



# ***Tuscarora*** Currents

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## Commodore Ernie Pipiles



What a spectacular boating season we have had !! The lack of rain may be causing a drought. However, it has indeed provided many days of rain free cruising. It's August already, and it's difficult to think about the season coming to a close.

I like to Welcome new members: Diane and Michael Few; Dan Jamal; David Chamberlain; as always let's do our best to make them feel welcome. Special Thanks to the membership committee for such a terrific job recruiting!

I'm happy to say our new patio and fire pit has been used and enjoyed by all. The incoming club cruises have been using the new "visitor" patio, guests have enjoyed having a place to gather and as planned, kept the other areas of the club for our members. Although nothing verbal, the pets of TYC seem to appreciate the Pet-Friendly patio too!

During my daily walks with Sprite, I am so pleased to hear the overwhelming compliments from members and visitors alike, about TYC and appreciation for our facilities.

In closing, I would like to share a recent email from Steve Clark:

"It's official, I have ordered complete dock system for install this next off season. Very preliminary plans are to start demo of existing docks right after haul out. Will need all space near the guest dock for access. Will have to rearrange mast storage etc. to keep that area open. This is a huge undertaking for Clark Marina and will need all the help I can get from the club. Working together I hope this will be a wonderful improvement, and as usual, I am open to suggestions and thoughtful opinions. Let's do this!" This is great news, and the BOD it committed to keeping the membership apprised.

The fall meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2016.  
Hope to "SEA" you there !!

Ernie Pipiles,  
Commodore



## Ships Store

Open Saturday 12:00—2:00 PM

Now is the time to start thinking of Holiday orders. Stop by and see our Fall inventory.

We have a good selection of fleece jackets and sweatshirts.

We will have special extended hours 10 AM to 2PM during Mast and Haul out weekends.

“John Maynard” is the title of a well-known poem by the German author Theodor Fontane (1819 1898). A few earlier versions of this poem from other authors exist. This poem is often part of German literature courses in High School, yet it is almost unknown in the Buffalo area. The story is based on a real event, the burning of the steamer ‘Erie’ in 1841. Many Swiss and German immigrants were passengers on this ship. The fire is said to be caused by turpentine and varnish stored close to the boilers. Almost 200 people died in the fire and the ship never reached shore, the actual name of the helmsman was Luther Fuller. A four foot by four foot Memorial Plaque was installed in 1997 at the Erie Basin Marina in Buffalo.

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luther\\_Fuller](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luther_Fuller)  
<http://johnmaynard.net/mem.html> Article from Lloyd's Steamboat Directory and Disasters on the Western Waters..., 1856, p. 121-26;

-Editors Note: Torsten our Vice Commodore shared at Sailpass a bit of his German heritage & education. Several copies of the poem were printed however several Club members have asked for a copy. In addition to the poem, Torsten has provided an introduction and background to the poem.

**John Maynard**

By Theodor Fontane Translated by Ziggy Rein

John Maynard!

“Who is John Maynard?”

“John Maynard was our helmsman;

he held up till the shore was won;

he has saved us; he wears the crown;

he died for us; our love, his reward and renown.”

John Maynard!

Across Lake Erie ‘flies’ the “Swallow’s” bow,  
spray foams around the keel like flakes of snow;

from Detroit she sails to Buffalo —

the spirits are free and aglow;

the shore is already in sight

of the passengers in the twilight.

They approach John Maynard as dusk grows

asking, “Helmsman, are we getting close?”

He looks around and looks ahead.

“Thirty minutes . . . half an hour yet.”

All hearts are glad; all hearts are serene —

from inside the ship is heard a scream;

“fire!” was the awful sound.

Thick smoke from the cabin its escape found;

thick smoke, then flames bright red aglow,

and still twenty minutes till Buffalo.

And the passengers, a colorful crew, now

stand crowded together at the bow

where there is yet fresh air and light.

At the helm the smoke settles thick and tight;

and wailing is heard: “Where are we? Oh, woe!”

Still fifteen minutes till Buffalo. —

The breeze picks up; the cloud of smoke remains.

The captain anxiously his gaze at the fire maintains.

He can’t see the helmsman anymore;

through the megaphone he asks above the roar:

“Still there, John Maynard?”

“Aye, Sir, I am.”

“Towards the beach! Into the surf!”

“That’s my aim.”

And the people on the ship cheer: “Hold up, just so!”

And still ten minutes till Buffalo. — —

“Still there, John Maynard?” The answer does resound

with dying voice: “Aye, Sir, I’m holding my ground!”

And into the surf, disregarding reef and cliff,

he races the “Swallow” — the burning skiff.

If help should arrive, it only comes so:

Salvation is the shore of Buffalo!

The ship bursts; the smoldering fire is hissing.

All are saved. Only one is missing!

