

# Currents

Tuscarora Yacht Club, Inc. / P.O. Box 826 / Wilson, New York 14172 / Winter 2003

## It's Cold Outside... Think SUMMER!

### COMMODORE'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I can finally report that the lease for 2003 has been completed. Last December the Clark family decided that the Brady group would be best suited to be the lessor for the property occupied by the Tuscarora Yacht Club for the past 30 years. Since then the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors authorized Mark Farrell and me to negotiate with the Brady Group to lease the property from the Wilson Boat Yard, Inc. We have been successful and will be operating the club as we have done in the past.

You will see no changes in the operation for the duration of the lease that has just been finalized. That lease is for one year, in a "get to know each other" period. Both parties have agreed to begin negotiations for 2004/05 after the boats are in the water this spring.

The new lease will require that the dockage for this year be increased to \$57. per foot. While this is not great news, it is still under the going rate in the harbor and indeed will be under the rate charged at other clubs and marina's in nearby harbors. It should also be noted that the clubs costs in the past few years have gradually increased to the point where the other sources of revenue to the club were beginning to subsidize the cost of dockage. At this point the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee will be reviewing all the sources of revenue to see if other adjustments are appropriate.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the great assistance provided by Mark Farrell in these negotiations and completion of the final lease agreement. In addition the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors both played a pivotal role by offering advise and consent in this endeavor.

I am grateful too the continued support of the membership and am gratified that you have decided to maintain your relationship with TYC despite the difficult period of time we have been through. You are to be congratulated.

Now, lets get the boats back in the water and enjoy the summer on Lake Ontario!!

**Al Patterson**  
Commodore

### VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

The 2003 TYC Schedule is set, let the WARM WEATHER begin!!! In looking at, and evaluating the social schedule for last year, the board decided that "why fix something that's not broke". The party's were well attended, the schedule permitted enough time for everyone to plan vacation's and cruises around the lake, so we will not change. Those that hosted last years party's ran excellent functions, and I would ask that the membership volunteer to run or assist in running this year's functions. Many people are available to guide you through the process. Let me know which one you would like to chair, and how I can help you get planning.

Apr 12	Spring Meeting
May 2-4	Launch
May 31	Sail Past - Dish to Pass Dinner
Jun 28	Spaghetti Dinner
Aug 16	Progressive Dinner
Sep 20	Fall Meeting & Blues Night & Dinner
Oct 10-12	Haul Out

**Mark Farrell**  
Vice Commodore

### FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

"After winter comes the Spring. So I think I'll hang around and see what tomorrow brings." This line from and old Frank Sinatra song comes to mind as we prepare for another summer of 'fun with boats'. Yes there will be a Spring and it will be warmer - warmer enough we hope to let us do our spring boat maintenance and keep the frost off the boats at launch.

Launch is scheduled for the weekend of May 2,3,4 and weather permitting by that Sunday evening the boats will be in the water and the masts up. This is a week later than last year to permit a little more time for Spring painting etc. We will start on the mainland on Friday evening and on the Island at I-00 on Saturday morning. Working clockwise around the Island we will hopefully have the boats in Saturday night or mid morning Sunday. Gin pole mast raising can start mid day Saturday and boom truck mast Sunday right after the boats are in.

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If you are having your boat launched or mast put up please plan to volunteer for the crew or kitchen help. We do need your help and the old adage that many hands make light work has never been truer - not to mention that this is a wonderful way to get to know fellow boater. I will post volunteer schedules in the club house as soon as we are open. There will be an AM and a PM schedule for both days in case there are any other 'old guys' like me that only want to abuse themselves for half a day or who maybe want the full experience of half a day on boats and half a day on cradles.

There are a few slips left, as always, for < 25 ft boats of shallow draft and all the other slips have been contracted for. If there is any chance of you changing your mind from the contract you have with TYC to dock with us this year please notify me IMMEDIATELY and I will try to fill your contract with a replacement boat.

I have inherited some information on individual slip assignment/slip changes requests. To insure I have the most current information, if you want to make ANY changes in your slip assignment please drop me an e-mail or snail mail note stating your desires and your boat length, width, draft and mast height if appropriate and your seniority date. I will keep a list of these requests by seniority and use it to help guide assignment decisions if and when the occasions arise.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club during our Spring maintenance month and/or at launch.

Safe Boating.

**Hank Hinckley**  
**Fleet Captain**

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## SECRETARY REPORT

Thank you very much for your vote of confidence in electing me to the TYC Board. I am looking forward to serving on the Board as Secretary.

This spring I will be sending out the reciprocal letters and cards to the Lake Ontario yacht clubs. I'm sure we will have a great boating season with our friends at the club.

**Suzanne Campagna**  
**Secretary**

## DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

The electricity will be on by late March to allow us to take advantage of any good weather for boat work. The water will be turned on as soon as the weather permits. If you use the Club House please leave it neat and clean.



Stewards are a key factor in keeping the club running smoothly during the boating season. Do you know someone that you think would be a good Steward next year? Have them contact me. The more applicants, the better chance we have of getting a good group.

**Erik S. Anderson**  
**Director of Operations**

## DIRECTOR OF HARBOR OPERATIONS REPORT

Well, its been a long, cold winter and we all are looking forward to the upcoming boating season. Please take the time to notify me on any structural problems that may exist at your slip so they may be addressed. As of 2/12 the harbor was frozen solid making minor repairs or upgrades much simpler. To those of you who have notified me regarding suspect pilings I have passed that information along to the appropriate people. If you have any questions or concerns, call me at 741-3747.

**Skip Hangen**  
**Director of Harbor Operations**

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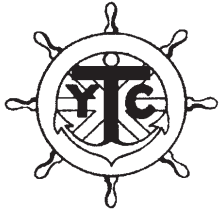


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