

# Tuscarora Currents

## ELECTION ISSUE - MEET THE CANDIDATES

Our 2011 season has come to an end in a very exciting fashion, while it was not exactly the type of excitement that we might wish for. The way that haul out unfolded this year and the way that the Club was able to handle a very challenging situation goes to the core of what we are about. The skilled leadership and unselfish volunteer crew pulled off an upset victory over Mother Nature. The team worked hard and smart right down to the end, battling serious winds, rain and cold temperatures.

Under the very capable leadership of Fleet Captain Peter Fleckenstein and Past Commodore Michael Algase - Crane Crew Leader - haul out was completed safely and with, really, minimal impact on our schedule. Congratulations and thank you to Peter and Michael along with Crane Operator extraordinaire Nick Waite and the hard working club crew. It was quite a feat.



*Bill Maloney*  
TYC Commodore

Other thank you's and congratulations go to our Membership Committee - Past Commodore's Bob Stone, Bill Guggemos and Bill Fleming. They guided 12 new members to TYC this season! This is almost a high water mark! I believe that it is a result not only of their hard work, but also the attractiveness and value of TYC and the warmth and friendliness of our membership. Thanks you to this group!

The construction of our new grilling station put the finishing touch on the patio project. It has proven to be a beautiful and very useful addition. Not only is it an all weather grille location, but also a gathering spot and a serving counter for our parties. Thank you to the Clarks for this. Also, a big thank you and well done to Vice-Commodore Patience Tinkey for her design and project management skills - for this and the whole patio!

In this edition, you will meet the candi-

dates for the open seats on the 2012 Board of Directors. Please take the time to read their statements and please remember to vote when you receive your ballot in the mail. Ballots must be returned in the included stamped, addressed envelope and be received no later than December 1st. If you have any election related questions, feel free to contact me or Election Committee members Shelly Richards or Roger Maddigan.

Finally, it has been an honor for me to have been able to work with the 2011 Board of Directors. They have been a diligent and thoughtful group always working with best interest of the Club as the main objective. Our facilities are improved and well maintained, we have enjoyed many excellent social events and club cruises. We have had a well run and hard working staff of stewards. Thank you to the Board, the Stewards, and to the enthusiastic Club volunteers who have made everything happen this year. Thank you, also, to the Clark Family. It has been a pleasure to work with them this year.

*William Maloney*

## Vice Commodore Patience Tinkey



Reflecting over the past few years makes me think of everything we have accomplished at TYC. Of course, many people have been involved in

these projects, but there are always a few standouts. I call them my "go to people".

Gene Haas. He is a wonderful man, a great electrician and has a great sense of humor. Gene has been involved in every major project at the club for many, many years. He is well respected and adored by me. Congratulations Gene for being selected to the TYC Hall of Fame. It is very much deserved.

Bryan Murray. That man can do anything. He has a creative mind with skill to back it up. He never once said it can't be done. He just figured out how to do it, then did it. He's a wonderful father and devoted husband and I'm proud to call him my friend. Love you B.

Bill Fleming. A man with a big picture view. So very creative - he knows what and how to get things done and he's always there paving the way. He's a great friend and a man that I highly respect.

Dave and Chris Macleod. Always there and always positive. They are great volunteers and are the ultimate statesmen. I admire both of them very much and TYC is lucky to have them.

The Stewards. What a great bunch of hard working kids! At first, they would see me and most likely think, "oh no,

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here she comes". But they never complained once – and boy could they work. I would be proud to call anyone of them my own. "Happy Boat Day", I love you all.

The one person I have to thank the most is Cal. Always there for me – the hardest working man I know. As you look around the club, his hand is everywhere and done with quality and with love for TYC. I'm very honored to call him my husband. Thank you Cal.

A very big thank you goes to our Commodore this year. He has a soft spoken way about him yet he is very effective. It has been an honor and a pleasure working directly with him throughout the year. Thank you Bill for all your support.

I've enjoyed working with my fellow board members this year. Being on the board is a very rewarding experience and everyone should run at least once.

My first Thank You for this month goes to Nancy VanVoorhees and her crew. What a great theme "Octoberfest" and what a great party it was. Everyone had a great time and boy can she cook! Thanks Nancy for all your hard work.

