

MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

Message from the Editor

Although early, the sailing season is upon us. It's a good time to get involved in club activities perhaps starting with Spring Cleanup Day on May 14th.

I have a new email address to send your Mainsheet submissions to:

gbreese69@earthlink.net

As usual, I am still in need of photos. Please email these to me at the above email address or call me to make other arrangements. My contact information is in the Directory.

Greg Reese, Mainsheet Editor

Commodore's Corner

Spring is here, the flowers are all out, and its time to get your boat and the club ready for the sailing season. The club's spring clean up day is Saturday, May 14th. If everyone comes down to help, we can get the snow fences down, the launch float back in position, and the place ready for commissioning in no time. The work starts at 0900 and should be finished by early afternoon. Then that evening we can relax at our first 2005 porch party.

Commissioning Day is the official opening of the facility. The Friday, May 27th festivities include a formal ceremony, a presentation of the club's burgee to each of the new members, and a TYC party. Please come down and welcome the new members.

Launch Operation starts on Saturday, May 21st. The hours and days of service are listed on the enclosed flyer.

For those that missed the General Membership meeting, here are the basic results of the discussions that occurred. Six areas were covered. As none were written in bylaw language, they were not adaptable as bylaw changes, but intended to be presented as potential changes to be discussed with the membership. The members at the meeting did not agree with any of the

six areas of changes and provided many comments on them. The two areas the members voted to not discuss any further were having a social membership and making changes to Master Mariner qualification requirements. The other four areas were sent back for restructuring.

We still do not have a Chairman for Member's Weekend. Please consider taking on this endeavor.

Eric Jones, TYC Commodore

Please Update Your Information

Many of the e-mail addresses that the Club is trying to use to contact members have been found to be out of date. If you have a new e-mail address please send it to tycjscaduto@aol.com or phone 860.859.3408. We also have a few members who have either moved or bought a new boat and have not informed us of the address change or new information on their boat. The 2005 TYC Directory will be issued in a few months and correct information is very important so records can be updated before publication.

Jean Ann Scaduto

Membership Committee

With the sailing season upon us, please take time to introduce yourself to our new members. Opening day is a great time to meet them as they receive their burgees at the commissioning event. Hope to see you there.

New Members:

Please welcome the following new members.

Lou & Barbara Lopez, Lebanon

James Lawlor, Waterbury

Stu Craig -Chairman, Membership Committee



Vice Commodore's Report

The Membership Dinner Meeting was certainly well attended with 64 people enjoying the delicious meatball and spaghetti dinner that was prepared by Jean Ann and Jack Scaduto. Thank you both for such a great meal. Others I wish to thank are Kathy Amrien for the delicious garlic bread, Barbara Dlubac for helping me grocery shop, for making the salad and many other things. And last, but not least, Lynn Londregan who always helps with whatever needs to be done. Thanks to all those who helped clean up afterwards. It is always wonderful working with people who want to help make the Club a special place to come to.

By the time this Mainsheet is read, the April 29th (Friday) Porch Party will have taken place. It is a Bring your own everything and enjoy some camaraderie with friends. It generally starts anytime after 5:30 p.m. Hopefully it will be nice enough to enjoy the porch.

Next on the Club's agenda is Clean-up-Day on May 14th. I will be in charge of the galley and will need a few hands to help get it ready for use for the 2005 season. We will start working at 9 a.m. with Coffee and Dounuts, we will have lunch brought in and continue with a Porch Party later that evening (BYOB) and TYC will furnish some goodies. Come when you can, there is lots to be completed before the day ends and we need YOUR HELP! Remember it's your Club!

Our next Big social event is Commissioning Day on Friday, May 27, 2005. We ask members to come early, bring your boat into the dock and "Dress Your Ship". The annual formal opening will begin at 1830 (6:30 p.m.) out on the dock. New members will receive their welcome to TYC by the Commodore and it's members.

