

May 2024

Dockside CHATTER



Bridge

Donna Webster, Commodore
Dan Santry, Vice Commodore
Nuno Couto, Rear Commodore
Manuel Darosa, Treasurer
Bob Bedard, Secretary

Board of Directors

Chuck Webster,
Immediate Past Commodore
Paul Moitoza, Elected
Howard Bibeault, Elected
John Stewart, Elected
Joyce Bedard, Elected
Scott Creesy, Elected

Commodore's Corner

Our dedicated members have been hard at work preparing the club for the season ahead. With the arrival of Opening Day, our beloved club comes to life once again, brimming with excitement, camaraderie, and the promise of unforgettable adventures on the water. Join us this Saturday to officially welcome in the new season. Social hour starts at 2:00 pm with the Ceremony at 3:00 and pot-luck dinner around 4:00. Stay and enjoy the live music of Frank Sinclair while reconnecting with old and new members.

This season, we have an array of exciting events planned to fuel your sense of adventure and create unforgettable moments on the water.

Speaking of fuel (see how I did that there), if you haven't done so yet, please see John Stewart for a fuel safety refresher demonstration. You must do this in order to operate the fuel pump.

Here are a few upcoming events to add to your calendar:

- * May 26th Dinghy Cruise to Taunton Boat Club
- * June 8th Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Inspection
- * June 15th Family Fun Day
- * June 22nd- Jimmy Buffett Night

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

Dave and Gloria Harnois, Joseph and Janet Callahan, and Ilir Dhimogjini and Despina Gatopoulos.

I look forward to seeing everyone this boating season. I am always willing to chat and listen to your ideas for making the TYC a place you are proud to call your club. If you find yourself walking down to the end of the dock, stop by the "La Vie en Rose" and I may just have a cold beverage waiting for you.

Let's have a great season and may everyone stay safe, enjoy the beautiful waters and the company of our fellow members.

Stay safe and be kind!

Donna Webster

TYC Committee Appointments 2023–2024

Bar Manager

- .Chuck Webster

Dredging/Expansion Committee

- .Bob Bedard, Chuck Webster

Social Committee

- .Joyce Bedard, Bob Bedard, Caroline DaRosa

Mooring Committee

- .Brian Brisson, Paul Moitoza, Jeff Albernaz

Dock Committee

- .Chuck Webster (Chairman), Brian Brisson Co–Chairman),
- All Members on Dock, Rick Costa, Scott Creesy

Fuel Committee

- .John Stewart, Chuck Webster, Scott Creesy, Manny DaRosa,

Fleet Captain

- .John Stewart

Offsite Mooring Committee

- .Brian Brisson, John Stewart

Audit Committee

- .Howard Bibeault, Stan Morin, John Stewart

Webmaster

- .Matt Cadieux, Scott Creesy

Newsletter (Dockside Chatter)

- .Nicole Silva, Jenn Creesy (temporary)

Fundraising Committee

- .Brian Brisson, Marianne Brisson, Donna Webster,
Caroline DaRosa, Jenn Creesy

Budget/Finance Committee

- .Howard Bibeault, Stan Morin, Manny DaRosa

Assistant Treasurer

- .Joyce Bedard

Rendezvous Committee

- .Brian Brisson, Jeff Albernaz, Marcia Bibeault

Sunshine Committee

- .Marcia Bibeault

WELCOME ABOARD

**At the meeting held on May 6th,
the following memberships were approved:**

**David and Gloria Harnois
Joseph and Janet Callahan
Ilir Dhimogjini and Despina Gatopoulos**

**When you come across these new members, make sure to
introduce yourself and give a warm welcome to the latest
members of our TYC community!**



TYC is not just a boating club; it's a vibrant social community. Our members are more than just acquaintances – they are our friends. Embark on scenic cruises from the Taunton River to Fall River, Newport, Narragansett Bay, and even beyond to Connecticut. Join us for lively social gatherings that extend from the season well into the winter months. Whether you own a powerboat or a sailboat, everyone is invited to be a part of our club!



Current Fuel Prices As Of 5/6/2024

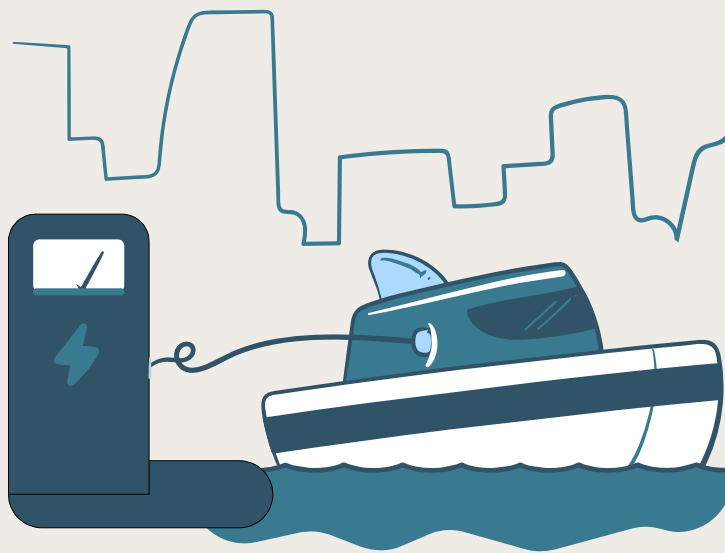
Mid-Grade Gas:
Member – \$3.95
Non Member – \$4.60

DIESEL:
Member -\$3.42

Non Member-\$4.07

Fuel Prices subject to change without notice.
Price posted at the pump will be charged.

