



# Tuscarora Currents

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Commodore ~ Bryan Burhans



Well here we are in late March; the Sun is finally out and it is in the mid 40's. These early spring days in WNY really make you start thinking about TYC and the summer ahead. We are about 1 month from launch and the start of the 2023 season which should be a busy one. John Siuta has 4 outstanding club cruises planned and I know VC Burgess is working on filling this year's event calendar. Our first event was the Winter Dinner at Sean Patrick's on 2/25/23. About 50 members were in attendance and a nice evening was enjoyed by all. The next event was the TYC Curling party at the Buffalo Curling Club this past Saturday evening.

I would like to thank the outgoing BOD members for their good work and commitment to the club. Hank Peters, Kevin Race and Reg Adams all served the board well and I am happy to have been able to work with them last year. I would like to welcome our 3 new

board members, Kim Race - Rear Commodore, Bill Shaw - Secretary and Todd Fetzer- Director of Harbor Operations. They have already assumed their positions and are operating at full speed to keep the club running through the winter months. Our remaining Board members are Stephanie Burgess - Vice Commodore, Pat Murphy - Treasurer, Peter Hubbell - Director of Operations, and Tym Zhuk - Fleet Captain. I am confident in this Board as we navigate the 2023 season.

As we set our sights on the upcoming season, we must start to plan ahead not only as we individually prepare our boats, but also as a group in preparing the club and grounds. Please be sure to sign up for work parties such as opening up the club house, launch and mast crews, kitchen crews and cradle crews. These are all great ways to not only meet fellow members but to meet your requirement of 10 work hours to the club. Working launch for example, you will have fulfilled your requirements for the year! Our club is a working club and together we make it one of the best clubs on Lake Ontario.

It is my pleasure to be Commodore of TYC this year. It is a position my father held 3 times during his time here. He was also one of the founders. I believe he and his counterparts would be proud of the club that TYC has become. Our wonderful clubhouse is one of the finest and most functional around. Our patios with full view of the harbor and the lake are second to none. Our membership takes so much pride and are our best salespeople! Every year, we have people leave the club, and must replace them. We have a membership committee but our own word of mouth is the best way to attract new members. Spread the word about TYC!

Lastly, on February 18, 2023, Past Commodore Jeffrey Strothmann passed away. Jeff and his family, Bethann, Justin and Lauryn have been outstanding club members since 1997. Jeff was a Past Commodore, he is a Hall of Fame member, he ran the gin pole crew for many years and he was always ready to lend a helping hand to members and visitors alike. Jeff's presence will be sorely missed at the club. From work parties, to social events or just sitting at his table and sharing a beer and a story, he was a fixture of this place we all know and love. Please continue to hold Beth, Justin and Lauryn close to your hearts.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon and preparing our boats for another great season!

Fair Winds and Following Seas,  
Bryan Burhans  
TYC Commodore 2023

## Vice Commodore ~ Stephanie Burgess



Hello all and it's almost spring! I look forward to seeing everyone getting their boats ready soon. As I write this newsletter, it is 5 weeks until launch. I hope you took the opportunity to consider the club cruises for the summer, and have been thinking about existing events and those you might want to host.

The Curling party had a great turn out on March 25th. Commodore Burhans hosted this event. Is any TYC member interested in an April get together at Live Edge Brewing Co in Burt, or Woodcock Brothers in Wilson? I was thinking about April 15<sup>th</sup>, in the afternoon, although lots of boat work will likely be in progress!

I've been in touch with many of the members who are hosting parties, but if I haven't reached you yet, please reach out to me at [vicecommodore@tycwilson.com](mailto:vicecommodore@tycwilson.com) to let me know your interest in hosting an event.

