



Tuscarora Currents

Commodore Roger Maddigan



Election of the 2017 Board of Directors

Unfortunately, the election edition of TYC "Currents" marks the end of the active boating season. Now is the time to reflect on the summer of twenty seventeen experiences. As a Club, we weathered the high water better than most. Early in the season, the preferred footwear was boots, and the membership was challenged to use their engineering and carpentry skills to cope with the high water. We saw fewer cruises and visitors. However, most of our members enjoyed using our facilities and participating in our social events.

We have just completed a very successful and safe haul; Special Thanks to our Fleet Captain Vicki for all her work in organizing and dealing with the issues that arise in getting seventy boats in their winter locations. Thanks to Mike Algase for his skill in placing the "ships"; Jeff Strothmann for again leading the gin pole crew; Jan Klapper, Carol Goulah, and team for providing good food and the many members who work on the crews.

I am pleased to report the Open House brought us potentially four new docking members. The Club continues to be challenged to accommodate larger boats for both members and new members. It will be next year's board challenge to best use our available docks for the overall benefit of the Club.

I am also pleased to report the Board has voted to improve our floors in the bathrooms and hallway. The board selected polished concrete; which proved to be most economical as it is easy to maintain and extremely durable. The work needs to be done in the fall when the floor is still warm so the sealants can adequately dry. The board believes this upgrade is a long-term investment and necessary to maintain our Club standards.

Our Election Committee led by Greg Sutton along with Doug David and Frank DelRusso has secured seven candidates to run for the board. I urge you to read the bios and participate in the election. Remember, ballots must be returned by Dec. 1st. In addition to the board election, there are two amendments which were discussed at the fall meeting on the ballot for your vote.

In closing, I would like to thank this year's board for all their ideas, work and dedication to make this a most successful year in spite of some challenges. To Linda, my wife thanks for your understanding during the year. It has been my privilege to serve as Commodore for the forty-ninth year of Tuscarora Yacht Club, and I hope to continue to contribute in the coming years. My best to all of you and I am already looking forward to TYC's 50th Anniversary year.

Roger Maddigan

2017 Board of Directors Candidates:



Vince Bargnes

I have been a full member at Tuscarora Yacht Club since 2011. I am currently sailing “Amici” a Bristol 27 kept in slip I-49. During the past four years I have been assisting the Club by designing and maintaining both the TYCWILSON.COM website and the database of club members’ boat and personal information. Two years ago I was appointed as the first Chairman of the “Information and Technology Committee” where I continue to serve the board today. In addition to the website and database I have also eliminated the need for a costly and restrictive email

system and now keeps an updated list of all TYC members’ email addresses for the numerous “blast” emails that members regularly receive. My wife, Nadine and our three children, Vincent (22), Maria (15) and Gianna (11) live in Williamsville. In the summer months, we reside in the village of Wilson (just east of the harbor).

Professionally, I work as a Captain at Delta Air Lines where I have been employed for more than twenty years. I look forward to serving on the Board and I would appreciate your vote.

Thank you,
Vince



Stephanie Burgess

Sailing and being on the water has always been a part of my life as a result of my Dad introducing me to boating when I was about 13. Dad had a powerboat and bought a small boat that I learned to sail through trial and error on the Chesapeake Bay. Besides being of Mother of three daughters, Erin (20), Alyssa (17) and Megan (15), I am currently the East Regional Health and Safety manager for Applus RTD USA, Inc, A global compa-

ny that performs Non-Destructive Testing. I’ve been involved in Safety, Health and Environmental for over 20+ years as a Certified Safety Professional. I am also the Co-Chair for the Erie County Local Emergency Committee (LEPC) and responsible for Hazardous Material Community Right to Know submittals and work with the Niagara County LEPC. I am a CPR instructor for the American Heart Association and enjoy volunteering at the Clarence United Methodist church.

The past 7 years, I have had the opportunity to reconnect with my lifelong sailing passion. I was an active racer on Lake Erie and through the encouragement of family and friends I purchased Ariel, a 1976 Sabre 28. I was lucky to have been introduced to TYC and knew immediately that Ariel and myself found a new retreat. TYC has the amazing benefit of being in one of the best protected harbors on Lake Ontario. Besides being nestled in a beautiful harbor with wonderful facilities, TYC's members are what separate us from other clubs. We have many very talented people that have been so helpful and I hope to encourage even more of that welcome from our club.

