



Tuscarora Currents

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Commodore's Corner

Whether it's tuning-up engines, tightening-up shrouds or putting on those final touches swabbing the decks, we're all getting our vessels ready for another great summer on Lake Ontario. Some members have already taken to the course and rounded the markers, but there is plenty more of Lake Ontario to be conquered! Plenty more activities and fun to be had at TYC.

June is shaping up to be a full and lively month including: Thursday WHYRA Racing, Sail-Past, Book Club, a New Member Open House, and a Family Fishing Derby just to name a few. There's something for everyone, on and off the water.

Not only are we working on our boats, many club volunteers have been putting in a lot of hard work to update and beautify the clubhouse and grounds. If you haven't stopped by recently, you'll notice the difference the moment you arrive. And for anyone looking to complete work hours, there are still opportunities to lend a hand and be part of the progress.

You can also check out the new Web Cams on the TYC website.

May brought us one new member and one returning from hiatus. Please join me in welcoming Gary Bradley (King's Ransom, I-10) and welcoming back Debora Hill (Day-By-Day, I-92). Here's to fair winds, full calendars, and another memorable month at TYC.

Vince Bargnes – TYC Commodore 2026

2026 Club Cruise Schedule

July 17,18,19 - Oak Orchard Yacht Club

(Note: Commodore at OONYC says his sail boat top of the Mast is 58 ft above the Water line under the bridge. They will give John an updated measured clearances on June 1 and July 1.)

July 31 to August 3rd – MIMICO

August 14th to 16th – National Yacht Club

If you have any questions about cruising with fellow TYC members or specific Club cruises please contact John Suita-Cruise Director at clubcruisedirector@tycwilson.com

2026 Event Schedule

June 13th Sail Past

June 14th Book Club

June 20th New Member Open House

June 27th (28th-Rain Date) NYS Free Fishing Weekend

July 4th Light up the Harbor

July 12th Book Club

July 25th Blind Dingy Race/Pub Crawl/Progressive Dinner

August 8th Commodore's Picnic

August 29th Tasha Strong Regatta

September 5th Beef & Corn Dinner

September 19th Fall Meeting

September 19th Oktoberfest

If you have any questions or would like to help or host an event, please see Vice Commodore Chuck at vicecommodore@tycwilson.com. Please refer to the Club calendar on the website for specific times and locations of events.

Members in Arrears

(~ Sixty+ Days Past Due)

Fanara, Jackie & Henry

Geldres Correa-Piloto, Max & Rosa

Reid, Robert & Lori

Tulumello, Benedict & Diane

Wolfe, Thomas & Cathyann



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Italian Dinner

On May 16 we celebrated our first big weekend of the season with our annual Italian Dinner hosted by Eileen Hasset and Martin Casstevens. We had nearly 100 folks attend the dinner that included delicious lasagna and all the fixings. Special thanks to Chis Mack for his Italian Wedding soup! A wonderful time was had by all....thank you to Eileen, Martin and their entire team! Please join us in future events. It is a great chance to meet new members as well as reconnect with members you have known for years!



Electric Vehicle Charging

Just a reminder that as per the decision of last year's board, charging of your electric vehicle, using the Club's power outlets, is not allowed. If in an emergency situation, please contact a board member for assistance.

New Policies going into effect in 2026

- Kayak Storage
- Trailer Summer Storage in the Upper Lot
- Parking Lot Dingy Storage

Please stay tuned for more information regarding that in future announcements.



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Membership Committee Report ~ June 2026

June has continued the strong momentum we saw this spring at Tuscarora Yacht Club. Member engagement remains high, and the enthusiasm across the grounds is unmistakable as we move deeper into the 2026 boating season. We've welcomed additional interest from prospective members, and our current membership continues to show exceptional involvement in club activities and events.

Our internal boat-sale network is also thriving. Several members have reached out with vessels available for purchase, and we're seeing continued success connecting buyers and sellers within the TYC community. This not only keeps boats in the club but strengthens the relationships that make TYC such a unique place to belong.

As we head into the heart of summer, Sandy and I are encouraged by the positive energy, the steady growth, and the commitment our members show every day. Let's keep building on this strong foundation.

2026 Membership Status:

Presently we have 210 Members

128 Full Members

29 Social Members

53 Life Members

Of the **127 Full Members**, we have **119 Slips Occupied**, comprising **80 sailboats** and **39 powerboats**.

