



# Tuscarora Currents

**Commodore ~ Vince Bargnes**



**716-830-7175**



I want to thank the Board of Directors for electing me as your 2026 Commodore. It's an honor to serve, and together the Board and I will work hard to strengthen TYC and grow our membership. I would also like to extend sincere appreciation to the outgoing 2025 Board members for their service and dedication. When you see Bryan Burhans, Pete Hubble, and Tym Zhuk, please join me in thanking them.

As I write this, I feel a bit like a groundhog startled by his own shadow (and the frigid blustery Wilson conditions), reminding everyone that we still have ten more weeks of winter until launch. Western New York winters shouldn't surprise us, yet they seem to linger a little longer each year.

This season, one of our primary goals is to renew the family-friendly atmosphere that has always been a hallmark of TYC. In the spring we will be installing a new outdoor playground between the fire pit and steward's office. This will be a welcome return for our children and grandchildren. We also plan to sponsor more family-oriented activities throughout the season. The Board has also written a Code of Conduct to offer guidelines related to safety, courtesy, respect for property, and adherence to club rules. The Code of Conduct is published below.

Another important initiative is attracting younger members. I encourage everyone to think about who you'd like to see as part of the next generation at TYC. Your ideas and suggestions for fostering recruitment, both young and old, are always welcome.

We are also planning several clubhouse and island improvement projects, including a new floor inside, new docks and additional road paving outside. Board members and project chairs will share more details as these efforts progress.

Preparations for the 2026 season are well underway. Vice Commodore Chuck Panepinto has updated the club calendar with event dates. Please visit the [TYC Website - Calendar](#) for the latest information.

It is my honor to announce a new Life Member to TYC. Heidi Beaty (Tom, Past Commodore-1998) is no longer a boat owner and she has requested Life status. Since 1989 Tom and Heidi's steady presence, hard work, and genuine love for the club helped shape TYC into the vibrant community it has become. It is our pleasure to welcome her as a Life Member.

Along with Chuck, Rear Commodore Kevin Dunn, Treasurer Greg Sutton, Fleet Captain Jerry Trankle, Director of Operations Bill Shaw, Director of Harbor Operations Matt Deering, and Secretary Chris Mack, I would like to thank you, for putting your trust in us, for your continued support and, for your enthusiasm for our club.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me or any Board member if you are in need of any assistance.

Thank You!

## Vice Commodore ~ Chuck Panepinto

716-868-7960



Hello TYC members! First off, I would like to thank you for your support in my being elected to the Board of Directors and I am honored to serve as Vice Commodore for the 2026 season.

At our most recent Board meetings we have had a lot of discussions related to member satisfaction, engagement, retention, and growth. We will be introducing several initiatives this season including a member survey, a mentorship program for new members and an updated presence on social media. These efforts are intended to make our club more inclusive and welcoming for all members and their guests. More information on these ideas will be shared in the coming months.

Until the weather breaks and the clubhouse opens up we have several more opportunities to get together;

- March 21 TYC Curling Night at Buffalo Curling Club
- April 11 Spring Dinner also at Wilson Restaurant & Inn
- Monthly Book Club get togethers

As the calendar moves towards nicer weather and launch weekend gets closer, we are already working on a number of social events to give members, both new and old, an opportunity to enjoy everything our great club has to offer.

Once the club opens we will be having our regular slate of events including TGIF's, Sock Burning, Italian Dinner, Sailpast, Light Up the Harbor, Commodores Picnic, Tasha Strong Regatta, Beef & Corn party and Oktoberfest. These events are already posted on our Events Calendar on our website. When our Club Cruises are scheduled we'll add those to the calendar as well.

We are also looking to revisit some past activities and add a few new events to the mix. Some ideas being looked at include;

- Just-for-fun Family Fishing Derby
- Family Movie Night
- Jet Boat Tour
- Blind Dinghy Race
- Pub Crawl

If anyone has other ideas for fun and inclusive activities please let me know and we'll take a look at making them happen. Feel free to reach out any time with a call or text at (716) 868-7960 or email me at [ViceCommodore@TYCWilson.com](mailto:ViceCommodore@TYCWilson.com).

