

April, 2025

# Dockside

# CHATTER



## WELCOME

Welcome to the Club!

PETER BOTELHO &  
RICK SILVERA

Ahoy  
Y'ALL

## Your TYC Crew 2024-2025

### Bridge

Dan Santry, Commodore  
Scott Creesy, Vice Commodore  
Nuno Couto, Rear Commodore  
Manuel Darosa, Treasurer  
Bob Bedard, Secretary

### Board of Directors

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

Next General Meeting 4/7/2025.  
Next Board of Directors Meeting 3/17/2025

# Commodore's Corner



Greetings to everyone,

The docks are in. We appreciate everyone's assistance in making the day run smoothly.

Spring chores are starting and boats are getting prepared!

Please lend a hand where you can!

Check out the newsletter for future events.

Let's have a fantastic boating season and stay safe!

Commodore

Warm regards,

Dan Santry, Commodore

**IMPORTANT!**

**A Message From the  
Dock Committee Chair:**

**Attention Dock Members,**

**As you arrive at your slip,  
kindly connect to the same  
outlet(s) you used last season.  
Please refrain from changing  
outlets throughout this season.**

**Thank you for your  
understanding!**

**~Chuck Webster~**

# EVENTS 2025

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## UPCOMING

- ~~MARCH 15TH ST. PATTY'S DAY DINNER \$~~
- ~~APRIL 13TH EASTER BUNNY PANCAKE BREAKFAST \$~~
- MAY- 3RD CINCO DE MAYO \$
- MAY- 17TH OPENING DAY
- JUNE 21ST- COAST GUARD INSPECTIONS
- JUNE 27TH- MOVIE NIGHT
- JULY 19TH- ANNUAL POKER RUN \$
- AUGUST 23RD- DOCK PARTY
- SEPTEMBER 27TH- CHICKEN DINNER \$
- OCTOBER 18TH- INSTALLATION DINNER
- NOVEMBER 22ND- TURKEY RAFFLE \$
- DECEMBER 14TH- BREAKFAST W/ SANTA \$

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ADDITIONAL EVENTS & MOVIE NIGHTS TO BE ANNOUNCED

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



# YOGA

AT TAUNTON YACHT CLUB  
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY & THURSDAYS  
6PM-7PM

\$5/PP DONATION



CLASS BY TARA DIDI

BRING A YOGA MAT & LIGHT WEIGHTS

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**TAUNTON YACHT CLUB'S  
4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**CINCO DE  
MAYO PARTY**

**LIVE MUSIC- TACOS-CASH BAR**

**MAY 3, 2025  
SOCIAL HOUR: 5PM  
DINNER 6PM**

**\$15**

**TICKETS:  
MARIANNE 508 294-0115 OR  
DONNA 774 644-1099**

**MUSIC BY RYAN SOUSA**

**2125 WATER ST DIGHTON, MA**





# TYC OPENING DAY ●

## SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

2:00 Social Hour

3:00 Firing of the Cannon &  
Raising the Flags

Live Entertainment

Pot Luck:  
Bring your favorite  
Dish or Dessert to Share

Let's Celebrate the Start  
of the 2025 Season!





**SAVE THE DATE**

**Taunton Yacht Club's  
Annual**

# Poker Run

**Saturday, July 19, 2025**





## **U.S. Coast Guard Aux Vessel Examinations at the TYC**

### **Saturday June 21, 2025 from 10:00 to 14:00 - Mark Your Calendars**

On Saturday June 21, 2025 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](mailto:hsbmdb@aol.com) or text 401-265-0207. We need a boat count by June 14<sup>th</sup> Saturday, so sign up today. The count will allow us to have the proper number of examiners onsite.



There are different safety requirements based on your size boat. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has a check list along with other resources online with all the safety requirements needed to pass a vessel examination. 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 Cartridge and current expiration "Bobbin Dates". Bobbins expire in three years on average.

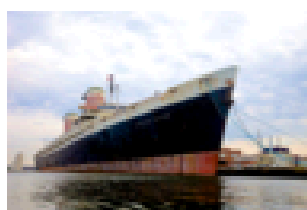
Make sure you check in advance the Pyrotechnic Flare expiration dates (42 months from mfg. date) so you have time to purchase new ones if necessary. Note: last year stores were out of stock on this type of flare. Some members upgraded to the new "electronic flares" that do not expire. Make sure you know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

A boat may 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 2025 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary sticker to be placed on the vessels port windshield.**

## **BOATING NEWS** by Howard Bibeault

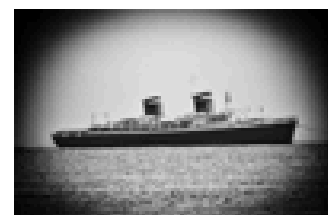


### **SS United States May Be Saved, After All?**

The SS United States was commissioned in 1951. It was known as the largest luxury ocean liner and by the way considered the world's fastest ship at the time for its size, and it was entirely built in the United States.

