



# Tuscarora Currents

## TYC Board Members 2026

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## Message from the Commodore and the Board

2026 Spring Launch was a success. We were fortunate to have dry weather for the 3 day period. It was encouraging to see many boat owners jump in as needed that helped out with the whole process. Many thanks to the Crew Leaders and their expertise that continue to make Launch and Haul Out possible. (Michael Algase, Nick Sutton, Peter Hubbell, Dan Manhardt, Doug Klapper, Martin Casstevens and Eileen Hassett)

The Board is in the process of restructuring Billing for Dinghy Trailers. It was brought to the Board's attention at the Spring meeting that depending on where your Dinghy Trailer was parked you would be charged or not charged. The New Rule will make it fair and consistent for all.

There are still a handful of members that have not submitted their "Slip Reservation and Contract" form which is found on the TYC Website. If you aren't sure if you have completed this form please let Jerry know.

We currently have 26 open Slips, most of which can accommodate vessels under 30 feet so if you are interested in moving, please see Jerry Trankle, Fleet Captain for a list of available slips.

As you will see when you visit the Club, the Board and volunteers have been very busy performing some much-needed improvements to freshen up the look of the Club facilities. The Club house has been painted and a new floor installed. The Clarks intend to repair the roof or install a new one. Once that is done, we will replace all the ceiling tiles in the Clubhouse. The Clarks also plan to complete paving the road along south side of the island and filling in along the south wall and regrading that area from slips 52 to 71. We are also excited to announce that a new playground is being installed that is being donated by the Gnadt family, so look for more information on that coming soon.

## 2026 Club Cruise Schedule

**July 31 to August 3<sup>rd</sup> – MIMICO, Club Cruise**  
**August 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> – National Yacht Club, Club Cruise**

**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](mailto:clubcruisedirector@tycwilson.com)**

## 2026 Event Schedule

**May 15<sup>th</sup> -TGIF & Sock Burning**  
**May 16<sup>th</sup> Italian Dinner**  
**May 17<sup>th</sup> AED/CPR Training**  
**May 17<sup>th</sup> Book Club**  
**June 13<sup>th</sup> Sail Past**  
**June 14<sup>th</sup> Book Club**  
**June 20<sup>th</sup> New Member Open House**  
**June 27<sup>th</sup> (28<sup>th</sup>-Rain Date)**  
**Just for Fun Family Fishing Derby**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Light up the Harbor**  
**July 12<sup>th</sup> Book Club**  
**August 15<sup>th</sup> Commodore's Picnic**  
**August 29<sup>th</sup> Tasha Strong Regatta**  
**September 5<sup>th</sup> Beef & Corn Dinner**  
**September 19<sup>th</sup> Fall Meeting**  
**September 19<sup>th</sup> Octoberfest**

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



# Membership Committee Report ~ May 2026

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.

This spring has brought an incredible surge of energy to Tuscarora Yacht Club. Sandy and I are thrilled to share that we've welcomed seven new members this month, bringing us to eight new members for the year, and the enthusiasm across the club is unmistakable. Our Membership Status remains strong, with steady engagement from both current and prospective members. We're also seeing an outstanding response to recent outreach about members looking to sell or upgrade their vessels — including three existing members who sold their boats to new members, a great example of our community supporting one another. Let's keep this momentum going as we head into the 2026 boating season.

## 2026 Membership Status:

Presently we have 210 Members

127 Full Members

30 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)
2. Anna Kelly – Social
3. Patric and Cyndi Roemer – Full (22' Ponton Boat)
4. Kevin Mannix – Full
5. Richard Herrmann – Full
6. Mark and Bridget Kief – Full (30' Sailboat)
7. Lee and Shauna Johnson - Full (27' Sailboat)
8. Gary Bradley - Full (38' Sailboat)

**We have 1 new prospective member currently.**

**New 2026 Life Members:** Heidi Beatty



## **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.

## **New Policies going into effect in 2026**

- Kayak Storage
- Trailer summer storage in the upper lot

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

## **Reminder on 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.

If you are unable to complete your O.D. assignment you can ask another member to fulfill your assignment, trade with someone or hire an off-duty steward to replace you. You must notify the Director of Harbor Operations if modification to the schedule have been made. If you fail to complete your assignment, you will be assessed a \$50.00 fine (which the board does not want to resort to) . A copy of the OD schedule will be posted on-line and at the TYC clubhouse bulletin board. The official copy will be in the Steward's office. If you plan to swap or fill in please make a note on the official sheet. You are required to sign in at the Steward's office on your scheduled date.

