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# Mainsheet

## Thames Yacht Club

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### Youth Sailing

The season is quickly approaching and our sessions have been filling up rapidly. Hopefully, everyone has been able to register their children for the sessions they wanted.

Our optis have recently been brought up to pristine sailing condition. Many thanks to Cliff Fisher, Bev Brighton and Jack Scaduto for all of the hard work they did. The rudders and centerboards are also in the process of being refinished. Many thanks to Al Schober and Ken Edwards. Ken kindly offered to help and picked up almost all the remaining centerboards and rudders on Saturday. Thank you!

We also have purchased three new sails, along with bailers for all 11 optis. All optis will also have bow bumpers this year. I am also looking for names for several of the optis which are currently unnamed. If anyone has suggestions, please e-mail me with them.

We are also looking to purchase another 420, possibly two. If anyone has any leads, please let me know 860-437-1466 or jlczej@yahoo.com. I would like to have these prior to the classes starting. We will also be starting our Wednesday night race series for children the first week of classes. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

I'm looking forward to a great season. It's been a long, cold winter and I'm sure our children are as anxious to be sailing as we are!

**Lisa Huff—Youth Sailing**

### From the Commodore

I'm sure all of you are busy working on your boats and a few of you are already sailing. Isn't it great to have the season upon us?

TYC has a new look on the Main Floor this season. A new ceiling, freshly painted walls, enlarged locker and a freshly refinished floor. Many thanks to John Patry & Cliff Fisher for their roles in giving us this new look.

Thanks to Jackie Fisher and her committee for a great Annual Meeting Dinner and to Stu Craig and Liza Huff for the Tag Sale. It certainly is great to see all the activity around the club.

Make sure to mark you calendars for all the upcoming events and if there's anything that you'd like to help with contact either Jackie or me.

Look forward to see everyone soon.

**Judy Gibbs—Commodore**

**Please note: The Commodore's section in your printed May Mainsheet is incorrect. The above article contains the correct information.**

### From the Measurer

Past messages have discussed the new handicap and membership procedures

for ECSA membership and PHRF application. The new electronic process is now in place. Simply go to <http://join.ecsa.net> and follow the instructions to "JOIN". This will lead you through the membership and PHRF application processes. If there are any problems or questions, please give me a call.

**Bob Geary—Measurer**

## Calling all Sailors!

The Mudheads have put together a Racing Rules & Tactics Seminar to be held Thursday, May 8th, 7-9:30 pm. Doors Open 6pm at the Coast Guard Academy. This can be a prime time to sharpen your skills and not forget what you learned by race time, May 21. **BRING YOUR ID FOR SECURITY!**

Dave Perry will deliver this presentation in his usual inimitable fashion and his books will be available as well. All sailors are invited and the price is ten bucks in advance or fifteen at the door, pay on-line at [www.mudhead.org](http://www.mudhead.org) or send your check to;

**MRMSA, PO Box 117, West Mystic, CT 06388**  
This is a small price to pay to be able to spout rules references at your competition that actually exist! So, Sail fast, safe and know the rules.

**Mike Cavanaugh—Mudhead Commodore**

From the Secretary

The TYC Executive Committee Meeting will be held on May 20 at 1930 at the clubhouse.

**Jack Scaduto—Secretary**

Rear Commodore's Corner

Well, the TYC racing season is getting very close. The Chili Bowl will be sailed on Memorial Day, Monday May 26, 2003 and the following Wednesday evening we start our 2003 Spring/Summer Wednesday Night Series. Notices of Race for both events are included with this Mainsheet, along with the Combined Entry Form that can be used for these and most other TYC races to be sailed this season.

Please don't forget, for those of you racing in any of our events, a score cannot be given to you without a valid 2003 PHRF certificate from either TYC or ECSA-LIS on file before the race. Contact myself or Bob Geary - TYC Measurer - for details in obtaining a PHRF certificate.

We have had two members step forward; Bill Murray and Lloyd McDonald, to assist in race committee duties this season. Thank you Bill and Lloyd. It will be a lot of fun.

I also want to remind anyone who wishes to learn more about our racing program or to get some on-water race mentoring with one of our experienced race teams to please let me know and we'll work to get you out on the water and racing as soon as possible.

**Lou Leverone—Rear Commodore**

## House Committee

Sailing season is just around the corner and our clubhouse with its sanded floor, freshly painted walls, and new sheet rock ceiling is looking great. Much thanks to Cliff Fisher and John Patry for all the long hours they spent getting the club back in shape. We still need new electric heaters to keep the chill off on cold, windy days. However, now is the time to roll up the snow fences, clean up the beach and grounds, and make some repairs to the rest of the facility. Clean up Day is Saturday, May 3. This is an all hands effort to get the club ready for Commissioning. Please come down and help out.

We still have some winter damage to take care of, including installing the repaired north upper deck flagpole, the handrail it landed on, the club road signpost, the launch float, and the ramp for the launch float. If there is some job you want to tackle on a different day, please call me at (860) 447-1501, or email me at [lorericjones@juno.com](mailto:lorericjones@juno.com). On another note, we are looking for a custodian to keep the club cleaned up over the summer. If you have any recommendations, please call me.

**House Committee Chairman—Eric Jones**

Vice Commodore's Corner

Our membership meeting and social was a big success with approximately fifty members attending. Many thanks again to the Scadutos, Londregans, and Joan Costas for helping setup and prepare the food. Thanks also to all who helped clean up. A sincere thanks for all of you who provided the appetizers and desserts. With everyone taking part, the evening went well...even with all the new construction going on.

