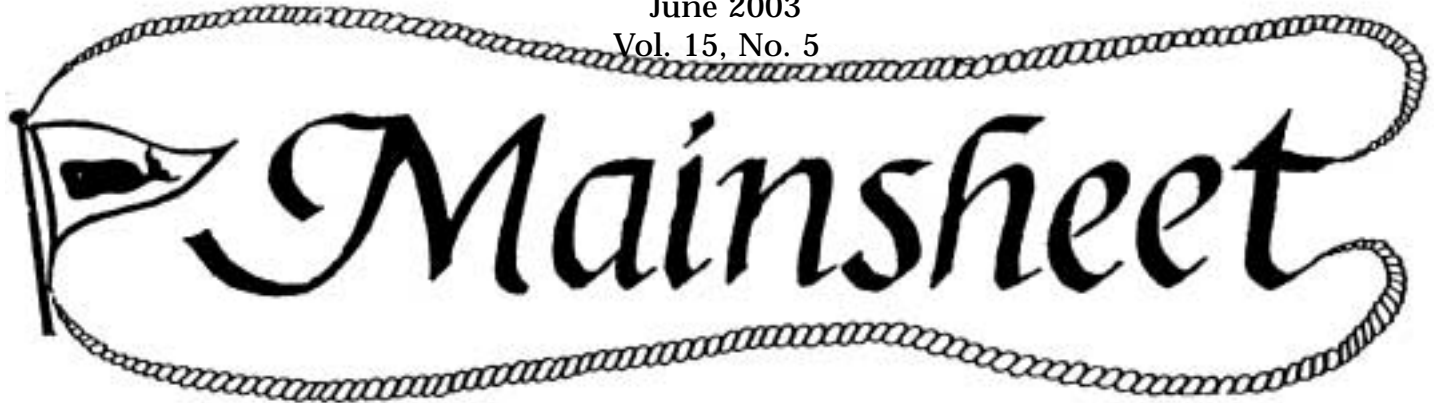


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Mainsheet

Thames Yacht Club

From the Commodore

Will Sailing season ever come??

Sorry for the very old information (1 Year) in my May article. I transmitted last year's article in error.

There are several special people that I need to thank for the countless hours that have been spent in the transformation of the main floor of the clubhouse, John Patry, Cliff Fisher, Eric Jones, Jackie Fisher and everyone who helped at clean-up day.

The repair of the floating dock and the gangway was handled by the Scaduto family. Jack, Jean-Ann and Scott worked two 9 hour or more cold windy days. Lisa Huff and Jean Ann Scaduto have spent hours painting anything they could get a brush on. And Lisa cleaned the Senior Lounge carpet. Walter Pratt has spent countless hours reorganizing everything, especially the upstairs locker. Thanks to any and all that have helped give TYC this new fresh look.

BUSY Season is here, so READ the *Mainsheet* carefully and be ready to lend a hand and attend the upcoming events. I look forward to seeing everyone around and I wish everyone a great season.

Judy Gibbs—Commodore

From the Vice Commodore

Wow! What a great Commissioning Day Party was had by all. Approximately 70 members gathered to officially open the Club for 2003. Many thanks to Claire and Wayne Gammo for putting together a wonderful evening with help from Lorena & Ruth Jones, Cal Brouwer, and myself who helped clean, setup and decorate while having fun (as usual). The delicious dinner was prepared by Don Foster of Grampy's; he will also be cooking for our Wednesday night race series, which starts May 28th. Each week he will have a sign up sheet for those who wish to have dinner at the Club. By the way, you

don't have to be a racer to enjoy the dinners.

We will be having a Porch Party and General Meeting on Friday, June 27, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. (1830). A flyer will on the bulletin board for sign ups so we can furnish enough hot dogs and hamburgers. You are asked to bring your own beverage, munchies and a dish to share with the group. Plastic utensils will be supplied. This is always a fun time and a chance to get to know each other.

We encourage impromptu evenings at the Club, such as Friday night get together. Don't wait for an announcement, just pack up some food and drinks and come on down! There are always members on the "Porch" and someone to start the grill on Fridays. But, most importantly, please clean up afterwards!

I'm still looking for lot of help for the Governor's Regatta Race Party on July 19, 2003. As most of you know, I like to race, so I really need someone to help set up while I'm on the race course. My number is (860)443-5968 or email me at jmfisher@webtv.net.

Don't forget to keep an eye on the bulletin board and the TYC website www.thamesyachtclub.org for various announcements throughout the summer.

Jackie Fisher—Vice Commodore

Membership

Our newest members:

**John and Catherine Kerr
Robert and Mary Jane Vander Wiede
Peter Van Ryzin**

Welcome to John and Catherine Kerr, Robert and MaryJane Vander Wiede, and Peter Van Ryzin our latest new members, we still need more new members, it is everyones' responsibility to help the cause.