In addition, all club members are responsible for doing their fair share to maintain the club property and/or to assist in club social events. Don't wait to be asked. Volunteer to the Vice Commodore for social events or the Director of Operations for grounds work. Remember that those who don't contribute cost us all, either in terms of reduced benefits or increased fees. Therefore, each full member of TYC and/or spouse will be required to spend ten hours of work per boating year performing service for TYC.

Board members will keep an ongoing list of items and jobs that need to be completed all year long on the TYC clubhouse bulletin board. Duties could be anything from planting flowers, helping with spring cleanup, chairing parties, cleaning up after parties, assisting with mowing, assisting with launch crew and haul out crew, painting, etc. The value of each hour of your work for the club has been set at \$20.00. Those not performing ten hours of work will be fined the per hour rate for the hours not worked after the work year ends



# Boating Laws in NYS

## 1. REGISTRATION & TITLING

- **Required:** All motorized boats, including personal watercraft (PWCs), must be registered with the NY DMV—even the smallest motor counts.
- **Exemptions:** Lifeboats, race boats, documented federal vessels, and out-of-state boats used in NY for fewer than 90 days.
- **Certificate:** Registration or title must be on board. Display the hull number (e.g., “NY 1234 AB”) in 3” block letters on both sides of the bow, with validation stickers placed 3” behind them.
- **Renewal:** Registrations are valid for 3 years. Titles are issued for boats 14 ft or longer and model year 1987 or newer.

## 2. AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) REGULATIONS

- **Clean. Drain. Dry:** Required at all DEC launch sites to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.
- **Adirondack Region:** Vessels launching within the Adirondack Park or Blue Line must be certified as clean and may be inspected by DEC stewards.

## 3. BOATER EDUCATION & AGE REQUIREMENTS

- **Safe Boating Certificate:**
  - Operators born on or after Jan 1, 1978 must carry a boating safety certificate.
  - All operators, regardless of age, must have a certificate starting Jan 1, 2025.
  - PWC operators must be at least 14 and hold a certificate.
  - Non-motorized vessels are exempt, though education is still encouraged.
- **Minimum Ages:**
  - Motorboat operators must be at least 10 years old and hold a certificate.
  - PWC operators must be at least 14 and certified.
  - **Adventure License Option:** You can display your boating certification on your NYS driver’s license via the NY Adventure License program.

## 4. SAFETY EQUIPMENT & LIFE JACKETS (PFDS)

- **PFDS Required:** One USCG-approved life jacket per person on board.
- **Mandatory Wear Period:** Between November 1 and May 1, all persons on boats less than 21 feet must wear a life jacket.
- **Children Under 12:** Must wear a life jacket on boats under 65 feet unless in a fully enclosed cabin.
- **Towed Persons:** All water skiers and tubers must wear a life jacket.
- **Additional Gear:** Boats must carry a throwable Type IV PFD, a sound-producing device, and a fire extinguisher where required.

## 5. OPERATING RULES & SAFETY

- **Speed Limits:** No more than 5 mph within 100 feet of shore, docks, swimmers, or anchored boats (unless otherwise posted).
- **Wake Responsibility:** You are responsible for any damage caused by your boat’s wake.
- **Overloading:** Never exceed your vessel’s passenger or weight capacity.



- **Towing Restrictions:** Towing is prohibited between sunset and sunrise. All towed persons must wear PFDs. Follow proper navigation and lookout rules while towing.

## 6. BOATING WHILE INTOXICATED (BWI)

- **Illegal BAC:** Operating a vessel with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.08% or higher is illegal.
- **Refusal to Test:** May result in suspension and fines.
- **Underage Operators:** Zero tolerance rules apply for those under 21 years old.

## 7. ACCIDENT REPORTING

- **Required:** Accidents involving injury, death, disappearance, or property damage over \$1,000 must be reported in writing to NYS Parks within 5 days.

