

Tuscarora Currents

WOW—Another month gone and I believe that August will go down in the TYC history books as one of the busiest boating months ever, with lots of visitors, the best parties and sail past ever. Don't you agree?! The parties that we have had this summer have been by far the best attended that we have seen in years.

Speaking of parties, Shirley and I would like to express a special "Thank You" to each and every one of you that attended the Commodore's Ball in my honor. After taking rein as Commodore this year, I expressed to the Board of Directors that my goal was to get back to basics with parties that are affordable to all. We therefore decided to have the Commodore's Ball at TYC at a reasonable cost so that as many as possible could attend. The Commodore's Ball committee came up with the finest Commodore's Ball ever, and we had the largest attendance ever with approximately 130 people. I say let's do it the same way next year.

I would like to thank the flower and grounds committees and participating members for the excellent job that they have done in making the Club grounds so beautiful with flowers and the new boat planter at the bridge. Also, all of the mulch that was placed in and around the gardens and trees looks great—Thank You!

Club cruises have been well attended and we had some of our

new members join in for the first time. A good time was had at the Mimico Cruising Club, where a beer batter fish fry with fresh cut French fries was provided by the Commodore followed with a group breakfast the next morning where all who attended pitched in and cooked a massive breakfast. This was followed up with a dinner gathering in the Mimico Clubhouse. Great food and time was had by all. By the time this newsletter is published, the cruise to National Yacht Club, which generally is the last cruise of the season, will have been completed to the satisfaction of all.



Peter Fleckesntein
TYC Commodore

We are just finishing up collecting member contributions to the Johnson Family and will be presenting a check to Nate and Hanna during the second week of September. I would like to again thank everyone who contributed and I am sure the family will be forever grateful.

Important News
FALL MEETING
Saturday
September 22nd
at 2PM

Mike Lazich put together a skills survey for members to fill out so that we know what skills members have. We are looking to collect this data so that we can get your help or consultation on projects at the club. We know that

many of you are very talented and we would like to have a record of your individual talents if possible. So far we have had a poor response to the survey and ask that you fill out one of the questionnaires inserted in the TYC Rosters. There are skill survey sheets on top of the credenza under the Board of Directors photo board in the club. If you have not yet gotten your 2012 TYC Roster you may pick one up in the Steward's Shed.

Water Levels: Just to let you know, I have been on a committee supported by the Island Yacht Club, the Wilson Harbor Marina owners, and the Supervisor of the Town of Wilson that is working with Lisa Stephens, Commodore of the Wilson Yacht Club, to procure funding from either the State or the Federal government to get the harbor dredged. Currently we are in the preliminary stages of trying to get funding. We are working with the Corps of Engineers who have agreed to help provide sounding data, an estimate of the number of cubic yards of material that needs to be dredged from the harbor along with the approximate costs for the removal. Also they are providing historical data on the costs of sediment analysis for open lake dumping of dredged material and contractor costs for dredging. With this information provided by the Corps of Engineers along with economic data provided by the committee and other information, Lisa's group can better prepare a cost estimate that can be used to make a concerted effort to procure funding for a dredging effort in the harbor. More to follow.

The time is upon us to look for candidates to be voted on for the 2013 Board of Directors. I have appointed Nancy VanVoorhees as chair of the Election Committee. I would like each of you to consider serving TYC by putting your name in the hat as a candidate for the Board. It is gratifying to be a Board member knowing that you are able to guide and direct the future of the club. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Nancy.

Peter R. Fleckenstein
Commodore

Vice Commodore

Nancy VanVoorhees



I can't believe the season is nearing the end. It's been a fun and productive year and I would like to thank everyone that made it such a special year. I hope I don't forget anyone, and I apologize if I do, but there have been so many people pitching in that it has been wonderfully overwhelming!

