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THE NEWSLETTER OF THAMES YACHT CLUB

From the Desk of Rob Amrein, Your Treasurer



Here are club price for the summer.

1. Ice will remain the same \$2.00 cubes & \$3.00 blocks. Please remember to put your money in the envelopes provided and drop in the slot on the gallery counter.
2. Small boat storage was set at 15% of senior members dues or \$108.75. However for this year it was decided to hold price to 7.5% of senior members due or \$54.38. This to help offset the other increase small boat members are facing this year. Please check with Claire Gammo for your assigned space before remitting payment.
3. Dry dingy storage was set at 7.5% of senior members due or \$54.38 and wet storage was set at 15% of senior members dues or \$108.75. This way of setting the price for storage was voted at the July 2013 general membership meeting to standardize pricing going forward. Please check with Claire Gammo before sending in your payment to TYC PO Box 1808 New London, CT 06320.
4. If leaving your boat on the dock overnight the charge will be \$15.00/night again this year. Payment is to be made to the launch operator in advance. Transient space on the dock will be charged at \$50.00/night if space is available and collected by the launch operator.
5. Transient mooring are available at \$25.00/ night except on fireworks weekend. Fireworks weekend the cost will be \$35.00/night. Please have all transients check in the launch operator for mooring assignment.
6. Don't forget that this year the mooring at Block Island is \$25.00/night but you are able to reserve it so you know it will

be available when you arrive. Check with mooring chairman Bill Turner for details.

I hope having these figures helps you in planning your season. To help us all at the club bring some family and friends to see how great our club is and help us grow our membership.

Rob Amrein, rsa@steppingstonesedctr.com

From the Membership Committee



Four applications for Beach/Small Boat Membership in the Club have recently been accepted by the Membership Committee.

Bill and Sharon Giesing are active members of the New London community. Sharon is a returning member, having belonged in the early 80's when her children were learning to sail. The next generation, their granddaughter, will be participating in the Youth Sailing Program.

Kendra Alling and Pam St. John have recently moved to New London. Kendra has taken the USCG Captains Course, and has been a sailing instructor for 25 years at camps in Niantic. They are in the market for about a 30' sail boat.

Loretta and Dennis Gallagher, have recently purchased a house near the Club, and are looking forward to becoming active members of the community and the Club.

Jessica O'Keefe is the Gallagher's daughter, and is looking forward to becoming active in Club activities. Please welcome these new members when you meet them at the Club.

The "Tag Sale and Open House" on May 10th drew a good turnout for both purposes. Tours of the facility were given to about 10 potential applicants. I'd like to thank Ted Paulsen for laying out a membership brochure, and Stu Craig for printing them. They were well received by everyone who saw them.

Our next opportunity to tell our story to potential applicants will be the New London Boat Show. It will run from Noon to 6 PM on Saturday, June 21st, and from 11 AM to 4 PM on Sunday, June 22nd. Mike Passero has volunteered "Born To Run" to be at the city dock as a promotion for the club. TYC will have a table next to the boat, and a separate booth.

Volunteers are needed to man the table and the booth on both days; to hand out brochures, talk up the advantages of TYC, and to enjoy the Show. Please contact me by phone (860-798-3622) or email (vinnym1@earthlink.net) to sign up for a couple of hours.

Vinny Moriarty, *Membership Chair*

JUNE AT THE CLUB

June 14 – New London Cruise

June 28 – 2nd Annual ECSA Calvin Brouwer Memorial Race

June 21 - 22 – New London Boat Show

June 30 – Youth Sailing Program will begin

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 19 - 20 – Pirate Rendezvous & Sail to Stonington Harbor

Keep TYC strong – Please Volunteer!

From the Fleet Captain:



The cruising season starts in June however some cruises require early registration before May 31. If you plan to attend the New London Cruise in June or the August cruise you need to follow the instructions listed for each cruise. If you have never cruised and would like to join us or have questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 860-303-5451 or email RebeccaTurner19@AOL.com.

2014 SUMMER CRUISE SCHEDULE:

- **June 14 to 15, 2014 – Cruise to New London** – *contact fleet caption ASAP if you are attending this cruise.*

The Charles Morgan will be docked at New London during this weekend and the docks are not available. Ten moorings have been reserved for Saturday night, June 14. The price of a mooring is \$31.50/night. If you plan to attend the cruise I need you to complete a form for the cruise and pay TYC before the end of May. The form will be posted on the TYC website.

- **July 19 and 20, 2014 – Pirate rendezvous and cruise to Stonington Harbor, CT.** – The Club will meet on Flat Hammock for the Pirate rendezvous on Saturday July 19. Boaters interested in extending their adventure will cruise to Stonington Harbor for a one to two night stay. Mooring are available at a cost at Dodson's or you can anchor for free in the harbor.
- **August 16 to 23, 2014 – Cruise to Essex, CT, Dering Harbor, and Three Mile Harbor, NY.** – *Contact fleet caption ASAP if you are attending this cruise.*
- **Aug 16 – Sail to Essex, CT on the CT River.** Stay Aug 16 and 17 on moorings at Brewers Dauntless Marina. Ten moorings are reserved at \$37.50/night. If you plan to stay at Brewer's you must contact the marina office at 860-767-8267 before April 31 with your credit card number. Ask for Cy Libby when calling.

Let Cy know you are with the TYC cruise to get the reduced mooring rate. Currently we are scheduled for dinner on Sunday night, August 17 at the Essex Corinthian Yacht Club.

Aug 18 – Sail to Dering Harbor, NY. We will stay in Dering Harbor August 18, 19, 20. Ten mooring are reserved at \$70.00/night with the Shelter Island Yacht Club Dering Harbor offer a center point to explore Greenport to the north and Shelter Island and the South Fork of Long Island.

