

Tuscarora **Currents**

Commodore **Peter Fleckenstein**



Welcome 2013 Board of Directors

Let me begin my article by thanking all of the outgoing Board members who served last year: past Treasurer, Karen Burhans; past Director of Operations, David Kahl and past Director of Harbor Operations, Jeffrey Jordan. These people did a spectacular job for the club not only as directors but also as fellow members of the club, working many long and arduous hours benefiting the club in their own way. I thank you for your service and the outstanding jobs you did.

With the recent elections the following are your Board of Directors for 2013:

Peter Fleckenstein - *Commodore*
Nancy VanVoorhees - *Vice Commodore*
Michael Lazich - *Rear Commodore*
Greg Sutton - *Fleet Captain*
Carol Goulah - *Secretary*
Eileen Hassett - *Treasurer*
Douglas Klapper - *Director of Operations*
Brian Jacobs – *Director of Harbor Operations*

I'm excited to continue as your Commodore again in 2013 and am looking forward to working with the Board and you as members. The Board has been elected to represent you and what is best for TYC and its future. Remember, there is no book on this and the members of the Board of Directors, in concert with each other, are working in the best interests of you and the Club. Once again, I personally ask you to direct any concerns to the Club leadership, we are here for you, and you can always contact me personally.

The winter season is finally upon us after a long spell thinking that we may have escaped the cold and snow. Well the cold came in single digits this past few weeks and the Western New York area got the snow a little late but in time for many of us to enjoy it. You may think the winter months are slow for the Board of Directors, but surprisingly, we stayed very busy through December and January. We are in the process of setting up the committees for the coming year along with each of the Board members working within their areas prepping for the new season to come. There are lots of parties

planned for this year as well as cruises being scheduled as we speak. We are looking at things that need to be done at the Club and work parties are being planned. We have events coming soon, such as the exhibit that we are going to have at the Buffalo Boat Show to try to increase membership, the winter dinner has also been planned and a fantastic Commodore's Ball is being organized, to mention a few. We hope that all of you will be able to attend some of these activities since they provide a wonderful occasion to meet new friends and enjoy the moment in time.

During this winter, please remember to visit the Club and check out your boats. With the heavy winds we have had recently some of the boats lost their coverings while others have ponding in their canvases, putting stresses on the hull and railings. I would like to thank those of you that have checked your boats and other boats and have called other members when issues have risen to tell them of the problem.

Thanks to all of you again for making 2012 a fantastic year at TYC. The success of the Club truly falls on the loyalty of our membership. I'd like to thank everyone that has already renewed their 2013 membership. I'm looking forward to the upcoming year. The year goes by so fast it is important to cherish and be thankful for each day that we have. Be sure to enjoy that time with your old friends and also many of the new friends you'll meet over the next 12 months.

In closing, please remember, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to talk to me, give me a call, or send me an e-mail. Thanks for reading and have a great day and year to come.

Peter R. Fleckenstein
Commodore, TYC

Vice Commodore Nancy VanVoorhees



Before we know it, the boats will be going back in the water and the boating season will begin! 2013 is going to be another great year for parties! We are starting out with the Winter Dinner on March 9 at Shimshacks. If you have not already sent in your R.S.V.P. please do so by March 1. I have a lot of good ideas in store for this year, including the "Thing Race" which will be held on August 17, so put on your thinking caps! Wilson Yacht Club will be joining us this year for the "Race" and a "Road Kill" party. Also in the works is a pig roast with a Caribbean theme in July, the Commodore's Tea on May 18, a Welcome New Members Cocktail Party on June 1, Sail Past on June 15 and the Father's Day Brunch on June 16. I have several people who have volunteered to chair parties this year but still need a couple more. If you do not

feel comfortable chairing a party, sign up to help—this is a great way to meet your fellow club

members, earn work hours and have a lot of fun. I am also open to suggestions, so if there is a specific type of party you would like to organize, drop me a note.

John Suita has been hard at work planning some wonderful club cruises for this summer. He has been in contact with several clubs. If there is a destination you would like him to look into, send him an e-mail. I would like to thank John for doing this!

Watch the TYC Calendar for schedules.

Nancy Van Voorhees
Vice Commodore, TYC

Rear Commodore **Mike Lazich**



With the holiday season well behind us, and the daylight hours growing longer with each passing week, thoughts of spring will soon lead us to eager anticipation of a new season at TYC. It has been a great pleasure for me to serve on the Board of Directors this past season and I truly look forward to another exciting and successful summer of good fun and warm camaraderie with my fellow TYC members. I also look forward to working with the newly elected members of the Board—Carol Goulah, Doug Klapper, and Brian Jacobs—as they contribute their broad range of talents to the maintenance and administration of our beautiful grounds and clubhouse.

As the beginning of the season draws near, we will need to attend to many tasks as we undertake to prepare our facilities for the busy months of summer. This time of the year provides many opportunities to complete some or all of the required ten work hours per full membership for the 2013 season. As Rear Commodore, it is my job to keep track of your work hours as they are reported to me throughout the season. Please remember, there are two ways that you may report your work hours to me. You may either fill out one of the green cards provided for this purpose and deposit it in the box affixed to the clubhouse bulletin board, or you may simply e-mail me to inform me of the time and service you contributed at <lazichmc@buffalostate.edu>. You and only you are responsible for reporting your hours, so please be sure to do so soon after your service so you will not forget.

Hoping to see you at the Winter Dinner on Saturday, March 9. Looking forward to the start of another great season at TYC.

