

MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club



From the Editor

June is here and with it comes the true start of the sailing/boating season. Please get involved with the Club and make the most of what it has to offer.

Greg Reese

Commodore's Corner

Thanks to Jackie Fisher and her support crew, the Commissioning ceremony and party were a success, and the club is open for the season. Please come down and enjoy the facility and introduce yourselves to the many new members.

The launch is restored and in service with the engine purring, thanks to the extensive work of Cliff Fisher. The basic launch hours for the summer, starting on June 20, are daily, 0900-2100. Until then, the launch will operate Wednesday afternoons, 1600-2100, Friday afternoons, 1600-2000 (-2100 on June 19), and Saturdays and Sundays, 0900-2000, with Off Soundings support on Thursday, June 10, 1500-2000. We have 3 launch operators this year, Chuck Estell, Jim Reyburn and Dave Yoselevsky. During the summer, Chuck will be our weekend operator.

Thanks to the many members that helped out on cleanup day, we got the facility back in condition to support the sailing season. I appreciate the unselfish time everyone gave to get so much done in one day. Although we used a low sided dumpster and removed it the first working day, Henry noted someone deposited their construction debris in it and a very large hot water heater next to it. Thanks to Lisa Huff's

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efforts the heater is now elsewhere.

Jack and Jean Ann Scaduto continue to beautify the club, such as grooming the frontage. Their efforts are appreciated and enjoyed by all club members.

Lisa Huff reports that she now has 154 slots filled in the junior sailing program. We have augmented our sailing program boats with three 420s, but still would like to add more. Please call Lisa if you run across a decent used one for sale.

Wayne Gammo volunteered to take over as Dock Committee Chairman, as Scott Scaduto is unable to continue. Scott's leadership and dedicated efforts to keep the docks, ramp and launch float in shipshape over the last few years are much appreciated.

Eric Jones, Commodore

Membership Committee

Commissioning Day is the official start of Thames Yacht Clubs activities and the official introduction of new club members. Hopefully you had the opportunity to attend and meet some of them but, if not, please introduce yourself to our new members. So far this year we have 12 new families many with children. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and to a great season.

Please welcome the following new members:

Joe & Judy Palmisano: West Hartford

Greg & Amy Fauver: New Hartford

Kevin & Ellen Donohue: Columbia

Keith & Twany Gagne: Stonington

Jim & Trish Way: West Hartford

**Stu Craig -Chairman, Membership
Committee**

Vice Commodore's Report:

We had 25 members and guests turnout for the Porch Party on April 30th; a good time was had by all. It was great seeing everyone again and talking about getting their boats ready for the summer season.

So far we have 71 members coming to the Commissioning Day Social on May 28th and we are expecting more to sign up at the last minute. I'll report on the event in the next Mainsheet. It should be an exciting evening.

On June 27, 2004 we are planning another Porch Party and an Open Forum for the Membership. What does this mean? We would like to put an agenda together about any concerns you, as members, would like to discuss. We ask that you call one of the Officers prior to the meeting so we can put your concern on the agenda to answer your questions intelligently. We'll also try to answer questions from the floor, unfortunately not all the officers will be there....Shennecossett Yacht Club is having their Pine Island Race same day and some of them will be attending the event, but I will be there and will try to do my best. Don't forget, a porch party is a bring your own everything. Of course if you wish to share something, that's fine too. Don't forget to let us know if you have any questions or concerns!

I especially want to thank Jack and Jean Ann Scaduto, Neila and Rick Althen and Joe Dlubac for the help they gave me cleaning the galley on Clean-up Day. You can almost eat off the floor!! The only thing to be finished is the stove, which was started but time ran out. Any volunteers? I hope to get it done before the next event. If there's anything you see that needs fixin', call Russ Carr of Bevan Crighten for advice.

Just a reminder, Don Foster of Grampy's will be returning to provide us with one of his great meals on Wednesday evenings starting June 2, 2004. It is open to all members and friends, but it is better if you let him know in advance so he can plan amounts of food needed.

Hope to see you around TYC often this summer.

Jackie Fisher, Vice Commodore



Michael Passero and Seaquester

Rear Commodore's Corner

The TYC racing season is about to get underway with our kick-off Chili Bowl Series to be held on Memorial Day and followed close behind by the start of our TYC Wednesday Night Series on Wednesday June 2nd. I would encourage racers and non-racers alike to participate in these events. They are a lot of fun and are a great way to get involved and to get to know people in your club.

I would also like to remind all of the Wednesday Night skippers that they are required to perform race committee duty at least once during the fourteen weeks of racing. The RC signup sheet is in the club. Those not signing up will be assigned a duty date by me, so please sign up early so you'll get the week that's most convenient for you and your crew.

Also, keep in mind that your boat is not eligible to race on your race committee duty night.

On the Fourth of July we will be holding our annual Francis T. Bradbury Memorial Long Distance Race. The official Notice of Race is included in this Mainshhet issue and you can use the TYC Combined Entry Form to sign up. We will most likely have a cookout after the race, but more on that later. The season is FINALLY here...!!!!