Thank You,
Stephanie

Lou Coppola



I grew up on the Great South Bay on Long Island. I have been fishing and boating ever since.

As a Graduate of the BOCES program, I have doing collision work professionally since the 10th grade. In 1980 I moved to Houston, TX where I started Royalty Motorcars. This involved purchasing a property and building a facility to house my business. We moved to western New York in 1993 to raise a family and now have two great kids, ages 23 and 20.

I joined TYC after years of talking to Bob Stone and realizing what a great place Wilson and TYC really was. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting involved with launch every spring and helping out with many of the functions the club offers.

Being self-employed for 40 years, dealing with the public, employees and insurance companies, I feel I could help the club in many ways if elected to the Board.

Thank you for your support,
Lou



Jeff Jordan

My name is Jeff Jordan and I am asking for your consideration as a board member. My wife Sandy and I have been boating for 35 years. We joined TYC 10 years ago and have enjoyed everything our beautiful club has to offer. We have been part of the new member committee for the past three years and enjoy meeting new people and sharing all our club has to offer with them.

In 2012 I filled a one-year vacancy on the board as Director of Harbor Operations. That one-year position gave me an opportunity to see how hard working and dedicated TYC members are. I look forward to working on the board again if I am elected.

I am a retired Planner and Scheduler for the New York State Power Authority. My recent retirement allows me time to dedicate to a board position at TYC. I serve as the Director of Operations for the Lewiston Jazz Festival. I am responsible for interfacing with all vendors, handling the placement of various stages and interfacing with the DPW Staff, as well as public safety officials to ensure that the Jazz Festival runs smoothly. I also am an active community volunteer for the Kiwanis Peach Festival.

On a personal note my wife Sandy and I reside in Lewiston. We have a daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren. Being elected to the board of directors would be an honor and privilege. I would appreciate your vote.

Thank you,
Jeff



Jeff Schuster

My sailing life started when I turned 50 years old. My friend, Wade Hampton, needed someone to help him to sail his boat. I told him that if he taught me how, I would be willing to learn. When we went out sailing, he told me "hook the shackle to the jib." I told him "time out." I had no idea what he was talking about. During the next few years he was able to teach me enough that I am able to take "Cumulus" out by myself. During the 16 years that I have been sailing, I have been able to teach my children and grandchildren how to sail as well.

I joined the TYC in 2005 and have been a member of the launch and haul out crews each year since. This season, though it started slow, has ended well, as the sailing this September has been spectacular. I had been a retail store manager for Kmart Corp. and Dollar Tree Stores for 37 years. I have volunteered at Art Park for the past 10 years. I sing in my Church choir and in the Lewiston Choraleers. I have recently retired and now have more time to sail.

It is great that we have a recreation facility that is respected by many boaters on Lake Ontario. It would be an honor to serve you as a member of the Tuscarora Yacht Club Board of Directors.

Thank you,
Jeff



Jeff Stroffman

Hello, my name is Jeff Strothmann. My wife, Bethann, and I have been members of TYC for a little over 20 years. I have two kids, Justin and Lauryn, who have grown up in the club. My son, Justin, is currently a steward here. I enjoy TYC and as such try to do all I can to make it a great place to be and to raise a family. I have previously served on the board and have managed the gin pole crew for both haul and launch for the past 18 years.

These two positions in addition to doing many repair jobs at the club has given me the opportunity to work with and get to know many excellent people. If I'm given the opportunity to be on the board again I will continue to work hard at keeping our club "The best place to be on Lake Ontario".

Thank you,
Jeff



Nancy Van Voorhees

I have been a member of TYC for 14 years. I have prior experience on the board including holding the position of Vice-Commodore for 3 years. I have also chaired several committees. The time I have spent working with the members of this fine club were very gratifying and would love the opportunity again.

The keys to any successful organization are communication and efficiency. I feel that I can bring this to the table. A board or committee is only as good as its membership. Good communication with the membership and their help and support is what makes a Board successful. We have great members!

