



CURRENTS

A Newsletter for the Members and Guests of Tuscarora Yacht Club

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Welcome from Commodore Mark Farrell

Thanks to the guiding hand of past Commodore Al Patterson, and you, the membership, for electing a strong and competent Board of Directors, I am confident that 2004 season at TYC will be wonderful. The Board of Directors has already been hard at work preparing for the season. Schedules for events are being finalized; and now with the ice in the harbor, work on the docks has begun. This issue of Currents is coming to you in a new format, design and layout. Thanks go to the hard work of Web Master and member Bill Fleming and the oversight of Frank DelRusso. Comments, ideas, and photos can be forwarded to these gentlemen. Late January was the Western New York Boat Show held at the Buffalo Convention Center. Many thanks to Bill Guggemos and John Gartner who set-up and oversaw the process and all of you

who volunteered to staff the TYC booth. TYC is run by an all volunteer group. It is what makes our "little spot on the lake" so special and reasonable for all of us. As such, each of you will soon be asked to "serve your club" in an effort to help TYC remain the wonderful family club it has been for so many years. More information will follow on this subject in subsequent issues of Currents and at the spring meeting. The Board of Directors is here to listen to you and manage and guide the club forward. Any questions, problems or concerns that any of you may have now or through out the year can be directed to anyone on the Board of Directors. Hope to see you at the Commodore's Ball.

Mark Farrell

36th Annual Commodore's Ball

February 28th
Amherst
Holiday Inn on
Niagara Falls Blvd.
Dinner
Dancing
& more



vice-commodore's report

The formal beginning for our 2004 TYC season kicks off with the 36th annual commodore's ball on February 28th. The event recognizes the leadership of out going Commodore Al Patterson and welcomes our new Commodore, Mark Farrell. Dinner and dancing will be the order of the evening at the Holiday Inn on Niagara Falls Blvd. Invitations will be in the mail shortly and we ask that you **return them as soon as possible**. Plans for the cruising season are well underway with visits from 50 Pt. Yacht Club scheduled in late July, followed by a visit from National Yacht Club in August and Bluffer's Park Yacht Club over Labor Day. Anyone having an interest in making the 50 Pt. visit a reciprocal cruise, should contact me at 873-3861. We are looking forward to a great season and volunteers to chair events during the summer are most welcome.

Dave MacLeod



from your webmaster

I hope everyone will like the revised format of CURRENTS. My goal is to provide the members with an informative newsletter. I hope to constantly improve it and I ask for suggestions at any time. Some of the ideas I am working on include a "For Sale" and "Wanted" section. For example I could add a Wanted listing looking for a "gently" used inflatable dinghy, which I really am. Secretary Suzanne Campagna suggested a "CLUB EVENTS" calendar be added as an insert. I am working on that for the next issue and hope to include harbor activities such as IYC and WYC events. It's always nice to support our fellow harbor Yacht Clubs. If you have any events that you would like included be sure to contact me and I will see they get added. I can also add them to the on line calendar as well, which leads me to our Club website. Please remember that this issue and all past issues, of CURRENTS are available on line. Visit often for announcements, schedules and much more. A good way to keep up to date is to visit the "What's New" page to see, well....what's new. If you have received this issue in the mail you also should check your e-mail. I emailed this issue to everyone on our current e-mail list, 127 members so far. If you did not receive the e-mail it means I do not have a valid e-mail address for you so please contact me to get added to the list. During the boating season CURRENTS will be emailed and your copy can be picked up at the club house. Those that are not picked up will be mailed after a week or two. We should be able to save hundreds of dollars in postage cost by doing this. I am also, at the request of Rear Commodore DelRusso, working on the roster for the 2004 season and will have it ready for the Spring Meeting on April 24th. If there are changes or updates you want made be sure to contact Frank DelRusso **very soon** so I can get things ready. Finally my wife Christine and I along with our two daughters Lauren and Anna are looking forward to this upcoming season. This year we have been assigned slip I-59. I grew up at TYC and am thrilled to raise my family at the best Yacht Club on Lake Ontario.

Bill Fleming



director of operations report

The electricity will be on by late March to allow us to take advantage of any good weather for boat work. The water will be turned on as soon as the weather permits. If you use the club house please leave it neat and clean. Stewards are the key factor in keeping the club running smoothly during the boating season. We had a great group last year and expect most of them back this summer. If you know someone that you think would be a good steward next year, have them contact me. The more applicants, the better chance we have of getting another good group.



treasurer's report

Even though our busiest period of the year is between launch and haul out, we still pay bills all year round. Just for your information we have paid the first installment of our lease for 2004 as well as monthly utility, quarterly payroll taxes, as well as the 2004 town tax. Jack and Mary Ellen Fletcher have been hard at work sending out bills for: haul out, dock deposits, and member dues. And they don't just send out the bills but are continually busy depositing the returns and keeping track of everyone's payments. I really appreciate all the work they do for the club. All three of us are very thankful to everyone who sends back their payments in a timely fashion. I will give you an update on how we are doing financially at the spring meeting. Until then stay warm by making plans for your summer cruises on Lake Ontario.