Cocktails and appetizers will commence once the ceremony is over. A light buffet will follow at a cost of \$10.00 (\$12.00) per member. Please RSVP before May 23, 2005 to me at (860) 443-5968 or jacfisher36@msn.com. Volunteers for decorating, cooking, serving, and cleanup are needed. Please bring an appetizer or dessert. Please see enclosed insert.

Jackie Fisher, TYC Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Corner

The 2005 racing season starts this month. All those planning to participate in the Wednesday night races should submit their applications to me soon. They are available in the April Mainsheet and on the TYC web site under Racing. Be sure to get your PHRF certificate first and submit it with your application. The season starts with the Chili Bowl Regatta on Memorial Day, 30 May. The Wednesday night series starts two days later on 1 June. Get that bottom paint on soon so you

don't miss any races.

Spring clean-up day is 14 May, 0900. We will be launching the Queen Merry on Sunday, 15 May. Five or six people are needed to help with that effort. This is a great opportunity for those who can't make it in the 14th to help the club. We will probably start at 1300. Please call me at 464-2401 if you can help.

The Force 5 fleet will continue racing on Thursday nights this year. Check out the Notice of Race and entry form on the TYC web site.

The Race Committee is still looking for help on Wednesday nights on a regular (but very flexible) basis. We have had good support from members in the past. You do not need to be a racer to join the race committee team. No experience necessary. Let me know if you are interested.

Lloyd McDonald, TYC Rear Commodore

Greeting from the new Publicity Committee

My wife, Kirstin, and I will be heading up the Publicity Committee this year at TYC. Our goals are to positively promote the Thames Yacht Club and sailing in the Thames River.

We ask for your help as we dive head first into our new roles. We will be calling each of the committee heads to ask what's going on and see if there's any news we want to get out (awards, special events/activities, race results, racing news, accomplishments of individual club members, distinguished visitors to the club, unusual sailing adventures by club members, club members who may be speaking about sailing at a different venue, etc.) You can always contact us when you feel you have something newsworthy to report and we will do our best to get it out to the local media. If any members are involved in something in the local community (unrelated to sailing), we would like to hear about that as well.

Also, we are going to be building a press kit for the club. This will include a historical bio on the club, photos, races schedules and contact information. If you have any written history on the club or any great photos from past events, we would love to hear from you.

I can be reached at 860-536-3975 or
john.ahearn@meredith.com

*"Only two sailors, in my experience, never ran aground.
One never left port and the other was an atrocious liar."
-Don Bamford*

Happy Sailing!

John Ahearn, Publicity Committee Chairman

TYC Force 5 Fleet 32 News

2005 Thursday Night Racing Series.
There will be a Spring and Summer Series this year at the TYC.

**Spring Series: Jun 2- July 14
and**

Summer Series: July 21- Sept 1

Enclosed is "Notice of Race" and
"Race Entry Form"

Registration/Race Entry deadline is
May 15, 2005.

For more information contact:

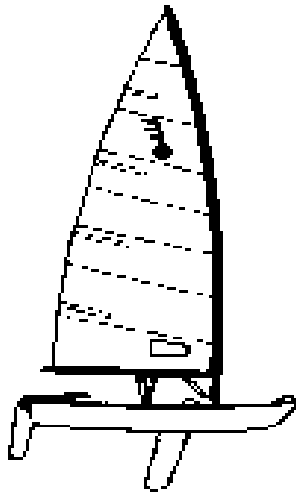
Fleet Captain: David Costanzo

dsc22@snet.net

(W) 860-633-7872 (H) 860-546-6039

Used Boats & Sails contact: Bob Cullen rjcullen@snet.net
860-537-1085.

David Costanzo, TYV Force 5 Fleet Captain



Spring Cleanup Day is Saturday May 14th

Although the winter was average, it seems like it lasted forever. We are now past the spring equinox and the clocks have sprung forward so boating season will soon be here. As we uncover our boats and begin sanding their bottoms remember that our clubhouse needs its spring cleanup too. I have scheduled it for Saturday 14 May, and it is not on Mother's Day weekend so there is no excuse for not turning out. We will begin about 9:00 a.m. and continue until complete, usually about 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be served to the workers. By then the club will have its new awning. I hope that the frame for the north side boat ramp will also be in place so that we can plank it. If not, we will at least remove all of the rotten wood from the existing ramp. Other major tasks are to replace the south side door and rip out the men's shower stall. In addition there will be plenty of cleaning chores both inside and outside where no particular skill is required. I have provided a list of the jobs that I know of.

