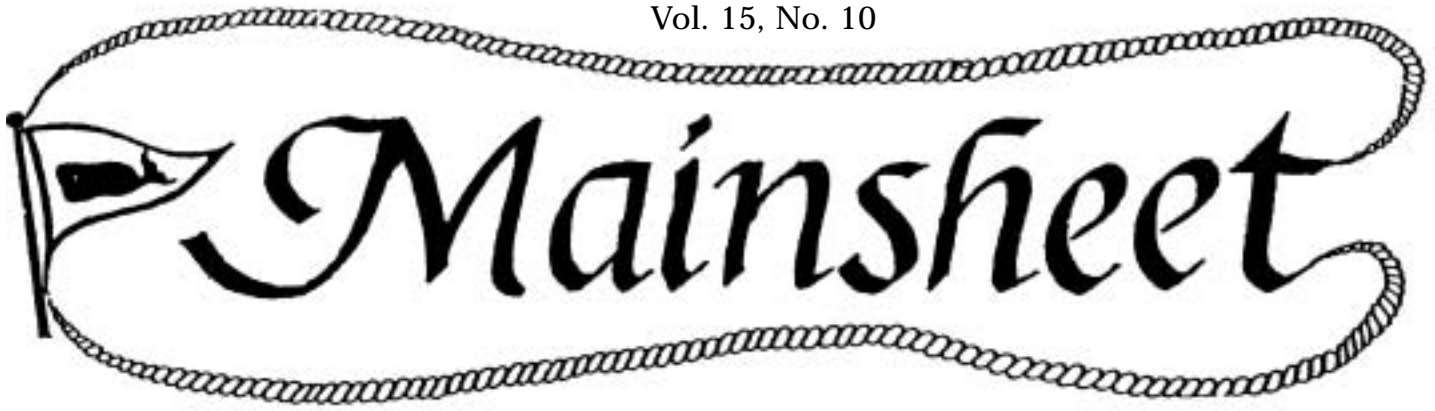


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### From the Commodore

Thanks is a small word to express the appreciation to everyone who helped make the Commodore's Trophy Race a success. The Mt Gay sponsorship came to TYC through the efforts of ED CRAMER OF GORDON'S YELLOW FRONT PACKAGE STORE. THANKS ED! JACKIE FISHER and crew put on a fantastic Mt. Gay party and Cal Brouwer and the Race Committee ran a great race. Of course Mother Nature was great to us. It was a great sight to see everyone at the club on Saturday doing preparations and then again on Sunday Sept. 7 helping serve the crowd. Special thanks to PAUL MAUGLE who provided us the 300 raw oysters and oyster stew for the party. It took a lot of hard work to put on the extraordinary event. Thanks to all who helped.

The wreath laying ceremony for Dick Roberts was a nice tribute to our friend. Thanks to Fr. Rick and each representative from the organizations that participated. The Robert's family was very appreciative.

Thankfully hurricane Isabelle missed us. Many club members worked hard to make the club secure for the storm. Special thanks to Cliff Fisher for overseeing the skiffs and launch, to Scott Scaduto for securing the docks, Lisa & John Huff for moving the opti's and to Eric Jones for taking care of the club house. Mark Fox did an outstanding job in keeping everyone informed about Hurricane plans on the website.

Fall is a great time at TYC please check the rest of the Mainsheet for upcoming events. See you soon

Judy Gibbs—*Commodore*

### From the Vice Commodore

Can you imagine, it's almost October and I am thinking of our Oktoberfest Social. Where did the summer go, again?

But, before I think about that, I want to thank everyone who made the Commodore's Trophy weekend such a great success. It was wonderful having so many new

volunteers along with those who always help. I truly hope I don't miss anyone, and if I did, please forgive me. Here goes.. Thank you to Pete and JoAn Brouwer, Lee Davis, Mary Jane VanderWiede and Becky Mars (her friend) Judy and Bob Gibbs, Lou Leverone, Maren and Al Schober, Elaine Steinhilber, Jack and Jean Scaduto, Mary Passero, Jim Avery, Mary Ellen and Phil Michalowski, Cliff Fisher, Kevin and Laura Davis, Eric and Lorena Jones, Anne Belt (Rui's fiance'), Stu Craig, Bill and Ann Schmidt, Carolyn Leuze, Lisa Huff, Scott Scaduto, and a special thanks to Wayne and Claire Gammo who made sure all went well while I raced on Rusty Nail (which we took 1st in our Class). We prepared and served approximately 250 people at the after race party.

