



Tuscarora Currents

TYC Board Members 2026

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Commodore's Corner

Vince Bargnes

Summer is in full swing at TYC. Just check out the rising thermometer (or your cell phone) and the growing thunderstorms (or, again, your cell phone.) The only thing that is not typical of our Lake Ontario Summer is the persistently high water level. Hopefully it will recede before docks need modification to remain useful.

Sailpast was once again a wonderful event. Thank you to all who participated or were in attendance. A special thanks to all the volunteers who pitched in to conduct the ceremony, prepare and serve the dinner, provide music and manage/execute the basket raffle. My family and I were genuinely moved by both the ceremony and the parade of TYC boats. More than 20 boats made the trip around the harbor and into the lake. I would personally like to extend a sincere thank you to P.C. Bill Shaw and his family for hosting us on the yacht "Fast Break".

July will bring us, an always lively "Prospective Member TGIF" on Friday the 17th. Remember this TGIF is a membership recruitment tool so please invite your friends and neighbors. Later in the month will be the first of our 2026 Club Cruises. Destination, Mimico.

As mentioned last month, some new policies have gone into effect for the 2026 season. I'd like expound on one of them. We have a new Dinghy/PWC Trailer Storage Policy. Boat trailers (Trailers 16ft or more in length) can continue to be stored on the upper grass lot for a seasonal price of \$75. Now a reduced seasonal rate of \$35 will be charged for storage of Dinghy/PWC trailers (Trailers 15ft or less in length.) This dinghy/PWC trailer fee will apply to both the upper grass lot and the parking lot on the island. The spots on island lot will continue to be awarded by lottery according to the Dinghy Storage Form. All dinghies on the island parking lot must remain on their trailers when not in use (No empty trailers on the island.) This new pricing policy will go into effect for all trailers stored from July forward. All trailers at TYC must have the member's name clearly printed on the trailers tongue. Of course Dinghies/PWCs can still be stored in your own slip, but not take up additional slip space.

2026 Club Cruise Schedule

July 17,18,19 - Oak Orchard Yacht Club

(Note: Commodore at OOYC says a sail boat top of the Mast of 56 ft above the water line under will clear the bridge.

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

July 12th Book Club

July 17th New Members Open House 6pm to 9pm

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

August 8th Commodore's Picnic

First Annual TYC Jet Boat Tour on August 22, 2026.

This promises to be a high-energy, unforgettable outing and a great way to have fun with fellow members.
(Please see Jeff Jordan for more details.)

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.

Sail Past 2026

The weekend of June 12-14 brought our annual Sail Past weekend to TYC. The weekend began with a TGIF and then on Saturday we celebrated with a formal Sail Past ceremony, boat parade, dinner, basket raffle, 50/50 raffle & music and dancing on the patio. The Board would like to say a sincere "THANK YOU" to those who volunteered to help make sure everyone had a good time to make the weekend a ton of fun! We had well over 100 people attend the dinner, and as with any event that size it was not without a few hiccups, but every effort was made to make the day enjoyable.



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Special thanks go out to the following members who stepped up to make our 2026 Sail Past a success:

- Basket Raffle
 - Heidi Beatty, Keith & Cheryl Robinson, Fran & Dave McLuckie, Barb Pickelhaupt, and Greg & Adrienne Sutton.
 - A special thank you goes out to all the Club members who generously donated baskets.
- Kitchen Crew
 - Nadine Bargnes, Karen Burhans, Dina Mack, Kim Panepinto, and Sue Rogers.
- Music - Homer Balea.
- Photos - John Kudla.
- Flag attendants - Mike Algase & Doug Klapper.
- Provided the Officer/National Flags and the 250 Year USA Flag - Kathy Sipes.
- Blessing of the Fleet - Bob Dubil.

Membership Committee Report ~ July 2026

July Report – We Need Your Support!

Although we don't currently have prospective new members in the pipeline, we're gearing up to change that — and we need *you* to help make it happen.

Our annual Membership Drive is set for Friday, July 17 at 6:00 PM, and this will be our second TGIF Open House. We'll have refreshments, plenty of pizza, and the perfect opportunity to showcase what makes Tuscarora Yacht Club such a special place.

We strongly encourage all members to attend, show camaraderie, and be the true ambassadors of our club. Your presence and enthusiasm make a powerful impression on potential new members.

Last year's event was a HUGE success thanks to the outstanding support from our membership. We're aiming for that same energy — and even more — this year.



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As we head into the heart of summer, Sandy and I are inspired by the positive energy around the club, the steady growth we're seeing, and the commitment our members show every day. Let's keep that momentum going and continue building on this strong foundation.

