

# *Tuscarora* **Currents**

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## *Commodore* **Doug Klapper**



### **Election for the 2016 Board of Directors and So Much More**

What a season we have had! When we had to postpone launch, I naively hoped that would be our major challenge for the year. Wow, was I shortsighted! Many challenges and opportunities presented themselves; and every time someone stepped up to provide advice or assistance.

TYC lost a dear and devoted member this September. Hank Visger passed away September 17. Hank served as our Fleet Captain for 2015 and Treasurer for 2014. I would like to take personal credit for convincing Hank to run for the Board, but I know it was his desire to participate and serve that were the real reasons. Hank was a dear friend and a dedicated member of TYC. He is and will be missed.

Many times I have commented on how TYC members always rise to the opportunity to help others. The last few weeks of the season brought that fact to the spotlight. When a member was caught between boats and suffered a cracked pelvis, many members dropped everything and ran to her aid. The next weekend, a member suffered a cardiac incident. Again, several members rushed to provide First Aid and CPR and, to all accounts, saved his life. If these incidents were not enough of a challenge, just as we were to start lifting boats on Sunday, our crane operator learned of a fire at his home. While waiting for news, I could not count the members who were anxious to provide help to Nick and his family. We truly are a club of friends.

In spite of the 'challenges', we had a very successful haul-out thanks in a great part to the excellent organizational skills of our Fleet Captain, Doug David, and the many crews that participated in this endeavor.

Our fall invoices have been sent. This time via email—a first for TYC. The process has gone very smoothly and has been very positively accepted by our members. There have been concerns with the return of the Dock Reservation Form. We will be looking to find an easier method for this. The cooperation of the members with this new process is very much appreciated. The conversion of our financial program has been a significant step forward for TYC. Carol Goulah, Peter Fleckenstein, and Karen Burhans have put out a tremendous effort to make this conversion work. They all deserve our thanks for their efforts.

The Nominating Committee has been hard at work and has presented us with a slate of candidates for election to the Board. We all owe these candidates a 'Thank You' for volunteering to run and serve if elected. It is a wonderful opportunity to serve TYC. Remember to return your ballot on time.

I owe a deep debt of gratitude to my fellow Board members for their tireless efforts to provide their service to TYC. Each has given selflessly of their time and talents. I must give a special thanks to Anne VanBenschoten and Jeff Strothmann for stepping forward to fill uncompleted vacancies. Also, I wish to express a special thanks to Doug David for filling in for Hank Visger.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Commodore this past year. Much has been accomplished and the club is in great shape for the coming years. The credit must go to the outstanding members of the Board. They are the ones that make it all happen. I would be remiss in not giving much credit to my wife, Jan, for her constant support and understanding. I have one more year on my term as a Board member and I look forward to fulfilling that in the most productive way.

Thanks to all of you for this outstanding opportunity.

Doug Klapper  
Commodore, TYC

## *Vice Commodore* Keith Robinson



With another boating season coming to an end, I would like to express many thanks to all those members who helped me navigate my first year on the TYC Board of Directors. This experience has really emphasized the fact that it is not just the BOD but its committees and membership that makes this club the best on Lake Ontario's south shore. This year's functions and events were all successful for that same reason. It wasn't just the event hosts, although they deserve a big hand, but it was the many helpers behind the scenes that make our events so enjoyable. I would personally like to thank you all for your efforts, and I know that all TYC members are as much appreciative. You know who you are! Also, many thanks to John Siuta and his crew of cruisers for another successful season of reciprocal cruising.

I hope that you all have a safe and enjoyable off-season.

Keith Robinson  
Vice Commodore, TYC



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## Rear Commodore Mike Lazich



I wish to thank all of you for your various contributions towards making this 2015 season of boating a great success. TYC is one of the best yacht clubs on Lake Ontario because our members generously contribute their multitude of talents and skills to keeping our grounds ship-shape and our operations well organized. This season has once again demonstrated the spirit of collegiality and cooperation that remains the key to our success. Indeed, the many compliments we receive from our visitors testify to the distinctive friendliness and efficiency of our club.