A very special thank you goes to Paul Maugle, who donated over 200 oysters, to Ed Kramer (Yellow Front Liquor Store) for helping us get Mount Gay to sponsor our party and to all those that brought appetizers on Saturday and desserts on Sunday!

Now we have to look forward to the Oktoberfest on Friday, October 17 at 6:30. Once again I will be looking for volunteers to help me prepare and cook the food. So don't forget to call me at (860)443-5968 or email me at [jmfisher@webtv.net](mailto:jmfisher@webtv.net).

Another reminder is the November 5th Membership Meeting and Social. There will be cocktails and appetizers (donated, please) at 6 p.m., an Alfredo seafood and pasta dinner, and dessert while we have our meeting at approximately 8 p.m.

I am in need of volunteers to make chowder for the Chowder Series on Sundays for the next 3 weeks. It doesn't necessarily need to be chowder, just a hot stew or soup. Please call me!!! So far Claire Gammo and Judy Gibbs have made it and Chuck Wargo is doing his thing week.

Thanks again everyone, see you at the club.

Jackie Fisher—*Vice Commodore*

## Rear Commodore's Corner

Well, the best part of the TYC racing season has just begun, the fall, and that means that we're into the Chowder Series. This series will run every Sunday from 9/21/03 to 10/26/03. We have two classes of seven to eight boats each and possibly a small Ensign class. The first race was "SARAH'S" to "LABS" twice around and the conditions were just about perfect. Winds were 10-15 from the southwest and everyone finished.

Results for this first race are as follows:

Class A:	Position
Salud	1
Rusty Nail	2
Bandit	3
No Name J-27	4
Goombay Smash	5
Bagatelle	6
Escape	DNC
Sagacious	DNC

Class B:

Deadbeat	1
Destiny	2
Sassie Lassie	3
Luff Song	4
Slingshot	5
Restless	6
Fruition	7
Swoose	DNC
Teamwork	DNC

Now that the season is winding down I would like to take this opportunity to thank some folks who helped me out a great deal this season; Our permanent Race Committee of Cal Brouwer, Judy Gibbs, Lloyd McDonald and Dr. Bill Murray; Walt Pratt who advised me on many racing protocol and scoring issues, and

Jackie Fisher who was there to provide everything from trophy beers to hamburgers & hot-dogs and lots of other stuff to help make whatever sailing events we had a great success. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers who helped out on Race Committee during the year and during events such as Skippers & Family night which was another great time TYC.

I hope that everyone has a great off season and I look forward to more good racing at TYC next year.

Lou Leverone—*Rear Commodore*

### Off Sounding held in 20-25 knot winds

Fall Off Soundings started on Friday Sept 12, sailing from New London to Shelter Island in 20 -25 knot winds and on Saturday started with 20-25knot wind in 4-6 foot seas in Gardner's Bay. Winds moderated to 15 to 20 for the finish Saturday. 10 TYC boats participated.

TYC winners were: Robert and Thomas Welsh's Xapisma combined a 1st on Friday and a 1st on Saturday to win Class A for the weekend, Robert and Brian Gibbs' Capricorn carrying a 5% penalty combined a 1st of Friday and a 1st on Saturday to win NS 2 for the weekend. Doug Craig on Bryan Station with a 5% penalty combined a 2nd on Friday and a 5th on Saturday to come in second in NS2 for the weekend.

## Membership Committee

Welcome to James Reyburn (one of our launch operators), James and Susan Mc Guire ( Susan's father Walter Hay has been a member since 1966 ), and John and Kirstin Ahern.

Jim Avery—Chairman Membership Committee

### Office Nominations

The Nominating Committee of the Thames Yacht Club presents the following candidates for Officers and Executive Committee to be elected at the November 5, 2003, General Membership Meeting. Any additional

nominations by petition for the below seats shall be given to the Secretary in writing and signed by not less than three Senior or Master Mariner Members prior to October 18th.

