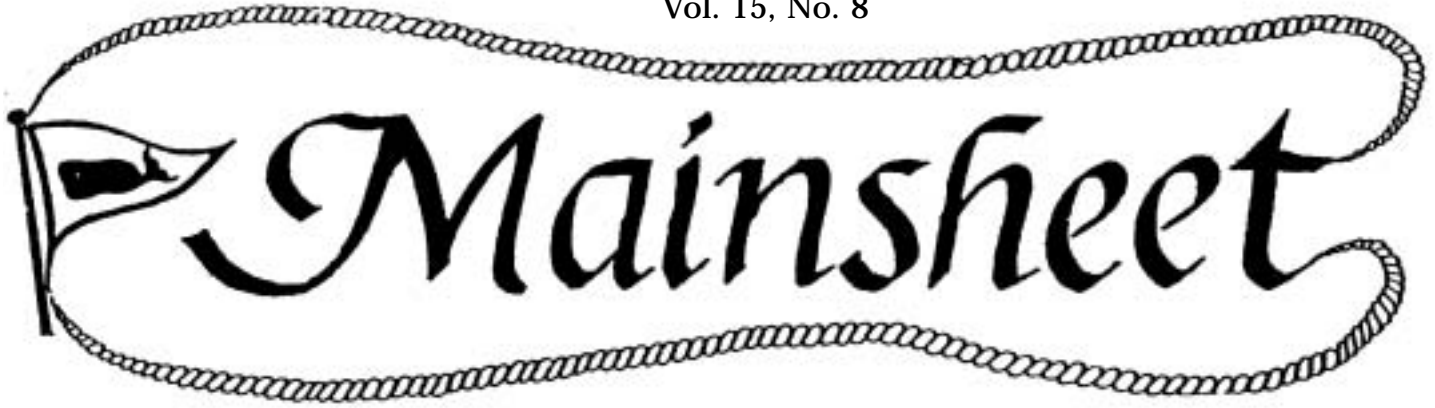


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Thames Yacht Club

From the Commodore

The Governor's Regatta was a great success thanks to efforts of many club members and a big plus to success was the great weather. Mother Nature treated us to a perfect sailing day with 15-20 knots of wind.

Many thanks go to Principal Race Officer Cal Brouwer and the Race Committee for running 2 great races. And to Jackie Fisher and her committee for cooking and serving great food and putting on a great after race party. The pre-race cocktail party was great also. The day was a real treat for members and participants alike.

Mark for calendar for Members weekend August 15, 16 and 17. It will be a fun-filled weekend.

I Look forward to seeing everyone sometime soon at the club. Enjoy your boats and or the beach. It's a great summer.

Judy Gibbs—Commodore

From the Vice Commodore

What a superb weekend we had for the Governor's Regatta. Not only was the weather absolutely perfect, but all the help I received from members was fantastic. I cannot thank everyone enough for all the work you did.

On Friday morning, JoAn Brouwer, Lisa Huff, Lorena Jones, Barbara Leclerc, Lynn Lodregan, John Patry, Nancy Roher, Jack and Jean Ann Scaduto, Al Schober and Mary Jane Vander Weide showed up to prepare the feast, paint, move tables, put up tents, anything you can think of to get ready for the cocktail party on Friday eve and the after race party on Saturday. And on Saturday (while I was out racing) in addition to the above people who ventured back, Laura Finkenuer, Bill and Anne Schmidt, Marin Schober, Steve Smith, and Elaine Steinhilber helped serve and clean up. It was all ready when I got back from racing. We had lots of compliments on the food and overall party, which we are well known for in the racing circuit. But, most important was the fun and camaraderie we had while preparing for these events.

We have several more events to look forward to this summer, so keep an eye on the bulletin board and read the Mainsheet closely.

Oh, by the way, Cliff and I took a second in our class, which made the day absolutely perfect!

Jackie Fisher—Vice Commodore

Membership

Our newest members:

**Carrol S. (Joe) and Avryl Holden
Don and Melissa Barber
David S. and Suzzette Costanzo**

Welcome back members Carrol S. (Joe) & Avryl Holden and welcome to our new members Don & Melissa Barber and David S. and Suzzette Costanzo. Our new beach pass holders are Frederick L. & Nancy Mc Nomee.

Jim Avery—Chairman Membership Committee

General Membership Meeting Notice

A special meeting has been scheduled for Friday, August 15th at 2000 (8:00 PM) at the clubhouse. Nominations will be taken from the floor to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee. No other business is planned.