2026 New Members to Date:

1. Emma Mack and Mathew Wiess – Full (36' Sailboat) - Referred by Chris Mack
2. Anna Kelly - Social
3. Patric and Cyndi Roemer - Full (22' Ponton Boat) - Referred by Jeff Jordan
4. Kevin Mannix - Full - Referred by Bob and Bard Dobosz
5. Richard Herrmann - Full
6. Mark and Bridget Kief - Full (30' Sailboat) - Referred by Stephanie Burgess
7. Lee and Shauna Johnson - Full (27' Sailboat) - Referred by Tym Zhuk
8. Gary Bradley - Full (38' Sailboat) - Referred by Frank Scannapieco
9. Glenn McDill and Sally Van Dyke - Full (30' Sailboat) Referred by George Petitt (Pending)

Prospective New Members:

1. Glen McDill and Sally Van Dyke

New 2026 Life Members:

1. Heidi Beatty
2. Reg Adams

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.

Congratulations go out to:

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



2. **Bob and Bard Dobosz** for Referring Kevin Mannix – Full Membership
3. **Stephanie Burgess** for Referring Mark and Bridget Kief – Full (30' Sailboat)
4. **Tym Zhuk** for Referring Lee and Shauna Johnson - Full (27' Sailboat)
5. **Frank Scannapieco** for Referring Gary Bradley - Full (38' Sailboat)
6. **George Petitt** for Referring Glenn McDill and Sally Van Dyke - Full (30' Sailboat)

We're excited to share that our annual TYC Membership Drive TGIF for prospective members will return Friday July 10. With the Clubhouse remodeling nearing completion and our grounds looking their best, we'll be ready to welcome guests and showcase everything TYC has to offer.

Thanks to your continued support and collaboration, we remain well positioned to sustain strong membership and full slips. I encourage everyone to keep spreading the word about TYC and engaging prospective members. As we look ahead to the 2026 season, this is a perfect opportunity to launch new initiatives and further elevate the member experience.

Many thanks to our membership committee, Jeff and Sandy Jordan for their outstanding effort to bring in new members.

Overview of Sailboat Racing and the WHYRA

Wilson Harbor, specifically TYC and WYC have a very active racing program running from the end of May until September. We have weekly races on Thursday evenings and special races on some designated weekends, ex. WYC Anniversary race, Tasha Strong Regatta, Celtic cup. All Boats are handicapped according to PHRF-LO standards and issued a certificate. Races are scored and awards given after the end of the season. Our races are governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and our local sailing instructions.

If you have ever wanted to race your boat or just come out to see what its all about or even crew, we always have boats looking for additional crew. If you are interested in racing you can contact Vicki Murray or any of the racers at TYC for more information. TYC has a great group of racers and a lot of fun on the course, so come on out and join us.

Overview of Sailboat Racing

Sailboat racing involves navigating courses marked by buoys or points on the water. Races are typically classified into two main types: "Round the Buoy" races and "Point to Point" or distance races.

Racing "Round the Buoys" vs. "Point to Point" Racing

In "Round the Buoy" racing, start, finish, and rounding marks are placed in the water to guide the boats along a specific path. Ideally, the first mark of the course is positioned directly upwind from the starting line, encouraging a challenging and strategic start. The starting line itself is an imaginary line drawn from the start mark to the "Committee Boat." The Committee Boat acts as the race coordinator, responsible for signaling the start, monitoring the race, and recording finish times. Additional marks are set for rounding,



and the final leg of the course passes back through the starting line in the opposite direction. Setting up this ideal course requires a boat to place the marks before the race begins.

Point to Point racing is typically moderate to long distance events. The race may start at a mark in Rochester and end at a buoy outside Toronto Harbor.

Race Set-Up for WHYRA

For races held in Wilson, there is no dedicated staff available to position race marks prior to each event. Instead, at the start of each season, five semi-permanent marks are placed by volunteers near the harbor entrance in the spring and removed in the fall. (The US Coast Guard allows this because they are temporary and not navigation aids.) The mark nearest to the entrance acts as the starting point, allowing the committee to establish the start line. The other four marks give the committee options to decide both the direction of the initial leg and the order in which competitors will pass the remaining marks before reaching the finish. The picture shows the relative position of the marks. They can be identified as 7-gallon inverted buckets on mounted on a slender pole.



LOCCA (Lake Ontario Club Cruising Association)



LOCCA is dedicated to maintaining a vibrant cruising fleet, by promoting camaraderie and open dialogue and by acting as a coordinating body for the cruising fleets of Lake Ontario.

TYC is a member of LOCCA so take advantage of it by visiting their website at: <https://locca.org/> for more information about cruising on Lake Ontario.



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Work Hours and OD duties

Just a reminder that as we begin our 2026 boating season that full docking members are responsible to complete their 10 hours of volunteer services as well as completing their Officer of the Day (OD) Duties.

OD

On May 12th the Rear Commodore emailed out the OD schedule as well as posted it on the board in the Clubhouse and in the Stewards Office. It is also available on the TYC website.

Officer of the Day responsibilities include:

- Notify Steward on duty when reporting for OD assignment,
- Monitor Channel 68 for hails to Club on the provided handheld radio.
- Welcome visitors,
- Assist Stewards with fueling and pump outs,
- Assist members with docking when requested,
- When duty is complete, sign out in the Stewards office.

