

MAINSHEET

The Newsletter of Thames Yacht Club

Notice of a General Membership Meeting & — Porch Party —

A meeting and Porch Party is planned for Sunday, June 26 at the clubhouse. Save the date and join us for food and fellowship. A change to the TYC Bylaws is planned.

Specific details will follow.

Jack Scaduto, TYC Secretary

Commodore's Corner

I was very impressed with the number of members who showed up for clean up day and the amount of work that was accomplished. The grounds and clubhouse look great. The decaying ramp by the ice machine is gone and will soon be replaced with a new, wider ramp. Russ Carr, the House Committee Chairman, did a super job keeping us focused on what needed our attention. He left a logbook on the counter by the icebox key to allow you to provide input on deficiencies. Please sign the book if you see any problems or have any comments.

All members can purchase a front door key from the launch operator. Write in the logbook if he doesn't have any.

Aileen Greene has opened the galley and we wish her well. She will be open limited hours, aligning to expected higher demand periods.

I am sure most of you have met the new launch operator. If you haven't, his name is Bobby Welsh. He, along with David Yoselevsky and Chuck Estell, will take care of most of the launch needs this summer.

You may have noticed the Queen Merry has moved 150 feet to the East. We are adding another mushroom anchor to help her stay there.

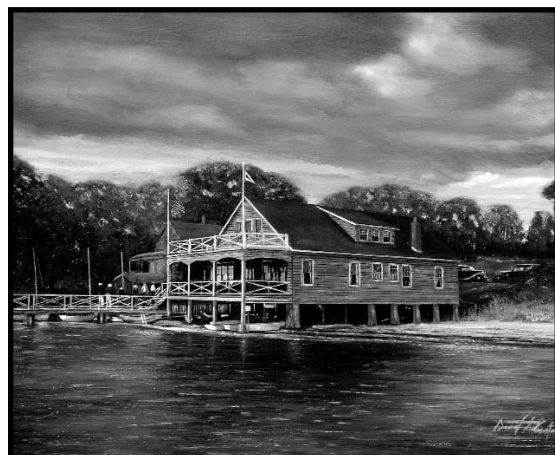
As no one has stepped up to be responsi-

ble to organize Member's Weekend, sadly, the event will probably be cancelled.

We have scheduled a membership meeting for June 26th to make a needed change to the Bylaws. The change is to require someone requesting Master Mariner status, to do so by September of the year proceeding the year the request is to take effect. The difficulty is, in October we must work out a budget for the following year that needs to be within the expected income. Anyone shifting to Master Mariner status after that, impacts the budget.

We are going to add notes from our monthly Expectative Committee meetings to the Mainsheet. We hold these meetings at 1900 on the third Tuesday of each month.

Eric Jones, TYC Commodore



An Exclusive Offer to TYC Members

A limited edition print of a painting done by artist and fellow member David Costanzo, of the TYC Clubhouse (circa approx.1940) will be available for purchase through the club. This is a fine piece of fine art that will be appreciated for years to come. Please contact the artist at (860)546 6039 additional information.



Vice Commodore's Report

The Friday (May 27) is Commissioning Day for year 2005 and we are all looking forward to a wonderful evening. I shall report on the event in the next Mainsheet.

May 14th was Clean-up day at the Club and what a fantastic turnout we had. Russ Carr will list the volunteers in his column of this Mainsheet. Those who helped me in the Galley and in the storage room did such a great job that I am going to list them again here....Claire Gammo, Lois Geary, Aileen Greene, Barbara Leclerc, Nancy Rohner, and Jean Ann Scaduto. Thank You so much. (Hope I got you all!) Now we are ready for the season!

We had an impromptu Porch Party that evening and unless you had an email address or were helping out, we weren't able to get the word out. We had a small group and had lots of laughs.

We want to thank Lisa and John Huff for donating a small refrigerator which they placed on the second floor behind the bar for everyone to use. The only thing they ask is you keep it clean for the others to use. They also donated a mirror for the upstairs ladie's shower room.

Don't forget the next Membership Meeting and Porch Party is on Sunday, June 26, 2005. You should be receiving, prior to the meeting, information concerning any changes in the by-laws for discussion. Please bring your own drinks and munchies along with a salad or dessert to share with others. TYC will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Time and charge will be announced separately by Jack Scaduto.

Lisa Huff, Judy Gibbs and I will be working on the ground work needed for the Member's Weekend (8/12 - 8/14), BUT we are still looking for someone to step up to be the Chairman of the event. I will be away on our Annual Cruise and unable to attend; but will help up until that time. If we are unable to get a Chairman, we may have to cancel the event, so please let either Eric or myself know as soon as possible. Thanks.

