

# *Tuscarora* Currents

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*Peter Fleckenstein*  
*TYC Commodore*

After such a spectacular summer, the inevitable had to happen—autumn has arrived and with it the end of another boating season. What a season we have had; I know that I truly enjoyed the hot summer and all of the boating activities and great parties we had this year. With the end of summer and into the fall it has been a particularly busy time for the club in the last few weeks.

The activities started with cradle placement and a fall membership meeting with an excellent Oktoberfest following the meeting. Thanks to Pete Hubble, who ran the cradle crew, and the other crew members that helped. Thanks to Navy VanVoorhees and crew for an excellent Oktoberfest.

The following weekend saw Mike Algase and Jeff Strothmann unstep masts without a hitch. Many thanks to them and the crew members that helped them.

Then the weekend that we never like to see was haul out weekend. Again, Michael Algase and Greg Sutton orchestrated one of the best haul outs ever. The weather cooperated the whole weekend, and they were able to complete hauling all of the boats by 10:30 Sunday morning. Many thanks to them and the crew members that assisted.

Many thanks to Kathy Sipes and her crew for having the ship's store open during the weekends up to and including haul out. Please watch the TYC website for newly included information on the ship's store.

During haul out weekend, the kitchen crew, led by Jan Klapper and Carol Goulah, provided tremendous meals, hot coffee and pastries throughout the weekend. Many thanks to all of the kitchen crew. Last, but not least, many thanks to all of you that gave your time to participate in all of these important tasks and activities.

By the time this newsletter hits the streets, David Kahl and his crew will have closed the club, which signals the end of the boating season as we know it. Thanks to Dave and his crew for winterizing the club.

For all of the members that contributed time to these tasks, please make sure that you notify Rear Commodore Michael Lazich to get credit for your work hours.

Can you believe the elections are already here? It's time for members to select new Board of Directors members for 2013. Like any election, you can't complain (not that we want you to) if you don't vote, so be sure to vote. I would like to thank Brian Jacobs, Carol Goulah, Doug Klapper, Hank Visger, and Bob Beck for stepping up to run for the Board. Soon ballots will be sent to you via mail with a self addressed stamped envelope that must be returned by December 1, 2012. Best of luck to all candidates!!

*Peter R. Fleckenstein*  
*Commodore, TYC*



*Election Issue*

## *Fleet Captain* **Greg Sutton**



The 2012 boating season has come to an end. Another great summer has passed and just about everything is wrapped up and put away—waiting for next spring and another boating season to arrive.

Thanks to all the club members who heeded my call at the fall meeting for help during haul out weekend. More than enough help was received from members to complete all the work without a hitch. You should all be congratulated.

Preparations for the storage of the boats went extremely well. We were able to place all of the cradles in one day without any problems thanks to Peter Hubble and his crew. From the cradle weekend we moved on to the mast stepping weekend, which was lead by Jeff Strothmann on the gin pole and Mike Algase on the boom truck. We sincerely thank them and all who participated in getting the masts un-stepped and placed on stands around the grounds.

On haul out weekend, we started a little later than planned on Friday, and while we had to endure the rain overnight on Friday, the days were relatively rain free. We had great crews all weekend and even implemented a couple new techniques for handling the straps that proved to be very efficient, even with the low water levels. This allowed a crew to go ahead of the main group and prep the next boat in line to be hauled. This really cut down on time between boats. Crews worked throughout the day on Saturday and finished up around noon on Sunday. Again this year, no one worked hungry with Jan Klapper and Carol Goulah taking the lead in the kitchen, providing great meals for all the crews to savor.

We had both great leadership and outstanding volunteer participation as noted below. A very big Thank You is in order for our crew leaders

and all the enthusiastic volunteers who year after year make it all happen at TYC.

**Cradle Crew:** Peter Hubble, Sam Libordi, Keith Robinson, Gary Baxter, Dave McLuckie, Rick Podgers, Gerry Tomino, Hank Viscar, and Jim Krakowiak.

**Gin Pole Crew:** Jeff Strothmann, Hank Viscar, Bill Panek, Dean Aschenbrenner, Don Sipes, Hank Peters, Dan House, Doug Klapper, and Bob Schmidt.

**Boom Truck Crew:** Mike Algase, Larry Kocher, Bob Beck, Dave MacLeod, Steve Kennedy, Keith Robinson, and Bill Guggemos.

