



Tuscarora Currents

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Commodore's Corner

Vince Bargnes

August already! This is the time of year when we all start asking, "Where has the summer gone?" Fortunately, there are still plenty of perfect boating days ahead, and I hope you're able to enjoy every one of them.

Last week was the Commodore's Picnic. I still feel indebted to the late PC, Jeff Strothmann who expanded the venue and nomenclature of the Commodores "Ball" to the less formal "Picnic." Except for a little rain the event was wonderful. Thank you all for coming out to pay tribute to my Board of Directors.

A special thanks goes to Vice Commodore Chuck Panepinto, who MC'd the evening with his trademark timing and organization. And I think we can all agree that Chiavetta's delivered a delicious chicken and rib dinner.

Unfortunately, we did have one issue. A family who had RSVP'd and paid was unable to attend Saturday evening. Arrangements were made to set aside their four dinners so they could enjoy them later in the weekend. The meals were boxed up and placed in the refrigerator, but to our disappointment and theirs, the food was taken by persons unknown. Just a gentle reminder: if something in the clubhouse isn't yours, please don't take it.

With the Commodore's Picnic behind us, we still have an action-packed August ahead. In addition to the TYC Book Club meeting and the WHYRA Thursday night races, we have our Club Cruise to the National Yacht Club in downtown Toronto this weekend. The following Saturdays are also full: the Whirlpool Jet Boat outing on 22-Aug and the Natasha Strong Memorial Regatta on 29-Aug. Slots are still available for the regatta [Click Here](#) to register. And as we roll into September, the Beef and Corn Party will be held on 5-Sep.

We continue with improvements around the club. The new playground is up and getting quite a bit of use! The fuel dock is being refurbished and the exterior lighting has been improved. The WiFi is also performing well after a couple hardware fixes.

Please get out and enjoy our beautiful Western New York summer!

2026 Club Cruise Schedule

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

August 16th Book Club - The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

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 20th Book Club - Theo of Golden by Allen Levi

September 19th Oktoberfest

October 18th Book Club - Daughter of Egypt by Marie Benedict

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.



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Pub Crawl 2026

On Saturday July 25th TYC held a “Pub Crawl” event. It was a beautiful day and a near format was implemented that allowed members to enjoy the afternoon with the event starting at 4 PM at the Floater Dock Patio. It then progressed to the Clubhouse patio and then to the “Curve” area. IN all the locations signature drinks were provided along with many delicious specialty snacks and hors d’oeuvres.

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!



Commodore's Picnic August 2026

The annual Commodore's Picnic was held on August 8th at the Club this year with over 100+ members and their families in attendance. The event was held to honor our Commodore the honorable Vince Bargnes for his leadership and devotion to the Club and it's members during 2026. While the weather for the day was a little bit questionable at first, it turned out to be a beautiful day with attendees enjoying the dinner supplied by Chiavetta's Barbeque of Chicken, Ribs and all the fixings.



Membership Committee Report ~ August 2026

Our annual TGIF Open House last month was a tremendous success, and we extend our thanks to all the members who joined us and helped make it such an enjoyable evening. Your involvement continues to energize the club in meaningful and lasting ways.

As we move into the heart of summer, Sandy and I are truly inspired by the enthusiasm surrounding TYC. Our steady growth in membership reflects the commitment we see from so many of you, and July's Pub Crawl was a perfect example of the spirit that keeps this club thriving. Let's carry that momentum forward and continue building on the strong foundation we've created together.

Membership Status:

Presently we have 211 Members

129 Full Members

29 Social Members

53 Life Members

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: Below are the Prospective New members that were interviewed by the board on August 10, 2026

1. William and Diane Silvis - Full
2. Douglass Herrick - Social
3. Gene and Becky Florentino – Full 34' Sailboat
4. Joshua and Allison Hysert – Full 26' Sailboat

New Member Incentive Report:

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)
7. Tom Gieger for Referring Douglas Herrick – Social
8. Greg Suttton/Domminic Mazziotti - for Referring Gene and Becky Florentino – Full (34' Sailboat)

New at TYC



The Board would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to one of our members who anonymously donated the beautiful new children's playset to the Club. Again, Thank you for this generous donation.

