



# Tuscarora Currents

## Commodore ~ Darlene Manhardt



As I sit and reflect on the last 10 months, I am happy and sad. Sad my term as Commodore will be ending soon. But I will continue on the board wearing a different hat. Happy and proud of the things that the BOD has accomplished from cleaning up the infrastructure to dealing with the high water. We the BOD and you our members handled the high water very well. Pat yourself on the back for a job well done and pray the high water will be a thing of the past.

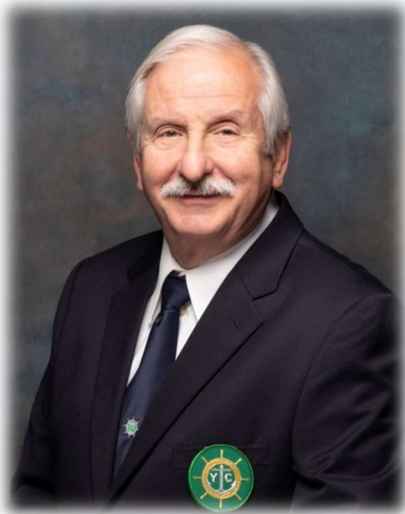
Next year is looking promising with new docks in Haines and building-up of the end of the island and road.

November is a very exciting month around TYC. Election month! Four Board members will be finishing up their 2-year terms and some will be running again for 2 more years if elected. Jeff Jordan, Jeff Strothmann, Jeff Schuster and Steve Swiatowy (Acting Rear-Commodore) will be ending their 2-year terms. We have six candidates running- Jeff Jordan, Jeff Schuster, Steve Swiatowy, Eileen Hassett, Paul Wotka and Stephanie Burgess. So please read their bios in this issue of Currents and cast your vote on the ballots that will be mailed out later this month.

Lastly, I am proud to announce that the BOD has awarded Peter Fleckenstein with our TYC 2019 Hall of Fame Award. If you see Peter Congratulate him. Peter and his wife-Shirley have been members since 1997. Peter has gone above and beyond helping at the club from cooking on club cruises, serving on the Board several times, doing our bookkeeping and more. He is a wonderful asset to TYC. Thank you, Peter, for being an outstanding member of TYC.



## Vice Commodore ~ Doug Klapper



Another season is “in the books” and it has been a good season. The challenges of high water have been dealt with and hopefully will not occur again next year.

From the view of Vice Commodore, the year has been successful and most enjoyable. All the parties and events were very well attended hopefully enjoyed by all. A tremendous thanks to all those who volunteered to chair or work on the crew for each of the parties. I won't even try to list everyone because I know I will miss someone.

Suffice it to say: **Many heartfelt Thanks to all who helped out!!**

John Siuta had a very difficult year planning the cruises and dealing with the problems of high water at all the participating clubs. Hopefully next year will be kinder.

I have had members make some great suggestions for events for next year. I look forward to pursuing these ideas.

2019 has been a great year serving on a very talented and dedicated Board. I am looking forward to the second year of my term.

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## Rear Commodore ~ Steven Swiatowy (Acting)



First and foremost, I'd like to thank Vince Barnes for his many years of support to TYC. He not only served on the TYC Board of Directors but has also greatly contributed to the technology advancements that our club has made.

Now that the year is over and the boats have been put away, the internet and Wi-Fi have also been shut down. I was able to uninstall some of the equipment in order to preserve its integrity throughout the harsh winter months. Once the club reopens in the Spring and the equipment is re-installed, we shouldn't have any down time.

The Work Hours and Rosters are up to date. But for those of you who still need to send in your work hour submission, please do so as all **Work Hours are DUE BY December 1** for credit.

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## Treasurer ~ Greg Sutton



As many of you know, I have reluctantly decided to relinquish my duties as Treasurer for my second term and I will be resigning from the Board for the coming 2020 boating season. This decision does not come easy as this has been a great year and I have had the pleasure to work with a great group of members on the 2019 Board of Directors.

As with most things in life, time moves on and so changes come. Adrienne will be retiring from teaching just after the new year. We have sold our house in Lockport and will be snow birding it to a new home in Myrtle Beach for the winter. At the same time, we purchased a small home in Snyder, close to our children and the grandsons, so that we spend more time with them in the summer. We will continue to be members at TYC and wouldn't give that up for the world.