Mike Lazich
Rear Commodore, TYC

Fleet Captain Greg Sutton



We have another excellent new Board of Directors in place and I am honored to be part of it; and I look forward to serving as your Fleet Captain again this year. Winter is upon us and let's hope for an early spring like last year so we can prepare our boats for another great summer. In just about three months we will be beginning our 2013 boating season. Launch is scheduled for Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27. I will have more details in the next issue of Currents on specific times and tasks, so please read it carefully. Also, don't forget to look for crew sign up lists posted in the club house this spring. It's a great way to get your work hours in. We had some great crews during last fall's haul out, which made the work so much easier for everyone.

I am currently in the process of assigning slips to recent new members and also those who have requested reassignments. Feel free to contact me with any slip questions and requests for 2013. All requests are added to the "Slip Request List" for consideration before the season starts. I will do my best to satisfy all requests. Contact me if you have any questions or needs at <mailto:sutt47@msn.com> or 860-1779, or if you can be at the Winter Dinner, I'll see you there.

Wishing you a safe, warm winter and I'll see you at launch.

Greg Sutton
Fleet Captain, TYC

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Seminar Schedule 2012-2013

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| February 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genoa Trim • How to drive the boat through the tack • Driving Techniques: How to make the boat Go Fast! |
| March 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spinnaker Trim and Design • How to Drive Fast Downwind (VMG) • Downwind Starting • Cruising Spinnakers |
| April 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark your boat up to go fast • Crew Work that makes the boat go faster |

Secretary Carol Goulah



Thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me to the Board of Directors. I very much appreciate it and will work hard so as not to disappoint you. I realize that I do not have the years of boating experience shared by many of you. That being said, I hope to bring the fresh perspective of a relative newcomer to the issues brought before the Board. We are in the process of finalizing the reciprocal letters that will be sent out by the end of February. As we receive letters in return from the other clubs, I will update and maintain the notebook that will be located in the Steward's shed. I am looking forward to enjoying a sunny (and breezy!) boating season and the many activities planned at TYC for 2013.

Carol Goulah
Secretary, TYC

Treasurer Eileen Hassett



I would like to thank Karen Burhans for her many years of service as the TYC Treasurer. She did a great job and will be a hard act to follow. The Board is currently in the process of formulating the 2013 budget. Due to rising costs that are outside of our control (non-discretionary costs such as rent, utilities, haul & launch) we plan to keep our discretionary spending conservative. All members can help out with our expenses by remembering to turn off lights, report water leaks, and be prudent with their use of utilities such as electricity. As has been our practice for a number of years, please get a Board member's approval prior to making any purchases on behalf of the club. A form is available from the Treasurer to request reimbursement for expenses, pre-approved by a Board member. that have been paid out-of-pocket by members.

Please feel free to contact me at <eileenhassett@gmail.com> if you have any questions about the Club's finances.

Eileen Hassett
Treasurer, TYC

Director of Operations **Doug Klapper**



It is difficult to anticipate and plan for the upcoming season when the temperature outside is reading 12 degrees. But plan we must. We are planning to open the clubhouse Saturday, March 23—weather permitting. With Easter Sunday so early this year (March 31) we felt we should make facilities available the week before to allow maximum time to ready our boats for launch. Let's hope the weather cooperates and we may take advantage of the time.

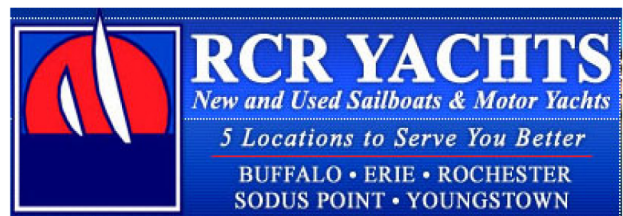
I will be looking for volunteers for that day, so keep an eye out for e-mail requests and make plans to get an early jump on your work hours.

Throughout the winter, the gate at the bridge and the clubhouse doors will be locked. Your club key will open both. Please make certain they are both locked when you leave. If another member is on the island when you leave, please stop to let them know you are leaving and remind them to make certain both the doors and the gate are locked when they leave.

At this time it looks like we have a terrific roster of returning stewards. If anyone has a candidate for a steward position, please feel free to contact me at 716-632-2014 or <dklapper213@gmail.com>.



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Director of Harbor Operations **Brian Jacobs**



Hi everyone, I would like to thank the Board for appointing me as Director of Harbor Operations. I hope you are enjoying the off-season.

The weather has not yet been conducive to forming enough good ice for us to make dock repairs, but that does not stop us from making plans. We are presently assessing areas most in need of repair. If the ice permits, we will organize a work party for tasks such as straightening dock posts.

If your own dock is in need of repair, or if you are aware of any other docks that require attention, please let me know via e-mail: <bjacobs@rednoodle.com>.

Thanks again to everyone for your support.

Brian Jacobs
Director of Harbor Operations, TYC

TYC Book Club News

It is time to start thinking about spring and TYC. The TYC Book Club has some great books planned for this year and wanted to give members a heads up to start reading for summer. TYC Book Club is a fun way to get to know other TYC members. We would love to welcome anyone who may be interested. Our first meeting of 2013 is going to be **Tuesday March 5 at 7pm**. Beth Reilly Brown has again agreed to host this meeting at her home. We will be discussing ***In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin*** by Erik Larson.

We have some other great books planned for the summer. The full list can be found at <<http://tycbookclub.blogspot.com/p/2013-tyc-book-club-selections.html>>. Summer meetings are held at the TYC clubhouse at noon on Sundays. On May 19 the book will be ***The Shoemakers Wife*** by Adriana Trigiani. On June 9 we will be discussing ***The Thirteenth Tale*** by Diana Seterfield. Don't forget to check the blog for the rest of the selections.

We look forward to seeing many of our book club members in March and again this summer.

Linda Maddigan and Denise David

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