Thanks to the following:

- Paul Roetling and the Lockport Power Squadron for hosting and teaching our boating seminars this year. They always do a great job.
- Bill and Karen Guggemos for our annual TYC Sock Burning and TGIFs. What a great way to kick off the year!
- Marsha Emmons and her crew for the Spaghetti Dinner. Thanks for keeping this tradition going.
- Denise David and Linda Maddigan (our book club ladies). Thanks for keeping us well read.
- Linda Kelly, Darlene Chase, Irene Kelly, Heidi Beatty, and Doug and Jan Clamper for their phenomenal job on the Commodores Ball—the first ever to be held on our beautiful grounds! They did a wonderful job and the turnout was great!
- Dave and Kandi Adelizi for the annual TYC Flower Sale. Thanks for all your hard work and making TYC more beautiful.
- Cindy Scannapieco and her crew for planting all the flowers and making our club look beautiful. They do a great job every year!
- Chris Macleod, Denise David, Linda Maddigan, Elena Balea, and Sandy Jordan for hosting this year's Commodore's Tea. Everyone who attended had a marvelous time. Their attention to detail really shows!
- The Sail Past Party was a hit! Thanks to the Board members who slaved over hot grills. I would also like to thank Donna Schmidt, Chris MacLeod, Myrna Stone, and all the others who helped with setup, serving and cleanup.
- Linda Kelly and crew from TYC and Wilson Yacht club did another outstanding job with the Father's Day Brunch. They served over 250 people!
- Our TYC Band, including Frank Scannapieco (the organizer), Bill Maloney, Todd Cichomski, and guest appearances from Noah Olsen on Drums and Justin Strothman on the keyboard entertained our members on a beautiful July evening!
- Eileen Hassett and Martin Casstevens were cruise directors

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Rear Commodore

Michael Lazich



As this exceptionally enjoyable 2012 sailing season draws to a close, I sincerely wish to thank you for the service that you have provided TYC during this remarkably busy summer. TYC depends upon the labors of its members to maintain and improve our wonderful facilities; and our cooperative efforts in this regard help to boost the spirit of camaraderie that makes our club one of

the friendliest on Lake Ontario. We are now approaching the most challenging time of the year as we begin our preparations for haul out and, finally, the closing of our facilities for the winter. Those of you that have not yet fulfilled your work hour requirement should have no trouble doing so during the completion of these labor-intensive undertakings. I encourage you to review carefully the reports of the Board officers in this issue of Currents or contact them directly for suggestions on how you may fulfill your work hour requirement by contributing to these crucial end-of-the-season tasks. As always, you may report your work hours to me by either filling out one of the green cards available on the clubhouse bulletin board or by simply e-mailing me at <lazichmc@buffalostate.edu>.

At our spring meeting, I mentioned the possibility of organizing a youth sailing program at TYC and offered to help facilitate this venture if there was sufficient interest among our members. While it is too late in the season to get such a program underway this year, it is none too early to begin planning for next year. I therefore wish to encourage anyone interested in organizing a junior sailing program to get in touch with me as soon as possible so we may take advantage of some existing opportunities to acquire the boats and equipment needed to get the venture underway.

It has been a great pleasure serving as your representative on the Board this season, and I look forward to enjoying your friendship and collaboration as I continue my service next season. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your membership obligations. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the TYC Annual Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 22.

Mike Lazich
Rear Commodore

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Dave Kahl



Sadly, I need to lead off this report with a reminder to keep the Johnson family in our thoughts and prayers. As you know, our two new stewards, Hannah and Nathan, lost their younger sister and all of their family's belongs in a horrible explosion this summer. The healing process will be long and slow, so please help them any way you can.

On a positive note, I want to say how extremely pleased I have been with our team of Stewards this year. Nick, Margaret, Nicole and Pat provided the backbone of our team and were all instrumental in the training of Hannah and Nate. While it's too soon to say how many of our "senior" Stewards will be returning next season, I am confident that with Hannah and Nate now in our line-up, we will continue to have a seasoned crew available. Without their continuing efforts, TYC would not be the facility it is.

As the season winds down, should you find yourself in need of "work hours," please give me a call or contact one of the Stewards to see what items we have open on our "To Do" list. There's always something that needs attention. Also, we will be closing the clubhouse in late October or early November, providing even more opportunities to earn some work hours while learning the ins-and-outs of operating the club. The more people that know how we do it, the better off the club will be.

I said it last year and I'll say it again . . . our club has become one of the "must-visit" destinations on Lake Ontario. In my position on the Board, I get to talk to many guests; and the feedback I'm getting is nothing short of fantastic. Our "regular" visitors tell me they come here year after year and the club just gets better with each visit. First-time visitors vow to become "regulars." We have a fantastic club! Enjoy the rest of the season!

