

Tuscarora Currents

ELECTIONS ISSUE

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MEET THE CANDIDATES A LOOK BACK A LOOK FORWARD EARENDIL TOMAINO

A YEAR IN REVIEW

I have had the privilege to be part of the Yacht Club management for six years. It has been eventful, exciting and filled with emotions. As I close my last article in Currents I wanted to pause and review what your club has accomplished. Accomplishments reached because of the hard work of the members. We all owe a great deal of appreciation to the 2010 Board of Directors. They worked very hard and met many objectives.



Bill Fleming
TYC Commodore

In early spring we met with the Clark Family and establish the beginning of what has been a amicable professional relationship. The Liaison Committee has been a wonderful conduit with Clark Marine Corporation. I would like to thank Dave MacLeod, Doug David, Jim Krakowiak for their commitment in establishing this committee. I especially wish to thank the Clark Family. It has been a pleasure to work with them this year.

The Club has changed in appearance from last year as well. The mainland had a major overhaul that will ensure years of maintenance free use. The clubhouse has changed from a wonderful well equipped clubhouse to a "improved" well equipped clubhouse. The wall project redefined our square footage and the results are simply awesome. That project was the catalyst for a year filled with very enthusiastic membership participation.

It was a tough season for our membership with the loss of long time member John Hotckin and the passing of our landlord and friend Red Clark. The loss of these two men was felt throughout our club. We stood together, shared the grief of our friends and supported them in typical TYC fashion.

Our season continued and the liaison committee remained focused with some greatly appreciated assistance from Patience Tinkey. Patience assisted the committee in designing, presenting to the Clark Family and implementing the patio design project. It was an outstanding and cooperative effort.

A special thank you to the Board Members and all those who served the club this year. I also would like to thank Mrs. Sipes and Mrs. Schmidt for taking care of the Ship's Store this year.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

I look forward to continued progress with next year's Board of Directors. The new Board next year will have some "well seasoned" remaining members and will be accompanied by four new members that you will vote into place. Included in this issue are the candidates bio's. Please take the time to read each of these articles to assist you in casting your vote. Please remember that the ballots must be returned in the included stamped addressed envelope and received no later than December 1st. If you have any questions regarding the election or

voting process feel free to contact me or Election Committee Chairperson, Shelley Richards

MIKE TOMAINO

I want to take time to bring all of you up to date on Mike Tomaino's update. Many of you know Mike but for those who do not he is a second generation TYC'er. He is a husband, a dad, a son, a brother and a friend. He now, like like several of us, has a third generation running and playing on the island. Mike suffered an aneurysm about four weeks ago and is now on the road to recovery. He was very critical at one point but now I am thrilled to share he is beginning very intense physical and speech therapy and has recently transferred to Degraff Hospital. He has a long road ahead of him, but he is on his way. His wife Alycia, his parents (TYC members as well) Gerry and Carol Tomaino have been overwhelmed by the generosity, support and love they have received from their TYC family.

I sent an e-mail out asking for assistance to take care of Mike's year end boating needs. I asked for donations to cover and winterize his boat. Once again, TYC has stepped up to the plate. Money received has covered and winterized his boat, and we have been able to give Alycia money in the form of gift cards to use while she and Mike are off work. I will not mention those who donated by name, but I would like to mention and thank Brian Murray who took the initiative to get things moving.

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Director of Operations Tom Beachy



I want to thank the membership who helped me through this season with the following areas: electrical, water, gasoline, steward referrals, kitchen care, and ships store. The stewards did a great job and hopefully they will all return next year. Each member who has not completed their 10 hours can still contact me for minor jobs. The water and power have been turned off. The clubhouse will be officially closed for any use. If you enter the building, be sure to RELOCK all the outside doors. Please check your boat during the winter months and let us know if something needs to be addressed.

Like a single ripple in the water that slowly builds to touch the shores of Lake Ontario, our Club has achieved a high status because of the membership dedication.

Director of Harbor Operations Jeff Strothmann



As winter approaches it is time to get some work done on any problem docks. I have plans for building four new docks this year: H12-14, I 58-59, I 60-61, and I 64-65. The wood should be delivered soon so I will be looking for help to build these docks before it gets cold.

