

# MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club



## Important Mooring Committee Reminder:

All members are governed by the mooring requirements established by Thames Yacht Club. These obligations include the yearly submission of a Mooring Application, and inspection every other year. At present there are some seventy members who have not complied. Failure to submit an application leaves open the possibility of losing you spot.

Should your mooring require an inspection, forward your completed form to your diver so that he can sign off on it. Otherwise, applications can be dropped off at the club (leave them in the envelop by the launch operator's office) or sent directly to me:

**Guy Hannum, 63 Bayshore Drive,  
New London, CT 06320**

I'll be sure to forward all to the Harbormaster. Thanks for your co-operation.  
**Guy Hannum, Mooring Chairman**

## Commodore's Corner

July and August were fully charged months with much activity at the club and on the water. I have learned a lot this summer and owe a lot of people thanks for their continued contributions of support and help for the club. If I have left someone out my apologies:

The Governor's Regatta was held in heavy winds and tide, making it a workout for all the sailors. Jackie, being away for the week preceding the event, left Jean Ann and Jack in charge to make the weekend social events happen. Although Jean Ann and Jack did or coordinated most of the prep work, Jackie arrived in time to oversee the weekend events. Unfortunately due to the commotion over my pronunciation of some-

one's name, I left Jackie off the credits, and thus extend her my apologies.

Many preps were made for the event. Mary did a super job getting the facility ready. Chuck mowed the lawn and Aileen Greene replaced umbrellas on the picnic tables. Roger Greene did a great job patching the side ramp. His repairs are appreciated and took away the immediate risk of injury, but we do need to replace the complete assembly. Need a volunteer to lead the charge!

The Optimist Regatta was a great success, both due to wind and the Mothers that pitched in. All reports say it was a great day for all the kids.

Our club hosted the Ensign Regionals this year. Russ and Vonice Carr did an outstanding job organizing the event and all the social activities supporting the three-day affair.

The Force 5 National Regatta was hosted by TYC. Bobby Cullen and Jeanie not only did a

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## COMMODORE'S TROPHY RACE & ECSA REGATTA

**Sunday, September 12, 2004**

We are asking members to once again offer their services by donating appetizers and time on Saturday, September 11th and helping cook, setup, serve, etc. on Sunday, September 12th.

**A Special Event for TYC each year!**

**Thanks to all of you last year -  
2003 -TYC won the  
"BEST ECSA PARTY" of the summer.**

**Let's try it again!!**

suburb job orchestrating the event, but Bobby himself took first place.

Cal Brouwer organized Member's Weekend, providing three days of family activities, including the fun filled Oscar Kerman Regatta where everyone raced in the same class, all without spinnakers. The turnout for the race was exceptional. Even if you don't race in any other event during the year, you should be in this one. Cal Brouwer, Judy Gibbs, Lou Leverone and Lloyd McDonald with the help of some other members to be thanked for running the races at all the above events.

Ensign Nationals were held in Newport the last week in August and we were well represented by three of our members' boats.

Chuck, being one of our launch operators and staying on his boat in the mooring field, has provided some security to our grounds. As I am sure most of you know, we had a break in and Chuck's quick response enabled the police to apprehend the group of teenagers probably responsible. If the launch operators are the last to leave the club they secure all doors and windows, but if they are not, the last member leaving needs to do the securing. We will post a check off list by the front door to help you if you are last out. When at the club and when we sponsor events we need to remember that each of us represent the club and our words and actions are what people go away with as their impression of our club. We can give them the best food in the cleanest place, but if we are not friendly, this is what they will go away remembering. Please welcome people and treat them, as you would like to be treated.

After Labor Day, and on through September and October, the launch service shifts to just weekends, from 1600 to 2000 on Friday's and 1000 to 1800 on Saturdays and Sundays. There are a couple of exceptions, the morning of the Commodore's Trophy Race, launch service starts at 0830; and on the morning of the start of Off Soundings, launch service starts at 0730.

**Eric Jones, TYC Commodore**

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### **Vice Commodore's Report:**

Even though we are heading towards the end of the summer, we still have many activities to look forward to. But before we go into them, I want to comment on the Governor's Regatta weekend. Thanks to all of you who took the time to prepare those wonderful appetizers for Saturday evening. We had many many comments on how delicious they were, so I look forward to you doing the same for the Commodore's Trophy weekend.

We had approximately 40 boats racing and about 140 folks to feed on Sunday. Without the help of Jack and Jean

Ann Scaduto, I would not have been as relaxed as I was on our annual cruise....a special thanks, guys. They kept things going and had everyone set for Saturday's cocktail party and Sunday's buffet. Don Foster did the cooking, while John & Lisa Huff, Claire Gammo, Lynn Londregan, Dotty Mansfield, Nancy Rohner, Lorena Jones, Mary Passero, Peter & JoAn Brouwer, Vonice Carr, Cliff Fisher, Bill Martin, Barbara Leclerc, Alma Brouwer and lots of youngsters helped Jean Ann, Jack, and I put up tents, arrange furniture, serve food and drinks, clean up, wash dishes, etc. etc. I know I've said it before, but we could not have done it without you (forgive me if I missed someone). Thank you, thank you!!!

Now I have to ask once more for help on Saturday evening, Sept. 11, 2004. We need appetizers for the the cocktail social during which the skippers pick up their race entries (1800/6:00 p.m.) for the Commodore's Trophy Race. Help preparing the food on Friday the 10th, and setting up the tents, tables, bar, etc. on Saturday is needed. This race has always been a highlight for TYC, so thanks in advance for giving us a helping hand.