From 1952 to 1969 was the pride of American ingenuity measuring 990 feet with 12 decks and set records for crossing the Atlantic in 3 days at an average speed of 35.59 knots (about 41 mph) cutting 10 hours off the Atlantic speed record.

The ship is scheduled to be scuttled and used for a natural reef. Picture here to right the SS United States is being towed to Alabama where environmental hazards can be removed prior to being sunk in the Gulf.



As people became aware of the ship's fate, a new group has formed to save the vessel and turn it into a maritime museum. The organization is the The New York Coalition to Save the SS *United States*. The maritime community will be watching closely as time is running out for the preservation of this historic vessel as it is scheduled to be scuttled in the next year.

### **Local News**

The water temperature in Narragansett Bay is 45°F, the warmest temperature of the year is on August 9<sup>th</sup> between 68°F -75°F, and the coldest is February 28<sup>th</sup> between 37°F-43°F.

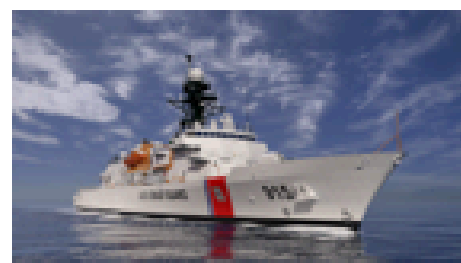
Grand Banks the luxury yacht maker from Singapore bought Casey's Marina in Newport for \$21 million.

#### **Navigation Issues:**

Warren River in Barrington the Nun Red #8 is missing.

Brayton Point Channel Lighted Buoy #3 is sinking.

Crane submerged in upper Providence River was removed.



Two more U.S. Coast Guard cutters coming to Naval Station Newport on Aquidneck Island. The two 360 foot Offshore Patrol Cutters are part of the Heritage-class of ships. The cutters are designed to operate 12 miles offshore, have room for 100 plus crew and weigh in at 4,500 long tons when fully loaded.

Bristol Marine acquisition of Huckins Marine in Jacksonville FL was completed over the winter. There are now four Bristol Marine locations. Bristol RI in 1998, Somerset Ma in 2012, Boothbay Harbor Maine in 2017, and Huckins Marine 2024. All four locations will be renamed. Bristol will be Wardell's Boatyard, Somerset will be Bowers Shipyard, Boothbay will be Sample's Shipyard, and Huckins will remain Huckins.

# FUEL IS OPEN!

Current Fuel Prices As Of 4/7/25

**Mid-Grade Gas:**

**Member – \$3.19**

**Non Member – \$3.84**

**DIESEL:**

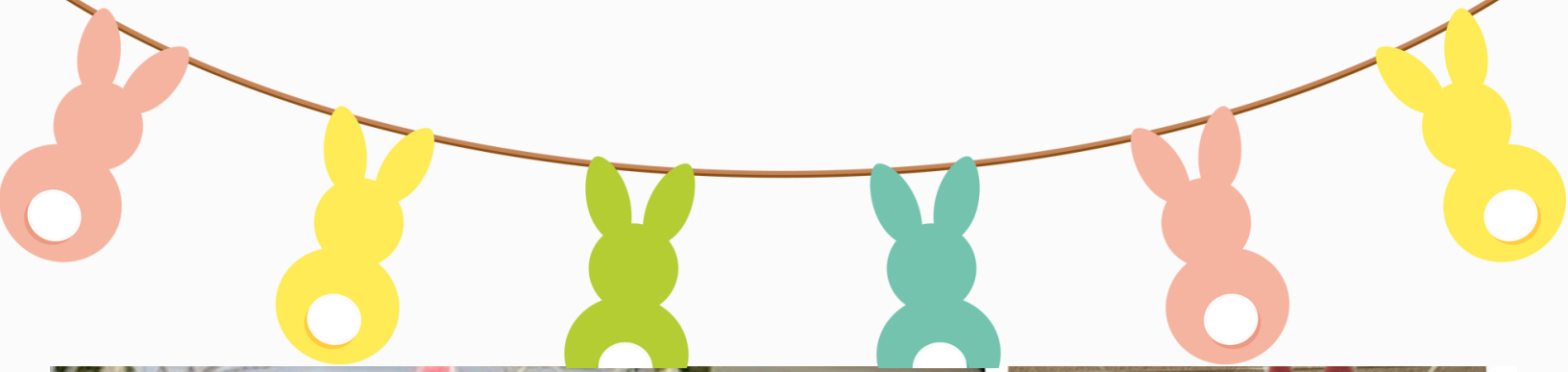
**Member -\$2.85**

**Non Member-\$3.50**

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

**Federal Law REQUIRES that all persons EXCEPT the Captain MUST exit the boat while being fueled.**





EASTER











