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# Tuscarora Currents

**"I anticipate an exciting year"**



*Bill Maloney*  
 TYC Commodore

2011 will be an exciting year at Tuscarora Yacht Club. I feel very fortunate and honored to have been given the opportunity to serve as Commodore.

Thank you to the Board and to all of you for this privilege.

A big thank you, also, to the outgoing board members Shelly Richards, Jim Krakowiak, and 2010 Commodore Bill Fleming. We can look around and be proud of how the Club has improved in the past few years, with these members having contributed greatly to that progress.

We have new Board members Peter Fleckenstein and Dave Kahl, both of whom bring a wealth of talent and experience with them. Peter will be working to assign the right slips to the right vessels and organizing Launch and Haul Out, and Dave along with Jeff Strothman will be looking after and preparing our facilities and docks as we get ready for the new season. We are very fortunate to have Karen Burhans return to keep our budget on track and keep a sharp eye on our financial health with her sound professional advice. Tom Beachy will take care of the big

task of our Club communications. Dave Adelizi is already preparing our reciprocal program for the year and Patience Tinkey has completed the ground work for our social events and club cruises, and continues chairing the building/grounds renovations committee. All together a wonderful Board which will be a pleasure with which to work.

The Calendar is nearly complete and is posted on the web site so that we can all make our plans early.

In terms of our facilities, we look forward to maintaining the momentum from last year as we prepare for what I think promises to be the event of the year at TYC. We are planning a very special celebration of the Life of Floyd "Red" Clark to whom we are indebted for having the vision, energy, and perseverance over 50 years to create this corner of the harbor which is now the home of our Club. Even as he left us last year, we will assure his family and many friends that he will always be remembered by those who enjoy this very special place. More will be said about this event in the article by Vice-Commodore Tinkey.

As I am writing this, I know that the much anticipated rebuilding of the sea wall from slip I-00 to I-14 is under way and will be completed for launch. The same high quality job will be done as was completed last year on the Mainland side. We look forward to that.

I plan to carry on recent initiatives such as our new member mentor program and our Owners Liaison Committee, both of which have produced very positive results, and we will see the continuation of the existing leadership of our important committees. The



*Clark Marina Corp workers continue to work on the west wall this past week.*

exception is the By Law Committee. PC Pete Hubbell has agreed to take on that job as PC Doug David has relinquished the post. Thanks to Doug for having served for several years in that capacity.

Let us remember two members of our TYC family that passed away suddenly this last year. Jim Huggins and Jerry Hendel were, unfortunately, not with us for very long, but both will be missed by their good friends at TYC. Let us remember,

also, that our good friend and long time member of the TYC family, Mike Tomaino, will need our continued prayers

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# Fleet Captain Peter Fleckenstien



F o l k s welcome to a New Year and I hope a good boating year to follow. The harbor looks very cold and uninviting right now

but it will not be long until we are hard at work getting the boats ready for launch day. Speaking of launch day we have scheduled it to begin on Friday April 29, 2011 and run through Sunday May 1, 2011. Launch will be followed with mast stepping on Sunday at the completion of launch. As soon as the clubhouse opens I will be posting sheets requesting volunteers for mast stepping, launch and cradle crews so be watching for that. There will be more to follow in the next issue of Currents and at the spring meeting.

It seems Old Man Winter is really doing his thing this year with an early snowfall and we have experienced very cold temperatures which brings me to my second topic. When it does warm up please go to the Club and check your boat as winter is not over yet. If you are using jack stands, I am sure they will need some adjustment, especially if you have not been out in a while. Please look at your covers and retighten if necessary and also look for pockets of water. We had a few boats last year wherein the supports holding up the covers failed and swimming pools occurred which adds weight and stress on all parts of your boat. With the snowfall not over yet there will be lots of water when it melts, which can cause flooding in your boat if your cover has ripped. Another item to check is that you have locked your ladder(s) we don't want

to make it easy for someone to get into the boats. Please note that if you are the last one off the island, remember to lock the chain on the bridge gates when you leave. So let's get out there and check!!