George Deck



director of harbor operations report

First of all, I'd like to thank you for allowing me to again serve as the Director of Harbor Operations for the upcoming year. With the harbor frozen we have started some repair projects, replacing some pilings and checking out the general state of the docks. Again, if you are in need of any structural dock repairs, please contact me. If any of your concerns were discussed during the summer, please remind me. If you are interested in helping during the winter, your help will be appreciated.

Skip Hagen


fleet captain's report

In January the Board approved our 2004 Launch Schedule for April 30th, May 1st and 2nd. Mainland should be in Friday night so we can start on the Island Saturday morning. The gin pole will be operated Saturday and Sunday for masts and we will have a boom truck for larger masts on Sunday after the boats are in. With this launch date fall haul out will be October 8th, 9th, and 10th with boom truck masts off a week end before. As of December 8th we had 2004 reservations from 127 members accounting for 3732 ft of boats plus request forms from six existing members who had docked elsewhere in 2003. As of mid January we had been able to accommodate all but one requestor and our committed footage was just over 4000 ft. The demand for larger docks continues to outstrip our supply and the supply of smaller docks continues to exceed the demand. The Boat Show chaired by John Gartner is beginning as I write this and between it, the great publicity that surrounds the fun we have in the summer and the capable recruiting of Bill Guggemos and Bob Stone, I believe that we will have more boats this summer than last. This is also due in part to some great planning and execution by Commodore Mark Farrell and Director of Harbor Operations Skip Hagen. In my fall note on the subject of slip space I mentioned that last season 43 boats were shorter than the minimum length for the slip they occupied. We are working hard to keep costs as low as possible particularly in the face of recent lease changes. To do this we need your help. If you are in an oversized slip and you would be willing to have your boat assigned to a smaller slip please let me know. Such a change could not only save you money but it could increase Club income with placement of a larger boat in your current slip.

Hank Hinckley


rear-commadore's report

Bill Fleming who has done an outstanding job putting it all together. May I extend a request to all TYC members to please get your yearly dues and dock reservations in Pronto. We are working diligently in preparing the membership roster for 2004 at the present time and we would very much enjoy having this useful book in your hands at the start of the boating season. Your cooperation would help us to achieve this goal.

Frank DeRusso


membership committee report

"Remember you are the best source of new members." Thanks to Bill Fleming for the club flyer revision, very effective. Thanks to John and Toni Gartner for designing and setting up new TYC booth for the 2004 Boat Show. "It was very nicely done." Additional thanks to the booth sitters: **John & Toni Gartner, Don & Kathy Sipes, Robert Schmidt, Marie & Ignaty Gusakov, Mark Farrell, Roger & Linda Maddigan, Peter Fleckenstein, Bill & Karen Guggemos, Sandy Chido, Charles & Joanne Gilbert, Bob Dubil, Pete Hubbell, Tom & Janet Bogner, John & Linda Shubuck, David Brown, Amy Rainville & Ken Olson, Tom & Heidi Beatty, Jim Keller and Jon & Karen Patterson.** Several prospective names were acquired. Think spring! Melting snow and ice, warm sunshine, waxing the boat, launch, yes!

Bill Guggemos & Bob Stone


secretary's report

I am once again pleased to be the Secretary of TYC. Soon, I'll be sending out our reciprocal docking agreements to the other yacht clubs on Lake Ontario and to some on Lake Erie. If you have been to a club that doesn't have reciprocal agreements with us, I would appreciate an e-mail or phone call to let me know about it, so I can send them a letter of reciprocity. If you have particularly enjoyed a stay at a reciprocating club, please feel free to send me a short write up about your visit, so that others may be aware of your pleasant experience. I will post your write up on the club bulletin board of reciprocating clubs, which is kept in the steward's office.

Suzanne Campagna

I would be remiss in my duties if I did not take the time to thank those people who were instrumental in preparing the tri-fold in time for the Buffalo Boat show. So a heartfelt big thank you to **John Gartner, David MacLeod, Bill Guggemos** and our webmaster



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ~ Remember the "Second Friday Dinners" hosted by John Schbuck (Check the WEB for additional information).
- ~ "Spring Fling" is being held on Saturday, March 13, 2004 from 6 PM to 1 AM at the Wilson House. More information on line or call the Ed and Linda Kelly at 778-8940.