Club cruises arranged by Cruise Director John Siuta will be posted in the main hall, but you can email him now to hold your spot at [jsdz59@aol.com](mailto:jsdz59@aol.com)

The only request is that PLEASE DON'T sign up if you are not yet sure positive you are going on the cruise:

- Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club (NOLSC) June 9-10-11
- Port Credit Yacht Club (PCYC) July 1-2-3
- National Yacht Club (NYC) August-5-6-7
- Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club (CBYC) August 18-19-20

### **Save the Date**

- The Annual Sock Burning will be held on May 19th, at 6:02 pm; BYOB.  
Sock Burning will be held around 7:30 pm. If anyone wishes to have a boat naming ceremony, feel free to let us know if we can assist. Our TGIF hosts, Karen and Bill, remind us to stay safe and warm.
- On May 20th we will again have our spaghetti dinner hosted by Eileen and Martin along with their willing crew!

Lastly, I have only a couple of Adirondack chairs remaining to have your name inscribed. These are beautiful Polywood chairs which will be going around the fire pit and overlooking the lake under the trees. Please let me know if you would please be a sponsor for this worthwhile endeavor that the whole club can enjoy.

The cost of a chair is a \$310 donation. Please see the information on the next page or contact me for any further questions.

Stay Safe

Stephanie Burgess

716-713-8281

TYC Vice Commodore 2023



### Attention! Attention!

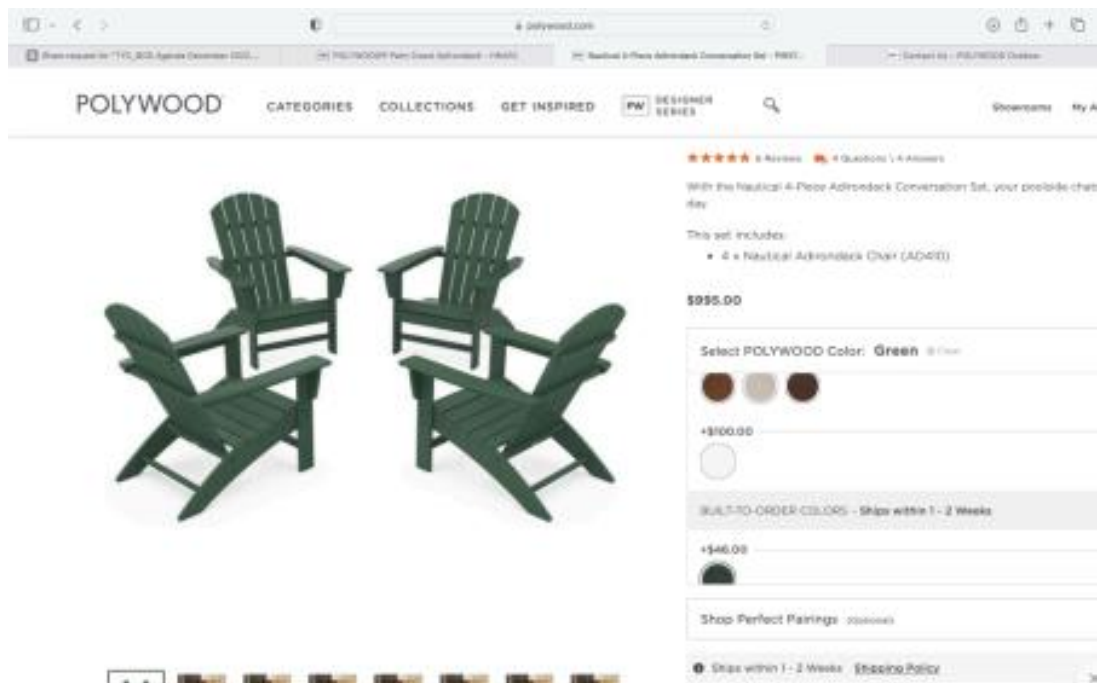
Tuscarora Yacht Club Members available to donate a Chair as a gift for our beautiful view from the front lawn to the fake and around our firepit.