Lou Leverone, TYC Rear Commodore



Queen Merry is towed out to her mooring. A clear indication that the 2004 racing season has arrived.

Help with our History

Jim Reyburn is writing a history of the club. If you have any anecdotes or color or black and white photos of club activities over the years, he'd appreciate hearing from you. He's especially interested in club-related material on the 1938, 1944 and 1954 (Carol) hurricanes and other storms. You can reach him by phone at 860-442-2087 or by E-mail at jreyburn1@msn.com Mail address is 145 Shore Road, Waterford, CT 06385

Jim Reyburn



The Huff and Fox children make it out to Foxrose during the 2003 season on a cruise to Martha's Vineyard.

Mooring Committee News

The new boating season is around the corner and it is time once again to get ready! Please remove your winter markers (even if you are not going to use your mooring as it is a navigation hazard), and replace it with the appropriate summer ball.

Make sure you fill out your mooring application and get it to your diver to be signed and then sent to me. I will be picking up all those that Mark Geer inspects and signs. Make a copy if you need it for informational puposes!

Bruce Costick

Guy Hannum

Special Note from the TYC Mooring Committee:

Due to member interest we will be instituting a "Mooring Relocation List." Our intention is to improve field conditions and satisfy member requests (primarily movement from South field to the more protected North field); keep in mind that relocation is possible only on a "space available" basis. The usual limiting factors, such as boat size, will understandably be in effect. Interested parties need only to contact The mooring committee to be placed on the "first come, first served" mooring relocation list.

Contact Bruce Costick: 860-887-9475

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Guy Hannum: 860-447-1047

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2004 TYC Cruise Schedule

MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE

Block Island

Leave May 29 return May 31

SUMMER CRUISE

Block Island, Martha's, Vineyard, Newport

Leave June 26 return July 10/11

AUGUST CRUISE

Sag Harbor

Leave August 21 return August 22

LABOR DAY CRUISE

Destination to be announced

Leave September 4 return September 6

COLUMBUS DAY CRUISE

Mystic Seaport

Leave October 9 return October 11

C L A S S I F I E D A D S

For Sale

WeeNip, Hull # 55, fiberglass hull, aluminum mast, with mooring. "Phoenix," a TYC classic junior trainer is for sale to a worthy family with small children. This is a great family boat for teaching your children how to sail. Mom and/or Dad can actually fit comfortably in this boat and take 2-3 small children out for lessons.

Accepting offers.

Michael Passero 860-442-1228 (home);

860-625-7516 (cell).

Ensign, Hull No. 910, Excellent condition

Sails: Racing condition--main, genoa, and blade.

(Shore) Cruising/practice--main, genoa, spinnaker, and storm jib.

Upgraded running and standing rigging, race-equipped (includes SailComp). Mast-step replaced and reinforced. All Schaefer or Harken hardware.

6 hp Evinrude outboard, new water pump, runs well.

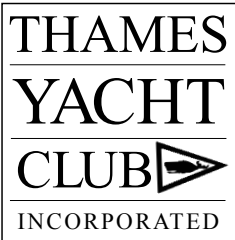
Asking \$6,750.

Contact Peter Schaefer:

(518) 674-8020, schaefer@well.com

Child Sitter

Available for summer hours. Elizabeth Passero, 14 yrs. old, 860-442-1228.



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DETAILED RACE SCHEDULE FOR 2004

5/31/2004 Chili Series Race	8/11/2004 Wednesday Summer Series Race
6/2/2004 Wednesday Spring Series Race	8/14/2004 Oscar Kerman Regatta
6/9/2004 Wednesday Spring Series Race	8/15/2004 W. W. Meek Regatta
6/11/2004 Off Soundings	8/18/2004 Wednesday Summer Series Race
6/12/2004 Off Soundings	8/23/2004 Ensign Nationals
6/16/2004 Wednesday Spring Series Race	8/24/2004 Ensign Nationals
6/23/2004 Wednesday Spring Series Race	8/25/2004 Ensign Nationals
6/30/2004 Wednesday Spring Series Race	8/25/2004 Wednesday Summer Series Race
7/4/2004 Bradbury Memorial Race	8/26/2004 Ensign Nationals
7/7/2004 Wednesday Spring Series Race	9/1/2004 Wednesday Summer Series Race
7/14/2004 Wednesday Spring Series Race	9/12/2004 Commodore's Trophy Race
7/21/2004 Wednesday Summer Series Race	9/17/2004 Off Soundings
7/23/2004 Ensign Regional Championship	9/18/2004 Off Soundings
7/24/2004 Ensign Regional Championship	9/25/2004 Ensign Hospice Regatta
7/28/2004 Wednesday Summer Series Race	9/26/2004 Chowder Series Race
7/29/2004 Force 5 National Championship	10/3/2004 Chowder Series Race
7/30/2004 Force 5 National Championship	10/10/2004 Chowder Series Race
7/31/2004 Force 5 National Championship	10/17/2004 Chowder Series Race
8/4/2004 Wednesday Summer Series Race	10/24/2004 Chowder Series Race
8/7/2004 Governor's Regatta	10/31/2004 Chowder Series Race