

MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

Message from the Editor

Spring is finally here.....and with it comes a new boating/sailing season. Soon, if not already, we will be taking the tarps off of our boats and begin the process of preparing our vessels for launch.

I am still in need of photos (as you can see by re-use of the adjacent photo) for inclusion of this publication. You can email these to me in jpeg form or you can send me actual photos which I can scan and return to you. Emailed photos will need to be a minimum of 150 dpi. Photos to be featured on the cover will need to be capable of fitting into the extreme vertical format of the space allotted.

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Commodore's Corner

Winter is over, and oh so very soon the warm weather will be upon us. We've started this year off with a St. Paddy's Day party at the clubhouse on March 13. It was invigorating to get together and talk to sailing enthusiasts after a long, cold winter. Our Vice Commodore, Jackie Fisher, and her assistants put on an excellent function. Our next event is the April 7 members' meeting that starts with a social period, then dinner and a club business meeting. Come on down and tell us about your plans for this year's sailing season, where you are going and what you learned last year to improve your boat's performance. I hope to see many of you there.

During the winter the club suffered a few broken water pipe joints in the kitchen. Thanks to the House Committee Chairman, Russ Carr and the Assistant House Committee Chairman, Bevan Crighton, the pipes are repaired and the water is

on throughout the club. The galley is now usable, but the large refrigerator and the dishwasher still need repair. The club is available for your use or rental for a function.

Lisa Huff volunteered to be the Publicity Committee Chairman. However, we still need an assistant for her in this area and an assistant for the Launch Committee Chairman. Please call me at (860) 447-1501 if you feel either of these areas interest you.

The Oyster Garden Committee met with the Mohegan Tribe Vice Chairman to discuss their proposal for adding floats off the north side of the pier similar to the launch float. They are only interested in this if we will give them a multi-year lease. Since the meeting, they have had the floats redesigned to align with our usage and are going to the regulatory groups to see if the design is acceptable. Please remember that TYC is your club if something needs doing or you want to pass on an idea, let one of the club's officers know.

Eric Jones, Commodore

Membership Committee

With spring upon us, we are receiving a number of requests for information on the club. Most of the requests are coming from friends of present members. Please let me know if there is anyone who would like to receive information on becoming a member of the club.

I am pleased to announce that Garry Pike has joined TYC. Gary is from Uncasville and sails Tardis, a Tartan 33. Please take time to introduce yourself when you see him.

We have five resignations. Bernie Baker, Brian Pease, Ray Shaw, Joe Sylvia and Peter Klein.

Stu Craig -Chairman, Membership Committee



Vice Commodore's Report:

If you were unable to attend the St. Patrick's Day Social on March 13th, we missed you. Thirty-three members got together for appetizers, finger foods and cocktails and had a great time socializing and making plans for the sailing season. Once again, many thanks to Lorena Jones, Barbara LeClerc and Jack & Jean Ann Scaduto for helping me prepare appetizers and decorate. Without you guys, I could not have done it.

Reminders for dates in the near future:

April 7, 2004 - Spring General Membership Meeting and Social starting at 1800 (6.00 pm) for drinks, dinner at 1830 and meeting at 1930. The cost will be \$8.00 per person. Need to RSVP by April 3, 2004 to Jackie Fisher at 860-443-5968 or jacfisher36@msn.com.

April 30, 2004 - Porch Party. It is a BYOB and munchies. There will be no charge. It is just a fun get together, hopefully on the porch.

The Governor's Regatta has been changed to August 8, 2004 in lieu of July 17. There will be Cocktails and Appetizers served the night prior to the Regatta. This is a great time to meet sailors from other clubs when they pick up their racing forms for the next day. Please don't forget we need many members to help put on a successful after race party, my number is above. More information on this in a future Mainsheet. New members, it's a great time to see how clubs run their races.

I have recently ordered TYC burgee decals which will be available at the Club in the very near future for \$1.00.

Hope it will stop snowing and get warmer soon so we can work on our boats, until then, see you on April 7th at the Membership Meeting.

Jackie Fisher, Vice Commodore



Past Membership Committee Chairman Jim Avery mans the tiller of his Tartan *Luff Song* while competing in the Chowder Series

Rear Commodore's Corner

It's April and I'm sure that lot's of you are starting to think about your sailing plans for the upcoming summer - I know I am. For those of you who have not yet joined in on our TYC Wednesday Night races or our weekend racing events, now is the time to start thinking about it. It's a very casual environment and everyone has a great time. You certainly don't need to be a salty blue water sailor (not that we don't have them) to have a really enjoyable time with a great bunch of folks. So, think about gathering up a few friends and signing up for our racing series such as: The Chili Bowl - coming up on Memorial Day, or our Wednesday night series - starting the Wednesday after Memorial Day, or our Thursday night Force-5 series -starting a little later in June, plus many other weekend racing events during the summer.