Recycling at TYC

Members are reminded that TYC tries to recycle as much of the appropriate materials as possible as we are stewards of the environment and especially our Great Lakes. One particular area of concern is we are seeing a large number of deposit containers such as soda and beer cans and bottles being disposed of in the green topped recycling bins. Members are reminded that there are specific deposit container recycling bins on the south side of the Clubhouse. Please make a concerted effort to use these bins for the disposal of your soda and beer cans and bottles.

Reducing Electrical Costs

As you are likely aware, electrical costs have increased significantly in NYS over the past year where the delivery costs now outweigh the actual cost of the electricity itself. This is not any different here at TYC where we have seen a significant cost increase in our utility bills over the last year. To do our utmost to reduce costs we are asking members to be aware of their energy use and please turn off lights and fans around the Club house when not in specific use. Thank you for your cooperation.



Work around TYC



Thank you to our Steward Jaxon for doing such a great job painting the trim on the Stewards Shed.

If you are looking for work to complete your required 10 hours of volunteer work around the Club there are always plenty to do. Please see Bill Shaw - Director of Operations, for a list of available jobs.

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.

Kayak Storage

The Board has recognized that the Club grounds are becoming the long term storage location for members Kayaks and Canoes during the off season which is in violation of the By-laws. As you can clearly see we have kayaks that have been unused for so long that there are weeds growing over them. To address this issue, we have developed a new SOP under the Fleet Captain to provide guidance and consistent direction on how kayak and canoe storage is to occur at the Club during the boating season and over the winter..

In summary:

- Owners are responsible for winter storage off club property.
- All stored kayaks/paddleboards must be tagged or labeled with owner's name.
- All kayaks/paddleboards left unattended will be removed to the upper yard on the mainland until claimed by owner.
- As per the TYC Policies: "All kayaks stored in TYC racks must be identified with the owner's name. Kayak storage racks are in season only, and all personal kayaks must be removed after haul out." All kayaks/paddleboards must be removed from club property by the second week in September as cradles and masts are being set in the parking lot and launch area. **THE CLUB CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSBLE FOR**



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PRIVATE VESSELS STORED ON CLUB GROUND CLUB DURING THE OFF SEASON.

- Full Docking members are permitted to store their kayaks at the dock in front of their boats as long as it does NOT interfere with grounds maintenance and does not interfere with access to their and their neighbor's dock.



HISTORY

From its beginnings as a bright idea in the Design Department at Buffalo State College, to its present status as an independent not-for-profit, the Buffalo Maritime Center (BMC) has played - and continues to play - a central role in elevating awareness and appreciation of Western New York's rich maritime heritage.

The Buffalo Maritime Center had its origins just over three decades ago as a creative experiment for teaching 3-D design at Buffalo State College called the Center for Watercraft Studies. From a design point of view, there are few objects better than a boat for studying and exploring form and function and human culture. The Center for Watercraft Studies offered an introductory course in Wood Design and taught eleven female students how to build a wooden kayak. They began collecting and restoring important local boats, and in several cases constructed full sized replicas of lost vessels. Over the years, the Center for Watercraft Studies evolved into what we know today as the Buffalo Maritime Center.

Through their youth and adult programs in hands-on learning, their historical research, and wide range of boatbuilding projects, the BMC has become a leading advocate for the revival and recapture of Buffalo's waterfront and waterways. Over the years, they have met an endless supply of talented, energetic men and women from all walks of life, many of whom have stayed on as permanent volunteers.



Their most recent and ambitious project was the construction of the Seneca Chief. The Seneca Chief is a replica of an Erie Canal boat constructed by the Buffalo Maritime Center. It recently embarked on a 33-day voyage from Buffalo to New York City, commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Erie Canal. The project aims to engage the community through historical discovery and

interactive activities. The Seneca Chief served as a floating museum, showcasing the history and significance of the Erie Canal.





We encourage you to visit their boat building demonstration facility at Canalside in downtown Buffalo where the Seneca Chief was constructed and/or their museum facility and reference library at 90 Arthur St, Buffalo.

From the beginning, it has been thier goal to engage as many members of the community as possible. If you are interested in learning more about the BMC and what they do, you can see our own Dean Aschenbrenner at slip F-09.