Once again, it is time for us to participate in the election for next year's Board of Directors. As the chair of the Election (Nominating) Committee this year, I thank Doug David and Dave MacLeod for taking the lead in recruiting some excellent candidates. I encourage you to review the statements and profiles of the candidates included in this issue of *Currents*. You will soon receive an official ballot on which you will select the four candidates that you wish to elect to the 2016 BOD. Please be sure to mail this ballot to our teller (Doug David) prior to the December 1 deadline. I am confident that the newly elected and returning members of the BOD will undertake the challenges of the upcoming season with the same spirit of dedication that has long characterized the efforts of this hard working group of individuals.

Finally, I want to thank you all for granting me the opportunity to serve for the past four seasons as Rear Commodore 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. I have acquired a much greater appreciation for the efforts of those of you who contribute so much of your individual time and energy to making TYC such a superb place to spend the summer.

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable and productive off-season, and I sincerely look forward to seeing you all next season.

Mike Lazich  
Rear Commodore, TYC

## *Fleet Captain* Doug David



September and October saw the placing of cradles, de-masting of sailboats, and the hauling out of many of our boats. This could not have been done without our membership stepping up to take on this awesome task.

Cradle placement, on September 26, was handled by crew leader Peter Hubbell and his crew consisting of Chris Finitz, Frank DelRusso, Greg Sutton, Pat Oates, John Cummings, Stephanie Burgess, Dave McLuckie, Rick Podgers, Bob Proefrock, Darius Teslovich and his son P.J., Homer Balea, Ward Caldbick, Ernie Pipiles, and Keith Robinson. I'd also like to thank our Commodore, Doug Klapper, Greg Sutton, and Pat Oates for working with me on September 25 to mark the locations where the cradles would be placed.

On Saturday, October 3, heavy winds prevented us from using the gin pole to de-mast sailboats and to start at Slip I-31 rather than I-01 with the crane. It was quite a day, but as usual our long time boom truck crew leader, Michael Algase, calmly guided us around the island taking down almost all the masts that were planned to be taken down that day. Mike was assisted by Keith Robinson, Kevin Race, Larry Kocher, Mark Dettmer, Markus Kessler, Jeff Schuster, and Bill Panek.

Our outstanding kitchen crew was led by Jan Klapper and Carol Goulah, and assisted by Judy Hotchin, Amy Jacobs, Harry Buckholtz, Kathy Tumulty, and Johanna Kools, once again providing excellent food and drink for the haul-out crew.

Sunday, October 4, saw the gin pole put back into use under the leadership of long time crew leader Jeff Strothmann, with assistance from Bill Panek, Don Sipes, Dean Aschenbrenner, Dan House, Tim Tomay, Bryan Brown, Dick Milano, George McKinney, and Max Geldres. The crew brought all remaining masts down on a perfect weather day.

On Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11, crew leader Michael Algase and his crew consisting of Keith Robinson, Skip Hangen, Anssi Kairo, Dean Aschenbrenner, Tom Gray, Tym Zhuk, Richard



Kreger, Darius Teslovich, Steve Gasiewicz, David Kilpatrick, Nathan Love, Bill Panek, Doug Klapper, Greg Sutton, Max Geldres, Jeff Schuster, Ernie Pipiles, Roger Maddigan, Bill Guggemos, and Richard and Ben Tuyn managed to haul every boat that needed to be hauled. Unfortunately, Sunday was a first when our beloved crane operator, Nick, was summoned home to handle a family emergency just as the first boat was ready to be hauled. Nick returned later in the morning and all went smoothly for the rest of the day. TYC owes Nick a major thanks for what he did for us on Sunday.

Again on October 10 and 11, kitchen crew leaders Jan Klapper and Carol Goughlah, assisted by Carol Beachy, Claudia DelRusso, Denise David, Johanna Kools, Rosalie and Tom Bailey, Kathy Tumulty, Kathy Sipes, and Michelle Tuyn provided the crews and members some really fine food. The kitchen crew always makes you feel welcome and no one ever leaves feeling hungry! If I've missed anyone on the above please accept my apologies.