When completing your duties, the list in the Stewards shed is the Official copy that you should sign to show you completed hours.

Around the Harbor

WYC's 88th Anniversary Race

Open to all Sailing vessels and members of WYC, TYC, IYC, and OYC with a LO-PHRF rating. Race will be scored time on Time.

White sails only, 2 classes = Racer's and Cruiser's

WYC this will also count as one of the Governor's Cup races for WYC.

Saturday July 18th – 11:00 AM on the WHYRA course Lake Ontario

* Skippers meeting at 10 AM, to receive instruction and course at WYC widow's watch.

Open to Members / Racers and Guests!

Party on the Lawn at 3:00 PM w/ Jr. Stoll Trio

Corn on the Kolb's at 5 PM, Corn roast and entertainment. \$25 per person, ticket at the door, we ask that you bring appetizers to pass.

{PLEASE let US know if you are attending by July 11th}

With Brent Powley 716-628-4723

Join us and help celebrate Wilson Yacht Clubs 87th Anniversary!!!

WYC Race Committee – Brent Powley – 716-628-4723 or BeaminSounds@yahoo.com



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Kathy Walter Heck Women's Invitational

Olcott Yacht Club is excited to invite your members to participate in the inaugural Kathy Walter Heck Women's Invitational on July 10-11, 2026.

One of the most exciting additions to the OYC racing schedule, the Kathy Walter Heck Women's Invitational is an all-women regatta created in memory of the tenacious Kathy Heck. Kathy was a fierce competitor, passionate sailor, and a role model for women in sailing at OYC.

The weekend will include:

- Beach Bonfire on Friday evening
- Sunrise Yoga Saturday morning
- A full day of racing Saturday
- Awards celebration following racing

While the racing is women-only, family, friends, and supporters are welcome to join us for the shoreside events throughout the weekend.

We hope this event not only honors Kathy's legacy, but also helps continue to grow women's sailing across the lake and bring sailors from all clubs together for one heck of a regatta.

Please help us spread the word to your racers, crew members, and sailing community.

Notice of Race and registration information:

[Racing | Olcott Yacht Club](#)

We hope to see your club represented on the starting line in July.

Best regards, Elisa Schwarzkopf, Fleet Captain, Olcott Yacht Club

Upcoming Village of Wilson Events

Tuesdays - "Cruise Night" 5:00p-8:00p at Brownies (Weekly)

Beginning Tuesday May 19th – "Wilson Community Farm Market" at Brownies (Weekly)

Sat June 20th, 9am - 5pm - LEON Festival (Halfway to Christmas Celebration) On Young St.

Tuesday June 16, 5-8p - Strawberry Harvest at Brownies Custard Stand



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TYC and Wilson Harbor History



Original TYC Clubhouse Circa-1968



Clark Island (aka: Wintergreen Island or Tugwell Island) and Harbor in the early 1960's
(Notice how shallow the harbor was before it was designated a federal “harbor of refuge” and dredged by the US Army Corp of Engineers.)



TYC Garage Sale

(Please see a board member if you have any questions)



FREE - Desk Chair -Pick up in Club house.



14 ft. Nutshell Sailboat – Perfect for a Lake Cottage - \$100



14 ft. Canoe - \$100



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Office Divider - Free



NEWPORT INFLATABLE DINGHY FOR SALE



Trailer not included



- 9 ft, 3-person inflatable
- 8hp Evinrude 2-stroke engine (overhauled/reconditioned 2024)
- 2 gal fuel tank included
- Detachable Transport wheels
- Mushroom Anchor
- Foot-operated air pump
- Cover & storage bag

\$1,100

(Purchased in 2024 for \$1,600)

Selling because we've upgraded to larger inflatable & engine

For more info contact Chuck at 716-868-7960

If you have anything thing you would like to sell or a topic you would think would be an interest to the membership, please feel free to pass it along. You can send your information to:

treasurer@tycwilson.com or secretary@tycwilson.com

Articles Wanted

If you haven't noticed we are trying to make the Currents more informational and enjoyable for the members to read. For future editions we are looking for recommendations for boating articles that you think the TYC members would enjoy.

If you are interested in having the TYC Roster readily available on your smart phone, feel free to use the QR Code below to download a copy for you use.



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Smartphone Roster

Scan with Smartphone Camera



Helpful Numbers

Niagara County Sheriff's Department 716-438-3393

Niagara Coast Guard Station 716-745-3328

NYSDEC Spill Hotline: 800-457-7362

Island Yacht Club 716-751-9978

Olcott Yacht Club 716-638-4378

Wilson Yacht Club 716-751-2277

Youngstown Yacht Club 716-745-7230

TYC Clubhouse 716-751-9975

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