I am proud of my many years on the Board and I hope that I have made the Club more efficient and cost effective in its operation. I am sure with who ever assumes the Treasurer's position next year, that transition will go smoothly and without a hitch. I can't express enough gratitude to the real work horses of the financial operations of

the Club which would be all the behind the scene's work that Mary Lazich and Peter Fleckenstein do on a daily basis to keep things running smoothly.

As I discussed during the fall meeting, we will be running a deficit this year. While the Board has been as efficient as possible in its operation of the Club and has tried to keep expenses as low as possible, it has been difficult to off-set the loss of members and dockage from the year before. Sandy and Jeff Jordan and the other membership committee members have done a tremendous effort in recruiting new members but if we want to keep rate down, we as members, must attract new blood to the Club.

With that said, have a great off-season and see you all in the Spring.





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## *Fleet Captain ~ Jeff Jordan*



After a great boating season our boats are now on the hard for a winter's rest.

High water gave some of us another challenge this year trying to get to our boats.

With this being said, Steve Clark has informed us that he will be doing infrastructure repairs to the Island along with replacing Haine's docks with floaters for the 2020 boating season. Details to follow.

Once this configuration has been finalized by our landlord and our Board of Directors, the slip layout will be posted.

As many of you know we started the year with 16 docking members who did not renew their slips for 2019. This equated to an approximate \$28,000 deficit in dockage fees and dues. Keep in mind we need to maintain a minimum of 3250 feet in docked boat feet to satisfy our present yearly lease. We dipped below this number at the beginning of the year but have worked hard to see this number increase.

For a comparison in:

- 2018 - Actual TYC Boat Feet Docked - 3507.78'
- 2019 – Presently we have 3365.08' Boat Feet Docked.
- This year we had approximately 131 usable slips due to high water. We utilized 109 of them.
- Currently we have 24 docks available. When the Haines floating docks are installed this number will increase.

As the season comes to an end, we have 5 new available slips as a result of members moving onto the next chapter in their lives. These new available slips are posted on our website.

If you would like to change your slip, it is very easy to submit a Slip Change Request.

- To submit a change, click this link: <http://www.tycwilson.com/dockrequest.php>
- Fill out the form and Click Submit.
- I will notify you that your request has been received.

If a slip becomes available at any time during the year, the details of the slip will be posted on the Club's Website and an Email notification will be sent out to all members.



I have some November reminders for our members.

- Any dock uprights that extend into the water must be removed by the slip renting member by November 15th in order to prevent damage to the dock. Members failing to do so will be assessed a fine of \$25.00.
- Dock Reservations are due before November 15th of this year. By doing this before November 15th you can avoid the \$25.00 late fee.
- November is also the month that you can vote for the new candidates that will act on your behalf for the next 2 years. Ballots will be mailed by November 15th. You have until December 1st to return your ballot to the designated teller.

In closing, we had another safe and efficient haul out. I noticed more members tying their ladders off and working safely while performing tasks to store their boats for the winter.

Please look out for each other and don't be afraid to speak up if you see something unsafe.

Thank you once again for letting me serve as your 2019 Fleet Captain. Always remember, if you any questions or concerns, please contact me at [fleetcaptain@tycwilson.com](mailto:fleetcaptain@tycwilson.com) or call me at 432-9064.

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## ***Director of Operations ~ Jeff Schuster***



We have been fortunate to have had a great group of stewards this year. Led by our own Justin Strothmann as Head Steward. Also, we had Caitlin, Maria, Austin, Ira and Marcus. Some of them will be back next year and some will move on to other things. I want to thank them for all their help this year.

The Clubhouse and grounds have now been closed. I would like to thank all of you that helped get that task accomplished. Lines were blown out around the island RV antifreeze put in the water lines at the club and tables, chairs, grills and bikes all put into the Clubhouse. Once again thank you to all who had helped.

Make sure that if you still need to access your boat keep the Clubhouse locked and if the chain is on the gate relock it. Thank you.

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## *Director of Harbor Operations ~ Jeff Strothmann*



Thank you for a great year!!



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## *Secretary ~ Hank Peters*



As we look back on 2019, the boating season has had its highs and lows. Perhaps that is also reflective of the status of our club. Membership at TYC is directly tied to the ongoing viability of our organization and our ability to continue to prosper.

We lost several members over the past year. Over the course of the season, we have gained some wonderful new members, both docking and social members.