Polywood Nautical Chairs shown below are available with free shipping to make this the best cost for our planned 12 chairs! An inscription of up to 3 lines is also available.

Order your Adirondack Chair today!

The cost is \$310, and your chair will be delivered to the club for the Spring of 2023.

Please email Stephanie Burgess, project coordinator, and make checks payable to Tuscarora Yacht Club, Inc.



## Rear Commodore ~ Kim Race



I would like to congratulate Bryan Burhans on his appointment as Commodore this year. Also, thanks to all of the TYC members for selecting me to serve on the 2023 Board of Directors and congrats to all of the newly elected 2023 TYC Board of Directors. I look forward to serving your needs as Rear Commodore this year.

Every TYC member should visit and get familiar with our website at <http://www.tycwilson.com>. You are able to view contact information, the calendar of events, and much more. It is also the preferred method for you to submit your Roster Updates, Slip Change Requests, and to log your Work Hours.

Most of the forms and submission pages are within the Members Only portion of the website and you will need your username and password to access that section. You should have previously received an email with this information and the

instructions to setting up your private access to the TYC Member portion of the website. Please reach out to me by email at [rearcommodore@tycwilson.com](mailto:rearcommodore@tycwilson.com) with any username, password or website issues. Also, please use the TYC website to update your address, phone number, and email address, this will help us stay in touch with you. I would like to thank the Information and Technology Committee, and especially Marc Rosenblitt, for all of their hard work and long hours to keep the TYC Website safe and secure.

The Wi-Fi should be up and running at TYC in early April after the clubhouse opening. Thanks to Kevin and Rob Dunn for taking care of all the technology hardware around the club. Let me know if you have any issues accessing the Wi-Fi or have trouble connecting to the network.

**Finally, be sure to attend the Spring Membership meeting which will be held in the TYC Clubhouse on Saturday, April 15, at 11:00 am. This meeting will have important information about the operations of TYC and the exciting events being planned for the 2023 boating season.**

Thank You,  
Kim Race  
TYC Rear Commodore 2023  
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## Treasurer ~ Patricia Murphy



Hi everyone, I hope you all survived the snowy winter. I am sure that you are all looking forward to spring and the upcoming boating season as am I. We had a great boating season last year. We were able to cruise around the lake and welcome cruisers to our club. We completed a few projects last season. We built a new deck on the mainland and replaced 10 of the clubhouse chairs. We are looking to replace more chairs this coming season. As the treasurer it is my responsibility to be sure we are being fiscally responsible as these projects can be costly. The club also made a donation to a family in Wilson who lost their home to a fire. Invoices are sent out 3 times throughout the year. Membership dues were sent out on January 3<sup>rd</sup>; docking invoices are sent out on May 10th and launch and haul and dock deposit are sent on October 18th. The invoices are sent out from the Intuit mail server and not the TYC

account. If you did not receive your invoice, please check your spam folder. You can mark it NOT SPAM and you should receive it in your regular inbox going forward. I would like to thank Doug Klapper and Mary Lazich for all they do to help me out. They both provide a great deal of support for the treasurer.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Spring Meeting!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding the club finances.

Pat Murphy  
TYC Treasurer 2023  
716-913-9202



## Fleet Captain ~ Tym Zhuk



The winter is gone, so let's talk about the new 2023 Boating Season!

Please mark on your calendars : **April 28, 29, and 30 (Friday- Sunday) - Launch weekend.** We will begin the Friday afternoon launch starting with the Sailboats in the parking lot, then the Powerboats south of the parking lot, and after that the crane will be moving down the road (west side) until we stop for the evening. We will start at that point on Saturday at 7:00 AM. We plan to launch boats all day and finish on Sunday (if necessary). Boat owners need to be present and ready to launch when the crane and crew gets to your boat. Everyone with boats stored from the parking lot and west side of the island close to the parking lot should plan on being present on Friday. Those stored along the northeast wall need to be present early Saturday morning. If you are assigning a proxy, please notify me in advance and provide the name of your proxy in writing. As part of your preparation, please remember to have 50 feet of good line

attached to your boat at bow and stern to allow the launch crew to maintain safe control as the boat is lifted.