Thanks also goes to our RCYC Cruise directors: John and Diane Siuta. They did it again and we all had a great time!

Well, Winter is quickly approaching and Cal and I have decided to become snowbirds. So we're gone until spring. Stay warm and we'll see you soon.

*Patience Tinkey*

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## **Director of Operations** **Dave Kahl**



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help this year. From opening to closing, and every day in between, your efforts have helped me so much. Starting with the docks, I'd like to thank Jeff Strothmann for agreeing to take over for power and water issues on the docks. I want to thank past Directors of operation for their support and guidance; Tom Beachy, Ernie Pipiles and Jim Krakowiak. I also want to thank several past commodores who have offered their support and guidance over the year. For general assistance in almost every category is Bob Schmidt. No matter what the problem, Bob not only finds it, but is the first to jump in to fix it. To Cindy Scannapieco for flowers; Chris Finitz for repairing the screens on the clubhouse patio doors; Paul Wotka for repairing the door closer on the west clubhouse door; Patience & Cal Tinkey for going "Above & Beyond" in all aspects of making our club a showplace; Peter Fleckenstein for maintaining the gas pump and keeping our ice machine & cooler running; Ed & Linda Kelly for the fabulous Father's Day Brunch and for making sure we have fuel in our tank; Chris MacLeod, Jan Clapper and Carol Goulah for keeping the kitchen running smoothly and to Brian Jacobs for helping to keep our Wi-Fi up and running. Please forgive me if I've missed you in my list, next year, I'll keep notes. Lastly, I would like to extend my appreciation to our Stewards for their efforts throughout the year. With the help of the Stewards, we got a lot of nice comments about the condition of the club and grounds. The clubhouse will be closed for the winter, with water and electric turned off. If you do need to get into

the club, be sure to re-lock when you leave. Later this fall, I will padlock the gate at the bridge, but you can use your clubhouse key should you need to gain entry to the rounds. Finally, be sure to secure anything you may have around your dock. We can get some heavy winds over the winter that can literally rip dock boxes apart. Please tie down or otherwise secure and loose or lightweight objects. Have a great (and hopefully short & mild) winter! See you in the spring!

## **Director of Harbor Operations** **Jeff Strothmann**



Well the boats just came out of the water and that means it's time for me to start thinking of dock repair. This year I plan on rebuilding three docks, I 56-57, I 66-67 and H4-6. Hopefully within the next month I will have a work party to build these new docks. It will take place up on top of the hill by the yellow building and again many hands will make for fast work. So if you're good with a hammer and screwdriver, your help would greatly be appreciated.

Also I will be making plans for my annual winter work party. I will be compiling a list of work that needs attention. If you have any dock repairs you would like us to do to your dock this winter please e-mail me and let me know and I will add it to the list of projects.

Thanks again everyone for the help and support.

*Jeffrey Strothmann*

## Treasurer

### Karen Burhans



Hard to believe it's the end of another season. In the 2011 boating season, we were able to maintain our occupancy rate over 90%. When you hear things like other clubs and marinas around Western New York are averaging 70-75% occupancy rates and we are able to maintain our occupancy rate above 90%, this just goes to show you what a desirable gem our club is. We continue to attract new prospective members with little marketing costs (thank

you to Bob Stone and other membership committee members' tremendous efforts). At the last Board meeting we interviewed five new prospective members. I don't think there are many clubs that can say that. The Board continues to review the dockage rates and future rates in order to maintain a modest surplus and budget for a "contingency" reserve. As it stands right now projecting to the year-end, it looks as though due to rising non-discretionary costs in 2011, the \$2 per foot dockage increase may have been necessary in order to meet rising costs. Remember to cast your vote for the upcoming elections. If you are interested in running for the Board and missed this year's ballot, please consider running next year. As my term on the Board will end at the end of next year 2012, I look back on all of the trials and tribulations of our club's last few years. We have come a long way and are all fortunate to call TYC our family.

*Karen Burhans*

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## Rear Commodore

### Thomas Beachy



We are a self help club and members who volunteer help keep our costs down. The axiom about good team work really proved true.

