



Mainsheet

Thames Yacht Club

From the Commodore

Hi everyone,

Despite the weather the season is in full swing. Several of us have a few races under our belts and are ready for good things to come. Hopefully we can get in some longer cruises soon. Most weekends it's been cruising from our moorings to the dock and a day sail here and there. All those who raced Off Soundings got in a weekend at Block Island—of course it started out really wet.

July is a busy month so check out the Mainsheet for all the fun things to come and to see where help is needed for the upcoming events.

Smooth Sailing and wishes for sunshine.

Judy Gibbs—Commodore

From the Vice Commodore

I can't believe it's the end of June and we're still doing things that should have been done in early May, but we've all had the same problem...rain, rain, rain.

Even though you'll get this after the Porch/Membership Meeting on the 27th of June, I'm sure I can say it will be a success. Many folks have already signed up! Don't forget, don't wait for us to invite you to the club—use it, it's yours.

Our next function is the Governor's Regatta on July 19th. We have a small cocktail party with appetizers the night before on the 18th. Those who are racing pick up their party tickets and race forms while enjoying a drink, food and friendship from our Club and it's members.

I really am in need of people to help prepare the food for the Regatta's after race party on Friday (7/18/03), and lots of help arranging tables, setting up, serving and cleaning up on Saturday (7/19/03). PLEASE GIVE

ME A CALL at (860) 443-5968 or email me at jmfisher@webtv.net. And thanks! I look forward to seeing you.

Jackie Fisher—Vice Commodore

Membership

Our newest members:

Dana and Michael Fowler

Dale and Lidia Masslon

Bruce and Sandra Beggs

Welcome to Dana and Michael Fowler former beach pass holders, Dale and Lidia Masslon, Bruce and Sandra Beggs as new senior members.

Try to help us find new members.

Jim Avery—Chairman Membership Committee

WEST MARINE—TYC Members Discount Night
Sunday July 13th, 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.**



26th Great New London Ocean Race

The 2003 running of the Great New London Ocean starts Friday, July 11th, at 1900.

Starting at N2 southeast of New London Ledge Light, the race proceeds through The Race to Montauk Point, around Block Island, leaving to port, thence to 1BI [for the non-spinnaker class or Pt. Judith Whistle 2 for the spinnaker class], thence to Cerberus Shoal Gong 9, thence back through The Race to the finish at Thames River Entrance Channel Marker 2, for a nominal distance of 75 nautical miles.

The entry form may be found in the June issue of the Mainsheet, in your mailbox if you are an ECSA member, on the TYC web site or, at the TYC Clubhouse. The entry deadline is 2100, Wednesday, July 9th, to Race Secretary Cal Brouwer.

Commodore Judy Gibbs is Principal Race Officer and needs starting and finishing race committee help. Also needed are personnel to assist with the post-race party, serving as bar tenders, servers and check-in people. Please sign up at the Clubhouse.

Governor's Regatta

The 33rd Connecticut Governor's Regatta is coming up on Saturday, July 19th. This is the second in TYCs premier events of the season.

The entry form may be found in the June issue of the Mainsheet, in your mailbox if you are an ECSA member, on the TYC web site or, at the TYC Clubhouse. The entry deadline is 2000, Wednesday, July 16th, to Race Secretary Cal Brouwer.

If you are interested in serving on Race Committee, please contact Cal Brouwer or Commodore Judy Gibbs. A sign-up sheet is available at the Clubhouse. Vice Commodore Jackie Fisher also needs assistance for the post race party.

Post Race Awards Party for the Great New London Ocean Race

As TYC is a co-sponsor for the Great New London Ocean Race, members and beach pass holders are invited to attend the awards party for this significant overnight race.

The party commences at 1800, Saturday, July 12th. The fare will be provided by Russell's Ribs, as in 2002. The ticket for non-racers will be \$15.00 per person. A sign-up sheet is posted at the Clubhouse. The absolute deadline is Wednesday, July 9th, at 2100.