**Crane Crew:** Mike Algase, Ernie Piples, Richard Kreger, Mike Seitz, Doug Klapper, Paul Reid, Clay Jackson, Dean Aschenbrenner, Bill Panek, Jeff Shuster, John Suita, Reg Adams, Ward Caldbick, Vince Bargnes, Roger Middigan, Keith Robinson, Rick Podgers, Lee Brownschidle, Hank Peters, Dan Manhardt, Richard Tuyn, Doug David, Bill Maloney, Hank Viscar, Tom Bogner, Tom Gray, Larry Chapman, Skip Hangen, Ken Staub, Steve Schellhammer, Vince Barnes, and Dave MacLeod

**Kitchen Crew:** Jan Klapper, Carol Goulah, Shelly Richards, Amy Jacobs, Loretta Beck, Diana Siuta, Kathy Tumulty, Eileen Anderson, Luanne Castranova, Gene Haas, Darlene Manhardt, Michelle Tuyn, Carol Beachy, Linda Kelly, Ben Tuyn, Irene Kelly, Nancy Van Vorhees, Kathy Sipes, and John Powell.

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## Rear Commodore Michael Lazich



As this enjoyable 2012 boating season draws to a close, we wish to thank you all for your various contributions towards making this year a great success at TYC. I also personally wish to thank you for granting me the opportunity to serve this season on the Board of Directors. Serving on the Board has proven a truly rewarding and pleasurable experience. It has also made me aware of the many challenging tasks and responsibilities involved in operating and maintaining our wonderful facilities. TYC is one of the very best yacht clubs on Lake Ontario because our members generously contribute their various talents and skills to keeping our grounds ship-shape and our operations organized and efficient. Indeed, this can-do spirit of volunteerism and cooperation has been the key to our success, and each of us has an obligation to help sustain this positive atmosphere of collegiality. The upcoming BOD elections provides an ideal opportunity to become more actively involved in the operation and administration of our club, and we sincerely thank those individuals who have stepped forward to run for election, or reelection, to the BOD this year. I genuinely look forward to working with the newly elected or returning members of the BOD as we undertake the challenges of the upcoming season while continuing to enjoy the many pleasures of membership in TYC.

Mike Lazich  
Rear Commodore

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*Director of Operations***Dave Kahl**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help this year. From opening to closing, and every day in between, your efforts have been much appreciated.

Most recently, we had a spectacular turnout for the club closing; sorry it took so long to complete, but when the water main in the pit blows apart, there is not a lot we can do to rush glue drying. Anyway, we finally got the water lines blown out and pumped antifreeze through the club, which means the club is now officially closed for the winter. I intend to leave the power on at the docks for a few more weeks for anyone needing to work on their boat. Once I shut the power off, I will padlock the gate on the bridge. Remember, if you need to gain entry to the grounds, you can use the clubhouse key on the padlock; just remember to lock up when you leave.

Finally, be sure to secure anything you may have around your dock. We get some heavy winds over the winter that can literally rip covers and destroy dock boxes. Please tie down or otherwise secure any loose or lightweight objects.

Have a great (hopefully short & mild) winter! I look forward to seeing you all again in the spring!

Dave Kahl  
Director of Operations

*Director of Harbor Operations***Jeff Jordan**

It's hard to believe that the summer is over and the boats are out.

Please remember, all upright boards that extend into the water must be removed before the ice comes. I

will survey our docks during the first week of November to see who still needs to comply with this request.

A few of the fall/winter projects to be completed this year include the raising of the sunken dock in Haines, the rebuilding of I-56, and the repair a few of the water leaks that were identified at the end of the season. I also received some other minor requests that will be addressed over the winter.

We still have an ongoing master list of sea wall repairs that need to be undertaken. Steve Clark has agreed to meet with us to identify and discuss some of the major concerns.

If you have any problems that you feel need to be addressed, please e-mail me or give me a call.

Thanks again to everyone for their help during this season.

Jeff Jordan  
Director of Harbor Operations



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*Vice Commodore***Nancy VanVoorhees**

This summer went by so fast! I can't believe my first year on the Board is coming to an end. We had twelve parties this year, and all were successful thanks to our wonderful members. We have some awesome cooks! Our pot

luck parties were amazing. As my mom always said, many hands make light work, and because of the many hands that assisted with setup, serving, or cleanup, as well as making some really delicious dishes, it was light work for everyone! These parties would not have been as successful without all your help! Chairing a party is a great way to meet people and also get in your work hours. I am already thinking of new ideas for next year so if anyone has ideas, let me know! Before you now it, the boats will be going back in the water and the parties will begin!

