



Tuscarora Currents

Commodore ~ Jeff Strothmann



Hello Everyone. As we prepare for another TYC boating season, I would like to say thanks for your support for me as commodore. I am honored to be commodore on this year especially as we prepare to celebrate our 50th anniversary.

I would like to start by saying thank you the previous board: Commodore Roger Maddigan, Ernie Pipiles, Vicki Murray, Torsten Doering and Bob Beck. Congrats to Roger for leading us through such a difficult season due to the high-water issues.

I also wish to welcome the newly elected board members of 2018 starting with Vince Bargnes (Rear Commodore), Jeff Jordan (Fleet Captain), Jeff Schuster (Director of Operations) and a special thanks to Lou Coppola for graciously accepting the position of Director of Harbor Operations to fill the open seat of Bob Beck. I'd like also to extend a welcome to the returning board members,

Darlene Manhardt (Vice Commodore), Greg Sutton (Treasurer), and Kathy Sipes (Secretary). I'm truly fortunate to have so many excellent individuals to work with this year.

I'm looking forward to the start of our season in just a few months. Already planned are club cruises to Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club, Highland Yacht Club, and Mimico Cruising Club. Darlene has been hard at work planning our many social events including Sail Pass and our 50th anniversary celebration which will be a grand event! There is also a tentative plan to host another open house since last year we welcomed several new members with this event.

I hope to see everyone at the spring meeting in April. Until then stay warm and think spring!

Spring Meeting



Saturday April 14th. 2:00 PM



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Vice Commodore ~ Darlene Manhardt



Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all having a good winter season and staying warm.

I am honored to be your Vice Commodore again. After being acting Commodore for a short period I am happy to take back my original role and hand over the Commodore role to Jeff Strothmann. Congratulations Jeff S.!!!

Last weekend February 10th we had our annual Winter Dinner. We had it at a new venue for us- Rizotto Ristorante on Maple Rd, in Amherst...54 TYC members attended. It was a nice evening and the food and people were awesome. Thank you to everyone who attended. The same evening TYC South had a winter dinner chaired by Bill & Karen Guggemos. They had good weather and good company. Thank you Bill & Karen.

The Board and I have been very busy planning 2018's events. So please be sure to mark your calendars for the following dates:

April 14th Spring meeting.

April 27 & 28 Launch.

May 20- Book Club.

June 9 & 10 NOLSC club cruise.

June 16- Sailpast

June 30 & July 1 -Highland yacht club cruise.

July 15- Book club.

July 21 & 22- Mimico Club Cruise

July 28 Commodores Ball/Picnic

August 19- Book Club

August 25- 50th Anniversary party

September 8- Commodore's Tea party

September 16- Book Club

September 29 masts down.

October 13 & 14 Hall out

October 14- Book Club.

Also if anyone has any ideas for different events or would like to bring back an event that we have not done in a while, let me know. We are always looking for Chairpersons...Thank you!!

I am working on a new event for this year, a TYC Island pub crawl. I will keep you posted with the details once I finalize them. (Traveling around the island and main land with little pub stops, set up and prepared by our members)

Any information about club cruises should be addressed to John Siuta jsdz59@aol.com

TYC Winter Dinner Rizotto's



Rear Commodore ~ Vince Bargnes



Please join me in thanking Jeff Strothmann, Darlene Manhardt, Kathy Sipes, Greg Sutton, Jeff Jordan, Jeff Schuster, and Lou Coppola for stepping up and volunteering their time and talents.

And I thank you all for the opportunity to serve you as a Board Member and the Rear Commodore of our fine club. The primary job of your TYC Rear Commodore is opening and maintaining lines of communication to and from the club leadership and among the members.

While I love face-to-face communication, (Look for me at Slip I-49 where I will likely be working on my old Bristol-27, maybe even sailing it...) as an airline pilot, I am frequently out-of-town. But you can reach me anytime by email at rearcommodore@tycwilson.com. I will return your email and address your concerns ASAP.

My hope is to offer more avenues of communication via our website tycwilson.com. In the Members Only section there are already forms to fill that will automatically submit request for, work hour credit, slip changes, roster updates, and more. I hope to soon publish a "Message Board" where members can exchange thoughts and ideas on how to enhance our club and have more boating fun!

If you have any changes that need to be made to our Roster (names, addresses, emails etc.), please use the roster update form in the Members Only website or just click <[CLICK HERE](#)>. We will have the 2018 Roster published for the Spring Meeting so hurry with any changes.

With spring just around the corner there will be many opportunities to preform work hours, so please jump-in! Again, the best way to log work hours is through the web form <[CLICK HERE](#)>.

One big part of communication in 2018 is a fast and stable Wi-Fi connection at our club. We have already contracted for faster web access and will be exploring options for upgrading our Wi-Fi hardware that delivers the internet to our boats.

In closing, please welcome our newest members who joined after the 2017 season: Robert & Mary-Jo Bauer, Brian Eichner & Denise Yeomans, Jeffery & Sandy Harmon, Christopher & Jodee Riordan, and Scott & Cheryl Suitor.



Fleet Captain ~ Jeff Jordan



First and foremost, congratulations to all my fellow board members. I am honored to serve as your Fleet Captain for this year's boating season.