Aug 21 – Sail to Three Mile Harbor, NY. Stay Aug 21 and 22 in Three Mile Harbor. Cruisers have the option of picking up a town mooring or anchoring in the harbor. This beautiful Harbor is East Hampton's most popular port with access to marinas, anchorages, restaurants, groceries and more.

Aug 23 – Sail back to New London

- **September 20 to 23, 2014 – Cruise to Mystic Seaport** – *contact fleet caption ASAP if you are attending this cruise.*

Sept 20 – Sail to Mystic Seaport

A reservation for ten boats has been made. The first night is at the price listed. The second night is free.

Each boat attending must contact the MSP Dock master, Len Sawyer at 860-572-5391 to register their boat before August 20, 2014.

Dockage rate - \$4.50/ft

\$3.25/ft MSP Mariner, Sustaining, Associate, Benefactor or Champion Members

Sept 22 – Sail back to New London.

- **October 2014 – Hamburg Cove, CT**

Details TBA

Cheers!

Rebecca L. Turner Fleet Captain

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CLASSIFIED ADS

1-Conshelf IV regulator w/depth gauge and pressure gauge Pony bottle and pack--\$200

1-Autotether unit with two clip on units (1 for captain, 1 for mate)--\$150 (shuts engine off, or alerts captain in an MOB situation)

1- Prime north field mooring just off dock (near TYC skiff), Inspected 5/14, 5 year old #250 mushroom, 15' of 1" Coast Guard mooring buoy primary chain (100+ lbs.), 25' of 1/2" secondary chain, double pennant with Ball--\$450

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Mooring Chair June 2013



Well the unofficial start to summer is here and the boats are starting to appear on their moorings at the Club. Members are reminded that they are required to submit a new mooring application by June 1st. The application can be found on the new web site under the tab for Mooring Requirements, near

the bottom of the page you will find a link for the form. You can also download it from State of Ct.

As you read in the email that went out last week there are two new guidelines for the Block Island mooring. Members can now reserve the Block Island mooring in advance, also members will now pay a fee of \$25.00 a night to use the mooring. This fee will be used to defray the cost of mainlining the mooring at Block Island. To reserve the Block Island mooring send me an email with the dates you wish to reserve the mooring, your name and the your boats name. When I receive your email I will verify that the mooring is available, if it is I will place a reservation on the Clubs event calendar with your boats name and the dates you have reserved the mooring I will send you an email confirming your reservation. If the mooring is already reserved I will let you know. If you reserve the mooring and do not use it you are still responsible for paying for your dates. If you stop at Block Island and find the mooring open and use it you are responsible for paying for the use when you return to the Club. As I explained in the email I will use the date and time of your email to determine

who gets the mooring if I have two requests for the same day.

The reservation and fee are the only changes made to the Block Island mooring guidelines. Rafting with a boat that has reserved the mooring is still allowed. It is the responsibility of the person who has reserved the mooring to practice good judgment and seamanship when allowing another member to raft with them. If you feel that the conditions are such that it would not be safe i.e. weather, distance to other boats etc... To allow another boat to raft then don't. When you return to the Club let me know the circumstances in the event there is a complaint. Read the guidelines it, describes the conditions under which only one boat can be on the mooring and the number and size of boats that can raft. I hope that more members take advantage of the reservation program to date the mooring has been reserved for a total of eight days.

South mooring field organization. Mark Geer will be moving ten moorings for the Club, they are mostly in the northwestern part of the south field. This is necessary so that the moorings south of them can be placed on their new location. My plan is to use Wednesday afternoon/evenings to move moorings. The first moorings that I plan on moving are those that are at the far south end of the field, we will get them on their new locations and then start moving others. Anyone interested in assisting get in touch with me. All you need are gloves a life jacket and willingness to volunteer.

I am looking forward to another great season.

Cheers

Bill Turner, TYC Mooring Chairperson

From the Youth and Adult Sailing Chairman



We are starting to receive registration forms for all the classes, but we need to encourage you to get yours in as soon as possible. Remember we can be somewhat flexible for a special reason. The program begins on Monday, June 30 for 7 weeks, choosing from a 1 week, 3 week, 4 week or 7 week

program. All of the information can be found on our new web site www.thamesyc.org. Any questions, just email or call me.

The adult program seems to be doing very well again, but get those registrations in asap, classes are filling up and we can only take 10 students per night (Monday or Tuesday).

The "Meet the Instructors, Meet the Parents/Students" will meet on Thursday, June 26 at 5 p.m. We will serve hot dogs and hamburgers along with soda and chips. If you wish to pay your payment for classes that evening; we will have someone there to collect it. It might be easier than sending it in the mail.

One other major event will be the Opti Regatta on July 25th. It

is an all day affair and we ask for as many volunteers as we can get. We will be looking for a couple of skiffs to work the fleets, food prep, and setting up the general area. Most importantly we will need help registering the sailors. I will be sending out a special email early in July for this day.

Although it is not under my umbrella, I have two things to ask. Where are all the Adult 420 and Opti sailors who wanted to race this year? Our Rear Commodore has set up racing for you on Thursday evenings. It is a special program set up because of your requests for it. So sign up now, racing starts very soon.

Also, because I can't say "NO", I am in charge of the food and club for the Cal Brouwer's Regatta on June 28, which means I need help, help, help preparing the food, setting up the tents, cleaning the club, serving the drinks and serving the food.

Please email me!!! I will be putting an email together asking again. So volunteer your help for such a great event.

Let's all have a wonderful and fun summer of sailing.

Jackie Fisher, Youth Sailing Chairman



The Morgan whaling ship's epic 5 mile voyage to New London