Membership remains a concern for me as a financial and longevity issue. If we can't attract more boating members revenue will be affected and we may be forced to spend down the equity, we have acquired over the past many years.

Therefore, it would benefit the club if each of us were to increase our efforts to attract new members. The efforts to make the club's appearance by many of our members has helped immensely in attracting membership. This is evident in the interviews with new members. Another asset mentioned repeatedly in discussion with both boating and social members is the welcoming and friendly manner in which people feel addressed by our members.

I would ask you to consider these issues and to keep up your wonderful efforts to grow our club.

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## *Membership Report ~ Jordan, Guggemos & Stone*



As we near the end of the year the membership committee would once again like to welcome our newest TYC members. The **Membership Committee** consisting of myself, my wife Sandy, Bill Guggemos and Bob Stone would once again like to acknowledge our newest TYC members.

- Doug and Patricia Knox- sail a 38' Beneteau Port Knox. (Full)
- William and Carol Kistner – friends of Justyn Dudeck. (Social)
- David and Lindsay Knox – family of Doug and Pat Knox. (Social)
- Shawn Weber and Bernadette Brennen- sail a 28' Pearson – SunnyDaze. (Full)
- Eric and Helen Freischlag – long friends of Coach. (Full)
- Robert and Lori Reid – friends of Bob and Donna Schmidt. (Social)
- Charles Dowd - who sails a 27' catalina named MIM V. (Full)
- William and Susan Shaw - skippers of Foot Loose a 34' Silverton. (Full)
- Matthew and Sheena Deering- purchased 31' Felicity this year. (Full)
- William O'Neil and Diane Bradshaw – purchased 32' Kismet. (Full)
- Catherine Mahar- friend of Vicki Murray – 25' Larson. (Full)
- George Anderson- a long time sailor. (Social)

In addition to the new members just mentioned we have 4 prospective members completing the membership process:

- Charles (Rob) and Karen Dunn – 31' Pearson, Pair of Jacks (Full)
- Kevin Dunn - 31' Pearson, Pair of Jacks (Full)
- Thomas and Debra Greiger – presently sails a 22' O'Day - Genny. (Full)
- Larry and Kathy Roland – Have a 21' Seaswirl – Life Lessons

This brings our 2019 new member total to 16, 12 full and 4 social through October.

**Presently we have:** 133 Full Members, 25 Social Members, and 42 Life Members, for a total of 200 Members. This count will change as the year comes to an end.

**As you know a critical element to the success of TYC is Membership Status. Currently TYC members are our best source of advertising.**

This year's Board of Directors was committed to making the 2019 Membership Drive one of its priorities and the year is not over yet. This year we increased our Social Media presents to promote our club. We also joined the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce to help share what TYC has to offer.

The Membership Committee once again asks all members to speak with colleagues, friends and relatives about the wonderful advantages to joining our yacht club. Tuscarora Yacht Club is a great place to boat and meet new people.

Enjoy this year's Holiday season and be safe.

**Jeff Jordan**

**On behalf of the TYC Membership Committee**

## '20 Board of Directors Election ~ Meet the Candidates

**\*\* 2020 Ballots are mailing this week and are due back by December 1<sup>st</sup> \*\***



### *Jeff Jordan*

My name is Jeff Jordan and I am asking for your consideration to serve a second term as a TYC board member.

My wife Sandy and I have been boating for 44 years. We joined TYC 13 years ago and enjoy everything our club has to offer. Sandy and I reside in Lewiston. We have a daughter, son-in-law and two wonderful grandchildren.

Aside from boating, I am an active volunteer to many of Lewiston's Festivals since 1986, including the Lewiston Peach Festival and the Lewiston Jazz Festival.

I am an Electrician by trade and retired as a Planner/Scheduler for the New York State Power Authority. I continue to provide training on an as needed basis for them.

Sandy and I have been part of the TYC Membership Committee for the past 5 years and enjoy meeting prospective members and sharing the many benefits our club has to offer. In 2012 I filled a one-year vacancy on the board as Director of Harbor Operations. In 2018 I was elected to the board, appointed Fleet Captain and continue to hold this position to date.

Serving on the board has given me a true understanding of the logistics of our club from an operations, financial and member's point of view. I've had the opportunity to interface first-hand with hard working and dedicated TYC members on various work parties. If elected I look forward to continuing to learn from and support the TYC members.