Launch this year is scheduled for Friday, April 27th and Saturday, April 28th. More details will be forwarded as we get closer to the date. Please, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

If you are unable to launch your boat yourself, please send me a proxy as soon as possible. Also, make sure that your designated person has a copy of the proxy also. As soon as the clubhouse opens I will be posting sheets requesting volunteers for mast stepping, launch and cradle crews, so be watching for that. Working on one of these crews is a great way to get your work hours in, and meet other TYC members.

More information regarding launch details will follow at the spring meeting.

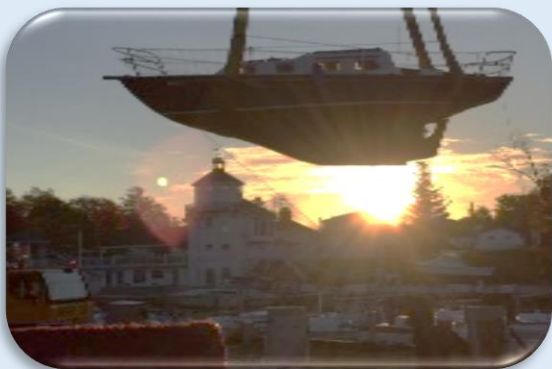
Available slips are posted and can be requested on our website <[CLICK HERE](#)>. Members will be notified via email when the available slip posting is updated. If you have any questions please email me at fleetcaptain@tycwilson.com. Please note, currently I have only two slip change requests.

In closing, thank you to all who supported me and elected me to the 2018 TYC Board of Directors.

I will do my best to make this year one of the most enjoyable boating seasons at the club.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you any questions that need to be addressed.

Launch Weekend



April 27th
&
April 28th

Treasurer ~ Greg Sutton



The Club's 2017 fiscal year has come to a close as I work with our Accountant to prepare our records for the annual tax return preparation. As I had mentioned during the fall meeting while our income was down, so were our expenditures, which was a good thing. And while our lease payment goes up this year we should be able to absorb it. I will be providing a full report at the Spring Meeting and will be able to answer any questions you may have.

Each of the new Board members are currently in the process of formulating their part of our club's 2018 operating budget and we will continue to budget our discretionary spending very conservatively. While we always have routine maintenance to perform I am not anticipating any large capital expenditures, as we have had in the last couple of years.

I would also like to offer my many thanks to Mary Lazich for all the help she has provided acting as the financial secretary for the Club. The new arrangement is working out very well and Mary and I continue to simplify and document our accounting practices for future Treasurers to use.

As always, please feel free to call me (or email me at treasurer@tycwilson.com) if you have any questions about your club's finances or even the Board's operation, in general. Detailed financial reports will also be available at our Spring Meeting for your review.

I am looking forward to a low water as well as a sunny and warm boating season this coming year!



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Secretary ~ Kathy Sipes



Even though the wind is blowing and snow is still falling it's not too early to start thinking of summer cruising. One benefit of belonging to TYC is the opportunity to visit reciprocating Yacht Clubs around the Niagara River and Lakes Erie and Ontario. We are already receiving invitations for TYC members to visit these neighboring clubs. As these invitations come in I am updating our reciprocal book with information on policies, facilities, dock fees and other enticements for boaters to visit their club. A book is kept in the stewards' office with this information or you can find any updates on our website by clicking "Reciprocals" on the menu.

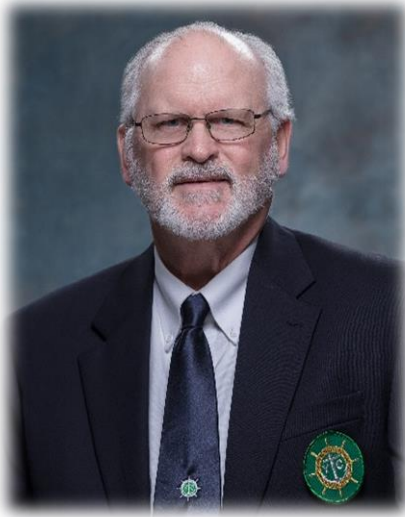
Don't forget to check these policies out for changes before you leave for a visit.

We will continue to have our Ships Store open on Saturdays noon to 2PM. Stop by to see the latest fashions in yachting attire or check us out during one of our social events.

February Board of Directors' Meeting



Director of Operations ~ Jeff Schuster



Greetings to all members. The Winter Olympics are back again and during the month of December I thought that each day it was cold enough for them. Really makes me long for spring.

There are always things to do at the Club as a way to earn your work hours. Soon we will be cleaning and painting the hallways. Your helping would get you work hours. If you have any ideas or know of anything that needs to be done, please let me know so that we can evaluate the needs and available resources.

During the winter months the gate at the bridge and the Clubhouse doors are locked. Your Clubhouse key will open both. Be sure that they are locked when you leave. See you at the Spring Meeting 4/14.

Director of Harbor Operations ~ Lou Coppola



First I would like to thank the board for asking me to fill this position. I look forward to working with the club Members this spring taking care of the docks that are in need of repair.

As spring approaches I'll be posting a list of work that has been compiled by the board and fellow club members of all obvious repairs needed. Also I feel this is a good time early in the season for members to bring up any other repairs or maintenance issues they would like to see addressed. I'm looking forward to a couple of sunny weekends where we could all pitch in and make our club really shine. Thank you Lou Coppola

TYC (South) Winter Dinner Ft Myers, FL