56th Commodore's Trophy Race

This year's running of the Commodore's Trophy Race will be Sunday, September 7th. There are two significant aspects to this year's race: 1) the race is being sponsored by Mount Gay Rum and 2) the race is dedicated to the memory of past Commodore Dick Roberts.

Entering boats will be given a number Mount Gay red hats and there will be a portion of the pre-race cocktail party on the 6th that will feature a new Centennial rum from Mount Gay.

Also, at the pre-race party there will be a wreath laying ceremony off the end of the Club pier to honor Dick Roberts. The time will be announced at a later date. Officiating will be Mrs. Mary Ellen Roberts, Commodore Judy Gibbs, Race Secretary Cal Brouwer and Fr. Rick Albamonti. The entire membership is welcome to attend.

Those members wishing to enter this premier ECSA race should get their entries to Cal Brouwer by Tuesday, September 2nd. Those wishing to serve on Race Committee should sign up with Judy Gibbs as soon as possible. Bob and Barb Welsh have graciously offer XAPIEMA for committee boat. Those wishing to assist with the pre-race and post-race cocktail parties are encouraged to sign up with Vice Commodore Jackie Fisher. Remember, there is never enough help!

The Notice of Race and the official Entry Form can be found on the Club's website: <thamesyachtclub.org>.

Force 5 Thursday Night Series

Racing in Force 5s on Thursday evenings began July 3rd. Since then, up to five boats have turned out skippered by various sailors of all skills.

Races are informal, use both set and governments marks and start and finish off the Queen Merry. Cal Brouwer is the race officer for this all for fun and learn series. It will continue through August 28th.

Bob Cullen owns and loans out the boats. Several are for sale. If you are interested in trying out this 21st century Tyro series, contact Bob at 860-537-1085 or e-mail at <rjcullen@snet.net> or, show up at TYC around 1700 some Thursday night.

Hopefully, the goal is to learn to race this type of boat and to have a more formal racing series next year.

Executive Committee Meeting.

The August Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19 at 1930 at the clubhouse. Please get back to me by Sunday, August 17 if you have any items to be added to the agenda.

Jack Scaduto—Secretary

Galley Hours

Galley Hours:	Mon -Thur	11:30 to 1:30
	Sat	11:00 to 3:00



Members' Weekend

By Cal Brouwer

It's almost time! Our Annual Members' Weekend is August 15th, 16th and 17th.

The weekend kicks off on Friday, the 15th, with the Pot Luck Supper. Saturday begins with a continental breakfast, followed by the first race of the Oscar Kerman Series, picnic lunch, second race of the Kerman and then the chicken and rib dinner with a DJ. Sunday will feature a Brunch, followed by the W. W. Meek Series in Optimists.

This is a weekend of members for the membership. All events are either at no charge or substantially reduced. The Oscar Kerman Series has a modest \$10 entry fee. The chicken and rib dinner price will be posted at the Club, as will the Sunday brunch. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be free throughout the weekend.

The event is open to all members, beach pass holders and to non-member Oscar Kerman crew. Popularity of the weekend has grown tremendously. Make sure you sign up early!

As always, volunteers are needed to make the weekend a success. We will need someone to oversee the pot luck supper, someone to take charge of the Saturday morning continental breakfast and a crew to handle the beach picnic. To get details, I can be contacted at 860-444-7419 or e-mailed at <CalPCTC@aol.com>.

Rear Commodore's Corner

July was a very active racing month for the club. We held the Bradbury Memorial race on July 4th, The Great New London Ocean Race on July 11-12, the Governor's Regatta on July 19th, completed the TYC Wednesday Night Spring Series on July 9th and began the Summer Series on July 16th.

The Bradbury, held on July 4th, was sailed in some foggy and damp conditions. But the sailing and the sailors were great. The racing was extremely close for both classes with Goombay Smash taking line honors while Bandit took first place in Class A and Teamwork first place in Class B.

After a somewhat slow start, our Wednesday Night Spring Series finished very strongly with Goombay Smash finishing first overall in Class A, Starchaser in Class B and Teamwork leading the Ensign class. The best news is however is that we have a few new boats that have joined in our Wednesday night program this year. Welcome to them and congratulations to all of our racing participants. I also want to give a big THANK YOU to our permanent Wednesday Night Race Committee members; Judy Gibbs, Cal Brower, Lloyd McDonald and Bill Murray, and also our weekly guest RC members. A great job by all.

For a complete list of all July racing results please refer to the inserts in this edition of the Mainsheet.

As for events in upcoming months, please mark your calendars for the Oscar Kerman to be held on Saturday August 16th and the W.W. Meeks to be held on Sunday August 17th during Members Weekend, and for our annual Skippers Night event on Friday

September 5th where awards will be given out for this spring and summer racing events. And as a final note, our traditional fall racing series - The Chowder Series - will run from Sunday September 21 through Sunday October 26. First gun at 1300 hours each Sunday.