Being elected to a second term on the TYC Board of Directors would be an honor and privilege. I would appreciate your vote.

Jeff Jordan



### *Jeff Schuster*

My name is Jeff Schuster and I have been a TYC member since 2005. Before retiring, I had been a retail store manager for 37 years. I have volunteered at Art Park, in Lewiston, for the past 12 years. I sing in my Church choir and in the Lewiston Choraleers.

I have been serving you on the TYC Board of Directors as Director of Operations. This time of year, some farm stands say, "Here We Grow Again", but I say, "Here We Go Again".

If you have liked the work of our that the Stewards have been doing, then we could keep them going. I would be honored to continue to serve you and I solicit your vote. Thank you.





## ***Stephanie Burgess***

Sailing and being on the water has always been a part of my life. My Dad introduced me to boating when I was about 13. Dad had a powerboat and bought a small boat that I learned to sail through trial and error on the Chesapeake Bay in Chesapeake, Virginia.

Besides being of Mother of three daughters, ages 17, 19 and 22, I am currently the East Regional Health and Safety manager for Applus RTD USA, a global company that performs Non-Destructive Testing (x ray and metal inspection). I've been involved in Safety, Health and Environmental for 30 years as a Certified Safety Professional. I serve as the Co-Chair for the Erie County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and a member of a UB sponsored Research Project on Sustainability across the lower Great Lakes work with the Niagara County LEPC. I am a CPR instructor for the American Heart Association and enjoy volunteering with my church at Clarence United Methodist.

The past 5 years, I have had the opportunity to enjoy sailing and racing on Lake Ontario. TYC has one of the best protected harbors on Lake Ontario. TYC's members are what separate us from other clubs. We have many talented members that have been so helpful, and I hope to encourage even more of that welcome from our club. I would be honored to serve this wonderful club and if elected will promise to work for the membership in making our Club even better.

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## ***Eileen Hassett***

My husband, Martin Casstevens, and I joined TYC in 2001. We currently own an Ericson 32-foot sailboat named Soliton. We enjoy spending our evenings and weekends sailing out of Wilson Harbor.

I am proud to be a member of TYC and enjoy the friendships we have created. Our club is known as a desired destination on Lake Ontario because of the friendliness of our members, the beautiful harbor and the modern facilities of our clubhouse. If elected to the TYC Board, I would work hard to carry on the traditions of TYC.

I am an Assistant Dean at the University at Buffalo's School of Engineering. My experience managing budgets and people and facilitating groups will assist me on the TYC Board of Directors. TYC has been privileged to have talented and hard-working Board members in the past.

I look forward to the opportunity to contribute in the same fashion.

Thank You,  
Eileen L. Hassett



## ***Paul Wotka***

My name is Paul Wotka and for those that don't know me I have been a member of TYC for the last 25 years. With every passing year I have become even more passionate about our club and boating in general.

Over the years I have had the privilege to know and work closely with many board members, so I am very aware for the importance and responsibility of becoming a board member. I have always appreciated the ability to discuss the club's issues and operations openly with the board and work collaboratively toward resolving those concerns. It is very important to me that this type of exchange continues and that really is the main reason I am asking for your consideration for a position on the board of directors at TYC.

Each year I have made it a point to involve myself with both spring and fall cradle crews and working as a team makes it a pleasure. Of course, I have volunteered to assist on various other initiatives as I feel it is important part of being a TYC member.

Now that I have retired I have the time to devote even more of myself and if elected it would be my profound pleasure and a privilege to bring my experience to the board to maintain TYC's reputation as one of the most sought after club destinations on Lake Ontario and to continue to enhance our club's environment for all to enjoy. I would truly appreciate your consideration and endorsement.



## ***Steven Swiatowy***

Michele and I have been TYC members since 2016 and although it's only been 4 years since we joined, we were immediately accepted as "family."

We own a 1984 Catalina 30 and have been sailing her since 2010. We've docked at other places, but nothing compares to TYC and its membership. Joining TYC has been our privilege and we look forward to spending many more years here.

I am a 10-year United States Navy submarine veteran and currently work for the Department of Veteran Affairs as an IT Specialist. I'm sure you have seen me, and my laptop powered up working away late at night on dock I-15.

I've been on the water all my life and I cut my teeth learning to sail on the Chesapeake Bay. TYC is no secret to any of us and I love being a part of this club and it would be a privilege to support it in any way I can.