I've totally enjoyed my limited role as Fleet Captain this past year. I'd like to add a special thanks to Commodore Klapper for providing wisdom and guidance to me, past Commodore Greg Sutton for stepping in with assistance on multiple occasions, past Commodore Peter Fleckenstein for helping me better understand some of the intricacies of the workings of TYC, and of course the members of the BOD for their support. Serving as Fleet Captain gave me the opportunity to connect with just about every member of TYC during haul-out. I feel very fortunate to be part of this outstanding community. Thanks.

Doug David  
Fleet Captain, TYC



**Commodore's Tea, 2015**

## Secretary Anne VanBenschoten



In early 2015, the Board of Directors reviewed the Club reciprocal policy. To give a little background, yacht clubs all over North America have a long tradition of reciprocity. Envisioned as a courtesy program, one club offers free or low cost dockage to visiting members from other clubs in exchange for similar privileges offered to their cruising members. Historically, TYC followed a true reciprocal policy, whereby we charged visitors from reciprocal clubs the same fee our members would be charged at their clubs, or \$10 per night, whichever was less. This resulted in many visitors using our facilities—often for several nights at a time and for several visits a season—at no charge.

The BOD wished to maintain the traditional spirit of the reciprocal program as a courtesy program, but felt it was necessary to review the program in light of its cost to TYC in terms of utilities, use of the clubhouse, and steward hours. The BOD instituted a \$10 per night flat fee for all visitors from reciprocal clubs for the 2015 season. In reviewing the season, the BOD felt this change was a success for several reasons: 1) it did not impose a financial burden on our visitors, thereby maintaining the spirit of the reciprocal program, 2) it was simpler for our stewards to administer, and 3) club revenue from visitor dockage increased 225%. In other words, we deemed the fee change a success!

As my one year term on the BOD ends—I was asked to fill a vacancy that occurred mid term—I leave the Board with a greater appreciation of our club as well as a new found respect for our many volunteers and Board of Directors, past and present, who make the workings of our Club seem so seamless. Thank you for my opportunity to serve.

Anne VanBenschoten  
Secretary, TYC

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## Treasurer Carol Goulah



This has been a year of change. I have moved from being Secretary of your Board of Directors, a position I held for two years, to being Treasurer. I was comfortable with the change until we agreed to move to the online version of QuickBooks, which required adjusting to a new learning curve. I am happy to announce that we (your bookkeeper, Commodore and I) are all on board and are working through the several glitches that have confronted us. I look forward to refining our hands-on knowledge as the off-season progresses. To you, the membership, I thank you for your patience.

I would like to remind everyone that the majority of income from now until we launch in the spring is from our storage fees and slip deposits, which must satisfy our financial obligations until our flow of income is restored with the receipt of annual dockage fees in early 2016. Timely payment of your current invoices can therefore make the difference between profit and deficit for this fiscal year.

During these winter months, if you have any club-related expenditures for which you want to be reimbursed, you will need to send me the receipt along with an itemized explanation of the purchase. My address is in the roster, and the email is: [treasurer@tycwilson.com](mailto:treasurer@tycwilson.com). I hope that you enjoy your winter, wherever you may spend it.

Carol Goulah  
Treasurer, TYC



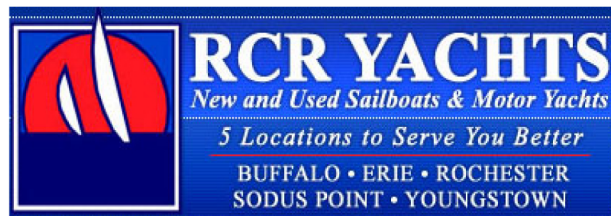
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## *Director of Operations* Steve Schellhammer



This coming Saturday, November 7, the clubhouse is being closed for the winter. If your schedule permits and you need some work hours, please feel free to stop by the clubhouse and assist with the winterizing. I plan to start at 9 a.m.; coffee and Paula's donuts will be available.