As a reminder...we have small burgees for car windows for sail by the launch operators. Their cost is \$1.00. We have two sizes this year, one a little larger that can be placed on your small boat.

On Saturday, July 16, 2005 we will be sponsoring the Governor's Regatta and after-race party. We serve approximately 200-250 hungry and thirsty racers and need lots of help to do so. Put the date aside and call me to volunteer for the day. In 2003 we have won the Best After-Race Party of the summer circuit and like to think we can do again!! A notice will be the next Mainsheet.

Don't forget to put on your name tag, it is on the wall going upstairs. Look up your number on the attached sheets to find what slot you are in. Please return it at the end

of the evening to it's proper slot, don't take it home. If you have changes to your address, telephone number, cell phone or boat name, please let Jean Ann Scaduto know ASAP.

Think warm weather and think yachting. Have a Great Summer!

Jackie Fisher, TYC Vice Commodore

Youth Sailing

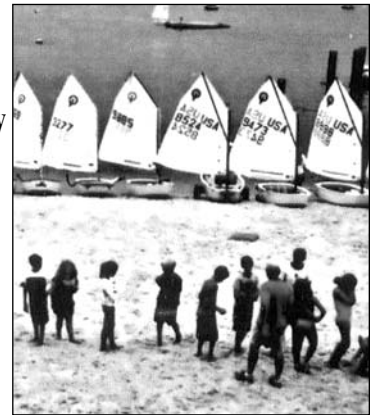
Less than a month to go before classes start, so if you're still planning on registering you child/grandchild the time is NOW! The 1st session (June27 - July21) has a few openings for Beginner and Intermediate sailors; the Advanced sailor class is full. The "Learn To Sail" week (July 5-8) has openings for beginners and Session #2 (July25-Aug11) has openings for all sailors.

Registration forms are available on the TYC website at www.thamesyachtclub.org under Junior Sailing Instruction or contact Whitney Gollsneider at 860-447-8774 or jrsailing@myeastern.com Also contact Whitney if you have any questions.

The Thames Youth Sailing Instruction program will be joined this summer by sailors from Shennecossett Yacht Club. In addition Shennecossett will be providing a Head Sailing Instructor and a Jr Sailing Instructor along with an additional skiff. This broadening of the Sailing Staff along with 3 new

Jr Sailing Instructors at Thames will provide the ability to better tailor the lessons to the varied skill levels of more sailors. The advanced sailors will have the ability to enhance their racing skill development in Optis, 420's and when activities are run at Shennecossett Yacht Club, in Flying Juniors.

Cliff Fisher - Youth Sailing Committee



TYC Cleanup Day Hugely Successful Thank You to All Who Participated

Our clubhouse cleanup day was held in good weather and high spirits Saturday, May 14th. Many people remarked that it was the best turnout ever. This was attributed to the cleanup not being scheduled on Mother's Day weekend but I believe it was also because of the excellent turnout of new members. Regardless, the enthusiastic members present accomplished great things. One of the main dock stringers

near the ramp to the floating dock was discovered to be broken and it was replaced. New foam filled wheels were fitted to the ramp. New porch lights were installed on both the first and second floor porches. The one on the first floor shines out on the foot wash station and is equipped with a motion sensor. The decrepit ramp on the north side was scrapped as were the two nearly sunken docks at moorings. The Queen Merry was move out to her mooring. Cliff Fisher brought down his front loader and redistributed sand and raked the beach. Bob Geary and new member Dave Miller from Troy, New York provided the craftsmanship to the team that replaced the south side door. A new light fixture was installed over the kitchen sink and the kitchen was spotlessly clean thanks to Jackie Fisher and Jean Ann Scaduto and their helpers. Upstairs, the mixing valve in the men's shower was repaired. Throughout the clubhouse there was an effective general cleanup. I could go on but I would like to report on some items still in progress.

The awning is overdue for installation. Niantic Awning has assured me that it will be installed no later than this coming Saturday, in time for Commissioning Day. The north side ramp was removed and probably none too soon. I had considered a similar replacement with a steel frame but steel is \$0.80 per pound and the necessary 4 inch I beams are about 10 pounds per linear foot. A wooden construction similar to the old one will be much cheaper. I will need a sizable work party to build it in early June. Work also continues on the dock lights under the capable direction of Dave Gawlak and the south side door needs a bit of trim. Otherwise, we are ready for the 2005 season.