Also, after the water freezes we will be doing some very much needed repairs to the docks in Haines. There are several docks that need pipes replaced and several slips that need posts pulled and reset. Hopefully we will have a good cold winter so we can get a few work parties organized to accomplish these tasks. Thank you some much for your help and support.



Gypsy Wind takes 1st Place in the LO300

Larry Kocher, Ernie Pipiles, Bruce Forbes (QCYC), Roger Maddigan

Secretary Shelley Richards



It has been both an honor and a learning experience serving on the board of directors of our beautiful club.

As a second generation member I often thought of the experiences that our founders must have had as they navigated through the difficult and uncharted territory in building this club and melding the many experiences and expertise of the people who came to the table to build it. I can even remember spirited discussions I observed among my father and other members as they debated issues under the overhang of the spider ridden shack we called a club house. My memories always ring of respect even in differing opinions. And that is the message I want to leave to all members. Spirited discussion and questioning are the lifeline of an involved and informed membership and represent the future success of this club. "Honest disagreement is often a good sign of progress." (Gandhi) However, there is no room for outward disrespect and uninformed gossip.

I want to thank those I worked with over the past two years. How much better I realize the work that goes into running and growing this club and the committed efforts of those who have stepped up to that plate over the years. I salute all those men and woman on our commodore wall of honor, including the 40th anniversary of my father Robert R. Richards leading the club in 1970 - and those who have served on this board since 1968. I am honored to be part of the TYC leadership tradition. Best wishes for a safe and joyous holiday season and see you at 2011 launch.

Bill Fleming *(continued from front page)*

Brian called Glenn Sears (sv Advantage) to cover and winterize the boat. Glenn, who you may have seen shrink wrapping boats on the island, completed Mike's boat at cost. I know Larry Kocher helped too with the project and I am sure I am forgetting to mention someone. How we respond to those in crisis defines who we are both as individuals and as an organization. It is self evident how we are to be defined.

I am delighted and I am grateful for how we responded on behalf of Mike and his family. I am very proud of Tuscarora Yacht Club.

Peter Feckenstein



I am Peter Fleckenstein a member of the Club since February 1997. I was previously on the Board of Directors as the Secretary in the early 2000's for a term of 4

years. Since then I have been the Bookkeeper of the Club and have attended most all of the Board of Directors meetings, even though I am not an elected member of the Board. It is again my wish to serve the membership by being elected to the upcoming 2011 Board of Directors where I believe that I can make a difference in the direction and cohesiveness of the club.

A little bit about me – I served the nation in the U.S. Navy as a Senior Chief Petty Officer providing leadership and direction in the field of Information Technology while serving here and abroad. Between Active Duty Navy and Naval Reserves I served for 32 years retiring on June 1, 2000. I am currently employed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a Deputy Director of Information Technology for the Eastern Region. I have been with the Army Corps of Engineers for 40 years and my time has been spent in the Management of Information Technology and Computer Systems for the Army on a National level. If elected I would like to extend my Corporate Management abilities to the Club and provide sound leadership, decision making, and keeping the membership informed on matters of the Club. I Thank You in advance for your vote.

William Maloney



It has been my pleasure to have been on the TYC Board of Directors for the past two years, serving as Fleet Captain. It has been an exciting time for me and the

Club.

I am proud to have had a part in supporting TYC Board accomplishments under Commadores Algase and Fleming .The Mainland restoration, the expansion of the clubhouse main room, and the new patio are highlights. We enjoy an excellent relationship with the Clark family. We have made great strides in the last few years in improving our future and our facilities by pitching in and working together on all aspects of our Club. There have been many creative ideas generated from our members and much energy expended to make them work.

I feel strongly that, together, we can keep this momentum going so that our next generation of members can continue to have the opportunity to enjoy boating as we do. I ask for your vote to allow me to continue to contribute to this effort to keep TYC vital, and to help improve it even more in the coming years. I am now retired. My profession for 39 years was in new product design and development at Fisher-Price in a fast paced team oriented business environment.

It is an honor to be considered for this opportunity and I would appreciate your vote.