Also, properly located lift marks are a big help.

- **Saturday, April 29:** The gin pole crew will start at 7:00 AM on Saturday when the first boat arrives, and again on Sunday, if necessary. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse for the gin pole stepping service.
- **Saturday, April 29:** Cradles crew will start on Saturday and continue on Sunday, if needed.
- **Sunday, April 30:** Boom truck mast stepping will start at 7:00 AM at slip I-00. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse for the boom truck stepping service.

To make the above work go smoothly, we have to invest our time and effort. Sign up to volunteer for one of the crews: Launch, Mast Stepping, Cradle or Kitchen crew. You can complete a few work hours, get to know new people, and gain experience! More information regarding the launch weekend will follow at the Spring Meeting.

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. Available slips will be posted on the TYC clubhouse bulletin board between launch and haul out. If a member would like to request a slip or request a slip change - please fill out the Slip Request/Swap form on our website. Those members wishing to store their dinghies in the parking lot must fill out the online Dinghy Reservation form on our website. Note, we have 12 spaces available on a first come basis. Members may also store their boat trailers in the upper parking lot from May 1 through October 1 for an \$81.00, tax included fee. This request must be made by filling out the online Trailer Storage Request form on our website. I would like to thank those who submitted their Dock Reservation Contract and Proof of Insurance Certificates. If you have not done so please send them to me ASAP. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions that need to be addressed. You can reach me at my email [fleetcaptain@tycwilson.com](mailto:fleetcaptain@tycwilson.com).

I look forward to seeing you all at our Spring Meeting and Launch Weekend!

Thank You,  
Tym Zhuk  
TYC Fleet Captain 2023

## Director of Operations ~ Peter Hubbell



Hello to all TYC Members!

I'm looking forward to a terrific 2023 boating season. Thank you for the opportunity to serve our membership and I look forward to keeping TYC the best and friendliest Yacht Club on Lake Ontario!

As we approach boating season we have most of our Stewards returning, but some have limited availability; we are looking to hire one additional candidate this year. If you know of the perfect person, please have them contact me by email below.

The TYC Club House opening will be in early April, weather permitting, and it is our hope that the Wi-Fi services will be on soon after the opening. Please remember the water is not turned on in the building right now, and if you do use the building, remember to lock it up.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Meeting.

I also welcome suggestions and encourage you to contact Board members as we all value open communication.

Safety First:

- While it is an improvement to have new docks, outer road, water and electrical service, there are some repairs still ongoing; please be careful around any work sites.
- Please tie off your ladders and make checks on your neighbors. See page 9 for a list of ladder safety tips to follow as you prepare your boat for launch.

Hoping for a terrific and safe boating season for all.

Pete Hubbell  
TYC Director of Operations 2023  
[operations@tycwilson.com](mailto:operations@tycwilson.com)