Thank you again for your support and I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

## **Rear Commodore ~ Kevin Dunn**



**716-704-2700**



It is a great pleasure to once again be on your board of directors and in my new role as your Rear Commodore.

We are currently working on a webpage refresh with more pictures and easier to use forms such as work hours submission. We certainly welcome any suggestions. In addition, we are reviewing a 'green initiative' for our club roster using your Smartphone.

I look forward to seeing those attending the upcoming Curling Party on March 21st and of course at the Spring Dinner on April 11th.

Launch will be here soon enough and I look forward to a great 2026 season.

At your service.

## Smartphone Roster

Scan with Smartphone Camera



**Treasurer ~ Greg Sutton** 

**716-462-0900**



Hi everyone, I hope you are all surviving the winter. I am sure that you are all looking forward to spring and the upcoming boating season as am I.

Financially I think we are in good shape and the Board is not anticipating any rate increases for this year. As I discussed at the Fall meeting, we have a new lease starting this year which will run for though December 31, 2029. While it has many beneficial provisions for the Club in terms of road paving, Clubhouse repairs, new docks etc. it also comes with an increase in lease payments. Continued membership recruitment is a significant factor in keeping dockage rates stable so please spread the word about how great the Club is to recruit new members.

As the treasurer it is my responsibility to be sure we are being fiscally responsible. Just a reminder that membership dues were sent out on January 3rd; docking invoices are sent out around May 10th and launch and haul and dock deposit are scheduled to be 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.

In addition, the Board has instructed me to begin following the requirements of the by-laws by posting members names, that are in the rears on payment, in either the Currents or posted on the bulletin board at the Club. This edition of the Current, includes that list.

As always, I would also like to thank Doug Klapper and Mary Lazich for all they do to help me out. I could not do the Treasurer's job without them. 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 finance.

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**Members in Arrears ~ Sixty+ Days Past-Due**

Bonczar, Richard & Sharon  
Geldres Correa-Piloto, Max & Rosa  
House, Daniel  
McDonald, Cooper & Jessica Wilson  
Nemec, Charlie & Carolyn  
Olivero, Alan & Janese

Podolak, Juraj  
Pralle, Arnd & Audrey  
Wilkinson, Tom & Diane  
Wolfe, Thomas & Cathyann  
Woodward, Frank & Yvonne

## Fleet Captain ~ Jerry Trankle



716-908-2071



Greetings Everyone and Happy 2026. Thank You All for giving me the opportunity to serve on the TYC Board and as your Fleet Captain.

I am pleased to announce this years Launch dates.

Boats will begin to be launched on Friday, May 1st and conclude on Saturday, May 2nd.

Cradle removal is Saturday, May 2nd.

Mast Stepping via Gin Pole is Saturday, May 2nd.

Mast Stepping via Boom Truck is Sunday, May 3rd.

Sign Up sheets to help out for these activities will be posted in the clubhouse bathroom hallway. This is a great opportunity to get work hours in.

Michael Algase, Nick Sutton, Peter Hubbell, Dan Manhardt, Doug Klapper, Martin Casstevens and Eileen Hassett have volunteered to be Crew Leaders for Launch activities.

I would like to remind all Full Members that haven't done so yet to fill out and submit their Dock Reservation and Proof of Insurance Form. This form is found on the TYC Website.

Simply log in and scroll down to the heading "Forms" and click on "Slip Reservation and Contract". The Form pops up and fill in the blanks. Initial the box at the bottom and click "Submit".

This is a yearly requirement as Boat Owner at TYC.

I look forward to a great Boating season and working with all of you. If anyone has any questions you can contact me directly {716}908-2071 or email [fleetcaptain@tycwilson.com](mailto:fleetcaptain@tycwilson.com).



