

# MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club



## Annual Membership Meeting/Social

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

**\$8.00 per member/or \$10.00 at the door.**

- **6p.m.** Social - appetizers with beer, wine, and soft drinks.
- **7p.m.** Buffet and dessert.
- **8 p.m.** Membership Meeting

We will be serving a Spaghetti and Meatball dinner (prepared by Jack Scaduto) with Salad, bread and desserts.

**Please bring an appetizer or dessert to help out.**

Important to RSVP by April 3, 2005 because we won't know how much to cook. Call me at (860)443-5968 or email me at jacfisher36@msn.com.

Jack and Jean Ann are preparing the meatballs and sauce from scratch and really need to have a number of attendees in order to prepare the right amount of food.

**See you on the 6th.**

## Commodore's Corner

Hope this finds everyone staying warm and safe during this cold spell. I am completely recovered from my bout with babeosis and would like to thank everyone for their kind get well wishes, help and cards. Now however, Jeanne Pratt is the one laid up, with a shattered heel.

The weather has taken a toll on the dock with the ice lifting a number of planks and most lights out of service. This spring we will have to get a dock party together for repairs.

Lisa Huff has resigned from youth sailing

and will serve the club in other capacities. Lisa has done an outstanding job and we thank her for all of her time that she dedicated to the program. Youth sailing is one of our club's strong points and we need someone to keep the program on track. For now, Cliff Fisher with help from Cal Brouwer will be filling the void until someone else steps forward to assume program responsibilities.

We are also searching for someone to coordinate Member's Weekend. Cal has been putting it together for the last eight years or so. Although he has provided a lot of great, memorable family weekends to which we own him an enormous debt of gratitude, he has asked to have someone else step in and organize the event.

Please call me at (860) 447-1501 if you feel either of these areas interest you.

**Eric Jones, TYC Commodore**

## Membership Committee

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

### New Members:

Please help welcome our new members.

**Douglas Muth & Terry Langevin** of Windsor, CT.

**David Knecht & Lori Smolin** of Storrs, CT.

**Nick & Maria Kostopoulos** of Waterford, CT.

**Stu Craig -Chairman, Membership Committee**

## Vice Commodore's Report

**IT'S SPRING** and as I write this, the snow is coming down outside; when will it ever end?

We had a wonderful St. Patrick's Day Party with approximately 45 members attending, and several of our new members received their club burgees. There was lots to eat because many members brought **WONDERFUL** appetizers and **GREAT** desserts. Helping me again to decorate, setup, and cook was Jack and Jean Ann Scaduto, Debbie Hutter (friend of mine), Lynn and Jim Londregan and Lorena and Commodore Eric. Thank you, guys, for a job well done.

My goal this year is to get more members helping me. New members, old members, please! It is only a few hours and we really have a **GREAT TIME** while preparing for a social event.

**Our next event is April 6, 2005.** It is very important that every member attend this because it is our Opening Membership Meeting/Social of the year. There will be several issues to cover and it gives you a chance to voice your opinion and make suggestions. If you have anything special you would like to discuss, please contact Jack Scaduto. We are having a Spaghetti and Meatball dinner. Jack and Jean Ann are going to prepare the meatballs and spaghetti sauce for the dinner, but we will still need help setting up and preparing the salad, etc. so please give me a call to help out (443-5968). Please see the separate insert for the announcement.

After the membership meeting we have Commissioning Day on May 27th. This is generally known as Opening Day of TYC. After the presentations on the Dock we return to the Club where cocktails, appetizers, a light buffet and desserts will be available while we spend time with old and new members of the Club. I will announce this in the next Mainsheet.

But before Commissioning Day, we are having Clean Up Day on May 14th. Call Russ Carr for donating your time, he really needs you and I need your help in the galley to get ready for all our events for the summer. Just give a few hour sof your time because it is your Club and we want it to be one you are proud of.

I am looking forward to seeing and working with each and every one of you this summer.

**PRAY FOR A REAL SPRING!**

**Jackie Fisher - Vice Commodore.**

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

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**is Friday, April 22nd at 4:00 P.M.**

## Rear Commodore's Corner

In spite of the continuing snowy forecasts it's time to start planning for the 2005 racing season. First of all, let me introduce myself, I'm Lloyd McDonald, TYC's new Rear Commodore. I relieved Lou Leverone who has served superbly in this position for the past two years. I do not have a strong racing background; however I have served on the race committee on a nearly full time basis for the past three years. My thanks to Cal Brower, Judy Gibbs and Lou have done their best to train me in the basics of race management, but I beg your patience in my rookie year.

Enclosed in this issue of the Mainsheet is the Combined Race Entry Form. Please send them to me with your check and 2005 PHRF certificate as soon as you can. Our first event is the Chili Series on Memorial Day, 30 May.

Every boat that races will need a PHRF certificate. There are two options. If you intend to participate only in TYC races then you can obtain a 2005 TYC PHRF certificate on line at [thamesyachtclub.org](http://thamesyachtclub.org) under the racing link. If you intend to participate in races outside of the club you will need a 2005 Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association (ECSA) certificate. This application is available at [ecsa.net](http://ecsa.net). Our club Measurer and point of contact for all PHRF questions is Bob Geary, 446-9222.

One change for this season is a more stringent requirement for each racing boat to staff the Race Committee (RC) one time during the season. The skipper and at least one regular crew member must volunteer to serve on the RC one time during either the Wednesday Night Series of Chowder Series. Three or four crew members would be great. The boat will not race on the date the skipper volunteers. Failure to meet the RC requirements will result in a non-discardable disqualification. There will be a sign up list at TYC. Most sailors find RC duty fun and informative.