Our next event is **May 23, Commissioning Day** (1830, 6:30 p.m.). It's a must event because it marks the beginning of a great summer. Claire and Wayne Gammo will be in charge of the social, so PLEASE call them to offer your help. See the enclosed flyer for more information. Don't forget to RSVP! We ask members to come early, bring your boat into the dock and "Dress your Ship". At 1830 (6:30) the annual Formal Opening of the Club will take place out on the dock. New members will receive their welcome by the Commodore and members.

There are many social events coming up this summer and help is always needed and we always have fun getting things ready. The club looks wonderful and is ready to be enjoyed by all.

**Jackie Fisher—Vice Commodore**

## From the Fleet Captain

The first cruise will be to Greenport. We will be spending two nights at Townsend's Marina. The off-season rates are \$1.00 per foot per day. To make reservations call (631) 477-2000. ([www.townsend-manorinn.com](http://www.townsend-manorinn.com)) We will be having Dinner at the Townsend Manor Inn at 1830 on May 17th. Please let me know if you are interested so I can make dinner reservations.

Thank You

**John Huff—Fleet Captain**

[jhuff@myeastern.com](mailto:jhuff@myeastern.com)

## 2003 TYC SUMMER CRUISES

### START OF THE CRUISING SEASON!!

Greenport (Townsend Marina)

May 17th Dinner at Townsend Manor Inn at 1830

Leave May 16th or 17th

Return May 18th

### MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE

Block Island or Sag Harbor

Leave May 24th return May 26th

### SUMMER CRUISE

Block Island, Cuttyhunk, Martha's Vineyard,  
Nantucket

Leave June 27th return July 20th

### JULY 4th CRUISE

Destination to be announced

Leave July 4th return July 6th

### LABOR DAY CRUISE

Destination to be announced

Leave August 30th return September 1st

### COLUMBUS DAY CRUISE

Mystic Seaport

Leave October 10th return October 13th

## Galley Notes

Grampy's of Bank Street, New London will be operating the Galley for Wednesday nights. There will be a dinner special and other menu items. Don and his crew have yacht club experience. They have catered at Niantic Bay for a few seasons. Please buy from the galley.

So far there is nothing lined up for weekends. If anyone has any ideas please let Judy Gibbs know.



## Mooring Committee News

The 2003 boating season is finally upon us. Please see that all winter markers are removed and replaced with an appropriate summer buoy.

If you are planning to move up substantially in boat size, or changing from a monohull to a multi-hull boat, please contact me as your current mooring site may not be appropriate for your new boat. This will avoid any unexpected mooring surprises.

**June 30, 2003 is the last date that I will be accepting mooring applications for this year.**

After that date applications submitted will be the responsibility of the boat owner. The response thus far this year has been tremendous with more coming in every day. Thank you!

Contact me if you need information on your mooring, or if you need a blank mooring application. My number is 860-887-9475

**Bruce Costick—Mooring Chairman**

## Wanted—A Starting Gun

The Club is still looking for a Double Barrel 10 Gauge Shot Gun for its special races. If you know of who might want to dispose of one or have a lead as to who might have one, please contact Cal Brouwer at 860-444-7419 or e-mail at [CalPCTC@aol.com](mailto:CalPCTC@aol.com)

## Race Results Needed

Our Governor's Regatta trophy needs to be engraved. Results are in hand for 1973 thru 1995. We need results for 1996 thru 2001. Anyone possessing results sheets for these years, please contact Cal Brouwer to get them copied.

## Certified Club Race Officer

After several years of hard work, taking the Race Management Course and passing the Race Officer Exam for Club Officer, Commodore Judy Gibbs has been awarded the designation of Certified Club Race Officer by US Sailing. At Thames, she joins Cal Brouwer and Walt Pratt in this distinguished category. Under new rules adopted by Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association, ECSA Circuit races can only be run by certified race officers. Thames is well positioned to run any race it is handed. Congratulations, Judy!

*For Sale:—Walker Bay-8 Dinghy—Great for row'n or tow'n. Can be sailed with opt. sailing kit. Used 2 seasons. \$325.00. Call Lou at 860-444-2623*

# Web Edition

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## Egg on Our Face

Unfortunately, there was a bit of a mix up with the information in the Commodore's Corner on the front page of the May Mainsheet. Judy's comments did not apply to this year but the happenings of April and May of last year. So, please take a look at the Commodore's corner of this Web edition and accept my apologies for the inaccurate reporting.

—Briana Rosen, *Editor*

### THAMES YACHT CLUB SPRING LAUNCH SCHEDULE—2003

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>MAY 17</b>	<b>1000—1800</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 3</b>	<b>1600—2000</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MAY 18</b>	<b>1000—1800</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 6</b>	<b>1600—2000</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MAY 23</b>	<b>1600—2000</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 7</b>	<b>1000—2000</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MAY 24</b>	<b>1000—2000</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 8</b>	<b>1000—2000</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MAY 25</b>	<b>1000—2000</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 10</b>	<b>1600—2000</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MAY 26</b>	<b>1000—2000</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 12</b>	<b>1600- 2000</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 28</b>	<b>1600—2000</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 13</b>	<b>1600 - 2000</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MAY 31</b>	<b>0900—2000</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 14</b>	<b>0900 - 2100</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 1</b>	<b>0900—2000</b>			

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