### Officers for 2004

Commodore	Eric M. Jones
Vice Commodore	Jackie Fisher
Rear Commodore	Lou Leverone
Secretary	Jack Scaduto
Treasurer	Walter L. Pratt
Measurer	Robert B. Geary

### Executive Committee

James Avery	2004 & 2005
Charles P. Wargo	2004 & 2005
Jean Ann Scaduto	2004 & 2005
John Huff	continues for 2004
Kevin Davis	continues for 2004
Claire Gammo	continues for 2004

Jack Scaduto—*Secretary*

Annual Membership Meeting  
Notice of Annual Membership Meeting  
Wednesday, November 5, 2003  
8:00 PM(2000)  
at the Clubhouse

### Agenda:

- 1) Election of Officers and Executive Committee for the year 2004.
- 2) Approval of a budget for the year 2004.

A Social Hour will be held at 6:00 PM (1800) followed by a dinner at 7:00 PM (1900). Refer to the Vice Commodore's column in this *Mainsheet* for information on the dinner. The meeting will commence upon the conclusion of dinner at approximately 8:00 PM (2000).

Jack Scaduto—*Secretary*

*A Well-Deserved Letter of Thanks!*

*The Youth Sailing Program has come back to life these past few years. This year in particular, a group of dedicated sailors, instructors, parents and, of course, leaders in the club have encouraged the kids to go out of the protection of the Thames River and travel to other parts of New England to race their Optimists.*

*You may have seen parents loading these little dinghies into the backs of vans and trucks, or hoisted up onto the tops of cars, to travel all over Long Island Sound to regattas. Our club was represented at Niantic Bay, Watch Hill, Fisher's Island, Mason's Island, Groton Long Point, Ram Island and, of course, at our own regatta. We had huge numbers at TYC - over 60 boats - and what a wonderful day we had!*

*Our Wednesday night sailing series for Optimists has grown too! Most Wednesday nights we had most of the club's Optis on the water, as well as those of kids with their own boats. I know I'm dating myself, but it took me back to the old Wee Nip and Blue Jay races that used to be held on Wednesday nights. The program is a wonderful summer experience for a lot of promising sailors. Please continue to support us in its improvement and growth in the coming years.*

*Thanks should go out to the fine group of instructors, and to Lisa and John Huff for the time and energy they put into keeping this program running smoothly. And Cliff: next year we promise to make good use out of the Opti trailer! Many thanks for a wonderful summer,*

Dana Davis Fowler and extended family

**House Committee**

We had a great summer and a quick September. The end of October brings with it the end of the sailing season and the end of the club launch operation. Directly after that, on Saturday, November 1, we will hold a fall cleanup day to close down the outside services and put things away for the winter. Please come down early and we'll quickly complete the work list.

Thanks to Brian Pease, the dock is lit much better, as he replaced the lights on the gallows.

We still have a number of repairs needed and the list is hanging on the bulletin board at the clubhouse. If there is one you are willing to tackle, please give me call at (860) 447-1501 for the particulars and supplies, or email me at lorericjones@juno.com.

Eric Jones—*House Committee Chairman*



**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.

2003 Dyer Dhow Derby at Mystic Seaport Museum October 18, 2003

Each club is invited to send a team to compete in their boat in Juniors, Men's, Women's, Mixed Pairs divisions, and the Quarter-Ton race (4 people per boat). Admission to the Museum will be complimentary to competitors and spectators for this event. A skippers' meeting will be held at 10:30 at the Youth Training Building. The awards cocktail party/ceremony will begin at 16:15. If you are interested in attending please let me know.

John Huff—*Fleet Captain*

**Mooring Committee Notice**

Jim Fonk has retired. We are working on getting another full dive service for spring of 2004. We have several promising leads. If anyone knows any qualified diver who might be interested, please let me know .

If you need someone to take care of your fall mooring ball needs (summer/winter stick swap) please call Mark Bancroft at 860-908-2419. He is a new member and has done a lot of this type of work in the past.

