

MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

Special Message From the Editor

In time, most things change. Being the new Mainsheet Editor, I thought the start of my tenure would be a good time. Feel Free to contact me with any input you may have.

Greg Reese

From the Commodore

During the past two years as Commodore, I have been faced with many challenges, however, thanks to the efforts of many, these challenges were met and problems solved. I encourage all members to get involved in projects and events at TYC. It is a lot of fun to work with others on yacht club projects, an a great way to meet fellow members. It takes all lot of effort to keep OUR club growing and to continue being the great organization that it is. Many volunteers will be a big help to next year's Commodore Eric Jones and his team. Thanks for the two years of support.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Judy

From the Vice Commodore

I don't think it could have gotten much colder than it was during the Chowder Series this year, but the boat is put up for the winter and we are concentrating on the forthcoming holidays and praying for an early Spring!

Before I get into our future calendar, I have to express my appreciation to all who helped make the Oktoberfest and Membership Meeting successful. First the Oktoberfest...volunteers for decorating, preparation of food, cooking, bartending, and cleaning up were Jack & Jean Ann Scaduto, Judy Gibbs, Lorena Jones, Lynn & Jim Londregan, Jim Reyburn, Phil Michalowski, and Bill Schmidt; without your never ending help and thoughtfulness for the Club, 43 members would not have enjoyed themselves and much as they did. Thanks also to all of you who brought those wonderful

appetizers and desserts.

Approximately 40 members attended the Membership Meeting on November 5, 2003. Again many thanks to Jean Ann & Jack Scaduto who helped me setup, prepare and cook pasta for the members. After the meeting, many of you pitched in to clean the club...thank you!

Now if I have missed anyone, I apologize.

I know now I missed a few helpers for the Commodore's Trophy event; they were Lynn Londregan, Alma Brouwer, Joe Dlubac and John Huff. Sorry!

Now, what's coming? On Friday, December 5th our annual Holiday Party will take place at 1830 (6:30 p.m.). A special menu is being prepared, therefore I would like everyone to RSVP by December 1st (jmfisher @webtv.net or (860)443-5968 in order to get the proper amount of food and drink. The cost to you will be \$13.00 per person which includes cocktails and dinner. Again we need you to bring your favorite appetizer or dessert plus an ornament to share. Party attire is requested. Anyone wishing to help decorate, prepare and cook food, cleanup, etc. give me a call. We generally decorate on Thursday evening and cook on Friday for that evening.

The next event is Sundaes with Santa at TYC. We encourage members, friends and relatives to bring their children, grandchildren, etc. to the Yacht Club on Sunday, December 14th from 2-4 p.m. There will be hot cocoa, decorating of cookies, and making your own Sundaes,

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Membership Committee

Our newest members:

Ted Paulsen and Patti Wilson

Welcome to Ted Paulsen and Patti Wilson.

We still need more new members, it is everyone's responsibility to help the cause.

**Jim Avery- Membership Committee
Chairman**



etc. Also, bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift for your own child/children. RSVP Laura Davis at (860)536-7095 or email her at laura.davis@snet.net by December 7th. There is no cost to attend. This was a wonderful event last year and the children really had a great time!

I wish to thank you for voting for me to continue as your Vice Commodore next year. I really enjoyed organizing the various social events and race parties and hope they were to your liking. If you have any ideas that you would like to try, please call me, I am always opened to new things. We have certain events that must take place, but we can always add or change something.

Thanks again everyone, see you on December 5th.

Happy Thanksgiving! Jackie

Rear Commodore's Corner

Well, all of this years club racing is over and the Queen is resting nicely in her winter berth alongside the dock on the north side. After a somewhat slow start this past spring due to the not-so-springlike weather, the season caught it's stride and provided some great racing and some great fun. This Fall's Chowder Series also provided some fairly challenging conditions for the racers on several occasions, but everyone did well and hopefully also had a great time. Results of this falls racing are enclosed.