Nancy Van Voorhees  
Vice Commodore

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Just a reminder, club rules requires the Fleet Captain to maintain a current "Slip Request List" of all members requesting a slip assignment or change. The list shall be ranked by seniority. If you want to make a change in your dock location, please feel free to email me. Also please remember over to lock up your ladders in order to help prevent unwanted visitors on our vessels over the winter.

Keep warm and safe this winter and think spring.

*Carol Goulah*

In September of 2005, Erik and Eileen Anderson invited us to visit TYC because we had shown an interest in sailing. Amidst the activity of masts being taken down, we were introduced to several members as we walked around the club, and it seemed like a fun place to be. By the end of that weekend, we had joined the club, bought

Bill Guggemos's boat, and been assured of a slip. That winter, we took ourselves to sailing school in Florida and have been enjoying sailing and TYC ever since. We have met so many wonderful people and our sailing skills have improved too.

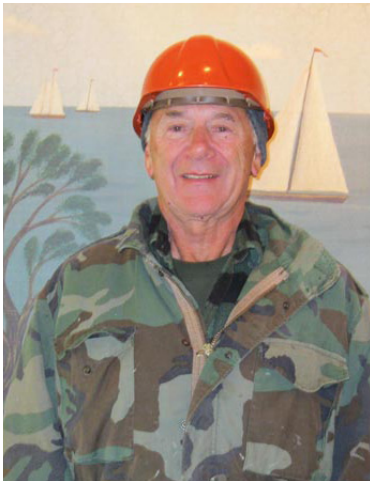
Involvement is the key to becoming an integral part of a club like TYC. Over the past several years, I have worked with Jan Klapper to prepare and serve the meals for launch and haul out. Whenever possible, I participate in the social gatherings or just come up to sail and relax.

On a personal level, Ron and I have been married for 44 years, with two children and two grandchildren. We are both retired teachers and have spent many summers camping around the country with our family. Having a sailboat is rather like camping on the water! In addition to my teaching degrees, I also have an M.B.A., which is put to use as I handle the financial matters and bookkeeping for my daughter's design company.

Although our travels around Lake Ontario have been minimal, I have come to realize just what a jewel our club is among the various ports of call. TYC is a destination for so many. I would very much like to be a part of a Board of Directors who promote and enhance the reputation and operation of TYC, and believe that I have the organizational skills to do so. I was honored by the request to run for the Board and will be all the more so by your vote.

Carol Goulah

## Hank Visger



Hi, I'm Hank Visger and I'm very honored to be asked to be a candidate for a seat on the TYC board of Directors this year. I first enjoyed TYC in 1982 when I started crewing on coach's boat Old Guard. I enjoyed the experience so

much that the next year (1983) I bought my first sailboat, a C&C 24, and joined TYC. That fall I joined the crane crew at haul-out and have worked on launch and haul-out every year since. I have worked on the crane, gin pole and now the cradle crew. From 1986 to 1990 I have docked and stored two other sailboats at this beautiful water front location.

In 1990 I moved to Youngstown Yacht Club to get into more intense racing with a much larger fleet. In 1998 I traded my C&C 35 for a Beneteau 381 and motored up the ICW and the Erie Canal to Lake Ontario. In October of that year I shipped it to Ft. Lauderdale, where I spent most of the next 5 years cruising the Keys, Bahamas, Abacos, and Exumas Islands.

In 2005, I moved to California to manage a restaurant for my son. After three years there I returned to Florida and decided to move my boat back to beautiful Lake Ontario. I rejoined TYC with "Glory Days" in November of 2008.

Like many of you, I have watched TYC grow from a log cabin on an island in front of an abandoned hotel, to one of the most desirable yacht club destinations. When you talk to visiting yachtsmen you learn how they are

overwhelmed by the beauty of our clubhouse and its facilities. But most of all, it's the outgoing helpfulness and welcoming by our members.

I believe my experiences as listed below would allow me to add value as a Board member.

As a volunteer:

37 years as Winter Emergency Care Technician  
5 years as a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce

6 years as a leader in the Boy Scouts of America  
In a Leadership Roll:

3 years Vice President/President Ski Club of Lockport

3 years Vice President/President Lockport Little League Baseball

3 years Vice President/President Briarwood Tennis and Pool Club

Professional:

Graduated from Michigan State University

Taught General Science for 3 years

Buyer for GM Harrison Radiator Div

Planned production of radiators and oil coolers

Negotiated outside labor

Established quality procedures

Chartered air planes and trucks

Treasurer for Wilson Harbor Yacht Racing Association

Treasure for Lockport Men's Softball League

I can't guarantee you blue skies, fair winds, smooth water or lower fuel prices, but I can guarantee you that I will work tirelessly to continue the unique traditions of TYC.