I'm looking for additional "permanent" RC members. With more boats racing and the possibility of one or two additional classes I need lots of help. No experience required, we will train you. It is a great way to learn about the racing rules of sailing, meet club members and spend quality time on the Queen Merry. There time commitments are very flexible. As a new member I found RC duty the perfect way to learn about TYC and quickly feel at home there. I would especially welcome senior members who may no longer race or are currently "boatless". There will be a Race Management seminar on 21 May at Niantic Bay Yacht Club. These are outstanding, entry level courses sponsored by U.S. Sailing. Please contact me if you have any interest. 464-2401.

**Lloyd McDonald, TYC Rear Commodore**  
**[lpmdonald01@comcast.net](mailto:lpmdonald01@comcast.net)**



### From the TYC Measurer

As spring finally approaches, it is time to plan your racing season. As you know, all PHRF handicaps are assigned on an annual basis and must be renewed for the current year. During the winter the ECSA PHRF Handicap Committee reviewed ALL of the ECSA handicaps and made several adjustments based on race results and inputs from other regions. Consequently many handicaps have changed, and you should NOT assume that your handicap for 2005 will be the same as that for 2004. The new base boat values can be reviewed for all boats on the ECSA web site at [www.ecsa.net](http://www.ecsa.net).

You can get a PHRF handicap certificate in one of two ways depending on whether you will ONLY be racing in TYC events or races beyond the bounds of TYC.

For TYC only events, 2005 handicap forms are available on the TYC web site, or in the rack adjacent to the fireplace in the club. These should be fully filled out and forwarded to the undersigned. Please remember to sign the handicap form prior to sending it.

For race events sponsored by other clubs, you will need an ECSA issued 2005 Handicap. These can be obtained at the ECSA web site mentioned above, by joining ECSA and providing the needed information. Please indicate that your home club is TYC for prompt attention.

For Off Soundings events, currently a valid OSC measurement form is required. These are valid for a period of three years. If you intend to sail Off Soundings this spring, please review your certificate to determine that it will be valid for the race periods. If not, please notify me and we will arrange a new measurement form. Please do not wait for the last minute, as service may not be available in timely manner.

For those of you with new boats or new headsails, we will need to get together to gather appropriate information and validate other data. Sail makers measurement certificates will facilitate this greatly.

If there are any questions, please contact me.

**Bob Geary, TYC Measurer**

### News from the Mooring Committee

Spring is just around the corner and many are beginning to think spring and moorings. We have a number of incoming members that are looking for permanent or temporary arrangements for this coming season. If anyone is looking to sell, lease, or rent your mooring please let me know so we can be sure all those who want, will have a mooring available to them. Keep in mind, the Mooring Committee must be notified prior to any mooring change i.e. ownership, location, boat size, equipment.

With the coming of the new season I'd like to remind all mooring owners that each of us, as responsible members, must meet the following Thames Yacht Club requirements for each of our moorings:

- All winter markers must be removed and replaced with properly marked float
- All floats are to be white with a blue stripe marked with the anchor weight, boat and owner's name.
- A Mooring Space Permit must be completed and submitted to the Mooring Committee

Thank you all for your co-operation. Any questions, or ideas don't hesitate to call: 860.437.7933. You can forward completed Mooring Space Permits to me:

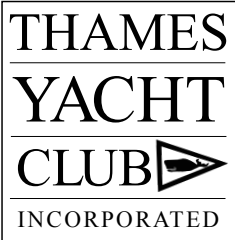
**Via mail:** Guy Hannum  
63 Bayshore Drive  
New London, CT 06320

**Via email:** [guy@sherwoodlumber.com](mailto:guy@sherwoodlumber.com)

**A .pdf file of the permit is available at:**  
[http://www.ct.gov/dot/lib/dot/Documents/dpermits/ap\\_ims.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dot/lib/dot/Documents/dpermits/ap_ims.pdf)

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**Guy Hannum, TYC Mooring Chairman**



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## **Jackie Fisher's 2005 Calendar of Social Events**

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APRIL 6: WEDNESDAY,

APRIL 29: FRIDAY,

MAY 27: FRIDAY,

JUNE 26: SUNDAY,

JULY 16: SATURDAY,

AUGUST 12-14:

FRIDAY-SUNDAY,

SEPTEMBER 11: SUNDAY,

SEPTEMBER 25 -

OCTOBER 30: SUNDAYS,

OCTOBER 15: SATURDAY,

NOVEMBER 2: WEDNESDAY,

DECEMBER 2: FRIDAY,

DECEMBER 11: SUNDAY,

MEMBERSHIP MEETING & SOCIAL

PORCH PARTY-BYOB, ETC.

COMMISSIONING DAY & SOCIAL

MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND PORCH PARTY

BYOB & MUNCHIES

GOVERNOR'S REGATTA-AFTER RACE PARTY

MEMBER'S WEEKEND

STARTING WITH A PORCH PARTY ON FRIDAY

COMMODORE'S TROPHY-AFTER RACE PARTY

CHOWDER SERIES-AFTER RACE CHOWDER OR SOUP

OKTOBERFEST SOCIAL

MEMBERSHIP MEETING & SOCIAL

HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER

SUNDAES WITH SANTA FOR KIDS