Committee News:

Have you completed and submitted your mooring application for this year? *(It must be completed and sent in each year along with your current boat registration, but so far I've received applications for less than half of our club's moorings.)* **If yours is not sent in, you could be turned away at the launch.**

At the May executive meeting, the following was voted on and passed: "*Launch service shall only be provided to moorings that are currently registered with the mooring committee*." I will provide the launch drivers with a current mooring list indicating whose mooring applications are on file with us. If yours is not on file, launch drivers will give you a blank application to complete and send to me. They will check you off as having received the application, and give you a ride to your boat. However, you must get that application in, for in the future, the launch will not take you to your boat.

This may seem like a drastic step, but out of 140 moorings, I have received only 65 applications to date. The New London Harbor Commission is getting organized, and we must have our documentation in order. A lack of documentation could result in a tremendous loss of mooring spaces, as they might reclaim them. This would have a detrimental effect on our members, and the club in general.

Three other important items:

- The field is beginning to fill up for yet another season. Some boats are uncomfortably close to others as they "swing." At this time of year it is usually because their anchor chains have not been stretched out since winter. The next time you tie up, put your motor in reverse, aim the stern towards Fort Trumbull, and slowly back up until you no longer make any progress.
- Secondly, most winter sticks have been replaced by summer buoys, and within the next two weeks or so, all summer buoys should be in place. You must put a summer buoy on, even if you are not using the mooring, as the winter sticks constitute a navigation hazard.
- Third, and last. I have an #800 mooring setup for sale in the South field. Contact me if your are interested in the mooring or the gear.

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Answer to Rules Quiz;

Boat SW is penalized under Rule 11, On the Same Tack, Overlapped. AS PL approaches SW on the opposite tack, PL is required to keep clear under Rule 10, On Opposite Tacks. Once PL is on a close-hauled course, she becomes the right-of-way boat (as the leeward boat), and is required by Rule 15, Acquiring Right of Way, to initially give SW room to keep clear of her. Throughout the maneuver, PL never needs to take avoiding action; therefore SW keeps clear and gives room as required.

When PL completes her tack within the zone at the mark, rule 18.3(a), Mark-Room: Tacking When Approaching a Mark, requires that she not cause SW to sail above close-hauled to avoid her or prevent SW from passing the mark. She did neither; therefore she did not break rule 18.3(a). Once PL is on a close hauled course and overlapped to leeward of SW, SW (as the windward boat) becomes required to keep clear of her under rule 11. PL chooses to take a penalty for touching the mark. This, however, does not remove her right to also protest SW. Based on the facts, SW breaks rule 11 and is penalized. The fact that PL took a One-Turn Penalty cannot be undone. However, had PL not taken a penalty, she would be exonerated by the protest committee for breaking rule 31, Touching a Mark, under rule 64.1(c), Penalties and Exoneration.

J 22 Plain Vanilla, skippered by Jack Scaduto and Jeff Pritchard, Thames Yacht Club - Seen practicing late on a nice Tuesday afternoon in June. Photo by Ted Paulsen.

Any questions or comments on the MainSheet contact the editor, Ted Paulsen at ted@tedpaulsen.com