Federal Law REQUIRES that all persons (except the Captain) exit the boat while being fueled .



Reminders...

General Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:30pm .

Board Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30pm.

- Before leaving the club, make sure to turn off all lights, including those in the restrooms.
- Check that the refrigerator and freezer doors are securely closed.
- Verify that the club door is shut when you exit.
- Remember to turn off the gas grills when they are not in use.
- When using the fire pit, ensure that the fire is completely extinguished by the end of the evening.
- To comply with liquor license regulations, avoid bringing outside alcohol into the club.
- While we welcome dogs at the club, remember that all dogs must be leashed, and you must provide proof of updated vaccinations for them to join. Respect your fellow members, as not everyone may be comfortable around dogs. We will provide dog waste bags, so please clean up after your pet.
- Help maintain cleanliness by cleaning up after yourself and your children.

Let's enjoy and appreciate our club experience together!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The club's maintenance and updates are handled by our members. While several committees have been established to Take on these tasks, they require additional support. If you can assist with any of the upcoming projects, kindly contact the designated committee member.

Locker Room & Shower Update:
Contact Dan Santry or Scott Creesy

Conex Door Install
Contact Dan Santry or Scott Creesy

Periodic Cleaning
Contact Donna Webster

**Do you have photos from club events,
or boating adventures?**
Please email to TYCNewsletter@yahoo.com

Teamwork

INTERESTING FACT:

What animals are in the Taunton River?

“Over 154 bird species (including bald eagles) have been documented along the Taunton River, primarily during breeding season. The watershed supports 28 species of reptiles and amphibians, and 29 species of fish, including native brook trout and Atlantic sturgeon, which can be found in the lower part of the watershed.”

FUNNY!

Riddle: You walk onto a bridge you see a boat full of people but there is not a single person on it. How is that possible?

Answer: They are all married.

MONTHLY POLL:

What are your go-to snacks for boating adventures?

We haven't received any responses for April yet.

Could it be that no one enjoys snacking while out on the water?

Kindly email your responses to TYCNewsletter@yahoo.com.

TYC EVENTS: 2024 SEASON

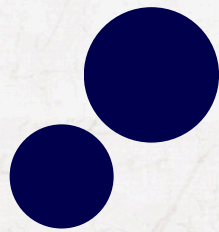
- **March 16th** St. Patty's Day Dinner \$
 - **March 24th** Easter Bunny Breakfast \$
 - **April 1-May 5th** Savers Fundraiser
 - **May 4th** Cinco De Mayo \$
 - **May 18th** Opening Day
 - **May 26th** Dinghy Cruise to Taunton Boat Club (John Stewart)
 - **June 8th** Coast Guard Aux Vessel Inspection (Howard Bibeault)
 - **June 22nd** Jimmy Buffet Night
 - **July 5th July 8th** Trip to Mystic Seaport & Aquarium (Fleet Captain- John Stewart)
 - **July 20th** Annual Poker Run \$
 - **August 17th** Dock Party
 - **September 21st** Chicken Dinner \$
 - **October (date TBD)** Installation Dinner
 - **November 23rd** Turkey Raffle \$
 - **December 15th** Breakfast w/ Santa \$
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REMINDERS: GENERAL MEETINGS ARE THE 1 ST MONDAY EACH MONTH
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS ARE THE 3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
ADDITIONAL EVENTS & MOVIE NIGHTS TO BE ANNOUNCED

NOTE EVENTS WITH AN \$ ARE FUNDRAISING EVENTS- TICKET FEES APPLY

TYC OPENING DAY ●

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024



2:00 Social Hour

3:00 Firing of the Cannon &
Raising the Flags

Live Entertainment by

Frank Sinclair

Pot Luck:

Bring your favorite
Dish or Dessert to Share

**Let's Celebrate the Start
of Boating Season!**



U.S. Coast Guard Aux Vessel Examinations At The TYC Saturday June 8, 2024 from 10:00 to 14:00 - Mark Your Calendars

On Saturday June 8, 2024 from 10:00 (10am) to 14:00(2pm) at the Taunton Yacht Club, the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 6-3 out of Onset-Wareham-Marion under the command of Officer Catherine Backstrom will be performing Vessel Examinations.



To sign up contact Howard Bibeault with your name, boat name and length at hsbmdb@aol.com or text 401-265-0207.