**Please see enclosed insert for the
Final Results of this Fall's
Thames Yacht Club Chowder Series**

Additional trophies awarded this Fall were:

Raimondi Trophy for best combined Chili/Chowder Series,
Ensigns - Eric Jones & Walt Pratt on Teamwork
Brent Trophy for best combined Chili/Chowder Series, Class A
- Stu Craig & Goombay Smash
Little Brown Jug for best overall TYC boat for the Chowder
Series - Eric Jones, Walt Pratt & Teamwork

I would like to thank all the folks who helped me during this, my first year as Rear Commodore; Judy Gibbs, Jackie Fisher, Cal Brouwer, Walt Pratt, Lloyd McDonald and Dr. Bill Murray. These folks, along with numerous others who helped out during the year are the ones who made my job easier and contributed to a great fun time for all who participated. I hope that everyone has a GREAT off-season.

Lou Leverone, TYC Rear Commodore

TYC Youth Sailing Program

Youth Sailing enjoyed a wonderful summer sailing season. Samantha Repp was our Head Sailing Instructor, with Julie Spear, Christopher Repp, Bob Welsh and Eric Cousinous as Jr. Instructors. They all did a fantastic job and received many glowing compliments from the parents.

Youth Sailing also had a very successful Wednesday Night Race Series. On most Wednesday nights, we had 12 optis racing! We also had many successful regattas. We attended seven regattas this year, Niantic Bay, Groton Long Point, Watch Hill, Ram Island, Mason's Island, Fisher's Island and our own. Many of our sailors placed in the top 10 in these regattas. The results of most of these regattas are posted on the Youth Sailing bulletin board in the clubhouse.

Our own regatta was a huge success this year. The date was changed to August 1st in hopes of achieving more participation. We had 61 boats, 12 of which were TYC sailors. There are many people to thank, who, without their help, the regatta would not have been the huge success it was. A BIG thank you to Eileen Greene for saving the whole day by doing a very late night pickup of air bags for our optis. Without these airbags, many of our own sailors would not have been able to participate in the regatta. Other thanks go out to Walt Pratt, Cal Brouwer, Judy Gibbs, John Patry, Janice Patry, Lou Leverone, Dottie Mansfield, Lee Highmore, Jim Avery and Spence Kloter for their help before during and after the regatta. Another big thank you to the Fowler, Davis and Finkenauer families for the wonderful job cooking and serving all of our hungry sailors! There are also some wonderful photos posted on the bulletin board, which were done by Jim Reyburn. A big thank you to Jim Reyburn for those photos!

This upcoming summer we are looking forward to naming our Wednesday Night Series and giving out awards at the end of the series. If anyone has any ideas for names, please email me at jlczj@yahoo.com. We are also looking for boats racing during the Wednesday night races to possibly sponsor a sailor during a race. This would give our older sailors an opportunity to race on a larger boat. There will be a sign up sheet at the clubhouse next summer.

The club has recently purchased two more 420s, which brings the total to three 420s. This will not enable us to participate in the ECSA team racing circuit next summer, but we are halfway there. Our club needs a total of six 420s in order to participate in the team racing.

We are also looking forward to creating a new "progressive" class. There will be two four-week sessions in Level 2 and Level 3. These progressive classes will enable the sailors to build upon their skills each week, rather than repeating some of the previously learned skills.

Lisa Huff, Youth Sailing Program Chair

Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association Awards TYC wins for best party and Best Non-Spinnaker Team

At the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association Awards Banquet on November 14, Thames Yacht Club was awarded the Richard H Roberts Award for the best after race party on the ECSA racing circuit. Race participants from all ECSA yacht clubs voted for this award. The party that earned the award was the Commodore Trophy Race Mt Gay Party. Congratulations to Social Committee Chairman, Vice-Commodore Jackie Fisher and her hard working team.

CAPRICORN owned by Judy & Bob Gibbs received second place in Division 7 and Dick Stienhilber won third place in Division 8 with STARCHASER.

CAPRICORN & STARCHASER won the ECSA OUTER LIGHT TROPHY given annually to the 2 non-spinnaker boats from one member yacht club that combine the best scores in Division 7 & 8.

It was a good night for Thames Yacht Club.