Hope your winter is going by at a pace that pleases. It is going a bit slow for me as I can't wait till launch arrives. The good news is that we have crossed the winter solstice which means that the days are getting longer and soon we will all be buzzing around the club, I can't wait!

Speaking of volunteering at launch we always hear a lot of talk about volunteerism and it got me thinking. What makes a club, especially our yacht club a success? A marina is, well you know, is a marina. You may come to know the individuals who use the facility but it's still a marina. A club like ours is successful because of the members who choose to volunteer to perform an activity to benefit the Club and other members. No one gets paid for the work that is done on behalf of the member, whether it is organizing an activity or to perform menial work like cleaning out the kitchen fridge or docking a visitor. Volunteerism is when someone sees a need and goes out of their way to see that it gets done. I have seen it many times, especially during the boating season. People who will wait close by to lend a hand stepping a mast, catching a line to

dock a boat, members who will check the boats and advise members of conditions that need attention, someone who picks up an empty glass or bottle, those who work tirelessly on a committee. With the new season starting and a lot of new committees forming, I encourage everyone to volunteer to be part of a committee, an activity or a work party. If asked to participate please seriously consider the request. You will be benefiting yourself as well as your fellow friends and members. I think it will also make you feel good about being a member of the Tuscarora Yacht Club. This year with many activities such as cruises,

parties and socials please support your fellow members by attending as many of these functions as you can. I would also like to expand on the idea of volunteerism, and would like us to be known as a "Community of Caring Members" who volunteers to benefit the club as a whole.

Currently the following docks are available – If interested please send an E-mail to [psfleck3598@bluefrog.com](mailto:psfleck3598@bluefrog.com) I am currently compiling a dock request list and will use it to make assignments. Please remember that assignments will be made on Seniority and the appropriate-

ness (size, width and draft) of the boat and new members needing dockage.

In closing Thanks to all who supported me in getting elected to the Board. I will work hard for you and try to make this year one of the best. Do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything. If you have any questions, frustrations or need clarification on anything please call or talk to me in person – Thank You

DOCK	WIDTH	Min. Billing
H-02	9	Actual
H-04	9	Actual
H-07	9	26
H-08	9	26
H-27	6	Actual
H-28	9	Actual
H-29	7	Actual
H-33	9	25
H-37	9	26
H-41	9	26
I-08	12	32
I-21	13	32
I-22	11	32
I-23	14	32
I-32	7	26
I-71	7	Actual
M-08	8	26
M-15	Dinghy	Dinghy
M-19	Dinghy	Dinghy
M-20	Dinghy	Dinghy

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## Vice Commodore **Patience Tinkey**



Hurray!  
Hurray!  
Hurray!  
Its only 3 months till boating season and we have so much to do! So, just like last year here is a calendar of events.

Also, the schedule of events and dates are always on the TYC website calendar.

We have a couple of club cruises scheduled and we're hoping to find a "few good people" to be Cruise Director's! Returning again this year is the Lockport Sail and Power Squadron with 4 new seminars starting in May. Members found these very informative and helpful last year. Pre-registration is required. See the information on the TYC website for details.

### **2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**William Maloney**  
*Commodore*

**Patience Tinkey**  
*Vice Commodore*

**Thomas Beachy**  
*Rear Commodore*

**Peter Fleckenstien**  
*Fleet Captain*

**Dave Adelizi**  
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*Director of Operations*

**Jeffrey Strothmann**  
*Dir. of Harbor Operations*

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Wilson, New York  
14172-0826

The "Main Event" and highlight this year will be the celebration of "Red Clark's life". This will be held in conjunction with Sail Past, June 11th. This celebration will be on the level of the 40th party, so mark your calendars! Let's do this right and show our appreciation to Red and his family. We are enlisting the help and guidance of our Past Commodores to assist in this very important event. By the way, did you know this is the 50th anniversary of the purchase of Wintergreen Island - now Clark's Island - the home of Tuscarora Yacht Club. We certainly have lots to celebrate and be thankful for!