Eileen Hassett

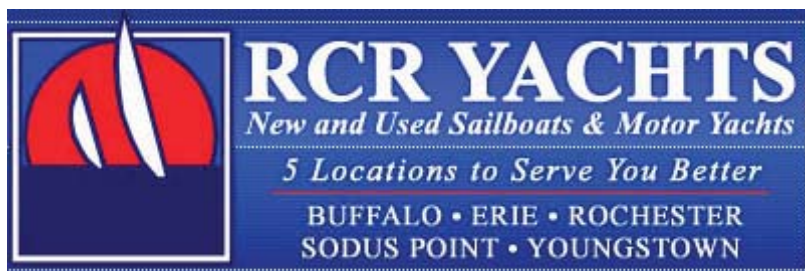


My husband, Martin Casstevens, and I joined TYC in 2001 after sailing Hobiecats for 10 years on lake Erie. We made the jump to monohulls and we currently own an

Ericson 32 foot sailboat named Soliton. We enjoy spending our evenings and weekends sailing out of Wilson Harbor and visiting regional ports of call.

I am proud to be a member of TYC and enjoy the boating and friendships we have created. Our club is known as a desired destination on Lake Ontario because of the friendliness of our members, the beautiful harbor and the up to date facilities of our club house. As I have spent time getting to know other club members, I am most impressed that TYC has second and third generation members. This is a sign of a organization that is vibrant. If elected to the TYC Board, I would work hard to carry on the traditions of TYC and prepare it for a bright future.

I am an Associate Dean at the University at Buffalo's School of Engineering. My experience managing budgets and people, and facilitating groups will assist me on the TYC Board of Directors. TYC has been privileged to have talented and hard working Board members in the past. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute in the same fashion.



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Dave Kahl



My name is Dave and I'm running for a seat on the TYC Board. I have been a member of TYC since 2003, but have been boating all my life.

Born in Niagara Falls, I worked at Pierce Marine in Youngstown in my teens and obtained my Coast Guard license to pilot the passenger ferry between Youngstown and Niagara-on-the-Lake. My father was an avid yachtsman and served several years on the Board at the Youngstown Yacht Club, becoming Commodore in 1983. After obtaining my degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Detroit, I worked my entire career for a Fortune 100 company, holding management positions in Engineering, Sales and Marketing. I have served on several Boards over the years, most recently as President of the Board for the Villa Condominiums in Youngstown. Being retired and virtually living aboard during the summer makes me very accessible. There have been many positive changes to our Club during the years I've been a member and I would like to do my part in working toward our continued success. I respectfully request your vote in the coming election.



Remember when?

Kennie Dubil



I would like to have an opportunity to run for the Board at TYC. Bob and I have been members since September, 2001. I have been an administrative

assistant at various corporations (Boston, Ma. & Buffalo, NY) over the course of 30 years, most recently for the past 13 years at Buffalo Hospital Supply. As a member of the Chapel (at Crosspoint) Choir with over 100+ members for over 25 years I have been involved with their executive board – collecting dues/maintaining the Choir Roster with duties as the Sunshine Girl during that time. I have been an active member on the board of the Amherst Central Alumni Association since 1982.

It would be an honor to serve on the board of Tuscarora Yacht Club as I think I can contribute to the future growth and operational issues moving forward. I think I have a background with the experience that can benefit this organization.

Ed Kelley



I have been a member of TYC for 26 years. I have previously served on the Board of Directors as Fleet Captain, and Director of Operations. I have

worked as head crew on haul out and launch weekends for a number of years. I worked as Chief of Maintenance for the US Army Corp of Engineers for over 30 years. I have also helped with electrical work at the club and dock repairs. I run the Father's Day Brunch for TYC.

Karen Burhans



Serving as Treasurer for the past two years has been a very humbling and rewarding experience. I will continue to strive to keep "checks and balances" in place,

update the Board and members on finance, "best practices" and compliance matters and maintain a "fiscal watchdog" attitude for the good and betterment of the club. I have learned that much credit is due to our Past Treasurers (my predecessors) as the job and duties as Treasurer requires many volunteer hours. A special thank you to the many volunteers that have helped our club have another successful year. As the calendar and fiscal year quickly comes to a close, we are ahead of budget and should project a surplus for the year end. As Treasurer, I have developed new policies, including a conflict of interest and document retention policy, which are "new" compliance questions on our club's annual "tax" return filed with the IRS (Form 990). I have also helped develop a five-year financial plan that I hope will keep the club in financial good health in the years to come. If anyone would like a copy of our club's most recent Form 990 prepared by our outside accountant, please let me know. Since we are a tax-exempt organization, the Form 990 is subject to public inspection, not only to club members, but the public. As always, please feel free to email me at conhans@aol.com or call me if you have any questions regarding our club's finances. Thank you for your support.