All bells are ringing; their sound swells

heavenward from churches and chapels —

are pealing and ringing, quiet different is the town;

only one duty needs by it to be shown:

Ten thousand or more follow the bier,

and no eye in the procession is without a tear.

They lower the flower-covered casket;

they close the grave with a flower basket;

and onto the marble stone in gold letters true

the city offers its thank-you:

“Here rests John Maynard! In fumes and inferno

he firmly held the wheel and would not let go.

He has saved us; he wears the crown;

he died for us; our love, his reward and renown.

John Maynard.”

# Around the Club

Scenes  
from  
the  
Summer



Ernie & Donnie  
Enjoying the fire pit



Commodore & Sprite



Jeff Strothmann found room for 6 Sailboats from Brockport  
On the West Pier in Haines !!!!!



Dir. of Ops  
Ambience



Future Members ??



WHYRA

The Wilson Harbor Yacht Racing program is still very active in our harbor this season. We have just started the 3rd series for the year with 16 boats registered to compete. Participating is an excellent way to learn more about boat handling and sailing. It's not too late if anyone else is interested in racing or at least trying it a week or two.

If you are interested in getting involved but don't want to race, we also have "Race Committee" available. We would be happy to train anyone to do race committee, and you don't need a sailboat to do it. Power boats work just as well.

With the absence of restaurants that stay open after 9 pm in Wilson, we started gathering at TYC after racing. It's a great way to unwind after racing, discuss tactics, have a few beverages and share some laughs.

Thanks to Ed Goodnight and his friends who are out on the pier every Thursday night and post some great pictures on Facebook regularly.

Congratulations to Gypsy Wind - Ernie Pipiles and crew Roger Maddigan, Steve Schellhammer, Larry Kocher, and Bruce Forbes for finishing the LO 300 Main Duck Course in 2nd place, in some grueling conditions. Also to Paradox - Peter and Max Roehmholdt for finishing the LO 300 Scotch Bonnet Course and then on to the Chicago-Mac race. Great job to all.

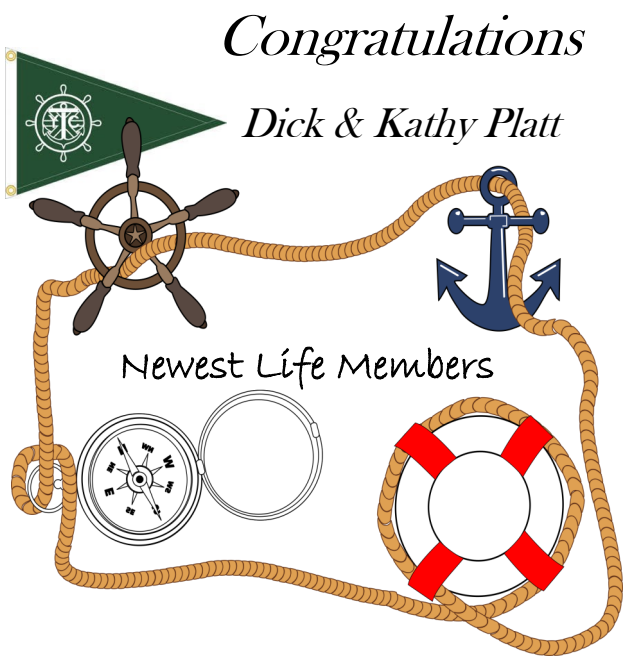


Note: Important Upcoming Dates

Cradles September 24

Masts October 1

Haul out October 8 & 9



# IYC “Dinghy Poker Run”

Sunday, July 31st.

TYC was asked to participate in this harbor event. It is customary to 'soak' participants in their dinghies as they try to pick up cards throughout the harbor. Ernie,Tortsen, Steve and Jeff Jordan installed a waterfall on the TYC island bridge and met the challenge.....!!



Book Club

Sunday

August 21st.

Noon

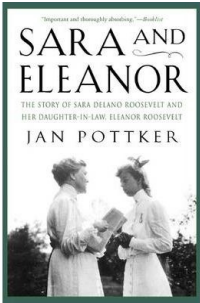


Commodores Tea

Saturday September 10th.

12:30 pm

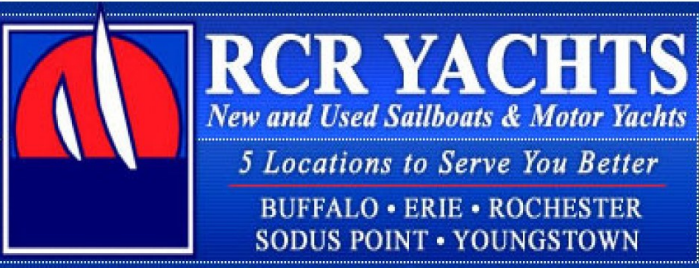
Special guest Denise Reichard  
portraying Eleanor



*This book club meeting  
is a follow up to the  
portrayal of Eleanor  
Roosevelt at the tea.*



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