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Mainsheet

Thames Yacht Club

From the Commodore

The "unofficial" end of Summer is here—but that shouldn't dampen the spirits of the season. Our season has been highly successful. We had over 140 kids in the Junior Sailing Pro-gram, some of which did a number of "away" events. Members' Weekend was a success even though overall turn-out was down. One of the weekend's highlights was watching the juniors race the fleet of Optis in the W. W. Meek Series. It was a fantastic event. Cal Brouwer is to be thanked for putting on another great weekend!

At the Special Membership meeting on the 15th, Claire Gammo was elected to fill out the term of Stu Craig on the Executive Committee. Welcome aboard Claire!

But—the sailing season is a long way from being over. The Commodore's Trophy Race is Sunday, the 7th. It will be preceded by a Pre-Race Cocktail Party on Saturday, the 6th, commencing at 1800. This year's race is different for two reasons; first, it is being sponsored by Mount Gay Rum and, two, it is dedicated to the memory of Past Commodore and Race Secre-tary Dick Roberts. At approximately 1900 on the 6th, there will be a wreath laying ceremony at the end of the TYC pier in honor of Dick. All members, race entrants, crew and guests are invited to attend. If you are racing, get your entry to Cal Brouwer by 2000, Wednesday, Sept. 3rd. If you are not racing and wish to help out with the post-race party, please contact Jackie Fisher.

Next comes the Chowder Series starting Sunday, September 21st. Since 1958 this has been a great non-spinnaker Fall series, perfectly designed for those skippers who can't get a full crew. As usual, great chowder of different flavors, will be served at the conclusion each day's racing, which ends October 26th. Please see the Rear Commodore's Corner for Lou Leverone's report, which includes commentary on Skippers' Night.

The Club's Annual Meeting and Dinner will be Wednesday, November 5th. Look for a future announcement. In December, there will be the Christmas party for the kids. Stay tuned.

Regular launch service ends Monday, September 1st. Fall Launch Service starts Friday, September 5th. See enclosure for schedule. September and October traditionally offer the 2 best months of sailing. Bob and I hope to see you out there!

Judy Gibbs—*Commodore*

From the Vice Commodore

It always seems like summer is coming to an end when kids go back to school, but we still have plenty of sailing and beaching-it left. Right?

The Commodore's Trophy Race is going to be large event this year! We are honoring the memory of Dick Roberts and Mount Gay is sponsoring our race. A must event starting Saturday evening for cocktails, appetizers and picking up your scratch sheet. Even if you are not racing the next day, we would like to come to the get-together on Saturday....your entry is an appetizer.

We expect to have around 55 to 60 boats racing on Sunday, so that means we need lots of help in the kitchen on Saturday. Also, help cleaning up before and after, putting up tents, setting up for the after-race party, serving on Sunday etc.. Claire and Wayne Gammo have offered to tend to things while I'm out racing.

Our dessert theme on Sunday is FRUIT...cakes, pies, puddings, fresh, etc. We will provide ice cream, but I need your help providing the desserts. So PLEASE call me to LEND A HELPING HAND (860-443-5968). The help I received for the Governor's Regatta was outstanding and I know I will hear from you again.

Jackie Fisher—*Vice Commodore*

Rear Commodore's Corner

The TYC racing season is up to full speed. We've got great participation in the Wednesday Night Summer Series, we had Optimists racing on Wednesday nights and Force 5's racing on Thursday nights. We just completed the Oscar Kerman Series and the W.W Meeks both held on Members Weekend and both races were a great success. See below for Oscar Kerman results.

But hold on—there's still more to come. Upcoming will be Skipper's & Family Night at the club on the evening of September 5. This will be a great time; burgers & dogs, TYC sailing awards AND a big bonfire on the beach. Bring your marshmallows fixn's for smores.

There is a sign-up sheet posted in the club for both attendance and volunteers to help out. This event is for ALL club members and TYC racing crews.

Plus, don't forget the other great activities happening that weekend - Commodore's Trophy pre-race party on Saturday evening, The Commodore's Trophy race on Sunday and the big Mount Gay bash at the club after the race. WOW!!! What a weekend!!!

But there's still more. On Sunday September 21 the TYC 2003 Chowder Series will begin. This series provides some of the best sailing conditions of the year. Clear, dry fall days with steady breezes are a hallmark of the Chowder Series. Please see the Notice of Race included in this Mainsheet edition and sign up as soon as possible using the Combined Entry Form found on the club's racing bulletin board.