More events will be taking place before the end of the year. See "At a Glance" on the last page.

Please contact me, Jackie Fisher at (860) 443-5968 or jacfisher36@msn.com as soon as possible to offer your help.

**Jackie Fisher, Vice Commodore**

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### **Rear Commodore's Corner**

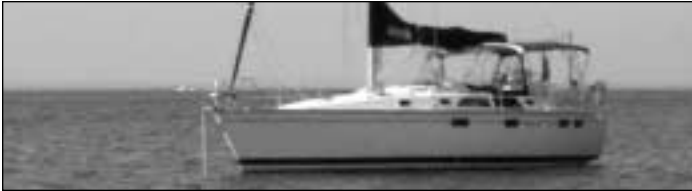
Lot's of racing activity at the club this past month: Optimist Regatta, Governor's Regatta, Oscar Kerman, W.W.Meeks and continuation of our Wednesday Night Summer Series. You can see details and results of these events in other sections and inserts in this Mainsheet.

Upcoming we have a number of important events, such as: Skipper's & Family Night on Friday evening, September 10; The Commodore's Regatta on Sunday, Sept 12; and The Chowder Series which starts on Sunday, Sept. 26 and runs every Sunday afternoon through Oct. 31.

For Skipper's and Family Night (please see enclosed flyer) we'll have a cookout, sailing awards, a bonfire and generally a lot of fun. This is open to all club members (sailing & beach pass) plus racing crews invited by their skippers and non-member who participated in our TYC racing events such as; Chili, Bradbury and Wednesday Nights.

I also need a few volunteers to help out with things like - grill'n, ticket sales, set up/clean up and providing salads & deserts. Hope to see you all there.

**Lou Leverone, TYC Rear Commodore**



## 2004 TYC Cruise Schedule

### LABOR DAY CRUISE

Sag Harbor and Shelter Island  
Leave September 4 return September 6

### COLUMBUS DAY CRUISE

Mystic Seaport  
Leave October 9 return October 11

## COMMODORE'S TROPHY RACE

The Club's premiere race of the season is the 57th running of the Commodore's Trophy Race, Sunday, September 12th. This year the Race carries more importance as it's also the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association (ECSA) Regatta. Again this year it is being sponsored by Mount Gay Rum.

The event actually has two races planned with the First Warning at 1055 in the vicinity of Vixen's Ledge. The Notice of Race and Entry Form are on the Club's web site. They are also copies on the Racing Bulletin Board at the clubhouse. Entry deadline Wednesday, September 8th at 1930. Get your form and fees to Race Secretary Cal Brouwer ASAP.

Following recent tradition there will be a pre-race cocktail party on Saturday, the 11th, commencing at 1800. Sailing Instructions and Scratch Sheets will be available for pick up at that time. Spirits and appetizers will also be served. Mount Gay t-shirts will be on sale so bring cash!

Racing or not, the post race awards party is open to all members. Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$12 at the door. Please join us.

**Cal Brouwer**

## 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.

**Guy Hannum: 860-447-1047 [guy@sherwoodlumber.com](mailto:guy@sherwoodlumber.com)**

## TYC Radio Control Sailing Group

A group of members are starting a Radio Control Sailing group at TYC. The boat that has been proposed is the Victor Soling One Meter. The philosophy of the Soling One Meter class is to provide a low-cost one-design model suitable for introducing newcomers to the hobby, as well as provide enough performance to keep long-time model sailors interested. The class has become one of the largest classes in the American Model Yachting Association (AMYA) with large fleets in New England. The main goal of the TYC group is to be an active one design racing group.

The boat comes in kit form and can only be purchased from the authorized supplier Victor Models. You should only have to spend a total of about \$250.00 to get the boat sailing. Many members have expressed interest in building the boats this fall after the sailing season has ended. I am planning on placing an order with Victor Models in early October. They do offer a discount for multiple orders, so let me know if you would like to be part of this order.

We are planning on meeting down at the club during the late fall and early winter to work on the kits. Give it some thought, check out the links below, and let me know if you have any questions or if you are interested.

### Below are some links regarding the Soling:

#### American Model Yachting Association:

<http://www.amya.org/s1m.html>

#### Soling One Meter Supplier:

<http://www.victor-model.com/soling1m.html>

#### Yahoo Soling Discussion Group:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/solingonemeter/>

#### The Soling One Meter Resource Center:

<http://www.amya.org/s1m/>

**John Huff**

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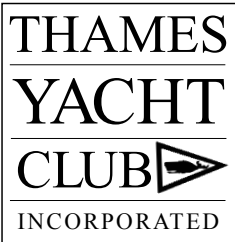
### Mooring for Sale

North Field, "Salty" is presently on it,  
800# mushroom, 25' of 1/2" dia. chain, 2 - 24' (double)  
5/8" rope pennants, ball and pick up bouy.  
Asking \$1000.00 535-2921, Denny or Marge Smith.

**Deadline for materials to be included  
in the Octoberber issue of the**

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**is Friday, September 17th at 4:00 P.M.**



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## **TYC Social Calendar at a Glance**

### **September - December 2004**

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| <b>September 11</b> | <b>Cocktails &amp; appetizers for racers picking up race entries.</b> |
| <b>September 12</b> | <b>Commodore's Trophy Race and ECSA Regatta</b>                       |
| <b>October 15</b>   | <b>Oktoberfest Social</b>   |
| <b>November 3</b>   | <b>Membership Meeting/Elections of Officers &amp; Social</b>          |
| <b>December 3</b>   | <b>Holiday Get-together</b>   |