## OSHA Ladder Safety Tips:

- Falls from portable ladders (step, straight, combination and extension) are one of the leading causes of occupational fatalities and injuries.
- Read and follow all labels/markings on the ladder.
- Avoid electrical hazards! – Look for overhead power lines before handling a ladder. Avoid using a metal ladder near power lines or exposed energized electrical equipment.
- Always inspect the ladder prior to using it. If the ladder is damaged, it must be removed from service and tagged until repaired or discarded.
- Always maintain a 3-point (two hands and a foot, or two feet and a hand) contact on the ladder when climbing. Keep your body near the middle of the step and always face the ladder while climbing.
- Only use ladders and appropriate accessories (ladder levelers, jacks or hooks) for their designed purposes.
- Ladders must be free of any slippery material on the rungs, steps or feet.
- Do not use a self-supporting ladder (e.g. - step ladder) as a single ladder or in a partially closed position.
- Do not use the top step or rung of a ladder as a step or rung unless it was designed for that purpose.
- Use a ladder only on a stable and level surface, unless it has been secured (top or bottom) to prevent displacement.
- Do not place a ladder on boxes, barrels or other unstable bases to obtain additional height.
- Do not move or shift a ladder while a person or equipment is on the ladder.
- An extension or straight ladder used to access an elevated surface must extend at least 3 feet above the point of support.
- Do not stand on the three top rungs of a straight, single or extension ladder.
- The proper angle for setting up a ladder is to place its base a quarter of the working length of the ladder from the wall or other vertical surface.
- A ladder placed in any location where it can be displaced by other work activities must be secured to prevent displacement or a barricade must be erected to keep traffic away from the ladder.
- Be sure that all locks on an extension ladder are properly engaged.
- Do not exceed the maximum load rating of a ladder. Be aware of the ladder's load rating and of the weight it is supporting, including the weight of any tools or equipment.

## Director of Harbor Operations ~ Todd Fetzer



I am looking forward to taking on the duties of Director of Harbor Operations for the 2023 season.

This is my first year as Director of Harbor Operations and I hope it will go smoothly.

As Spring is approaching and the snow melts off, I will be developing a list of repairs that need to be done to our docks, water and electrical systems. If you know of any problems, please email me . Your concerns will be addressed as soon as possible. We will be putting teams together to work on various projects throughout the season. Please let me know if you're interested in getting your work hours in. Some of the items I've mentioned will require completion before the boats are launched.

If you have any dock, electrical or water issues please do not hesitate to contact me.

Todd Fetzer

TYC Director of Harbor Operations 2023



## Secretary ~ Bill Shaw



Well, I guess spring is here. That just means more cold and snow for WNY this year! I'm confident that it will be out of its system by the time we launch, 70 degrees and Sunny is my prediction.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you who voted for me in last fall's election. In the few short months that I have been the secretary, I have had to learn on the fly; it is much more involved than I thought. Thank you to everyone who has helped to walk me through many of my responsibilities.

I told you that when I was running for the board that I would be open to any and all suggestions that any member might have. That promise still holds true. I look forward to seeing all of you at the club this season.

Let's pull for Sun, Heat, and Fun!!

See you soon,

Bill Shaw  
TYC Secretary 2023



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



### **2023 New Members:**

We are pleased to announce that we have 4 new members pending this year to date.

- Sean and Brie Slaughter
- William and Christine Gnadt
- Rev. George R. “Mack” and Elizabeth McKinney
- Steve Lawler and Marlene Nyiri

### **2023 Membership Status:**

**Presently we have 204 Members:**

126 Full Members

27 Social Members

51 Life Members

Of the **126** Full Members, **117** are Renting Slips, comprising of **81** sailboats and **36** powerboats.

The Membership Committee asks all members to speak with colleagues, friends and relatives to promote the wonderful advantages of joining our yacht club. Encourage them to visit (by boat if possible) and provide their names to the Membership Committee Chairpersons for follow up.

If anyone has any marketing ideas that they think might help, please reach out to a board member or one of the membership committee members with your suggestions.

Let's all work toward the common goal of increasing our membership and filling our open slips.

Thank you as always to the members that sent new members our way.

At this time, I would like to finish up by thanking my colleagues on the Membership Committee for their support consisting of:

My wife Sandy, 716-432-9064

Bill Guggemos, 716-939-7706

Robert Stone, 941-276-1958

## ***Ship's Store Report ~ Kathy Sipes***



The Ship's Store will be open after the Spring meeting on **4/15/23** from **12:00 pm to 1:00 pm**.

Stop by and see Carol, Donna, or me for our latest boating apparel.

We also have a supply of blankets and tote bags for the spring.

We will be open on Saturdays from 12 PM to 2 PM during the boating season. If these hours are not convenient to you, let us know and we can arrange to meet up with you at a different time.