There are different safety requirements based on your size boat. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Check List pamphlets will be available at the TYC for review or you can go online. The pamphlets list the proper safety gear for different size boats. All safety gear listed must be in working condition and within expiration dates including, air horns, fire extinguishers, running lights, flares, and registration documents. Of note all boats must have PFD's (Personal Flotation Devices) in good condition on board for each person, including the required throwable PFD class IV.

But there are other helpful tips of note not on the checklist as follows:

If you have Inflatable PFD's they must have a full CO2 Cartridges and current expiration "Bobbin Dates". Bobbins expire in three years on average.

Make sure you check in advance the Pyrotechnic Flare expiration dates (42 months from mfg. date) so you have time to purchase new ones if necessary. Note: last year stores were out of stock on this type of flare. Some members upgraded to the new "electronic flares" that do not expire. Make sure you know how to use and activate them. You will be asked to demonstrate the "electronic flares" by the examiner.

A boat will fail the inspection even if the Fire Extinguisher gauges are in the green. The fire extinguishers are considered expired if not within twelve years after the date stamped on the bottom, regardless of what the gauge says. All extinguishers must say U.S.C.G Approved.

The Captain must have the Original Registration or Documentation papers on the boat. A picture of your Registration or Documentation on your phone or a photo copy DOES NOT replace the actual documents that need to be kept on the vessel.

All vessels that pass the vessel examination will receive a written report and a 2024 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary sticker to be placed on the vessels port windshield.

Taunton Yacht Club Presents

FAMILY

FUN DAY

Saturday, June 15, 2024

12pm-1pm Social Hour

1pm Pot Luck (Bring your Favorite Dish)

Get ready for a day of bonding, making memories, and enjoying a wide range of fun-filled activities. Here's what you can expect:

Bouncy House
Sack Races
Corn Hole

Hot Dogs
Pop Corn
Sundaes

Scavenger Hunt
Kids Games
Sno Cones

Good Olde Fashion New England Homemade Pie Contest
To sign up, contact: Linda Bettencourt at
bettencourt68@hotmail.com or at 508-821-8181



**LET'S BAKE PIES!
WHO'S WILL WIN?**

Old Fashioned Pie Contest

Make your favorite HOME-MADE pie & enter to win at the TYC Family Fun Day!

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024

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TYC'S

JIMMY BUFFETT

NIGHT

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND

FREE CLUB EVENT / SOCIAL HOUR: 5PM / DINNER 6PM

POTLUCK: BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH OR DESSERT

****CASH BAR****

**TAUNTON YACHT CLUB
2125 WATER ST
DIGHTON, MA**



From the Fleet Captain:

Please consider joining the Taunton Yacht Club on our cruise to Mystic Seaport in July. We are planning on departing TYC in the early afternoon of Friday July 5, and staying overnight at the club mooring at Dutch Harbor in Jamestown. Club members should raft up and consider joining a pot luck supper, with appropriate libations to salute the sunset.

Saturday I plan on getting underway at first light in order to get through Block Island Sound and the section of Long Island Sound early – hopefully a calm passage. The earlier in the day the less lumpy the seas will be. Tie up at assigned berths at Mystic Seaport Museum Marina. The marina asks that we not arrive until 12:40, but given the transit time we should be fine.

The transit from Fisher's Island Sound to the museum is a little complex, but should be easy for anyone with their eyes open. It's several miles, twists and turns and is narrow in spots, but it's well marked. Captains – update your charts! There are two draw bridges – the first one you encounter is the railroad bridge which will open whenever you want as long as the train schedule permits. The second is the highway bridge which opens at 40 minutes after the hour, every hour. Both bridges guard VHF Channel 13 – contact them for openings. The transit is almost entirely no-wake speed.

Mystic is a fascinating and beautiful town. Tons of shops and multiple really good restaurants – the main problem is maintaining the waistline. Your slip fee includes admission to the museum. Google themuseum for details.

Make your reservations on Dockwa for Mystic Seaport Museum Marina. I suggest making the reservations now, as you can cancel up to a week or so before at no charge, but if you wait you might find it filled up. When you make your reservations, make a notation “Taunton Yacht Club” cruise so they know to berth us together.

Display your TYC burgee at the forepeak!

I plan on departing on Monday July 8. Those who have to be at work on Monday will leave on Sunday. After leaving, I'm going to Essex for two days, then across Long Island Sound to Port Jefferson for two days then back home on either Friday or Saturday July 12 or 13. See you there!



Editor's Message:

Greetings TYC Members!

Kindly forward any content recommendations for our upcoming newsletters via email before the 10th of each month. The goal is to distribute the newsletter by the 15th of each month. You are welcome to submit photos, interesting facts, and topic suggestions for our members to enjoy. Reach out to me at TYCNewsletter@yahoo.com

Warm regards,
Jenn



Cinco -De- Mayo



Fundraising EVENT



New Pilings