The long list of helpers include: Jean Ann and Jack Scaduto, Raymond Estell, Don Labrie, Kilban (a new member from Vermont), Pete Costas who helped with the door, Walter Brady, Mike Passero, the Greene family, Craig Spear, Lloyd and Josie McDonald, Lou Leverone, Bob and Judy Gibbs, Dave Miller, Bob and Lois Geary, Bruce Beggs, Commodore Eric Jones, Dave Sombric, Jim Avery, Dave Costanza, Jack Law, Chuck Wargo, Vice Commodore Jackie and Cliff Fisher, Barbara Leclerc, Claire and Wayne Gammo, Nancy Rohner, Dominic Bassi, Neila and Rick Althen, Ted Paulsen, Foster Striffler, Al Schober, Keith Gagne, Mike and Dottie Mansfield, Joe Dlubac, Dave Gawlak, Keith Scagliola, Scott Scaduto, Dale Masslon, and others whose names I can't make out or were not recorded on the list. Well done to you all.

Russ Carr, TYC House Committee Chairman

From the Treasurer

As we begin a new season I thought it might be useful to publish the following information for the membership:

Keys - Keys for the clubhouse are available from the Launch Operators at a cost of \$3.00 each.

Ice - As a convenience ice is available at the clubhouse for \$2.00 a bag. The ice box is located on the north side of the clubhouse adjacent to the ramp in the vicinity of the dinghy racks. The ice box is normally locked and the key is on a whale shaped board hanging on the wall adjacent to the galley door. Payment is on the honor system and the cash or check may be deposited in the payment box secured to the galley counter adjacent to the galley door.

Overnight Docking - Members may tie up at the dock overnight for a fee of \$10.00 a day within the restrictions imposed by House Rules 23. Non-member transient docking fees are \$2.00 per foot, per night when space is available. Fees are due upon use and should be paid to the Launch Operator who will issue a receipt.

Guest Moorings - TYC maintains a few guest moorings which are available for \$15.00 a day. Reservations may be made with the Launch Operator. Fees are due upon use and should be paid to the Launch Operator who will issue a receipt.

Dinghy Storage & Dry Sailing - Dinghy racks are rented to Senior Members and Master Mariners for a fee of \$21.20 a year with taxes. A limited number of racks are available. Contact the Treasurer. Dry sailing storage on the beach is authorized by the Executive Committee for the same cost as a dinghy rack. However, there is no available space remaining. Wet slips on the north side of the dock for vessels 12 feet or less in length are available for \$79.50 a year with taxes. A few spaces are still available. A list of all the storage locations and present occupants is posted on the bulletin board in the center of the room on the west wall of the main level in the clubhouse. The last page is a waiting list for those who want storage or prefer a better spot.

Burgees - May be purchased from the Launch Operator.

Please take the time to read through the House Rules in the yearbook.

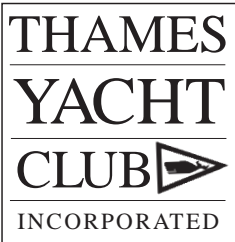
Walter Pratt, TYC Treasurer

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New and Departing Members Since Commissioning Day 2004

New Members:

06/07/2004 Christina and John Ahern
06/22/2004 Diane and Don Bascom
06/28/2004 Lynn and John McCrea
08/29/2004 Sherry and Don Bassi
09/02/2004 Gerald R. Murphy
09/17/2004 Whitney and David Gollsneider
09/20/2004 Kathleen and Robert Amrein
09/28/2004 Pam and James LaWare
10/17/2004 Karen and Stephen Bradley
11/03/2004 Kate and Stephen Potter
12/15/2004 Janet and Richard Kilburn
01/26/2005 Ginny and Jim Verdier
02/01/2005 Terry Langview and Douglas Muth
02/04/2005 Lori Somlin and David Knecht
03/07/2005 Maria and Nocolaos Kostopoulos
03/22/2005 James Lawlor
04/02/2005 Barara and Luis Lopez
04/12/2005 Carol and David Miller

04/30/2005 Adrienne and Billy Pugh
Please welcome them and introduce yourself.

Departing Members:

Laurie and Jack McGrath
Marcelle Madrange
Catherine and John Kerr
Brian Beggs
James Spallone
Sean Muth
Barbara and Mark Fox
Linda and John Lanza
Diane Duffie and David Anderson
Alex and Mark Bancroft
Ellen and Kevin Donahue
Joanne and John Sinisi
Karen and Stephen Bradley
Ann and Thomas Evanko
Jane and Gerald Moran