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Tuscarora Currents



Bill Maloney
TYC Commodore

Spring is here! The days are longer. The snow is gone, and boat covers are finally coming off. It's a great time of the year, as we get everything ready for our wonderful Western New York Summer.

Of course, for many of us a big part of the Summer is spent enjoying the boating season here at TYC. The Board and I are looking forward to the Spring Membership Meeting this year on April 16. It's always a great time to sort of officially start the season, a time to catch up with our boating friends,

to meet new members, and to hear about Club plans and

projects for the new season. We hope to see many of you there.

Through the winter months, the Board has been actively working on these plans and projects and many things are well under way. A major highlight of this year will be a real gala "Celebration of the Life of Red Clark." It will be a recognition of Mr. Clark's vision and hard work over the years and the special relationship that TYC has had with him and the Clark family. It will be held on the evening of June 11, in conjunction with Sail Past. Vice Commodore Patience Tinkey has more to say about this event.

We have several project initiatives in the negotiating stage and more information will be forthcoming as details are worked out.

What we need now is some warm weather and sunshine to let us get the Club and our boats ready for launch. See you soon!

Vice Commodore Patience Tinkey



Are we there yet? Finally, Spring is here. The Spring Meeting is set for April 16th. Can't wait to see everyone! We have lots of events coming up.

May 6th is our Annual Sock Burning / TGIF. Hosted by Bill and Karen Guggemos, this marks the beginning of the new boating season.

Saturday May 14th is the Spaghetti Dinner. This is one of TYC's favorite events

so thanks to Marsha Emmons and her helpers.

Lockport's US Power Squadron seminars are back again this year. Check the TYC website for details. The sign up sheets will also be at the Spring Meeting. Paul Roetling and his crew make this a great learning experience for everyone.

Sunday May 15th is a Book Club meeting at the clubhouse. The book is "Too Close to the Falls" by Catherine Gildiner.

On June 12th, the book is "Away" by Amy Bloom. Thanks to Denise David and Linda Maddigan for heading these events.

Once again, Kennie and Bob Dubil have done a terrific job of setting up and hosting the Commodore's Ball. The Ball will be at the beautiful Sandy Beach Yacht Club on May 21st at 6:00 pm. Tickets will be \$39.50 for chicken and \$42.50 for steak. Invitations will be sent out in the middle of April. This is our time to welcome the new commodore Bill Maloney and his wife Kathy. Hope to see you there.

Sunday May 22nd is the Commodore's Tea hosted by Chris Macleod, Denise David, Linda Maddigan and Sandy Jordan. Ladies, let's welcome Bill and Kathy while enjoying some socializing and great food. Dave and Kandi Adelizi will also be delivering our flowers that day. What a perfect way to welcome summer.

So that was May. The line up for June is even busier.

Saturday June 11th is Sail Past and Red Clark's Celebration. Tradition, Tradition, Tradition! This day is to remember

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and honor our club founders, past commodores, bless the fleet, and recognize our new commodore. We plan to have as many past Commodores or family representatives to stand in their place for the flag raising. Additionally, we will be celebrating Red Clark's life and everything he's done for TYC. It'll be an all day event and we look forward to a great turn out. By the way, did you know Sail Past is a nautical term that means "to be with friends"? What a beautiful way to say TYC.

That evening, there will be a party with music, dancing, and of course, dinner. Linda Kelly and Darlene Chase will be doing their famous "Chinese Auction" and need your help with the basket donations. Any past Commodore or spouse that can help with this all day celebration, please contact me. TYC stands because of the people that put us here. Let's honor all those in style. See you there!

Saturday June 18th is the 3rd annual Children's Party hosted by the Flemings, Thompsons, and Verrals. This is an exciting event for all of our future boaters.

Sunday June 19th is the Father's Day Brunch. What would June be without Ed Kelly and the Wilson Yacht Club hosting this popular event?

In this issue of Currents, I'm highlighting a few good men... These members dedicate countless hours of their own free time and work behind the scenes to make TYC the great club that it is.

- Gene Haas and his assistant Dave Kahl are my favorite electricians. Without them, we'd totally be in the dark. Let there be light!

- Brian Murray is our club carpenter. Big or small, Brian can build it, and its done to a T.