The card security gate will be removed, and entrance to the island will be via the chained gate and padlock. Your clubhouse key will open that lock. Any member in need of a clubhouse key, please email me at [operations@tycwilson.com](mailto:operations@tycwilson.com). The power will remain on until November 30. Please remember to check that all doors are secure and to relock the gate on your way out.

Thank you ALL for your assistance and support this boating season!!  
Please feel free to contact me directly with any problems, questions or concerns in the off-season.

Steve Schellhammer  
Director of Operations, TYC

## *Director of Harbor Operations* Jeff Strothmann



Hello everyone. As we leave another great summer behind and are tucking our boats snugly away for the winter, I wanted to thank all who help accomplish the various projects over the past year. One project I had hoped to complete this fall was to finish the water line replacement. Unfortunately, the weather has not cooperated with us. Due to this I feel the best course of action is to wait until spring to finish this project.

Please, please, please—if anyone has any dock issues send me an email so I can start a list of fixes. Many repairs need to be done over winter when there is ice in the harbor. Again, thanks, and see you next season.

Jeffrey Strothmann  
Director of Harbor Operations, TYC



## **Election for 2016 Board of Directors**

### **Meet the Candidates**



#### **Vicki Murray**

My name is Vicki Murray, and I am seeking your vote for a position on the 2016 TYC Board of Directors.

I am proud to say that my husband and I, along with our two children Allison and Christopher, joined the club in 2001. We have been active sailors and racers since 1996. TYC proved to be a weekend haven for my family. We have made many new friends and enjoyed all the parties, functions, and get-togethers. I am also currently sitting on the board of Wilson Harbor Yacht Racing Association as the scorekeeper and assistant PHRF handicapper. Additionally, I have successfully attained my Master Captain's License.

I hope to serve the TYC membership by helping to ensure that TYC remains a haven and continues to bring family and friends together. It is an honor to be considered for this opportunity, and I would appreciate your vote.



#### **Torsten Doering**

During the past 15 years while living in Buffalo and sailing on Lake Ontario, eight of them have been out of TYC. My 'marine-life' began with windsurfing (due to lack of funds in my teens), then continued with sailing in the Netherlands, England, France and Greece before my big move to the U.S. in 2000. My wife Salpi and I live in Amherst, we enjoy the drive up to Wilson and our time at the club. This year, my dad and his buddy from Germany joined me for a two-week cruise on our Rival 36 along the Lake Ontario south shore. Currently I am changing my professional career from corporate to academia, and am in the dissertation phase at the University at Buffalo (Operations Management) while teaching full time at Daemen College. I would like to help maintain and improve the TYC profile, regatta participation and overall fun-factor.



## Roger Maddigan

Linda & I joined TYC in the spring of 2002. We were first time boat owners and joined on the recommendation of acquaintances that were boat owners. During our first years as club members we attended socials and other events, also volunteering on a number of special projects. I was elected to the Board of Directors and served as Club Treasurer 2008 & 2009. I am a retired employee of the Veterans Administration holding positions in employee management and finance. During my time as treasurer I moved our data system to QuickBooks, and along with the BOD developed a more formal budget. I did not run for a second term because of other commitments. During the intervening time we have continued to be active in the Club. As a candidate for the board I feel I am prepared to serve in a number of the leadership positions. If elected, I would look forward to continue to evolve our Club to meet the future challenges as well as maintain the outstanding facility we have.



## Tom Bailey

My best childhood memories are of sailing on my dad's Casey Cutter, the *Andante*, out of the Genesee Yacht Club in Rochester. As an adult, I've always had a boat, either sail or power, and I'm currently sailing *Rubato*, a Colgate 26, out of slip I-42.

Three years ago, when Rose and I joined TYC, we were delighted to find a warm fellowship of boaters who shared our love of Lake Ontario.

When I'm not on the water sailing or by the water trying to catch fish, I'm a corporate lawyer at Phillips Lytle representing business people and their companies. I serve on the board of several area nonprofit organizations, including a charter school and a historic theatre.

It is a pleasure to be a member of TYC and an honor to have been asked to run for the Board of Directors.