Lou Leverone—Rear Commodore

House Rule # 24-Please Take Note

24. Mooring rules established by the Thames Yacht Club will govern all Club Members. The Mooring Committee is responsible for control of the mooring area utilized by Thames Yacht Club members under the auspices of Federal, State and Local Regulations.

A. The Club and Members may not rent or loan a mooring to a non-member for more than 10 days per calendar year. Special exceptions may be appealed to the Executive Committee for an extension not to exceed 21 days in any calendar year. The fee shall be \$15.00 per night, except such fee may be increased on a per nightly basis for special events, to no more than \$25.00 per night, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

B. Vacant moorings, when available, are \$15.00 per night with the owners permission as previously determined by the Mooring Committee. The fee may be raised to \$25.00 per night for special events at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

House Committee

We are well into the summer and the club has been very active. The clubhouse looks continue to improve and we are attempting to keep up with the repairs. The broken pier waterline is back in service. A bottle and can recycling bin has been added to the beach and a gas bottle obtained for the barbeque grill. Jack and Jean Ann Scaduto continue to put in endless hours at the club. Their efforts have included painting the front porch railings and the porch ceiling. We appreciate their untiring devoting to making the club presentable. We still have a number of repairs needed to the facilities. The list of these jobs is hanging on the bulletin board at the clubhouse. If there is one you would to tackle, please give me call for the particulars and supplies at (860) 447-1501, or email me at lorerijones@juno.com.

House Committee Chairman—Eric Jones

2003 TYC SUMMER CRUISES

LABOR DAY CRUISE

Sag Harbor/Shelter Island

Leave August 30th return September 1st

COLUMBUS DAY CRUISE

Mystic Seaport

Leave October 10th return October 13th

Reservations can be made by calling the Dock Office at 860-572-5391. The rates are \$2.50/ft for Seaport Members and \$3.50/ft for Non-Members.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan on participating so I can start making plans

John Huff—Fleet Captain

New Schedule for Mystic River Drawbridge

As of July 18 Mystic River Drawbridge will open at 40 minutes past each hour with the exception of 12:40 pm. There will be a 1:10p.m. opening instead. This will continue until October 15. After October 15 the bridge will only open on demand.
(*New London Day* July 17,2003)

Launch Committee

The Committee is in need of a member/members interested in helping to maintain the yacht club Diesel launch and 2 outboard motor skiffs. The duties require mechanical skills and normal boat maintenance/repair skills. The main work periods are in the Spring prior to launch and during the normal operating season for correction of emergent problems. If you are interested in helping or have any questions contact Cliff Fisher, 860-443-5968 or FISHER@webtv.net

Cliff Fisher—Chairman Launch Committee

Update Your Email Address

Recently TYC has attempted to notify its members via e-mail to provide information of a timely nature. Several e-mails have been returned because of incorrect addresses. If you have not received an e-mail from TYC in the past month and have an e-mail address please contact Jean Ann Scaduto at tyjscaduto@aol.com or 860-859-3408.

Thank you,

Jean Ann Scaduto—Executive Committee

Sequester Top Boat in Great Ocean Race

SEQUESTER, an Ericson 33 skippered by Michael E. Passero of New London, placed first overall in the 26th Great New London Ocean Race, sponsored by Thames Yacht Club and the Cruising Club of New England. First to finish honors went to Mystic's John McCrae, skipper of the C&C 37 CHAOS.

SEAQUESTER'S collection of trophies amounted to first in class, the Pequot Trophy for first overall and the Cruising Club of New England Trophy for racing without a spinnaker. CHOAS was awarded the City of New London Trophy for crossing the finish line first. CHAOS was also second in class.

The Cook's Trophy, emblematic of being the last boat to finish, went to CARPE DIEM, a Catalina 30TR, skippered by Joseph Kaplowe of Meriden.

Passero and Kaplowe are members of both sponsoring yacht clubs and McCrae represented the Mystic River Mudhead Sailing Association.

The race starts and finishes off New London Ledge Light and takes competitors on a 72 nautical mile run out to the Montauk Point whistle buoy, around Block Island and return. Six boats entered, five started and four finished. The race started in thick fog and a 5 to 8 knot breeze and finished in sparkling sunshine and 12 to 18 knots of wind.

Final Results are listed on the enclosed insert.



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August 15, 16, & 17
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TYC Website
www.thamesyachtclub.org

2003 Schedule of Events

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