Also, we will have extended hours during launch weekend.

We will be open from **9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, 4/29/23**.

Let us know if you have any ideas on what you would like to see us carry.

Stop by and say hello!

Have a safe and fun 2023 Boating Season!

Kathy Sipes  
Ships Store Lady

### **TYC SHIP'S STORE PRICE LIST**

**(All Prices Include Sales Tax)**

#### **CLOTHING**

##### **Men's & Women's**

**T-Shirt (Short Sleeve) \$10**

**T-Shirt (Long Sleeve) \$18**

**Polo Shirt \$16 & up**

**Denim Shirts \$19 & up**

**Fleece Jackets \$27 & up**

**Hooded Fleece \$27 & up**

**Sweat Shirts \$17 & up**

**Wind Jackets \$25 & up**

**Caps \$10**

**Men's Ties \$12**

**Various Styles of Ladies T-shirts & Polo shirts \$12 & up**

#### **OTHER**

**TYC Burgee \$30**

**US Courtesy Flag \$32**

**Canadian Courtesy Flag \$30**

**Fleece Blanket \$19**

**Tote Bag \$15 & up**

**Koozie (Drink Holder) \$2**

**TYC Mugs \$2**

**TYC Glass \$1**

**License Plate Frame \$5**



## ***Boating Safety Classes***



### **ABS Boating Safely Class Schedule - 2023**

US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 092-03-01 is offering several Boating Safely Classes for 2023. Check below for a convenient class date. According to NY State law, all New Yorkers born after January 1, 1978 must pass a course by January 1, 2024. After that, regardless of age, **ALL** New York boat operators will be required to pass a state-approved boater safety course by January 1, 2025. All jet-ski operators **at least 14 years old may operate a PWC and** must successfully complete an ABS Course.

Classes are held on Saturdays.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Contact</b>
April 15, 2023	Fort Niagara State Park Fort Niagara Officer's Club Youngstown, NY	9am – 5pm	Barbara Godshall, <a href="mailto:bgodshall9211@gmail.com">bgodshall9211@gmail.com</a> 716-795-9496
May 13, 2023	Fort Niagara State Park Fort Niagara Officer's Club Youngstown, NY	9am – 5pm	Barbara Godshall, <a href="mailto:bgodshall9211@gmail.com">bgodshall9211@gmail.com</a> 716-795-9496
June 17, 2023	Cambria Volunteer Fire Co. 4631 Cambria Wilson Rd. Lockport, NY	9am – 5pm	Barbara Godshall, <a href="mailto:bgodshall9211@gmail.com">bgodshall9211@gmail.com</a> 716-795-9496
July 22, 2023	Lewiston #2 Fire Co. 1705 Saunders Settlement Rd Niagara Falls, NY	9am – 5pm	Barbara Godshall, <a href="mailto:bgodshall9211@gmail.com">bgodshall9211@gmail.com</a> 716-795-9496

## Boating Report



### Your essential first-aid kit

*Whether setting out for a day, week, or longer, you need a well-stocked first-aid kit on board. Here are the essentials*

Words and photo by Mark Corke

Checking life jackets, VHF radio, and flares before setting out for a day on the water should be a standard part of your predeparture checklist. But your first-aid kit is likely stowed and forgotten, as it seems you never need it. If setting out for just a few hours, most boaters assume they're unlikely to suffer a medical emergency. Or they reason that they're not going far and can quickly get back to the dock, so why worry? But having basic supplies at the ready could save you a trip to the emergency room – or even a life.

We talked to Anne Marie Lennon, M.D., Ph.D., of The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, who sails an Ericson 33, about which first-aid essentials every boater should have on board.