## Ernie Pipiles

My wife Donnie and I have been active members of TYC for the past 18 years. Over those years I have enjoyed working around the club with our crews and have had the honor of being on the Board, as Director of Operations, for two years.

My passion for sailing has led my wife and me to nearly all the ports and yacht clubs around Lake Ontario for the past 20 years. I have to say, our home at TYC is the crown jewel of a workingman's yacht club on Lake Ontario. Having said that, it is an honor and privilege to have this opportunity and would appreciate your vote.

## A Boating Story from July 2015

(Sent to TYC from Judi and George Gilraine, Port Credit Yacht Club)

It was a lovely, warm summer evening at Frenchman's Bay, Fairpoint Marina, in July 2015. We tied up our sailboat at the assigned slip and got settled in for one of our Port Credit Yacht Club cruises, with about 15 other boats. Our cruises are always enjoyable; the trip out with other PCYC boats, the cruise directors greeting us at the visited docks and catching our lines, activities planned, socializing, dressing our boats and just having a fun weekend. There are of course all the other enjoyed aspects of boating at the same time, one of which is meeting other boaters.

Shortly after tying up we met one of our neighbors in a power boat from our neighbor country, the United States. The boat was called *Life in Motion* and its home port was Tuscarora Yacht Club. Jeff and Sandy Jordan were very nice, but we had no idea how important they would become to our ship's family. We were stern-in sharing the same well with *Life in Motion*. Due to our dinghy in davits, we were three feet out from the dock.

The next evening we closed the canvas up so that our two cats would stay on board and walked over to Swans for our PCYC gathering. After the hearty appetizers and drinks, one of our group brought out his guitar and we all sat around singing folk songs well into the evening. Meanwhile, Jeff and Sandy sitting on their boat, heard a very loud cat screeching noise, and knowing we had two cats on board they looked over and seeing nothing unusual figured that they were being protective or on guard.

Around 10 p.m. my wife, Judi, walked back to the boat. As she had walked about two thirds of the way down our long dock, she heard the wailing. Running to the back of our boat she saw one of our cats, Abbi, in the water, clinging on to a cloth covered fender. She had been in the water for some time and when Judi tried lifting the fender and cat onto the boat, Abbi was too tired to hold on and fell into the water. The light current took her towards *Life in Motion*, beyond which she would have been

under the dock and out into the bay. Judi shouted out her frustration. Jeff and Sandy came out of their boat, Jeff immediately climbed down to his swim platform, dropped down to grab a very tired, desperate and panic stricken Abbi. Jeff had to reach well under the swim platform and almost fell in himself in order to reach her. He got a hold of the cat, which responded by biting his hand right to the bone, together with a few other scratches and bites. Jeff held on and once he got the cat onto the swim platform, she recognized her saviour and was clinging to him for life and no doubt also for warmth. By this time a group of people had gathered around the back of *Life in Motion* and another nearby boater, Richard Krummenacker, returned the waterlogged cat back to our boat. Jeff was bleeding a bit from the small bite and scratches but quite profusely from his deep bite.

This had happened to me two years previous in Rochester Yacht Club with our other cat and so my wife Judi, knew how serious these bites could be and also what had to be done to prevent complications. Judi cleaned Jeff's wounds with alcohol swabs, then had everyone rounded up all the hydrogen peroxide they could find. Judi and Sandy poured the remaining contents of four bottles over the various wounds over the next 30 minutes, and an antibiotic cream was applied and the wounds covered.

Jeff's hand was quite swollen the next day, but there was no red line of infection creeping up his arm. Despite Jeff's minimizing both his heroic efforts and his swollen hand, Judi followed his condition and by end of day it was clear that indeed no infection had taken hold, and the swelling had begun to subside.

You could say "it's just a cat," but she is a member of our family and we are very appreciative of our then neighbors, Jeff and Sandy Jordan. They are great ambassadors of Tuscarora Yacht Club, a destination we have very much enjoyed visiting in the past and now especially look forward to visiting again in the future.



**Thank you Hank, we miss you dearly at TYC.**





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