I have served on several boards and committees in various organizations. I am employed by the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services as a Fire Code Enforcement Officer. My job requires attention to detail, organization, and effective communication. I was a volunteer firefighter for twenty years as well as an Emergency Medical Technician, and a member of the Western New York Critical Incident Stress Debriefing team. I served as both Captain and Lieutenant with the fire department. I have responded to various natural disasters including Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee, and Hurricane Sandy, doing everything from damage assessment to working in the Emergency Operations Center coordinating the response of dozens of outside resources. I'm asking you to help me bring those attributes to the board with your support.

Thank you,
Nancy

Vahevala's Great Loop Adventure: Part 2

With close to 2,000 miles under our hull, we feel like seasoned cruisers at this point. Hard to believe the boats at TYC are on the hard as we contemplate our trip down the Tennessee River in a few days. Some folks who are not boaters have asked how our "vacation" is going. Funny, doesn't really feel like "vacation", more like traveling and just living life on board with all the endless tasks required to keep us moving along.

We spent the month of August cruising down the east coast of Lake Michigan. So many quaint, boater friendly towns along the way, and beautiful scenery with the enormous Michigan dunes off our port side for the length of the journey. Some dunes as high as 425 feet! We felt the power of the westerly winds on many occasions, pinning us in place while we waited for the big lake to settle down. Many fellow loopers were heading down the lake with us, and we had many a night of docktails, story telling and exploring. We highly recommend the Michigan shores, there are safe haven harbors every 30 miles or so, and state sponsored docks at every small town.

Labor day brought us to the windy city, Chicago lived up to it's name! We had a mooring ball at the city marina, but with 45-50 mph winds we opted to move to the docks instead. Good move on our part, as 3 boats came loose from their mooring and were tossed about with some damage. One ended up sunk against the break wall, with only it's mast sticking up out of the water. It was fun to be in a big city. We sampled some famous Chicago deep dish pizza, went to Second City Comedy club and Chicago Jazz festival. Rory wasn't so happy about the big city and being on her leash all the time! Heading down the Chicago River to the Illinois River brought us under 40 bridges in 5 miles, past huge sky scrapers and the ferries taking people off to work. Exciting! At the end of the Chicago River is the electrical barrier field that attempts to keep the Asian Carp from entering the Great Lakes (more on those nasty fish later!).

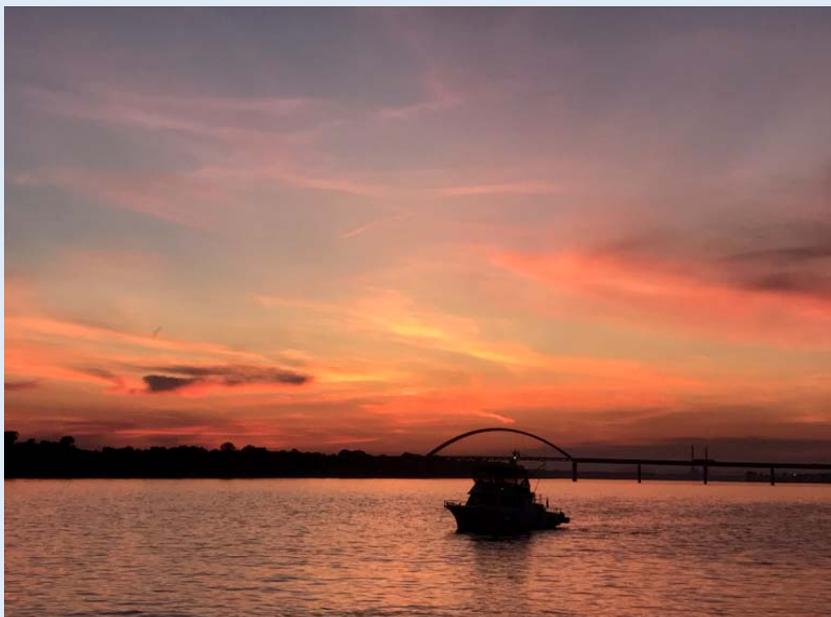
Now we are in the Illinois River, 300 miles of pretty industrial, muddy, carp filled water. Gone are the quaint towns of Michigan, now we have to dock on old barges that are tied to the shore. The heat is on, finally summer just in time for an area where you definitely don't want to swim! Those carp fly up in the air and land with a thump, and at night they bump the hull of the boat, eating the algae. There are a few small towns, with free docks, but for the most part we try to put miles behind us and move through here quickly. There are tugs pushing as many as 24 barges heading up and down the river constantly. We have AIS on Vahevala, so that allows them to see us on their chart plotters, and allows us to see them, even around the bend. The captains are friendly when you shout out on the VHF and let you know when to pass. After dealing with high water on the lakes, we now face the opposite on the river system. Many anchorages are mud, and some marinas not accessible due to the water at 13 ft. below normal level.