2026 Membership Status:

Presently we have 211 Members

129 Full Members

29 Social Members

53 Life Members

Of the **129 Full Members**, we have **117 Slips Occupied**, comprising **80 sailboats** and **37 powerboats**.

Note: Some members have more than one slip.

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: Currently we do not have any prospective members.

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.

As we look ahead to the 2026 season, we're always exploring new ideas to strengthen and grow our membership. If you have suggestions, big or small, please reach out — your input helps shape the future of our club. Fresh initiatives and creative thinking are key to elevating the member experience.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeff and Sandy Jordan

New Policies going into effect in 2026

As part of our ongoing effort to keep members informed and engaged, the Board is pleased to share our first email containing From the Bridge - Board Meeting Briefs. This quick update will accompany the seasonal monthly *Currents* newsletter and provide a clear snapshot of key discussions and decisions from each meeting.

- The following two policies were reviewed and updated to better support fairness, efficiency, and responsible use of club resources:

1. Dinghy / Dinghy Trailer Storage Fees: To make storage fees more equitable, the seasonal charge for storing a dinghy in the lower lot or dinghy trailer in the upper lot has been set at **\$35**, reduced from the previous full-size trailer rate of **\$75**. The full size trailer storage rate will remain at **\$75**.



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2. Launch / Haul-Out Preparedness Penalty: A penalty has been established for situations where a boat owner or their proxy is not prepared when the crane is ready. Delays result in additional costs in crane and operator rental time when the crane and crew must wait. The new penalty for causing such a delay is **\$200**. This policy is not intended to generate revenue, but to ensure all boaters are ready and to keep the process moving smoothly and safely for everyone.

Kayak Storage - Coming soon

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

TYC GAS DOCK SAFETY

Members are reminded that fueling at the Club can result in a dangerous situation for both the boat's owner as well as other Club members. As such, please be aware of TYC fueling rules and requirements.

- a) Boats with internal fuel tanks and portable fuel tanks may be filled only at the gas dock.
- b) The club gas pump must be used to refuel, unless the amount of gas added is less than ten gallons using an approved portable container at the gas dock.
- c) Boats using diesel fuel may be fueled at the gas dock using an approved portable container. Boats requiring a large quantity of diesel, not suitable of fueling from a small container, should obtain fuel from another source in the harbor. (3/14/2018)
- d) Follow the steward's instructions when fueling at the gas dock. The Club has a large fire extinguisher adjacent to the fuel pump. Know how to use it before starting any fueling. Follow safe fueling practices, i.e. as outlined in *Chapman's*. Fuel shall be performed during daylight hours only. (3/14/2018)
- e) The operator is responsible to ensure that NO spill of petroleum occurs during fueling operations. If spillage does occur, a Steward and Board Member must be notified immediately. The Club provides appropriate clean-up equipment which **must** be used to contain and clean-up any and all petroleum that is spilled in accordance with NYS environmental laws.

Repairs being made around the Club

Many thanks go out to Doug Klapper and Bill Shaw for repairing the pump out.



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Special thanks go out to Chris Mack, Chris Finitz, Jerry Trankle, Chris Mack, Kevin Dunn, Torsten Doering, Jeff Jordan, Pat Oates, Emma Mack, Murray Coleman and his daughter, Steve Clark and thank you to Dave Clark for renting the lift machine for us. Great job guys!!!!



Thank you to Justin and AJ Dudek, as well as our stewards, for power washing the patio pavers. The patio looks brand new again!



A big thank you to Pete Hubble for taking care of the caving in along the “The Curve” on the east end of the Island. And thanks to his crew of Maureen Ryan, Amy Jacobs, Mike and Gina Daley, Bryan Burhans, and Bill Fleming. Great job by all!



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Members in Arrears

(~ Sixty+ Days Past Due)

Geldres Correa-Piloto, Max & Rosa

Tulumello, Benedict & Diane

Wolfe, Thomas & Cathynn

Around the Harbor



THE YOUNGSTOWN YACHT CLUB,
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
YOUNGSTOWN COMMUNITY BOATING FOUNDATION
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE

**J-111 NORTH AMERICAN
CHAMPIONSHIP
AUGUST 25 - 29, 2026**

Visit j111northamericans.com to register!

Interested in more information? Contact:

Roeland Polet	Shane Vanstrom
Adam Burns	

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

- 1:00 PM: Practice Race & Starts
- Official Welcome Dinner — An exclusive evening for crews and families at the historic Old Fort Niagara.