Dave Kahl
Director of Harbor Operations

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Treasurer

Karen Burhans



Hard to believe summer is soon coming to a close. As it stands now we are on target to finish the year very close to budget and slightly ahead of last year. We had a busy July with many visitors to the club—our usual time of year when gas sales and other sales (e.g. snacks, ice, etc.) spike and our stewards are very busy. Our stewards have worked very hard this year including some unavoidable back-to-back shifts in order to keep our club in good shape. My thanks to all of our stewards for their hard work this year. Our Membership Committee recently had a mailing campaign in an effort to continue to keep our slips filled. There are a few hard-to-fill slips, but we have been able to maintain a decent occupancy rate. Thank you to the Membership Committee for all of their hard work in letting the boaters know about the best kept secret on Lake Ontario. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions about the club's finances. It is my last year on the Board and I will do my best to ensure a smooth transition to the Club's new Treasurer when I hand over the reins.

Karen Burhans
Treasurer

Did you know that the 'flagpole' of a yacht club is technically called a "mast" and represents the dry-land version of the mast of a sailing ship. Most yacht club masts come complete with a gaff, which is a spar running upwards at a forty-five degree angle from the "back" or landward side of the mast. Since it represents the gaff of a fully rigged ship, it is the place of honor even though its height is lower than the masthead. Accordingly, the rule is that on a mast with a gaff, the American Flag is flown from the gaff. If there is no gaff, the American Flag is flown from the next-highest place of honor, which is the masthead. A mast should be installed as if it is the mast of a ship putting out to sea; that is, the gaff should point aft, toward the land. If you stand at the base of the pole looking forward, the extremities of the yardarm are termed port (on your left) and starboard (on your right), just as they would be on a vessel. Ashore, the United States Ensign may be displayed at night only when illumined.

Peter R. Fleckenstein
Commodore

Fleet Captain Greg Sutton



With Lake levels quickly dropping, the days getting shorter and the boating season coming to an end, I have the unfortunate duty to have to discuss this year's haul out schedule with you. This year the Board scheduled HAUL OUT activities for Columbus Day weekend at the beginning of October. As usual, this year we will be hauling boats Friday night, October 5th and Saturday, October 6th and if necessary, Sunday October 7th. Hopefully, we will not have the extreme weather conditions we suffered through last year and have to extend the process into Monday.

There will be several activities that will occur prior to haul out, one of which will be CRADLE PLACEMENT that will take place Saturday and Sunday, September 22nd and 23rd. This event will be followed by mast un-stepping on Saturday September 29th.

As part of the planning process, please remember to renew all lift mark locations on your boat so they are visible from the deck, giving us exact locations for the slings to avoid having them landing on cradle pads. Also, please have control lines ready (minimum 50 feet on each end of the boat).

New members: Please let me know as soon as possible if you will be hauling and/or storing with us this year so I can arrange a space for your boat. If I don't hear from you, I will assume you have made other arrangements.

For those un-stepping masts with the boom truck or gin pole, please bring lots of bungee cords for securing all the shrouds and other rigging. These are not just to secure the equipment but to also control the loose items that can be hazardous to the crew. Make sure that your cradle has been inspected/repaired and leveled as necessary so that your boat sets in it safely. Also make sure that your pads are in good shape and that you have enough blocks and shim material available when your boat is placed in the cradle so as not to delay the haul out crew and crane operations.

We will start HAUL OUT with the powerboats stored along the channel on the south side of the island near I-94 Friday night. We will then move to the island parking lot and, if time permits, haul a few boats along the driveway (west side) as far as the crane can reach on the first set. The boat owners for these areas should be on site at 4:00 p.m. Friday night, and we will go as far as we can till dark. We will continue operations promptly at 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning. All boat owners on the west side driveway and the North end wall to I-40 need to be there at 7:00 a.m. to get hauled and assist around the club until we get to your boat. Boats from I-41 and higher please be there by 10:00 a.m. to get hauled and assist around the club until we get to your boat. Sunday morning we will

start again at 7:00 a.m. for the rest of the boats that did not get hauled in the previous two days.