- Ernie Pipiles is the jack of all trades. He does and knows everything about the workings of this club. If you need an answer or something done on the island, just ask Ernie.

- Bob Schmidt is always there to head up a project or just help where needed. Bob is always there to just get it done.

- Kenny Glaser is just like Bob. As a matter of fact, they are usually together and along with Don Sipes, these three musketeers are an invaluable asset to team TYC.

That covers the social events for April, May and June. Look for all the details on the TYC website calendar. See you at the Spring Meeting!

Director of Harbor Operations **Jeff Strothmann**



Spring is upon us once again and we are all looking forward to another boating season. The ice is all gone now, but before it melted we were able to get a lot of work done. We only had one work party this winter, but got four old docks pulled and also repaired the pipe on dock H36. We ran out of time to finish all the repairs I had planned, so we will see what we can do this summer to fix up some the rest. In the past weeks the Clark's have installed the four new docks we built last fall. Once again, if there are any problems with your dock, please e-mail me and I will try to get it done this summer. If we can't get to it this summer, I will put it on my repair list to tackle next winter. Also I have several small projects for someone to get work hours in.

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Director of Operations **Dave Kahl**



Well, another winter is essentially behind us! We've had a good bit of snow and wind and I'm so glad it's (almost) over. Clark Marine

managed to make much needed repairs to the seawall from I-00 to I-07 (as well as a couple of other areas), pounded in some new supports for docks and added more parking barriers on the Mainland.

I intend to turn on the power to the island before the end of March; however, full power restoration will depend on the Clarks repairing the breaks in the shore power along the repaired seawall. Restoration of water service is of course more weather dependent, but I am currently planning to have the water on in early April.

Thus far, we have 4 returning Stewards, with 2 others as "maybe". I am planning on hiring a total of 5 Stewards for the primary season in order to keep their hours up and make this a meaningful summer job for our helpers. Some previous Stewards have indicated they could be available to cover vacations, illness or the like.

The membership needs to be aware we have an Emergency Portable Water Pump with hose, which will be stored in a locked box behind the Steward's Office. This is a high volume pump to be used only in case of an emergency. The box can be opened using your Clubhouse key. After use, the pump must be returned immediately to this location in case of any other leaking/sinking emergency.

Let's hope Punxsutawney Phil (and Dunkirk Dave) were right and we have an early spring!

Fleet Captain Peter Fleckenstien



Surely, after the winter we've experienced in these parts, the weather Gods will deliver us a spring, summer and fall of balmy

days, beautiful nights and fair winds. Well, we can dream, can't we? Whether the climatological scales balance out perfectly or not, Tuscarora Yacht Club is going to be an even better place to enjoy the warmer seasons this year. With that said we need to focus our attention to the upcoming scheduled spring launch of boats. This year we are launching boats April 29th and 30th and Stepping Masts on May 1st. We are going to begin launching boats starting in the main parking lot on the island at 4:00 pm as we have requested a crane from Clark Rigging to be there at that time. We will lift boats until sundown at which time we will shut down lifting operations for that day. In the morning on Saturday we will resume operations lifting boats at 7:00AM till we finish. On Sunday we will switch over to the boom truck and start Stepping Masts at 7:00AM.

In this article I need to talk about safety during launch weekend. Over the past few years we have had quite an influx of new members with children into the Club. Launch weekend is a working weekend, with that in mind we need to remind everyone that there are and will be many hazards all weekend. Some of the hazards will be the movement of the front end loader moving cradles around the club property and parking lots, the lifting of boats into the water with the crane and mast stepping operations going on. With the rental of the crane and front end loader from independent contractors, comes insurance regulations and safety policies by these companies while they are in operation on our property. This year with these hazards and others we will need each parent who brings

small children to the club to monitor their children's activities and keep them in close proximity at all times. No children are to be in or around the operating area of the crane and they will also need to out of the roadways and parking lots during cradle movement. Your attention to this will be greatly appreciated by all.