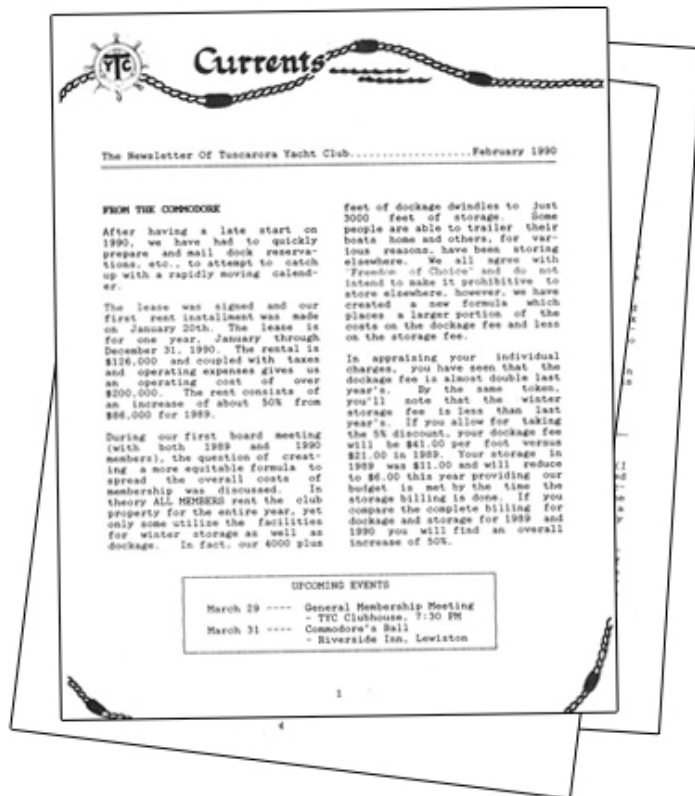
This year, we not only embarked on a new year of service to visiting boaters, but have successfully completed a high level of clubhouse renovations, membership drives, cruises and social events.

The haul out crew led by Michael Algase and Peter Fleckenstein did phenomenal work under adverse conditions.

The election committee with Commodore Maloney, Shelly Richards and Roger Maddigan have assembled outstanding candidates. Their backgrounds will help the TYC legacy of quality involvement.

There are numerous jobs still available to complete your 10 hour requirements. As a reminder, the Club will charge \$20 per hour for hours not completed.

*Tom Beachy*



## Fleet Captain Peter Fleckenstein



Well it is hard to believe that the season has come and went. We had a great summer with a rocky start in the spring but all in all the summer

was great. It is sad to see that we now have the boats on the hard and will not be using them till spring.

Preparations for the storage of the boats went extremely well. We were able to place all of the cradles in one day without a hitch. I would like to thank Peter Hubble for his time and the use of his front end loader to get the cradles placed. I would also like to thank all of the members that worked on the cradle crew until we finished.

From the mast stepping weekend we moved to haulout weekend and what a great weekend it turned out to be. Cold, Rain, winds 30 kts plus, a northerly wind that was pushing waves in the harbor up to 3 feet, waves over the pier walls to 20 plus feet in the air; and not to mention boats that were rocking from side to side like we have never seen before, the snapping of dock lines and a couple of sleepless nights. Not bad you say for a haulout weekend !!! You are correct it was not a bad weekend as we accomplished what we set out to do and that was to haul boats in one weekend.

The weekend started with the foul weather as noted above. Friday night we were able to get a few boats pulled from the south end of the island near the bridge and finished around 8pm. At the end of that operation we always move the crane to the west side of the island in preparation to start the next day at 7am on the parking lot. The first hurdle we ran into at 8pm Friday night

repaired and moved to the West side before the crews showed up. Well wouldn't you know when I arrived at 5:45 in the morning Nick had already arrived and had the crane repaired and was waiting for Mike and I to arrive to help him with the placement of the crane. Way to go Nick !!! Many Thanks !!!

Now the second hurdle – After placing the crane on the west side and the crews were ready to start as soon as the sun came up guess what? The sun came up and the whole west wall of boats were rocking so bad that there was not even a chance of pulling one boat. Mike Algase and I made a decision that we could not waste time in hoping that it might settle down in an hour or so. We decided to move to the North wall skipping the parking lot so that we could get the best benefit of crane time and the fact that we only had 2 days to get all of the boats pulled, or face additional crane expense and additional days to complete the haulout.