Included in this Mainsheet are the Notices of Race for both the Chili Bowl Series and the TYC Wednesday Night Series along with the 2004 Combined Entry Form for the local TYC races planned for this summer.

If anyone has any questions about our racing series, please don't hesitate to contact me directly. We had a good number of first time racers, both skippers and crew, come out last year and they all had a great time. I look forward to seeing all of our returning boats, skippers and crews and hopefully many new participants.

Lou Leverone, Rear Commodore



From the Fleet Captain

The first cruise will be to Greenport. We will be spending the night at Townsend's Marina. To make reservations call (631) 477-2000. (www.townsendmanorinn.com) We will be having Dinner at the Townsend Manor Inn at 1830 on May 22nd. Please let me know if you are interested so I can make dinner reservations.

START OF THE CRUISING SEASON!!

Greenport (Townsend Marina)

Leave May 22

May 22nd Dinner at Townsend Manor Inn at 1830

Return May 23rd

MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE

Block Island

Leave May 29th return May 31st

I will try and publish the full 2004 Summer Cruise schedule in the next Mainsheet.

John Huff, jhuff@myeastern.com

Thames Yacht Club Awarded ECSA Regatta

2004 will be a busy year for TYC. In addition to the popular and award winning Governor's Regatta, Ensign Regional II and III Championships, Force 5 North Americans and Richard H. Roberts Optimist Regatta, Thames has been selected to host the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association Regatta in concert with the Commodore's Trophy Race, sponsored by Mount Gay Rum. The date is Sunday, September 12th.

Once again, TYC will be in the spotlight., to which it is no stranger. The Club's reputation landed this assignment. There will be much to be do and many to do it. Your flag officers are counting on your participation and assistance. Stay in touch - a lot more will be forthcoming.

Cal Brouwer

Marine Tag Sale

Saturday, May 1, 2004

10:00 - 15:00

Please contact Lisa Huff at

jlczj@yahoo.com

or

860-437-1466

**for additional information
and a sales form.**

Special Notice to Members

TYC is now using e-mail as a means to notify members concerning last minute changes in club activities and advisories prior to severe storm conditions. It is a fast and efficient way to reach the membership. Several e-mails are being returned as non-deliverable. Also, many members have no e-mail address listed with the club and in most cases the member has an address. Please inform: tycscaduto@aol.com of current e-mail address.

You will not be notified of important notices unless we have your current e-mail address.

Jean Ann Scaduto, Executive Board



Rui Varandas and his girlfriend Anne steer his C&C *Slingshot* during the first race of 2003's Chowder Series.

General Membership Meeting Notice

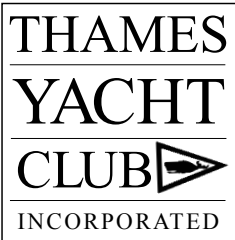
The TYC General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at 7:30 PM at the clubhouse. There will be a Social Hour at 6:00 PM and Dinner at 6:30 PM. Refer to the Vice Commodore's column for details.

Jack Scaduto, Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting

The April Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 PM at the clubhouse. Please submit your agenda items by Friday, April 16.

Jack Scaduto, Secretary



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JACKIE'S TYC SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR 2004

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| Saturday | March 13th | St. Patrick's Day Social |
| Wednesday | April 7th | Membership Meeting and Social |
| Friday | April 30th | Porch Party - BYOB, Etc. |
| Friday | May 28th | Commissioning Day and Social |
| Sunday | June 27th | Membership Meeting and Porch Party - BYOB & Munchies |
| Friday | July 16th | Cocktails and Appetizers |
| Saturday | July 17th | Governor's Regatta - After Race Party |
| Friday - Sunday | August 13-15th | Member's Weekend Starting with a Porch Party on Friday |
| Saturday | September 11th | Cocktails and Appetizers |
| Sunday | September 12th | Commodore's Trophy - After Race Party |
| Sundays | September 26th- October 31st | Chowder Series - After Race Soup or Chowder |
| Friday | October 15th | Octoberfest Social |
| Wednesday | November 3rd | Membership Meeting and Social |
| Friday | December 3rd | Holiday Get-Together |