Safety cannot be stressed enough – Thank You

Ethanol Blended Fuels –

Did you know that there is gasoline now being called E15? E15 fuel now has 15 % ethanol in it. E15 that is now in use will require, boaters and anglers extra vigilance when filling up at the local gas station. With the EPA's recent decision to allow the use of gasoline with up to 15% ethanol (E15) in 2001 and newer model cars and trucks the Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) says that trailer boaters will need to remain extra vigilant when filling up their trucks and trailered boats at the local gas station. That's because while E15 could be fine for the tow vehicle, it's not good – nor authorized by the EPA – for use with boats. A strong solvent, ethanol has been known to degrade marine fuel systems, damage engines, add safety concerns, and lead to expensive repair bills.

“When filling up at gas stations, boaters are used to pulling up to the pump and filling up the tow vehicle first, and then putting the same fuel nozzle into the Boat or a gas can destined for a boat. If that happens with E15, it could be a big mistake. The EPA intends to put a warning on the pump – a small label with the exact wording yet to be determined. This is going to be a lot different from the choices offered to boaters today, where it's nearly impossible to misfuel gas or diesel engines, or where there are few consequences when choosing 87 octane over a higher 93 octane gasoline, for example. All of this means that when E15 starts to appear in gasoline stations, boaters must heed the warning on the pump and shouldn't even think about using it in a boat. Here's why:

Going Lean isn't good: In addition to hydrogen and carbon found in regular gasoline, ethanol also contains oxygen which means less air (or conversely, more fuel) is required for combustion. The term “enleanment” is used to describe what can happen when there is too much air and not enough fuel. While most cars and trucks on the road today have closed loop system that can adjust to prevent enleanment, most boats have open-loop systems which do not. This adding a greater risk of heat-related damage to your boat's engine with E15.

Compatibility questions: Many components on a boat come in contact with ethanol-laden gasoline, including fuel lines, fuel tanks, fuel pumps, fuel injectors, carburetors, pressure regulators, valves, o-rings, and gaskets. The compatibility of these components with any blend greater than E10 is currently unknown. The failure of only one of these components in your engine could lead to engine failure or, worse, a fire or explosion from leaks in the fuel system.

A “good” thing isn't what it seems: Phase separation is what happens when gas becomes over-saturated with water, leading the water/ethanol mixture to separate from the gasoline and fall to the bottom of the tank (where the engine's fuel pickup is located). However, since ethanol absorbs water more readily than gasoline and it burns harmlessly through the engine, adding more ethanol to gas will decrease the chance for phase separation. You'd think that would be a good thing, right? However, as you increase the amount of water in ethanol, this mixture also becomes more acidic, increasing the potential to corrode metal, including aluminum fuel tanks. Also keep in mind that once gas has phase separated, the only remedy is to completely empty the tank. While BoatUS believes fuel additives in general are a good thing, it has not seen evidence of any additive being able to restore phase separated gas back to its original state.

Your warrantee won't help you: Newer Marine engines are only warranted for use with up to 10% (E10) ethanol.

Treasurer Karen Burhans



Detailed financial reports will be available at our Spring meeting, which I unfortunately will not be at due to family vacation.

Please feel free to email me at conhans@aol.com with any questions regarding club's finances (I will be returning from family vacation 4/24). The Board has passed the club's 2011 budget, which includes a modest \$2 per foot increase for dockage and a very modest capital expenditure budget line (with no increases in discretionary budgeted spending). The \$2 per foot increase is necessary to cover ever increasing costs, including our lease payments, and a modest surplus to apply to our capital reserves.

Happy Spring to everyone. Looking forward to all of our upcoming events, including Commodore's Ball, spaghetti dinner and Sail Past. As always, thank you to all of our hardworking volunteers.

TYC Night/West Marine

Tuesday, April 5th, 2011

1445 Niagara Falls Blvd

5:00 to 7:00pm

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Rear Commodore Thomas Beachy



At TYC we create innovative and unrivaled lifestyle with a single-minded purpose to make life for our members as rewarding as possible.

Our commitment to superior Club operations goes beyond many other sports activities.

In order to help keep the Club "shipshape", please remember that a 10 hour work program is in effect. Fill out the appropriate "green card" located in the Club hallway bulletin board or e-mail thomasbeachy@gmail.com with hours completed. The Club will charge \$20 per hour for every hour not worked short of the 10 hour minimum. Please participate. You can check with The Director of Operations for jobs to be completed.