Bruce Costic—*Mooring Committee Chairman*

**Executive Committee Meeting**

The October Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21 at 1930 at the clubhouse. Please submit your agenda items by Friday, October 17.

Jack Scaduto—*Secretary*



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## First Class Mail

### SECRET, SAM TAKE TOP HONORS IN 56TH COMMODORE'S TROPHY RACE

*By Cal Brouwer*

Secret, the Nelson-Marek 42 skippered by Bruce Kuryla, Commodore of the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association and Milford YC, was top boat in Class C-1 and corrected best overall at 2 hrs. 26 min. 52 sec. in the September 7th running of TYC's premiere race.

Sam, Jim Anderson's Ensign, first in the Ensign Class, won the Best Thames Boat Trophy with a corrected time of 2 hrs. 29 min. 04 sec. and was second overall in the Race.

The Race was a huge success for TYC this year. Sponsored by Mount Gay Rum, it began on Saturday, September 6th, with a pre-race cocktail party during which scratch sheets and sailing instructions were distributed and a wreath laying ceremony was held for Past Commodore and Race Secretary Dick Roberts, who the Race was dedicated to this year. Fleet Chaplain Fr. Rick Albamonti did a wonderful job presiding over the ceremony and led its conclusion with the singing of God Bless America.

Blessed with great weather, 54 boats entered and 53 started and finished. The Race Committee attempted to start the first class in a dying northerly, only to postpone, whereupon a west-southwesterly filled in at 12 to 16 knots. All classes started at Vixen Ledge, went out to the Dumping Ground buoy, over to Silver Eel Pond, thence to Vixen, back to Dumping Ground and to the finish at Vixen. Secret, in the last class to start, was first in fleet to finish, sailed the course in 2 hrs. 9 min. 59 sec.

First Place trophy winners were Dead Beat, Bob Cullen, Thames YC, 2h.46m.51s. NS-2; Mary Lou, Dave Pelissier,

Niantic Bay YC, 2h.41m.20s. NS-1; Sam, Jim Anderson, Thames YC, 2h.29m.4s. Ensign; Rusty-Nail, Cliff and Jackie Fisher, Thames YC, 2h.35m.47s. C-3; Tomahawk, Peter and Paul Bergendahl, Shennecossett YC, 2h.31m.33s. C-2 and Secret, Bruce Kuryla, Milford YC, 2h.26m.52s. C-1.

Second Places went to Acadia, Glenn Frieman, Thames YC, 2h.54m.12s. NS-2; Capricorn, Bob and Brian Gibbs, Thames YC, 2h.45m.11s. NS-1; Bonanza, George Bates, Ensign Fleet 34, 2h.29m.46s. Ensign; Mudslide, Jack and Scott Scaduto, Thames YC, 2h.37m.47s. C-3; Mama Said No!, 6db Syndicate, Mystic River Mudheads SA, 2h.32m.30s. C-2 and Cup, Jerry Shea, Niantic Bay YC, 2h.33m.41s. C-1.

Third Places were awarded to: Fair Wind, Hunt Foster, Niantic Bay YC, 2h.54m.12s. NS-2; Petard, Sandy Lieber, Mystic River Mudheads SA, 2h.46m.29s. NS-1; Tail Gunner, Ward Woodruff, Niantic Bay YC, 2h.32m.42s. Ensign; Hellfire, Ron Levine, Essex YC, 2h.38m.02s. C-3; En Charette, Paul Jennings, Branford YC, 2h.32m.54s. C-2 and Ripple, Hugh O'Brien, Thames YC, 2h.34m.50s. C-1.

Running a race of this magnitude isn't an easy chore. Many thanks go to Bob and Barb Welsh for donating XAPISMA for the day and for serving on the Committee with Commodore Judy Gibbs, Treasurer Walt Pratt, Ellen Charpentier, Carolyn Leuze, Jeanne Pratt, Past Commodore Bill Murray, Lloyd McDonald and Trish McElroy.

Also to Doug Craig and Paul Generous on Bryan Station as the mark boat and to Past Commodore Al Schober, Lisa Huff and Chandler Huff on Lou Leverone's utility boat. Jobs well done!