**Director of Operations ~ Bill Shaw**



716-622-0742



As of March 25th, there are ONLY 65 days until launch. That should lift everyone's spirits in this cold and snowy winter. I enjoyed greatly serving as your Commodore, over the past two years, and hope that I worked hard enough to meet your expectations. I will work just as hard as your Director of Operations. I feel that TYC is in excellent hands with Vince Bargnes as your new Commodore. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone, (way too many to name) who helped and supported me as Commodore. A special thank you to out-going board members Bryan Burhans, Peter Hubble and Tym Zhuk.

My plan is to open the clubhouse by March 28 and get the water turned on, if weather permits. I'd like to, over the next 10 months, spruce up the clubhouse for our membership. A new floor has been on the table for a while and I would like to make that happen this year. Also, the ceiling has become an eye sore and is in need of some new tiles or a whole new ceiling. The exterior of the clubhouse is also in need of a cleaning and some paint, as well as the patio needing a power washing. The roof may also need to be addressed. We shall see what the new board along with our landlord has to say. I will also be in charge of the stewards and am currently working to bring in a few hard working young people to do this very important job. Please bring any issues you may have with stewards to my attention and I will address them.

In out-going Director of Operations, Peter Hubble, I certainly have some big shoes to fill. I will be leaning on him as well as past DOO's for guidance and direction to do the best job possible for you. If you have any suggestions or concerns related to the clubhouse, please reach out to me and I will work to take care of them.

Thank you, and I'll see you at one of the fun winter get-togethers that our outstanding new Vice Commodore, Chuck Panepinto, has planned. If not, I'll see you in 100 days!!



**Secretary ~ Chris Mack** 

716-903-1023



It's been a cold winter and as I sit here huddled in front of my fireplace, the one happy thought I have is; We Did It! We got through winter. Its only February so most people would rightly think we are still in the deep, dark bowels of winter. But in my optimistic mind, I'm done with winter. March is just around the corner which means I'll be working on my boat, or at least going up to the Club and pretending I'm working on the boat. And just like that, April will fly by and we'll be ready to launch.

I want to thank everyone that ran for the board of directors, the election committee and for everyone who voted. It is great to see many people applying for the board, which strengthens and brings in new energy. And as we get ready for the new season it is exciting to see new projects that were initiated by the previous board and some new ones by this board. While its always fun to have our usual events, there should be some new events and a revisit of events that were before my time. Some of these will be geared to increasing our membership.

So enjoy the rest of our skiing, hiking and for those lucky ones, trips to the sunbelt and see you in the spring!

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**Director of Harbor Operations ~ Matt Deering** 

716-870-2517

See you all in the spring!



## **Membership Committee Report ~ 2026 February**



The Membership Committee would like to extend a warm welcome to the 2026 Board of Directors. We are excited to collaborate with you as we explore fresh, creative ideas to generate interest in our club. Together with the Board and our current members, we look forward to promoting new membership and strengthening the overall experience for both prospective and existing members.

**Please see the current membership report below.**

### **2026 Membership Status:**

**Presently we have 206 Members**

**122 Full Members**

**30 Social Members**

**54 Life Members**

Of the **122 Full Members**, we have **115 Slips Occupied**, comprising **79 sailboats** and **33 powerboats**.

Note: Some members have more than one slip.

### **2026 New Members:**

1. **Emma Mack and Mathew Wiess** – Full (36' Sailboat)

### **Prospective New Members:**

**Anna Kelly** – Anna would like a Social Membership – Will provide application in the Spring.

### **New Life Member:**

**Heidi Beatty** – Congratulations, Heidi, and welcome to this distinguished milestone in our community. Your dedication and involvement have truly made a lasting impact.

### **New Incentive Reminder:**

**Incentive to Grow Our TYC Community!**

**Any member who successfully recruits a new member** will receive **10 Work Hour Credits** as a thank-you for helping our club thrive. This is a great way to reward your efforts while welcoming fresh energy into our TYC family.