## 8. ADDITIONAL LAWS & LICENSING

- **Special Permits:** Required for regattas, floating objects, and public vessels.
- **Noise Limits:** Excessive noise may be restricted in certain areas.
- **Federal Compliance:** You must follow U.S. Coast Guard navigation rules in federal waters.



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

Scan with Smartphone Camera



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# Tuscarora Yacht Club Power Cord Policy

## ⚠ SHORE POWER SAFETY NOTICE

### Required Standards for All Vessels Using Club Electrical Service

*Compliant with NEC Article 555, NFPA 303, and ABYC E-11*

#### Purpose

To ensure safe use of shore power at the Sailing Club and reduce the risk of:

- Electric shock
- **Electric Shock Drowning (ESD)**
- Fire hazards
- Equipment damage

These rules apply to **all vessels**, whether owned by members, renters, or visitors, and to **all electrical connections** on club docks.

#### Approved Shore Power Cables Only

All connections must use **UL-listed, marine-grade** cables rated for the full current of the pedestal outlet. Cables must be suitable for **wet-location, outdoor, marine** environments.

#### 15-Amp (120V) Outlets

- Must use **#14 AWG**, 3-conductor, outdoor-rated cable
- Acceptable example: **14/3 SJTOW marine-grade**
- **Household extension cords are not permitted**

#### 30-Amp (120V) Twist-Lock Outlets

- Must use **UL-listed 30-amp marine shore power cables**
- Must be **#10 AWG**
- Only marine-rated twist-lock connectors are allowed

#### Adapters (“Dogbones”)

- **30-amp → 15-amp adapters are prohibited** unless they contain a built-in **15-amp fuse or breaker**
- All adapters must be **UL-listed for marine use**
- Unsafe or non-compliant adapters will be removed and returned to the vessel owner

#### Extension Cords

- Non-marine, non-UL-listed, or indoor-rated cords are **not allowed**
- Any unsafe cords will be removed and returned to the owner

#### Your Responsibility

If you are unsure whether your equipment is compliant, just ask — **we are here to help**. We would ask you to please make sure that your shore power connection complies with the codes at your earliest possible convenience. We want to ensure that the Club is safe for all members, visitors and their families. If you are unsure, please ask.





## CPR, AED and First Aid Training

Tuscarora Yacht Club

Presents an opportunity for Certification



HEARTSAVER CPR, AED, First Aid Adult,  
Infant, Child Certification

May 17, 2026

9 – 12 am at TYC

Instructor: Stephanie Burgess

Please reserve your space today!

[shburgess1207@gmail.com](mailto:shburgess1207@gmail.com) , 716-713-8281

Member or Visitor price for certification \$50



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# 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.

In support of our vision, LOCCA will:

- Enhance and further support the cruising programs that are currently provided by our individual yacht clubs;
- Coordinate the cruising fleets of Lake Ontario;
- Provide a platform to discuss issues of importance to cruisers, their respective yacht clubs and hosting clubs;
- Provide unified representation for cruisers in dealing with regulators;
- Provide third party mediation & advisory services to cruisers and yacht clubs.
- Lobby government agencies and other sailing associations on behalf of boaters.

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.

## 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

Canadian Customs Reporting Number 888-226-7277



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## Members in Arrears

(~ Sixty+ Days Past Due)

Fanara, Jackie & Henry  
Geldres Correa-Piloto, Max & Rosa  
Reid, Robert & Lori  
Tulumello, Benedict & Diane  
Wolfe, Thomas & Cathyann

## Upcoming Village of Wilson Events

**Tuesdays - “Cruise Night” 5:00p-8:00p at Brownies (Weekly)**

**Beginning Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup> – “Wilson Community Farm Market” at Brownies (Weekly)**

**Monday May 25<sup>th</sup> 8:00a-4:00p – Memorial Day Fair at Wilson Historical Society Site**

**Monday May 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00a – Memorial Day Service at Shore Drive Veterans Memorial**

**Sat June 20<sup>th</sup>, 9am - 5pm - LEON Festival (Halfway to Christmas Celebration) On Young St**

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

## New Currents Format

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.

We would also like to develop a page or two where members could sell miscellaneous boating equipment or the boats themselves. 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: [secretary@tycwilson.com](mailto:secretary@tycwilson.com)