Members Honor:

Past Commodore Frank Del Russo was recently inducted into his high schools Hall of Fame. In 1946, At Mynderse Academy, Seneca Falls N.Y., Frank quartered back his undefeated, unscored upon football team. A proud accomplishment.

Let me leave you with this:

Twenty years from now, you will be disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines and sail away from the safe harbor.



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2011 Events Calander

DATE	EVENT
4/16	SPRING MEETING
4/29 - 5/1	LAUNCH WEEKEND
5/4	SEMINAR: USING GPS
5/6	TGIF; ANNUAL SOCK BURNING
5/14	SPAGHETTI DINNER
5/15	BOOK CLUB
5/18	SEMINAR: MARINE RADAR
5/21	COMMODORES BALL
5/22	FLOWER PICK UP COMMODORES TEA
6/1	SEMINAR: SAIL TRIM
6/11	CLARK CELEBRATION SAIL PAST
6/12	BOOK CLUB
6/15	SEMINAR: WEATHER FORECASTING
6/18	CHILDREN'S PARTY
6/19	FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH
7/3	OLCOTT FIRE WORKS
7/10	BOOK CLUB
7/16	BLUES PARTY
7/30 - 8/1	MCC CRUISE
8/5 - 8/7	OAKVILLE CLUB CRUISE
8/14	BOOK CLUB
8/20	THEME PARTY
9/1 - 9/5	RCYC CLUB CRUISE
9/10	FALL MEETING OCTOBERFEST
9/11	BOOK CLUB
9/17	CRADLES
9/24	MASTS DOWN
9/30 - 10/2	HAUL OUT

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Proposed By Law Changes

Change #1 - suggested by Ed Kelly

Existing By-Law - Article #4 - Board of Directors, Section 1

The Board shall have charge of the affairs and properties of the Club: Shall elect members to the Club, and shall interpret in light of their judgment the constitution and by-laws of the club.

Draft of Proposed Revision

The Board shall have charge of the affairs and properties of the Club. Shall elect members of the Club and The Board of Directors shall follow the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club.

- A: The Board of Directors shall make all appropriation of the funds of the Club.
- B: No money will be appropriated by the Board of Directors until a through study, investigation and total estimate of the expenditures has been made and presented at a Board of Directors meeting.
- C: No appropriations may be made by the Board of Directors for a project or improvements, which will have a total estimate of more than one thousand (\$1000.00) without a majority vote of the members by a two thirds vote of those attending a regular spring or fall meeting or by a special meeting called for this purpose. A quorum of no less than twenty percent (20%) of the total membership must be present.
- D: No money shall be paid out of Clubs funds unless authorized by the Board of Directors at a meeting and shall be recorded in the minutes.

Rational for Proposal: Members fiscal knowledge of Board spending.

Change # 2 - suggested by Dave Adelize

Existing By-Law - Addenda #16

The price of fuel shall be set at a amount not to exceed five (5) cents the cost paid at the time of delivery.

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Removal of #16

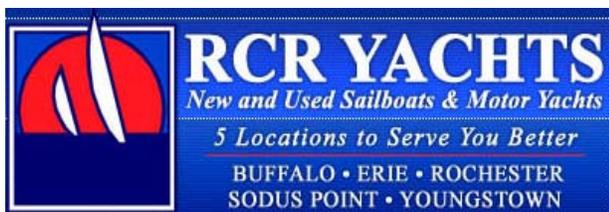
Rational for Proposal: A product sold by the Club for the convenience of its members should not have its cost determined or set by a club bylaw.

From Bylaw Committee Chairperson, Past Commodore Peter Hubbell (2008)

As chairman of the bylaws committee, I've discussed the proposed changes to the bylaws with my fellow committee members, Chris Finitz and Jim Krakowiak.

PROPOSAL #1: After careful review, we disagree with proposed change number one. The "shall interpret in light of their judgment" clause is essential, in our judgement, to ensure proper and responsible club management. Furthermore, the Board of Directors are elected by the club members, and to place such restrictions as proposed in subsection "C" would grind club fiscal management to a halt.

PROPOSAL #2: We have agreed with change number two with the rationale as stated, that a product sold by the club for the convenience of its members should not have its' cost determined or set by a club bylaw.



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