Members' Weekend

Just a reminder that Members' Weekend is on tap for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 15-16-17. Sign-up sheets will be posted at the Club around August 1st. The weekend starts off with a pot luck supper on Friday, the Oscar Kerman Series on Saturday with a continental breakfast, a beach party lunch and dinner on Saturday, and Sunday Brunch followed by the Meek Series on Sunday. It's a fun event for everyone—so don't miss it!



Electric Boat Athletic Club Race

Congratulations to Eric Jones in his Ensign TEAM-WORK was first overall in a fleet of 15 boats and first in the racing class. Jim Avery in LUFF STORY took first in the cruising class and Jack Scaduto with a third in MUDSLIDE in the racing class, in the 34th year of the Electric Boat Athletic Club Race June 20.

Executive Committee Meeting.

The July Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15 at 1930 at the clubhouse.

J Scaduto—*Secretary*

Rear Commodore's Corner

We're well into the racing season. We've completed the Chili Series, are nearing completion of the Wednesday Night Spring Series and as you read this will have completed the Bradbury Memorial raced on July 4th. Unfortunately, the weather has been less than desirable and racing participation has been well below the expected number of boats. Hopefully as we head into July the weather will improve and we'll see more boats on the line for our Wednesday Night Summer Series.

Coming in August will be the TYC Oscar Kerman Race Series to be sailed on August 16th during the TYC Members Weekend. This is a great opportunity to get out on the water and have some fun. There will be two races; one in the morning and one in the afternoon separated by a nice lunch on our beach. We will be extremely liberal in assigning ratings to each boat and will give extra credit for those boats sailing with family and friends who are not generally race experienced. This is also a NON-spinnaker event, so you won't have to send aunt Harriet forward to jibe the pole. There is a Notice of Race included in this Mainsheet and you can enter by completing the TYC Combined Race Entry Form, which can be found in the clubhouse at the Racing Information board or on our TYC web-site, and returning it to me.

Lou Leverone—*Rear Commodore*

Dinghy Racks/Dry Sailing/Wet Slips

A posting of assignments is on the bulletin board. If you are renting a space please verify that the listing we have for you is correct by notifying the launch operator or the treasurer. Dinghy racks and dry Sailing storage assignments are rented for an annual fee of \$21.20 including sales tax. Wet slips are rented for an annual fee of \$79.50 including sales tax. If you need a dinghy rack or wet slip notify the launch operator or treasurer.

If you wish to dry sail your boat from the beach you must petition the Executive Committee for a space assignment as *availability is very limited*. At present there are several unauthorized boats stowed in dinghy racks, and on the beach. Unauthorized stowage makes it difficult for those members who have assigned spots to gain access to their boats. If you own one of these boats please make the necessary arrangements for proper storage.

TYC Boats Race Off Sounding Series

Friday June 13th greeted Off Sounding participants with rain and approximately 20 knots of wind as they raced from Watch Hill to Block Island. And for the Saturday light winds and overcast skies prevailed as the fleet raced around Block Island. Eleven Boats from TYC raced the 2 day series.

The following were trophy winners:

Class C4	3rd	Goombay Smash – Stu Craig
Class NS2	3rd	Capricorn—Bob & Brian Gibbs
Class NS2	4th	Starchaser—Dick Steinhilber

House Committee

The summer is here and the sails are going up at every opportunity. The clubhouse looks great, and the beach is inviting. Thanks to the Scadutos, we have a safe pier with lockable pier boxes. Although we have completed a lot of repairs and improvements to the facilities, there are still a number of jobs that need one of you to tackle. The list of these jobs is hanging on the bulletin board at the clubhouse. Please give me call for particulars or supplies at (860) 447-1501, or email me at lorericjones@juno.com.

Under improving the looks of the place, please take your winter stick home as they do not belong at the club during the summer and Jim no longer will store them for you.

We have hired a custodian for the summer (Jason) who will clean up the clubhouse multiple times a week. Please help him keep the facilities looking good.