We accomplished getting all of the boats on the North wall, the East wall and the South wall by dark Saturday night. This only left the West wall from the parking lot to the gas dock to do.

The final hurdle - Saturday night it was not looking good for the West wall haulout on Sunday as they were predicting even higher winds and rougher water and all we could do is wait. On Sunday morning the winds had shifted a little to the East and it looked like the boats on the West wall had calmed a little (not really) and we made the call to try and get the boats haul as safely as we could. This is where a lot of manpower was used to not only put the slings around the boat but to add numerous additional lines to steady the boats and fend them off the docks so that the crane could pick them up without damage. A give a lot of credit to the members that took part in this endeavor as we safely got all of the boats hauled and not one got damaged.

There is a lot more that I can tell you about the weekend but I will save that for a future article. I would like to thank Jan Klapper and the kitchen crew who



*Michael Algase, Nick Waite and Peter Fleckenstein happy after completion of the challenging 2011 Haul-Out*

From the cradle weekend we moved on to the Mast Stepping weekend which was lead by Jeff Strothmann on the Gin Pole and Mike Algase on the Boom Truck. Again big thanks to them and all who participated in getting the masts unstepped and placed on stands around the grounds.

was that we lost the air brakes on the crane and it wouldn't move. After figuring out what happened Nick Waite the crane operator needed to chase down a part to get it repaired. Good luck Nick at 8pm at night !!! It was decided that Mike Algase and I would meet Nick at 6am in the morning to help get the crane

were there throughout the crazy weekend serving morning coffee and donuts, to the lunches and dinners that keep everyone warm from the cold and rain. Thank You.

Listed here are the people that worked the various activities from cradle crew, mast stepping, kitchen crew to haulout and I truly "Thank All of You" and many more for the excellent jobs you did to make haulout activities a success.

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| Michael Algase     | Roger Maddigan     |
| Dean Aschenbrenner | William Maloney    |
| Elena Balea        | John Meader        |
| Homer Balea        | Richard Milano     |
| Carol Beachy       | Pat Mounce         |
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| Douglas David      | Michael Sparkes    |
| Marie Gusakov      | Myrna Stone        |
| Ignaty Gusakov     | Bethann Strothmann |
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| Willie Hays        | Jeffrey Strothmann |
| Daniel House       | Gregory Sutton     |
| Peter Hubble       | Gerald Tomaino     |
| Linda Kelly        | Michele Tuyn       |
| Edward Kelly       | Ben Tuyn           |
| Douglas Klapper    | Richard Tuyn       |
| Larry Kocher       | Ann VanBenschoten  |
| James Krakowiak    | John VanBenschoten |
| Richard Kreger     | Hank Visger        |
| Patrick Lockwood   | Beverly Wilson     |
| David MacLeod      |                    |

Please accept my apologies if I have missed anyone in this list. If I have, I want you to contact me so that in the next issue of currents you can be recognized.

Let me leave you with this - When I came back to the clubhouse on Wednesday after haulout weekend and I went to the men's room there was a piece of paper taped to the door which read:

**"Ode To The Haul-out Crew"**

*Our "Thanks" goes out to the haulout crew. The days when the wind must have made you blue. And what about all the cold, wet rain. It sure must have been a royal pain! To think you were there all the day(s). Doing hard work without any pay. Yes "Thanks" we say for the job well done. For all that time that wasn't much fun.*

Anonymous - October, 2011

I could not have said it any better – Thank You To All

*Peter R. Fleckenstein*

**DOCK BUILDING PARTY**

It's time again to ask for more work volunteers. I need another good team of workers to do some winter time repairs. Our main projects will be to demolition of four docks, repairing the end post in one, and general dock maintenance on as many as we can get to. This means the larger the crew, the greater the possibility of getting all this work accomplished in one day. So please, if your good with a hammer, sawzall and other small tools or just want to help in any way possible please volunteer and help make our club the best it can be.

We will be meeting at the club on **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5th** at



9:00 AM. I promise no snow.