**Membership Dockage History Report:**

Tuscarora Yacht Club							
TYC Membership Dockage Report - February 2026							
Boat Feet Docked - History				\$ / Ft	Income	Lease	Profit
	Date	Feet					
			2014	\$58.00			
Actual TYC Boat Feet Docked	August 1, 2016	3,785.34		\$60.00	227,120.40	190,000.00	37,120.40
Actual TYC Boat Feet Docked	August 1, 2017	3,563.58	EST.	\$60.00	213,814.80	190,000.00	23,814.80
Actual TYC Boat Feet Docked	August 1, 2018	3,507.78		\$60.00	210,466.80	195,000.00	15,466.80
Actual TYC Boat Feet Docked	August 1, 2019	3,295.08		\$60.00	197,704.80	195,000.00	2,704.80
Actual TYC Boat Feet Docked	August 1, 2020	3,447.08		\$62.00	213,718.96	195,000.00	18,718.96
Actual TYC Boat Feet Docked	August 1, 2021	3,630.33		\$62.00	225,080.46	200,000.00	25,080.46
Actual TYC Boat Feet Docked	August 1, 2022	3,566.50		\$62.00	221,123.00	205,000.00	16,123.00
Actual TYC Boat Feet Docked	August 1, 2023	3,512.80		\$63.00	221,306.40	205,000.00	16,306.40
Actual TYC Boat Feet Docked	August 1, 2024	3,460.80		\$65.00	224,952.00	205,000.00	19,952.00
Actual TYC Boat Feet Docked	August 1, 2025	3,470.10		\$67.00	232,496.70	205,000.00	27,496.70
Actual TYC Boat Feet Docked	February 25, 2026	3,483.60		\$67.00	233,401.20	232,000.00	1,401.20
Actual TYC Boat Feet Docked	August 1, 2028						
Actual TYC Boat Feet Docked	August 1, 2029						
	10 YR. Average =	3,523.94					
	Current Dockage =	3,483.60					
				40.34	Boat Feet Down from Average.		
				\$2,702.71	Income Down Based on Average		

Let’s kick off this season with fresh energy and a shared purpose. Together, we can grow our membership and fill every slip—creating a stronger, more vibrant club for everyone. Thank you for your enthusiasm, teamwork, and unwavering support.

Your dedication and commitment continue to drive our club’s success, and I’m excited for what we’ll accomplish side by side in the year ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Jeff and Sandy Jordan

## ***Tuscarora Yacht Club* ~ Code of Conduct**

Tuscarora Yacht Club (TYC) is committed to providing a safe, welcoming and inclusive community for everyone who uses our facilities and/or participates in our events. This Code of Conduct (CoC) offers guidelines related to safety, courtesy, respect for property, and adherence to club rules. Members are expected to ensure their guests (including children) abide by the guidelines of this CoC. Please report any behavior that is contrary to our CoC to the Commodore or Vice-Commodore.

The overriding principles of this CoC are;

- TYC is a not-for-profit, volunteer, cooperative organization whose members are responsible for the betterment of the club through contributions of their time & talent.
- Members and guests shall show courtesy and respect to all others at all times.
- Members and guests shall observe all rules and regulations established by the Club.
- Members are ambassadors of TYC as a whole and are expected to promote a welcoming atmosphere toward all who visit our club.

As a member of TYC you are expected to;

- Be mindful of personal safety and the safety of others at all times while on Club premises. Report any unsafe, or potentially unsafe, conditions to a Board member.
- Show respect, civility and consideration towards other Club members, guests, staff and Club property.
- Exercise mature and acceptable social behavior while at the Club. TYC will not tolerate discrimination, harassment, bullying or threatening behavior of any kind.
- Refrain from unlawful activity, including possession or consumption of illegal drugs; the supply of alcohol or tobacco to minors; stealing or destruction of club or private property.

Foster an enriching, fun and safe environment both on and off the water and be good stewards of the environment.

Violations of this CoC should be referred to the Commodore or Vice-Commodore for review and consideration. Should the offending member's conduct be found to be improper or detrimental to the interest or good order of the Club, they may be subject to Article 11, Addenda #2, "Conduct" of the Club By-Laws.