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

- 10:00 AM: Race Day 1 — The first official race of the Championship series.
- J-111 Crew Cornhole Tournament & Cookout — Casual food, cold drinks, and intense beanbag action!

Thursday, August 27, 2026

- 10:00 AM: Race Day 2 — Back on the water for Round 2.
- Live Major Cover Band Concert — An evening of music and fun right on the lawn!

Friday, August 28, 2026

- 10:00 AM: Race Day 3 — Final chance to secure your position before the last day!
- Cocktail Hour — Celebrate the end of racing with drinks and camaraderie.

Saturday, August 29, 2026

- 9:00 AM: Final Race Day— The final day of racing!
- Awards Banquet at YYC — A formal celebration honoring the winners of the Championship, Corinthian, and Great Lakes Trophies!

FOR THE SHORE SUPPORT

For the Shore Support Crew, opportunities abound! Explore the breathtaking Niagara Falls, step back in time at Old Fort Niagara, seek adventure on Whirlpool Jet Boats, or cross the border for wine tasting in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The Youngstown Yacht Club has assigned a dedicated YYC Regatta Liaison to every visiting boat to help with any questions or needs throughout your stay!

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.



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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

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)



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Music In the Harbor Schedules

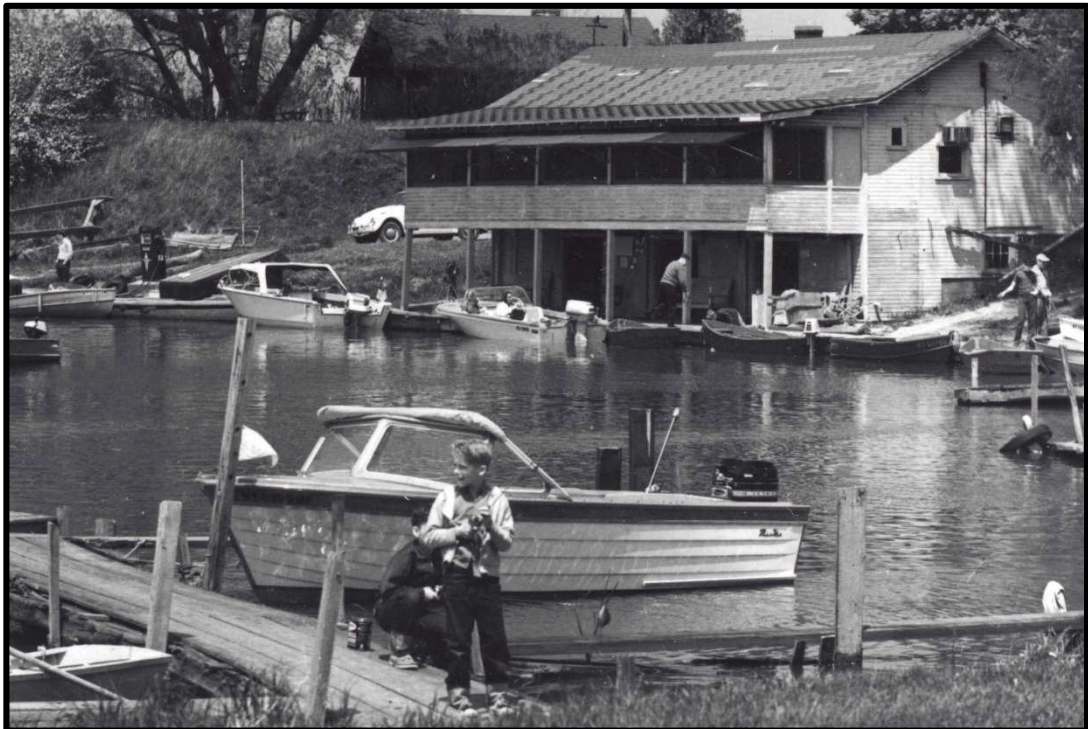
Wilson Boathouse

[Entertainment – Wilson Boatyard Marina](#)

Sunset Grill

[Music on the Harbor at Sunset Bar and Grill](#)

TYC and Wilson Harbor History



Looking from Clark Island (TYC) at the Wilson Boat House in the mid 1970s.



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**View of the Tugwell Cottage (1921) on Wintergreen Island (now Clark Island (TYC)) as seen from the Haines area docks.
The cottage would have been located in the area of our current dingy dock, near the bridge.**

TYC Garage Sale

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



14 ft. Nutshell Sailboat – Perfect for a Lake Cottage - Free



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14 ft. Canoe - \$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



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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.

Smartphone Roster

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Helpful Numbers

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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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