Exact haul out times are difficult to predict. Come early and enjoy the day. It is your responsibility to be there when it is your turn to be hauled. If we miss your boat because you were not there and we have moved on, it will be your responsibility to make arrangements to get your boat hauled. Waiting and/or returning for owners not present is very expensive, so make sure you are there when it is your time to be hauled. Also if you know that you are not going to be there and you are authorizing someone else to act on your behalf, we will need a letter of proxy stating who will be in charge of your boat during the haul out. This letter must be E-mailed or sent to the Fleet Captain at least one week prior to haul out. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

For all of the mast, cradle, and haul out events, I will have work crew sign-up sheets posted in the clubhouse for you to volunteer for the various work crews. Please remember, this is a working club and participation by the membership is essential to its successful operation. We had sparse participation during the spring launch (especially after lunch), which made the work that much harder for the members that were still there. If you need work hours, this is a great way to get them, and even if you don't need them, it's a great way to help out the club.

For safety reasons, no children are to be around the work areas on the Island during cradle movement and haul out weekends. No children will be permitted to ride or operate any equipment or be left unattended—your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at sutt47@msn.com or 860-1779

Thank you and enjoy the rest of the boating season.

Greg Sutton
Fleet Captain



PC Bob Stone and crew at the Thing Race

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for the Niagara-On-the-Lake cruise and Peter and Shirley Fleckenstein were the cruise directors for the MCC cruise. Everyone had a great time. Thank you!

- I also want to thank Sally Santor and the telephone crew for keeping us all well informed via the phone tree. Thanks Sally.

- The Thing Race was resurrected and all who participated, both racers and spectators, had a GREAT time! The winners wish to just be called the Soggy Bottom Boys. Second Place went to the Strothmann Family. Most Creative decoration went to the Algase family and Honorable Mention to Vicky and Ally Murray. The evening was capped off with a lobster/clam bake for 154 people! John Kudla and Anthony Giambattista deserve a HUGE thank you for planning, preparation, and spending most of the day at the grill station! Also thanks to Karen Patterson, Karen Kudla, Kathy Giambattista, Keith Robinson, John VanBenschoten, Chris MacLeod, Myrna and Bob Stone, Erik Anderson, Carol Varner, and some wonderful visitors from Hamilton! And the kielbasa made by our member John Kudla was a HUGE hit!

I am so pleased with all the members who are turning out to help with parties. If I forgot to mention anyone, PLEASE let me know so I can acknowledge your help! I do the easy part, they do the hard work! It is thanks to our AWESOME members that the parties this year have been such a big success!

As a reminder, our fall meeting is on September 22 and that will also be the day of our last party of the year. I will be doing the Oktoberfest Party and as anyone who came last year can tell you, it was a fun time! So get out your leiderhosen and dirndl's and practice your Ein Prosit singing! Let's finish off the year with a BANG!

Nancy VanVoorhees
Vice Commodore

Secretary Eileen Hassett



We had a beautiful summer. This summer, my husband Martin and I took a two-week sailing trip around Lake Ontario. We enjoyed the adventure of going to new places and the hospitality of yacht clubs and boaters across the lake. But it was good to come home to TYC. Our grounds are beautiful (thanks to Cindy Scannapieco and her crew), our kitchen is well stocked (thanks to Chris MacLeod) and our grill station is a social gathering place for TYC members and visitors from other yacht clubs.

This year I gathered e-mail addresses so we can start to use electronic communications for the reciprocal process with Canadian yacht clubs to help reduce our postage. We send reciprocal communications to over 100 yacht clubs across Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and the St. Lawrence. Please let me know if you are aware of any yacht clubs that should be added to our list.

I look forward to seeing you at the fall meeting.

Eileen Hassett
Secretary



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It's hard to believe that the summer is almost over and we already have to think about hauling boats and preparing for repair tasks. We have an ongoing master list of dock and sea wall repairs that have been completed and some that still need to be done. Some of these repairs can only be addressed in the winter when there is ice in the harbor that is safe to work on. If you have an issue with your dock or sea wall that you feel needs to be addressed, please e-mail me or give me a telephone call so we can address your concerns.

This summer we removed the over-lay-dock that was needed when the

water was high over the sunken dock in Haines. The repair of this dock will be scheduled after haul out and before the cold weather sets in.

I owe Keith Robinson a huge thank-you for his ideas and repairs to the main finger at Haines this year. I would also like to thank Bob Schmidt for helping me this summer with some of the electrical alterations and repairs requested by our members. These individuals are only two of many who have offered their assistance and worked with me this year to keep our facilities in top condition.

Thanks again to everyone for their help and enjoy the rest of the season.

Jeff Jordan
Director of Harbor Operations



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