House Committee Chairman—Eric Jones

From the Fleet Captain

I should be in the Vineyard at the time this article is published. We will be meeting Foxrose in Edgartown for July 4th. After the fourth we plan to head over to Nantucket and then to Hyannis and eventually back to the Vineyard before heading home. If you are in the Vineyard the first half of July, try and get in touch with us, we would love to meet up with you. You can reach us on our cell phone (860-235-0253) I also monitor channel 9 & 16 (Boat name: Escape).

John Huff—Fleet Captain

2003 TYC SUMMER CRUISES

SUMMER CRUISE

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

AUGUST CRUISE

Block Island, Cuttyhunk, Martha's Vineyard
Leave August 15th, return August 30th

LABOR DAY CRUISE

Sag Harbor/Shelter Island
Leave August 30th return September 1st

COLUMBUS DAY CRUISE

Mystic Seaport
Leave October 10th return October 13th

The Price of Ice

This is a reminder that ice is not free. Please place your payments for ice in the cash box by the galley window. So far this season the replacement cost of ice has exceeded the value of cash collected from the box. If you owe for ice please place the payment in the cash box.

Launch Committee Report

The Club launch is in full time operation as of June 14th, with thanks to Jim Reyburn for teak work refinishing. The two (2) 17ft skiffs will be in full service for the Sailing Instruction program starting June 23rd. Thanks to the talented efforts of Keran Day one of the skiffs received a major rebuild of the rails. This redesign should allow the skiff to survive the future rigors of the Sailing Instruction Program use along with Race Committee use.

Cliff Fisher—Chairman Launch Committee

General Membership Meeting Notice

Commodore Judy Gibbs has called a General Membership Meeting for Friday, August 15th, at 1930. One item up for action is to fill the vacancy on the Executive Committee created by the recent resignation of Stuart G. Craig.

Youth Sailing

By the time this article comes out our classes will have already begun. There was a wonderful article in The Day newspaper recently about our program. That generated a tremendous amount of interest and new sailors to our Youth Sailing program. Currently, all of our Level 2 and the majority of our Level 3 classes are full. We will be beginning our Wednesday night opti races on June 25th. This should be very exciting for the youth sailors. Hopefully the sun will come out for our first week of lessons!

Lisa Huff—Youth Sailing Director

Mooring Committee News

In order to keep adequate spacing between boats it is important at the beginning of each season to "stretch" one's mooring chain out completely. This is accomplished by tying up to your mooring ball, as you would normally do, and then backing up towards the building between Pfizers and Fort Trumbull. Back up slowly until the chain is fully stretched out and the boat is stopped. Do not drag the anchor, and do not pull under full power. If everyone does this, and reminds their neighbor to do the same, we should have few to none stern/bow incidences.

Thank you,

Bruce Costick—Mooring Chairman

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

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THAMES YACHT CLUB Bulletin Board

2003 Schedule of Events

Fri/Sat	July 11 & 12	Great New London Ocean Race
Friday	July 18	Cocktails & Appetizers
Saturday	July 19	Governor's Regatta After-Race Party
Fri/Sun	Aug. 15 to 17	Member's Weekend
Saturday	September 6	Cocktails & Appetizers
Sunday	September 7	Commodore's Trophy After-Race Party
Sundays	September 21 to October 26	Chowder Series Races Chowder after race
Friday	October 17	Oktoberfest Social
Wednesday	November 5	Membership Meeting & Social
Friday	December 5	Christmas Party

WEST MARINE
 TYC Members Discount Night
 AGAIN

When: Sun. July 13th, 6PM—8PM
Where: West Marine Store—
 New London Mall (I-95
 Southbound service road
 between Exits 83 & 82)

A 20% DISCOUNT ON ALL
 IN-STORE MERCHANDISE,
 EXCEPT
 ELECTRONIC ITEMS WHICH ARE
 AT A 10% DISCOUNT