Jim Avery—Chairman Membership Committee

110 Invitational Regatta

For the first time in over 40 years TYC's 110 Fleet 12 will host a "Home & Home" regatta with Alexander Lake YC's Fleet 46, June 21st and 22nd.

Several times in the 1950's and early 60's, 110ers from the Lake would come to New London for a day of two of racing and 110ers from Thames would go up to Danielson to race on the lake, usually doing so once each time in a season.

The regatta co-chairs are Darin Keech from Alexander Lake and Cal Brouwer from TYC. Commodore Judy Gibbs is Principal Race Officer (PRO). As many as eight to ten boats are expected and an invitation to the Newport, RI fleet has been extended as well.

Help to run the event is needed. In addition to race committee, people are needed to make lunches, help with the Saturday night dinner and with the Saturday and Sunday continental breakfasts.

Additionally, TYC is hosting Ensign Fleet 34 the same weekend for at least one race each day. So, if you have the time and inclination, sign up with Cal or Judy: Cal Brouwer: 860-444-7419 or e-mail: CalPCTC@aol.com or Judy Gibbs: 860-444-7227 or e-mail: jgibbs@snet.net

Great New London Ocean Race

The 26th Great New London Ocean Race will start Friday, July 11th. Please visit the TYC web site for the Notice of Race and Offshore Entry Form in the Racing section on the site. For those that don't have a computer, NORs and Entry Forms will be available at the Clubhouse. Commodore Judy Gibbs is the Principal Race Officer (PRO). If you are interested in serving on the race committee, please contact Judy or Race Secretary Cal Brouwer.

Governor's Regatta

The 33rd running of the Connecticut Governor's Regatta will be Saturday, July 19th. Please visit the TYC web site for the Notice of Race and Offshore Entry Form in the Racing section on the site. For those that don't have a computer, NORs and Entry Forms will be available at the Clubhouse. Commodore Judy Gibbs is the Principal Race Officer (PRO). If you are interested in serving on the race committee, please contact Judy or Race Secretary Cal Brouwer. This is an all hands-on event. Personnel will be needed for committee, mark and utility boats. Vice Commodore Jackie Fisher will be looking for party personnel as well. Sign-up sheets will be posted at the Club.

General Membership Meeting Notice

The TYC General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 27 at the clubhouse. The meeting will be held in conjunction with a Porch Party which will commence at 1830 (6:30 Landlubber time). Porch Party info is included in this Mainsheet. Nominations will be taken from the floor to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee.

Jack Scaduto—Secretary

Thursday Night Race Planning

Consideration is being given to starting singlehanded One Design racing in Force 5 sailboats on Thursday evenings during the summer, starting mid June. The Force 5 is a 14ft performance sailboat similar to a Laser.

If you are interested in racing and getting information on Force 5's available for this series contact Bob Cullen Jr at 860-537-1085, email rjcullen@snet.net, or Cliff Fisher at 860-443-5968, email fisher@webtv.net.

Rear Commodore's Corner

As this column is being written we have just completed our first racing event of the season—The Chili Bowl Series—raced on Memorial Day, Monday May 26. Two races were sailed in blustery 18-20 knot winds and fairly steady rain but the five boats that showed up at the line took the conditions like the superb sailors they are. Results were very close on corrected time with Stu Craig and the new Goombay Smash taking the gun in both races and Eric Jones and Walt Pratt taking the first position in both races on corrected time—GREAT JOB!!!

But we're not stopping there; the following Wednesday, May 28, will begin our regular Wednesday Night Race Series. To check up all things related to Racing at the club, please check the TYC web site, <http://www.thamesyachtclub.org>, or the bulletin board next to the trophy case on the first floor of the club house. I will attempt to keep both the web site and bulletin board up to date on TYC racing news so you don't have to wait for the monthly Mainsheet to find out what's going on.