Please e-mail me at N2kod@aol.com if you have any questions or can offer any specialty tools.

*Jeff Strothmann*  
Director of Harbor Operations

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## Michael Lazich



My wife, Mary and I have had the great pleasure of being members of TYC since 2008, when we took a step on the wild side and began our sailing experience as complete novices with our 34 foot Beneteau, Loose Cannon. Over these past four years, we have developed a deep appreciation for this beautiful club and a sincere fondness for its hard working, fun loving members. We have also

come to realize that the well maintained facilities and lovely natural surroundings at TYC are unmatched by any other club in the region. We consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have been welcomed as members of this close-knit family of boating enthusiasts. TYC thrives because its members recognize and value the importance of volunteer service in keeping its operations and facilities shipshape; and while I have contributed in very minor ways to the operations of the club, I wish now to devote a bit more of my time and energy to this well managed organization. I would therefore consider it a great privilege and distinction to serve on the TYC Board of Directors.

I am currently an associate professor of history at Buffalo State College, having joined the faculty of the School of Social and Natural Sciences in 1997. Throughout my fourteen years at Buffalo State, I have played an exceptionally active role on many college-wide administrative committees, presently serving as an at-large College Senator and as the Chair of the College Senate Curriculum Committee. I therefore thoroughly appreciate the value of working harmoniously with others to address a wide range of problems and challenges. Prior to my career in academics, I worked for fifteen years in private industry as a steel fabricator and industrial mechanic, during which time I acquired a very different range of skills that would also enable me to contribute positively to the more technical needs of TYC. As we move ahead and continue to upgrade and improve the facilities at TYC, we have the unforgettable example of those dedicated individuals that contributed so greatly to the remarkable renovations of the past two years. I would be honored and delighted to have the opportunity follow in their footsteps and dedicate my efforts to maintaining and improving the operations and facilities of our club. I warmly welcome your support for appointment to the TYC Board of Directors.

*Michael Lazich*

## 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.

Thanks You,

*Eileen L. Hassett*



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## Nancy VanVoorhees



I have been a member of TYC for 8 years. During that time I have chaired the launch meal a couple of times and recently chaired the Oktoberfest party. I have also helped on numerous committees over the years.

Having served on several boards and committees in various organizations, I find that the key to any successful board is communication

and organization. I feel that I can bring this to the table. A board or committee is only as good as its membership; We have great members! With good communication with the membership, and their help, the board can do their best. If you elect me to the board, I will be an effective part of the team.

I am employed by New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services as a Fire Code Enforcement Officer. My job requires attention to detail, organization and effective communication. I'm asking you to help me bring those attributes to the board by voting for me.

*Nancy VanVoorhees*

## Edwin Kelly



I, Edwin M. Kelly, am running for the Tuscarora Yacht Club Board of Directors, and have been a member since 1984. I have served on several boards in the past as Fleet Captain and Director of Operations. I spent 18 years running launch and haul-out crews.

I am retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the NY Air National

Guard, and have ample of time and experience to devote to the future growth of TYC.

For the last five years, I have organized and led the Father's Day Brunch. I have helped winterize the club, and have volunteered time to help at other parties.

*Edwin Kelly*

## Greg Sutton



As many of you know I grew up plying the waters of Wilson Harbor and sailing the summers away from the dingy dock at the TYC when my parents were one of the early members of the club. My wife, Adrienne, and I joined the club seven years ago when we purchased our first Sailboat, a Sabre 28 named Freedom. At that time I didn't even consider joining any other club after spending most of

my life at the TYC. Adrienne and I have enjoyed spending our summer nights and weekends at the club and getting to know the members.

We have recently upgraded our sailing experience to a Catalina 320 which we hope to have a chance to participate in some club cruises this coming year.


I was also elected to the Board two years ago to fill a one year term which at the time I was made Director of Harbor Operations. This has allowed me the experience to be familiar with Board operations and the many concerns club members have had throughout the season.

Besides sailing, my interests include woodworking, gardening, volleyball & tennis. I am also a past Board of Directors of the Kenan Center, in Lockport and well as the Board of Directors for the Lockport Soccer Club.

*Greg Sutton*

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