We entered the Mighty Mississippi in early September, 221 miles to go on this stretch, with 3 other loopers in our "Flotilla of 4". The locks on the rivers are made for commercial traffic, and tugs with their barges take upwards of an hour to lock through. Many locks are in a state of disrepair that makes them even slower! The Mississippi is pushing along with a nice current in our favor, allowing us to make 110 miles in one day, to our anchorage in a creek that is filled with bubbling, gross green stuff that can barely be considered water. Brian had to dinghy Rory across the river to a sand bar for her business trips! One more anchorage, under a highway bridge, brought us to the Ohio River.

Now we were running against the current, but only for 60 miles. How bad could it be? Tugs everywhere, and no place to stop! We headed to the infamous locks 52 and 53. We had been reading about them from other loopers, they are both in such sad shape that the concrete is crumbling and the lock doors barely close. They will be replaced by one larger lock, which is in progress but not completed yet. We felt lucky to make it through lock 53 quickly, just 45 minutes. Only one more lock and we would be at the brand new docks of Paducah, Kentucky. Seems our luck ran out, as we came up to lock 52 the lock master told us to drop anchor, we had a 2 hour wait. 7 hours later we finally made it through in the dark!

Cruising up the Cumberland river was a nice respite, pretty scenery, hardly any tugs and only 1 lock on our way to Nashville. We have had an extended visit here with old friends, and have enjoyed hiking the parks, the bustling night life and some great music in this fun city. We are planning out our next journey, still undecided about the side trip to Chattanooga, and then onward down the Tenn-Tombigbee to Mobile. Hoping to be there by late November.





Lock 52: 7 hours later ...

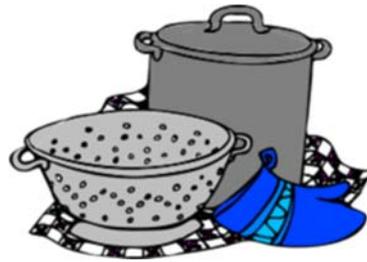


Business Trip w. Rory

Vice Commodore Darlene Manhardt 1/2



Mast-down & haul-out weekends were a huge success in the kitchen as well as on land and in the lake....I have many WONDERFUL PEOPLE to THANK for this...



THANK YOU !

Beverly Brownell for organizing and planning of Mast down breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Jan Klapper and Carol Goulah for haul-

out breakfast and lunch both Saturday and Sunday. Plus all of our kitchen crew-

Julie Bukowski, Paul Bukowski, Karen Kudla, Kathy Sipes, Johanna Kools, Amy Jacobs, Carol Beachy, Sheliah Roehmholdt, Michele Tuyn, Ann VanBenschoten, and Claudia Del Russo.

The club is grateful for all the help that everyone has given...we would not be the best place on this side of the lake without you. Not only that, you can get your hours in.

Even though this season has come to a close our next season has gotten off to a wonderful start...We have several things already planned and many people have already stepped forward to chair events....June 16,, 2018 will be Sail past and we have our committee set for

this along with the blind man dinghy race. August 25, 2018 will be the 50th Anniversary party at Sunset Grill. September 8, 2018 will be the Commodore's Tea party.



I would like to bring back Oktoberfest and the International dinner next year as well. If someone is interested in chairing either of these, please let me know.

We could possibly do potluck dinners for both. That would make it easy for the chairing person. OR if you would like to chair another kind of party or event...just let me know....

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Vice Commodore Darlene Manhardt 2/2

With the Holidays fast approaching and many Snow Birds going south...or just vacationing to warmer weather I am planning our Winter Dinner...I will keep you posted and send an email out to you all as soon as the details are available.

Wishing all of our TYC members a Very Happy Thanksgiving and a Wonderful and Blessed Christmas. Keep safe and happy Holidays.