Lou Leverone—*Rear Commodore*

Oscar Kerman Results

Ensign Class:

Boat	Skipper	PHRF	Race 1	Race 2	Final Position
Sagacious	Bob Geary	-	1	1	1
Swoose	Russ Carr	-	2	2	2

Class A:

Boat	Skipper	PHRF	Race 1	Race 2	Final Position
Bandit	Jack Law	192	1	3	1
Montrose	Bevan Crighton	-15	2	1	2
It's Bob	Kevin Davis	200	3	4	3
Escape	John Huff	156	4	5	4
Second Wind	Chuck Wargo	186	5	2	5

Note: Final Position in Class A based on combined corrected time for both races.

Make Sure We Have Correct Email Address

TYC is now using e-mail as a means to notify members concerning club events and activities. It is a fast and efficient way to reach the membership. Several e-mails are being returned to me as non-deliverable. If you have not received e-mail messages about or from Thames Yacht Club in the past few months and have an e-mail address, please contact Jean Ann Scaduto at tycscaduto@aol.com or 860-859-3408 so I can update the TYC database.

Thank you.

Jean Ann Scaduto—*Executive Committee*

Executive Committee Meeting.

The September Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16 at 1930 at the clubhouse. Please send in your agenda items by Sunday, September 14.

Jack Scaduto—*Secretary*

Membership

We are always looking for new prospective members. If you know of anyone who would like to join Thames Yacht Club, please refer him or her to the membership committee.

Jim Avery—*Chairman Membership Committee*

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 and normal boat maintenance 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 email FISHER@webtv.net.

Cliff Fisher—Chairman Launch Committee

2003 TYC FALL CRUISE

COLUMBUS DAY CRUISE

Mystic Seaport

Leave October 11th 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. Mention the TYC Cruise or my name and they will keep us all in one group. Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan on participating so I can start making plans. Tentatively, we are thinking of a potluck dinner and cocktails Saturday night and going out to dinner in Mystic on Sunday. Last years cruise to Mystic was a lot of fun so try and plan on making this cruise.

John Huff—*Fleet Captain*

Mooring Committee Information

MEMBERS TAKE NOTE!!!! The newly published TYC Mooring Requirements are being invoked on the membership to enable TYC to continue to maintain control of mooring locations, within the currently used portion of the Gov't designated Special Anchorage area, for future member use.

NOTE: *The Clubs' ability to continue maintaining control over the member used portion of the anchorage area, without outside (State of Conn or New London Harbormaster) direction, is predicated on member submittal of a State of Connecticut "Mooring Space Application". FAILURE OF A MEMBER TO SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION ANNUALLY COULD RENDER THEIR MOORING LOCATION AS 'OPEN SPACE' FOR POSSIBLE NEW LONDON HARBORMASTER MOORING ASSIGNMENT.*

As the number of members and more importantly the size of members' boats continues to increase, the existing mooring locations are becoming too closely spaced to safely accommodate the bigger boats. Therefore the mooring committee has standardized minimum mooring ground tackle sizes and will be reinforcing its' controlling role in the assignment or reassignment of member mooring locations.

While members have always been and will continue to be responsible for their mooring ground tackle, the mooring vs vessel size standards invoked by the new requirements are intended to ensure that mooring capacity and chain scope matches the members' boat type/size and location. In order to maintain the safety of surrounding members' boats, any member planning a boat change on their current or other mooring location, must notify the Mooring Committee for location verification.

In addition the mooring ground tackle must be inspected for soundness every two years and compliance certified on the "Mooring Space Application".

NOTE: *Members ownership is limited to their mooring HARDWARE and NOT the mooring LOCATION. You can only sell the mooring hardware!*

"THE MOORING REQUIREMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB AND WILL BE PROVIDED IN A SPRING 2004 MAILING"

Mooring Committee Notice

Mooring Owners—It has come to our attention that many members still think that when Jim Fonk puts on or takes off a mooring ball that he is also inspecting the mooring chain, anchor, etc. He has not provided that service since 2001 when he was taken to task by a few members who felt the inspection was unwarranted and too costly. Consequently, you need to tell Jim exactly what you need done and when. Do yourselves another favor and call him at home (860-848-9840) after three p.m. to arrange services. Do not catch him at the dock in between dives. He rarely has the time to write your requests down.

B. Costick--Mooring Chairman

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.

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THAMES YACHT CLUB
Bulletin Board

TYC
Skipper's and Family Night
September 5th
See Details Inside

Don't forget to send us your new email address!
Details inside

2003 Schedule of Events

Friday	September 5	Skipper's and Family Night
Saturday	September 6	Commodore's Trophy Pre-Race Party
Sunday	September 7	Commodore's Trophy
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