“Of course, don't be slow to call for help if the situation demands it or the nature of the emergency is outside of your capabilities,” she cautions. “But an onboard first-aid kit should be your first line of defense. A good starting point is to purchase one of the larger kits available from a retailer like West Marine, to which I add a few extra items such as hand disinfectant, antacids, motion-sickness medication, and jellyfish anti-sting.” You may want to add additional items based on your personal preferences, where you boat, and the needs of the crew.

#### First Aid Kit Essentials:

1. Scissors – to cut bandages, surgical tape, and clothing away from a wound if removing the garment is impossible
2. Safety pins – to hold bandages or slings in place
3. Tweezers – to remove ticks, splinters, and other small foreign bodies embedded in the skin
4. Syringe (without needle) – to fill with saline and flush dirt from a wound, or as an emergency eye-wash pump
5. Saline solution – to flush wounds prior to applying bandages

6. Fabric tape – to hold dressings and bandages in place
7. Elastic bandages – provide both covering and support to injuries
8. Triangular bandage – to support and immobilize a damaged arm or shoulder
9. Large adhesive pads – to cover larger cuts and wounds
10. Instant cold pack – temporary relief from minor burns and swelling from sprains and strains
11. Foil space blanket – prevents shock by retaining body heat
12. Disposable gloves – to wear during contact with bodily fluids – yours or anyone else's. Some people are allergic to latex, so stock nitrile gloves
13. Sterile absorbent pads – to cover wounds and abrasions
14. Rolled gauze – to cover wounds where an adhesive bandage is too small or extra absorbency is required
15. Adhesive bandages – keep a selection from small to large and include round ones, and butterfly bandages to effectively close a deeper cut
16. Burn cream – treats sunburn or galley burns. NOTE: Treat a significant burn as a medical emergency
17. Individually wrapped common medications – for treating stings, heartburn, seasickness, diarrhea, and so on
18. Alcohol wipes – to sterilize hands, clean scissors and tweezers before/after use, or to clean a dirty wound
19. Storage container – keeps everything organized and easily accessible
20. First-aid guide – essential reference. Read it before you need to use your first-aid kit
21. Aspirin – if you suspect a heart attack
22. Ibuprofen – general pain reliever
23. Acetaminophen – general pain reliever for those who can't take aspirin or ibuprofen
24. Cotton swabs – to clean delicate areas before applying a dressing
25. SAM splint – to immobilize a suspected fractured limb
26. Antiseptic ointment or spray – apply to minor scrapes and abrasions to prevent infection
27. Eye wash – for flushing chemicals, fuel, dirt, and grit out of the eye. Can offer relief in cases of severe pollen allergies

### **Where's the hydrogen peroxide?**

Once a staple in first-aid kits and medicine cabinets, doctors no longer recommend using hydrogen peroxide to clean cuts and abrasions. It kills all cells at the wound site, both damaged and healthy, and may slow down the healing process. Dr. Anne Marie Lennon says, "If you want to clean an area, use alcohol wipes instead."

## Sidebar

### 4 tips for a safe and healthy time on the water

- When you think of first aid, cuts and bruises probably come to mind. But sunburn, heatstroke, and overexposure to the elements can pose serious health risks. Dr. Anne Marie Lennon of The John's Hopkins Hospital says, "Overexposure to the sun puts you at real risk of skin cancer. Avoid sun damage by using the "slip, slap, slop" approach. Slip on a long-sleeved top, slap a hat on your head, and slop on some sunscreen, which you reapply every couple of hours."
- Before heading out, ask if any crewmembers have allergies to medications, including simple pain relievers. Some people may be allergic to the adhesive on bandages or the latex in gloves, or may have been told to avoid certain pain relievers for medical reasons. If someone on board has a life-threatening allergy, know where to locate and how to administer an epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen), if required.
- Make sure that more than one person knows how to operate the VHF radio to call for help in an emergency.
- Keep the booze locked up until you're safely anchored for the night or tied up at the dock. Alcohol tends to dehydrate and make you more prone to seasickness. Plus, it could slow reactions that could lead to an accident.

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