Hope to see you there.

- Plank the north side boat ramp
- Replace the south side door
- Replace the electric eye and light fixture on the porch corner
- Replace the tires on the ramp to the floating dock
- Rip out the men's shower stall
- Remove the snow fences
- Rake and remove trash from the beach
- Clean the kitchen
- General cleanup

Russ Carr, TYC House Committee Chairman

Race Management Seminar

The Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association (ECSA) will hold its annual Race Management Seminar on Saturday, May 21st, at Niantic Bay YC. While it is geared to those who wish to become certified race officers, it is also an excellent forum for racers (old and new alike) to learn and understand the race committee process. It commences at 0800 and the fee is \$25 which includes lunch. Details can be found at: www.ecsa.net

If its Thursday, it must be Force 5s

TYC's Force 5 Fleet 32 will start its 3rd season on June 2nd. This Thursday evening series will run through September 1st. A Notice of Race is included with this Mainsheet and the entry form can be downloaded from the Club's website. Racing is from the Queen Racing Merry and 3 to 5 races are usually run each night. Members are more than welcome to visit the Club on race nights and enjoy the action from the pier or porch. Starting with just a handful of boats 3 years ago, the fleet now numbers close to 15.

Cal Brouwer

News from the Mooring Committee:

The season is here and there's been plenty of action behind the scenes. All members need to remember to forward a completed Mooring Space Permit to me. If your mooring was inspected last year just forward permit to me, otherwise be sure your inspector signs off on application. Once received, all applications will be forwarded to the harbormaster.

Anyone needing a mooring needs to contact me ASAP. Space and availability are limited and offered on a first come basis. Don't miss out!

Club divers are making preparations to begin inspections and the winter marker change over. Some service people have already begun! Please make arrangements early so you can be sure your mooring is ready when you are. A list of service people is available on request.

(D) 800.645.6226 x160 (E) 860.437.7933 (F) 860.447.1047

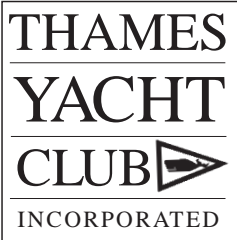
Email: guy@sherwoodlumber.com

Guy Hannum, TYC Mooring Chairman

HELP • WANTED

CREW WANTED...for Wednesday night racing at TYC on board Fast Lane.

Please contact Lou Leverone 860-712-6059 or louis_t_leverone@sbcglobal.net



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Jackie Fisher's 2005 Calendar of Social Events

APRIL 6: WEDNESDAY,	MEMBERSHIP MEETING & SOCIAL
APRIL 29: FRIDAY,	PORCH PARTY-BYOB, ETC.
MAY 27: FRIDAY,	COMMISSIONING DAY & SOCIAL
JUNE 26: SUNDAY,	MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND PORCH PARTY BYOB & MUNCHIES
JULY 16: SATURDAY,	GOVERNOR'S REGATTA-AFTER RACE PARTY
AUGUST 12-14: FRIDAY-SUNDAY,	MEMBER'S WEEKEND STARTING WITH A PORCH PARTY ON FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 11: SUNDAY,	COMMODORE'S TROPHY-AFTER RACE PARTY
SEPTEMBER 25 -	
OCTOBER 30: SUNDAYS,	CHOWDER SERIES-AFTER RACE CHOWDER OR SOUP
OCTOBER 15: SATURDAY,	OKTOBERFEST SOCIAL
NOVEMBER 2: WEDNESDAY,	MEMBERSHIP MEETING & SOCIAL
DECEMBER 2: FRIDAY,	HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER
DECEMBER 11: SUNDAY,	SUNDAES WITH SANTA FOR KIDS