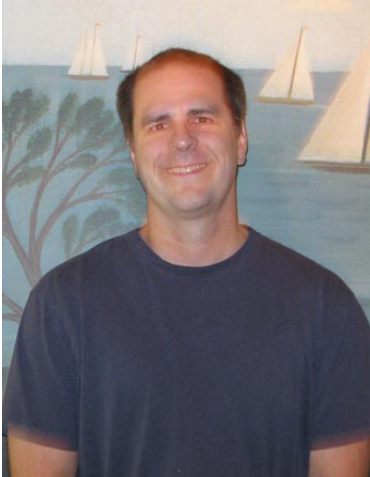
It's an honor to be considered for this opportunity and I would appreciate your vote.

Hank Visger



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*Brian Jacobs*

My name is Brian Jacobs and I am running for the TYC Board of Directors. My previous experience in a board position has been for a large homeowners association of 2,500 homes with a 2.1 million dollar budget.

We moved from a marina to TYC because we were so impressed with the atmosphere and the facilities. The island and the clubhouse are safe havens where people of different ages, experience, and skill levels can come to enjoy the water and learn new skills. One of our favorite things is watching our son do laps around the island on his bicycle. If elected I will be a vigilant steward for maintaining and improving our club's facilities and services.

I have a degree in Mechanical Engineering and designed machinery for a number of years. I switched focus to computer programming during the technology boom and began programming websites in 1998. I am presently a free lance website programmer. My first experience with sailboats was as a Boy Scout with the Sunfish. I have a long history on the water that also includes canoeing and kayaking which is how I met my wife, Amy, over 12 years ago. Together, we own a 25 foot Catalina which we sail with our son Ben. We have also raced as part of WHYRA and have participated in the LO300 and Level Regatta races.

Thank you for your consideration, I would be honored to serve the club and I would appreciate your vote.

Brian Jacobs

*Peter Fleckenstein*

I am Peter Fleckenstein a member of the Club since February 1997. It is again my wish to serve the membership by being re-elected to the upcoming 2013 Board of Directors where I believe that I can make a difference in the direction and cohesiveness of the

club. A little bit about me: I served the nation in the U.S. Navy as a as Senior Chief Petty Officer providing leadership and direction in the field of Information Technology while serving here and abroad. Between Active Duty Navy and Naval Reserves, I served for 32 years retiring on June 1, 2000. I am currently employed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a Deputy Director of Information Technology for the Eastern Region. I am currently directing an Enterprise Emergency Response Team (EERT), which has been supporting federal agencies in New York City during and after hurricane Sandy. I have been with the Army Corps of Engineers for 43 years and my time has been spent in the Management of Information Technology and Computer Systems for the Army on a National level. If re-elected, I would like to extend my Corporate Management abilities to the Club and provide sound leadership, decision making, and keeping the membership informed on matters of the Club. I "Thank You" in advance for your vote.

Peter Fleckenstein

## *Doug Klapper*



Jan and I have enjoyed the privilege of membership at TYC since 2006. We joined sailing a Hunter 23 and 'moved up' to a Catalina 30 a few years ago. While the sailing out of Wilson Harbor is terrific, it pales in the light of the character and camaraderie of the members of TYC. The many friends made at the variety of social events, the many work crews and simply enjoying the club facilities are what makes TYC such a bright part of our lives.

I have decided to run for the TYC Board this fall to provide whatever services I can to help maintain the current strengths of the club and define and develop appropriate solutions to challenges deemed most important to our members.

I feel my past career and personal endeavors provide me excellent credentials to serve on this Board. I enjoyed a 25-year career managing the product stewardship functions for a major chemical manufacturer. In that capacity, I had the privilege to serve on several national and international committees and organizations. These include chairmanship of a division of the Society of Plastics Industry and a member of the Board of Directors of that organization, member or chair of several committees of the Chemical Manufacturers Association, member of the US Delegation to the United Nations Committee of Experts, and many other organizational functions.

I left the chemical industry to own and operate a B&B on Cape Cod. As anyone who owns a business can attest, you assume a variety of roles: CEO, COO, CFO, Marketing Manager, Bookkeeper, Landscaper, Janitor, maid, plumber and whatever other function the true boss (my wife) would deem necessary.

I would appreciate your support in my desire to serve on the TYC Board of Directors.

Doug Klapper





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