Dick Roberts Youth Fleet Fund

The establishment of the Dick Roberts Youth Fleet Fund was celebrated October 24th with a reception held at the Club. Over 70 persons attended. The event grossed \$4,940 and after taking out expenses will net around \$3,500. Thanks go out to Judy Gibbs, Jean Ann and Jack Scaduto and Jackie Fisher for food preparation, set up and clean up and to Bob Gibbs and Lou Leverone for tending bar. The afore-mentioned and Lisa Huff, Carolyn Leuze and Walt Pratt assisted with collating, stuffing and stamping the invitations.

The DRYFF is ongoing. Those that were unable to attend the reception may still make a contribution. Just make out a check to DRYFF and send to Judy Gibbs, 40 Niles Hill Road, New London CT 06320. Your continued support will be greatly appreciated!

Mooring News

I would like to welcome aboard Guy Hannum as our new assistant mooring chairman. He has graciously agreed to assist me with the growing mooring needs at the Thames Yacht Club. He can be reached at 860-437-7933 most evenings. Guy has the three lists—GPS coords, alphabetical, and numerical-meaning TYC mooring numbers for those needing this information. He also has a map of the mooring area. I can still be reached at 860-887-9475.

Jim Fonk has resigned and turned his operation over to Mark Geer (860-439-0871) who at this time is busy servicing many of our members moorings. I have met with him and provided him with the necessary lists, etc. to help with the

transition process. Mike Theiler (860-444-1300), a local full time lobsterman, has also agreed to service TYC moorings. He is able to haul up to #500 anchors. Please call these two gentlemen if you need someone to service your mooring. Have a good winter,

Bruce Costick, Mooring Committee Chairman

Launch Committee

Needed: A Member to Become Chairman of the Launch Committee.

Contact Cliff Fisher 860-443-5968 or fisher@webtv.net, if you are interested or have any questions about the activities involved.

The diesel launch is undergoing major preventive maintenance including new rub rails for next season. This upkeep should remedy the incidence of minor repairs that have been needed in the last few years. The 2nd skiff used for Sailing instruction is being modified, as the other skiff was last winter, to better suit the rigors of the Sailing Program.

Launch Chairman- Cliff Fisher

House Committee

I would like to thank everyone that helped me with the club this year. Particularly the work done in the first part of the year cleaning up and repairing the damage caused from the pipe burst. Cliff Fisher was instrumental in orchestrating the repairs, expending an enormous amount of his time.

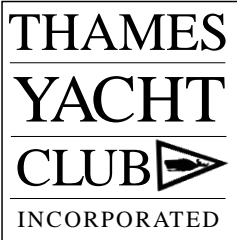
Jack, Jean Ann and Scott Scaduto helped throughout the season, completing many big and little jobs, including rebuilding the launch float, ramp, pier boxes and pier light gallows, and painting the deck, railings and ceiling, to mention a few deeds.

Fall clean up was a great success because so many members, including many new ones, came down to lend a hand. As such, the work was completed in less than 3 hours, including blowing down the pier water lines, putting up the snow fences, relocating the launch float, and moving the 420s to the lawn. Much thanks to all of you that helped out.

The only thing left this year is winterizing the clubhouse, right after the children's holiday party on Sunday, December 14.

Thanks again to everyone for their help. Looking forward to another great year at TYC. Happy Holidays!

House Committee Chairman - Eric Jones



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THAMES YACHT CLUB

BULLETIN BOARD

TYC Holiday Party

December 5th, 6:30PM.

Please Bring an ornament to exchange and your favorite appetizer or dessert

Party Attire is requested.

RSVP by December 1st

Jackie Fisher

860 443 5968

or

jmfisher@webtv.net

\$13.00 per Person

Sundaes with Santa at TYC

**December 14th,
2-4PM.**

Exchange Christmas Gifts

RSVP by December 7th

Laura Davis

860 536 7095

laura.davis@snet.ent

**Friends and Relatives
Welcome!**

Special Executive Committee Meeting

A special Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled

for Tuesday, December 16 at 1930 at the clubhouse to discuss the DRYFF. No other agenda items are planned at this time.

J L Scaduto, Secretary