Also, included in this *Mainsheet* please find the Notices of Race for both the Bradbury Memorial (July 4th, 2003) and The Governor's Regatta (July 19, 2003)

Lou Leverone—Rear Commodore

Chili Bowl 2003 Race Results

<i>Boat</i>	<i>Skipper</i>	<i>PHRF</i>	<i>Race 1</i>	<i>Race 2</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Result</i>
Goombay Smash	Stu Craig	159	2	2	4	2
Bandit	Jack Law	190	4	3	7	3*
Salud	R.Sarges	195	3	4	7	4
Teamwork	Pratt & Jones	289	1	1	2	1
Syrah	Y.Bar-Shalom	187	5	5	10	5

* Final result based on best last race finish

Ahoy, Photographers

Calling all photographers, especially those with digital cameras. We are particularly looking for shots of events that can be posted on the Club's website and published in the Mainsheet. Events like porch parties, Wednesday night races, the Governor's and Commodore's Trophy Races and Members' Weekend deserve to be preserved. Anyone interested in helping out should contact Briana Rosen at focus_communications@msn.com

WEST MARINE—TYC Members Discount Night

Sunday June 8th, 6PM- 8PM at West Marine Store in the New London Mall: I-95 Southbound service road between Exits 83 & 82. **Get a 20% off on in-store merchandise and a 10% discount on electronics.**

House Committee

Sailing season is here and our clubhouse looks great. Cliff Fisher and John Patry have continued to expend long hours getting the club back in working order. Their efforts are much appreciated. Cleanup Day was a success, with our members tackling some significant jobs. The snow fences were taken down, rolled up and stored, the beach cleaned, new electric heaters installed, porch handrail repaired, windows washed, picnic table legs replaced, caps installed on the pier pilings and much more. Thanks to all the members, including the new members who came down and helped out. Also a big thanks to the Scadutos, Jack, Jeanne, and Scott, who spent many weekends working on the pier; rebuilding the launch float and its ramp, replacing the pier stowage box cover, and painting the new sail instruction stowage boxes. Finally, a thank you to Jackie Fisher and Claire Gammo for the many hours they spent getting the clubhouse cleaned up and eliminating the hidden junk.

We still have a number of items to take care of and they are listed on the bulletin board at the club. If there is one you want to tackle, please give me call for the particulars at (860) 447-1501, or email me at lorericjones@juno.com.

On another note, we have hired a custodian for the summer who will revitalize the clubhouse four times a week. This should improve the looks of our facilities, but he will still need your help by you cleaning up after yourself as you have always done.

House Committee Chairman—Eric Jones

From the Fleet Captain

Cruising Season has finally arrived, I think! You would not know it's almost June based on the weather we have been having. However, we ended up having a lot of fun this Memorial Day weekend, even though the cruise was canceled. The clubhouse ended up being the destination. An informal get together Saturday lasted well into the evening with a few hardy cruisers sleeping on their boats at the dock. The rain held off Sunday long enough to get some great sailing in during the day. We sailed over to West Harbor for lunch aboard *Capricorn* and had a great time. The wind did end up dying off in the afternoon, but it was great to be out on the water.

Our summer cruise is quickly approaching. We are planning on being in Edgartown for July 4th for the fireworks. If you are planning on cruising the Vineyard during the beginning of July let us know, we would enjoy meeting up with fellow members.

If anyone would like to organize a local July 4th cruise let me know. I am sure something could be organized for those not wanting to sail out to the Vineyard. You can e-mail me or give me a call. jhuff@myeastern.com

John Huff—Fleet Captain

2003 TYC SUMMER CRUISES

SUMMER CRUISE

Block Island, Cuddyhunk, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket
Leave June 27th return July 20th

JULY 4th CRUISE

(We need a volunteer to organize.)
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

Executive Committee Meeting

The June TYC Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17 at 1930 at the clubhouse.

Daytime Galley Operations

The Galley will be open from approximately 11:30 to @2:00 PM Monday through Thursday during youth sailing lessons.

Similar to last year we have a high school student who will provide us with a limited menu. Jason is going to also try Saturdays to see how it goes. He will be there on schedule and if Saturdays do not work out, plenty of notice will be given before they are cancelled. Check the galley area at the clubhouse for details.

June 2003 Wednesday Night Galley Menu

May 23	Chicken Parmesan
June 4	BBQ Ribs
June 11	Yankee Pot Roast
June 18	Stuffed Chicken Breast
June 25	Lasagna

Mooring Committee News

Just another reminder that all winter sticks should have been replaced by now with a summer mooring ball. Also, please check that your mooring bouy has the correct and legible data on it. 860-887-9475

Bruce Costick—Mooring Chairman

Wanted—Someone to organize and run a party for the 4th of July. Family cook-out, kid's games and whatever else that might be fun. There is no budget, so whatever is done has to pay for itself with the food and activities fee that you decide to charge.

Time of the cook-out should coincide with the finish of the Bradbury Memorial Race. Usually around 1500 hours. There is already someone who will help out after the race. Please call me if you are interested. Judy Gibbs at 860-444-7227 or judy.secor@snet.net

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

Lettering—for boats and mooring ball. Pre-spaced vinyl lettering in a variety of colors and fonts. One inch mooring ball lettering with your name, boat name and weight for \$20.00. Contact Stu Craig at goombaysma@aol.com or 860-657-8095.

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