Darlene Manhardt



Secretary Kathy Sipes



Another boating year has ended but fortunately we had an extended season. Mother Nature sent us a Fall with warm temperatures and at times soft breezes. Hope you all were able to take advantage of this time. Fall also brings us to thoughts of the TYC Board elections. This Currents issue informs us of our members running for a position on the Board of Directors this year. We have a great group of qualified individuals this year. Review their resumes and when you receive your ballots vote for the four members you would best like to see on the board. I know it isn't an easy decision.

I would like to thank the ladies who helped me run the Ship's Store this year. Many thanks go to Kennie Dubil, Phyllis McKinney, Donna Schmidt, Jan Klapper and Sharon Murphy. They are always ready to fill in when I am not around. We are always looking for extra help. A note to new members, if you are looking for a way to meet other TYCers this is a great and fun way. Please see me if you are interested.

Wishing you a great Holiday season!

Kathy Sipes

Treasurer Greg Sutton



It's hard to believe we need to wait six months before we can enjoy another great season here at TYC. We had a very successful year financially, even with funding many upgrades and repairs to our facilities. As I noted at the Fall meeting while our income was down due to the high-water issues we faced, the Board was also able to reign in costs accordingly. We also signed up for faster Internet service from Spectrum/Time Warner this year and I plan to pursue solving our WIFI system issues next year so that we can take advantage of the increased speeds we now have available to us. We continue to attract new prospective members (thank you to the efforts of Jeff Jordan, Bob Stone and Bill Guggemos. Believe it or not the problem we have now is finding big enough docks for the size of the boats that want to come into the Club. Expanding the membership will dramatically help us increase our income and delay any future dockage rate increases.

As with past Treasurers I want to remind everyone the majority of income from now until we launch in May is from our storage fees and slip deposits, which must satisfy our financial obligations until our flow of income is restored with our receipt of annual dockage fees in May. Timely payment of our storage fees and dock deposits can therefore make the difference between profit or deficit for our fiscal year. Please be prompt on your payments and if you can please call me and let me know. Also I'll remind you that if you have any ice, pop or ice cream money that you didn't have at the time of purchase, I'll be checking the cash boxes until we close the club house if you need to settle up.

I am excited to tell you that we have an outstanding slate of seven (7) candidates for the Board this year. Election ballots will be mailed out no later than by November 15, 2017. Ballots will be mailed with a stamped return envelope addressed to the elections teller. The instructions are to vote for four (4) candidates of your choice. All ballots must be received by December 1, 2017 to be counted.

I am sure that any one of them will be able to fill the positions on the Board that are currently available. The ballot this year will also contain a vote on the two By-laws amendments that were discussed at the Fall meeting. Don't forget to vote on both those amendments. If you have any questions about the club's finances, please feel free to contact me at treasurertyc@gmail.com

Greg Sutton

Director of Harbor Operations **Ernie Pipiles**



The 2017 boating season has come to an end !!

As well as my term on the TYC board. I wish to express my heartfelt Thanks to the membership for supporting my efforts to improve and maintain our club.

As I attempt to document for my successor any pending repairs that need to be addressed next season, please forward your repairs request to harborops@tycwilson.com.

Donnie, Sprite and I wish everyone a great Holiday Season.....

Ernie

Fleet Captain **Vicki Murray**



The weather was perfect and another year comes to a close at TYC. Special Thanks to Michael Algase and crane crew as well as Jeff Strothman and gin pole crew.

We hauled 70 boats, 34 masts were taken down by the boom truck, 32 masts taken down at the gin pole, and 68 boats power washed.

Any slips requests or questions, please do not hesitate to email me @fleetcaptain@tycwilson.com.

Vicki Murray

Director of Operations **Bob Beck**



I would like to thank all of our stewards for helping us get through what started out to be a challenging season. They learned how to walk on water with rubber boots!

Much has been done to close up the club but some things remain. If there are members who still need hours, there will be an opportunity on November 11th during our closing day activities. If you would like to help out on any other date, just call me at 297-1110 and I will try to find a mutually satisfactory time for us to do some tasks.

Bob Beck

Rear Commodore **Torsten Doering**



Hello all,

Workhours:

Reminder to submit and update your hours, an update of all submitted hours will be posted in November in the members section of TYCwilson.com.

Roster updates: Send all email, phone and address changes to rearcommodore@tycwilson.com.

*Thanks, Frohe Weihnachten and see you on the flipside,
Torsten Doering*

Twilight



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