[716.881.0111](tel:716.881.0111) | <https://buffalomaritimecenter.org>

Members in Arrears

(~ Sixty+ Days Past Due)

Geldres Correa-Piloto, Max & Rosa

McDonald, Cooper & Jessica Wilson

Tulumello, Benedict & Diane

Around the Harbor



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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-III 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!



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NATASHA'S CUP 2026

2026 Natasha's Cup Sail Regatta

(Fundraiser for Melanoma Research & Awareness)

Saturday August 29th, 2026

Race - 10:00 AM

(\$125 donation)

The race will include 4 classes:

Main & Jib, Spinnaker, Cruiser Class, Nonsuch

Lunch/Raffles/Music - 1:00 PM

(\$25 donation)

Register at TashaStrong.org



Contact: Pete Hubbell - 716-697-9123

Jody Menz - 716-425-9260

Tashastrongfoundation@gmail.com

TashaStrong Foundation-PO BOX 2201-Buffalo, NY 14231 - 501c3 ID # 87-3913371

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

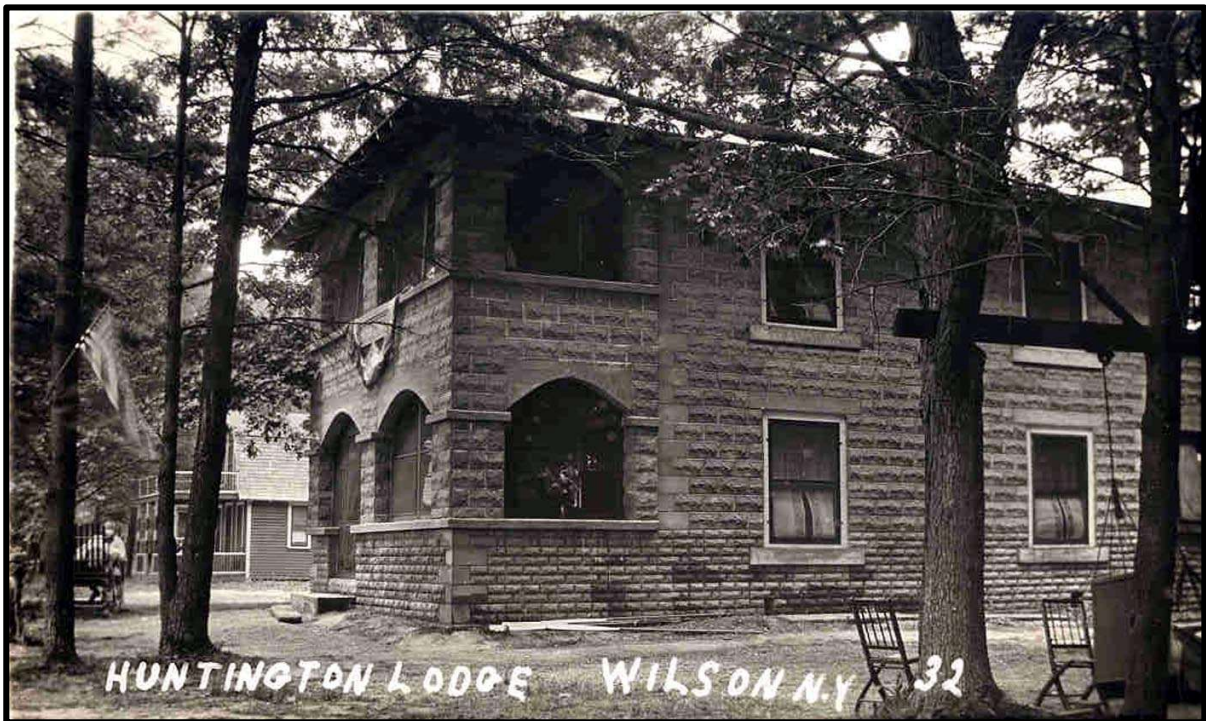
[Entertainment – Wilson Boatyard Marina](#)

Sunset Grill

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

TYC and Wilson Harbor History

Sunset Island Hotels





TYC Garage Sale

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

There are no items presently for sale

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

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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