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The 2009 boating season has come to an end. Another Summer has past and just about everything is wrapped up and put away – waiting for next Spring.

Haul out this year went well, I think, once it got going. We started a little later than plan on Friday, but once under way, it was a well oiled machine. We had both great leadership and volunteer participation as noted below.

Very big Thank You's are in order for our crew leaders and all the enthusiastic volunteers who year after year make it all happen.

Pete Hubbell and his crew got the cradles in place. Thanks to Ron Goulah, Bryan Brown, Jim Varner, Jerry Hendel, Jerry Tomaino, Gary Baxter and Pete Castronova.

On mast weekend, the Boom Truck Crew was led by Michael Algase and included Dave McLeod, Larry Kocher, Mike Seitz, Bill Mounce, Willie Hayes, Hank Visger, Torsten Doering, Doug Klapper and Mike Sparkes.

The Gin Pole Crew, under the leadership of Jeff Strothmann, consisted of Dean Aschenbrenner, Henry Peters, Doug Klapper, Bryan Brown, Eon Verrall, Bill Panek, Paul Roetling, Don Sipes and Bob Schmidt. Also, Ron Goulah, Peter Wilson, Hank Visger, Jeff Schuster, Bill Guggemos, and Jack Fletcher.

On haulout weekend, the Crane Crew was led by Michael Algase again and on both weekends we were fortunate to have Nick Waite operating the crane. These two guys are a great team. From Friday evening to Sunday morning the follow-

ing folks contributed their time and effort to this Crew. Dean Aschenbrenner, Hank Visger, Hank Peters, Tom Gray, Mike Seitz, Lee Brownschidle, Harry Buckholtz, Skip Hangen, Ed Kelly, Peter Fleckenstein, Jeff Schuster, Paul Reid, Larry Chapman, Howie Finch, Dave Brown, Gus Gusakov, Bill Panek, Bill Guggemos, and Dave McLeod all contributed. Also, Mike Tomaino, Paul Reid, Tom Bogner, John Siuta, Richard Krieger, Doug Klapper, Ward Caldbick, Dan House, and Roger Maddigan, Richard Tuyn, Torsten Doering and Paul VanVoorhees all pitched in.

The Kitchen Crew was once again very ably organized and led by Carol Goulah and Jan Klapper. We were all very grateful for the breakfasts and lunches provided by these two and their crew. As I write this article, I am visiting family in the state of Virginia. Unfortunately I left my list of the wonderful kitchen volunteers at home. I apologize to them for that and I promise that they will be recognized in the very next issue of Currents.

If I missed anyone in these acknowledgments, I am sorry – please let me know.

Please remember over the Winter to lock up your ladders in order to help prevent unwanted visitors on our vessels.

Keep warm, have a safe winter and think Spring – only 6 months.

Fleet Captain

Rear Commodore **Patience Tinkey**

I would like to thank the board for my appointment to the position of Rear Commodore replacing Jim Krakowiak. Jim has been involved in every aspect of our club. He is truly what TYC is all about! Jim is always the first one there and just gets it done! All our best to Jim and his family in warmer seas!

A big thank you to everyone who helped with all the changes in the club house and patio projects this year! Our volunteer force is what makes TYC a destination on Lake Ontario.

While we've had a great time this season with all the fun parties and club cruises, we still need to get our volunteer hours in. Please check the web site and make sure you have annotated your hours. December 31st is the dead line. As in the past, for hours not fulfilled, a charge of \$20.00 per hour up to ten hours will be billed.



LO300 1st Place - Spinaker
Torsten Doering, Bob Stolzenberg (OYC), Peter Winkelstein, Paul VanVoorhees (absent)

EARENDIL

It has been a real pleasure to watch and read Jill and Bud's sail blog about their journey South (and beyond). I have placed a link on the front page of the website to their blog. You may also follow them via Twitter @svEarendil. Jill has been working hard on the bog and she updates often so be sure to check it out.



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