One of the things that makes TYC such a "sanctuary" is our wonderful volunteer force. With this thought, in each "Currents" we would like to highlight a few volunteers that you may not notice, but none the less we couldn't function without.

This month, let's start with these members.

- Sally Santor and her Telephone Crew. Sally organizes and sets up our telephone recall system - which keeps us informed on our upcoming events. Where would we be without her and her helpers? By the way, Sally needs some help. Please give her a call and give Sally a hand!

- Cindy "The Flower Lady" Scannapieco - Landscape Committee. Cindy makes our club and grounds look pretty and what a beautiful job she does!

-Kathy Sipes - Kathy does a great job with our "Ship's Store" and dresses us well!

- Jan Klapper and Carol Goulah - Kitchen Crew. These hard working ladies organize the meals and feed us when we're working hard!

- Chris MacLeod - Kitchen Facilities. Chris organizes and sets up the club's kitchen. She also helps to keep the kitchen clean, even though she shouldn't have to!

Volunteers should be loved and need to be thanked. So when you see someone doing something extra and above the call of duty, say "Thank You". It would be greatly appreciated.

Likewise, if there is something you can do to help, contact one of the board members. They would be happy to help you get in contact with the right person. So Three Cheers to our yeomen volunteers!!!

We know our membership is as excited as we are, to get this season started. So here's to having a happy and safe boating season. See you in the spring!

**BOARD of GOVERNORS**

**2011  
MEETING  
DATES**

**Tuesday  
March 8th**

**Monday  
July 11th**

**Monday  
November 21st**



**Times &  
location to be  
announced**

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## Boating Seminars



**2011 Seminar Series** - A series of 4 (2-hour) seminars will be held at the Tuscarora Yacht Club (Wilson, NY). Each seminar will run from 7 - 9 PM, with sign-in starting at 6:30 PM. Cost for each seminar, including materials, is \$35. Other family members, sharing materials, is \$20 per person. Please pre-register by email by clicking here (pay when you sign-in at seminar).

### *MAY 4th - Using GPS*

This seminar explains the principles of waypoint navigation, how to relate the GPS to your charts and how to operate your GPS – what the buttons do, what the screens show, and how to access the functions you need.



### *JUNE 1st - Sail Trim and Rig Tuning*

This seminar shows how to use and adjust sails for optimum performance under a wide range of conditions.

### *MAY 18th - Marine Radar*



This seminar covers how radar functions, radar selection, operation of the radar under various conditions including setting of controls, display interpretation, basic navigation, and collision avoidance using radar.

### *JUNE 15th - Onboard Weather Forecasting*

The seminar explains weather systems, how to understand clouds and their changes, using changing wind direction, temperature, and pressure to hone in on emerging weather fronts.

### *Treasurer*

### **Karen Burhans**



As we all anxiously wait for the start of a new season, our club's fiscal year end has just come to a close. I am happy to report we finished the year ahead of budget and ahead of the prior year's modest surplus. Detailed financial reports will be available at our Spring meeting, which I unfortunately will not be at due to family vacation. The Board is in the process of deliberating on the club's 2011 budget. Please

feel free to email me at conhans@aol.com if you have any questions regarding our club's finances.

## **WELCOME HOME BENEFIT**

*for*

## **Mike Tomaino**

Saturday March 5th, 6PM

Dinner @ 7 PM

*Cornell Cooperative Extension*  
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**Director of Operations**  
**Dave Kahl**



I'm planning on having the electricity back on by late March to allow us to take advantage of any good weather to work on our boats and

the water back on as soon as weather permits. During the winter months, the gate at the bridge and the clubhouse will be locked, but remember, your club key will open both. Please be sure to keep the clubhouse and the gate locked. I am planning on establishing various committees for 2011 to address some of the more routine chores around the club; a prime example is lawn care. Establishing a committee to take care of the lawn will free up time for the Stewards to do chores we need to focus on, such as clubhouse/bathroom cleaning as well as giving our members & guests more attention. Not only will this let us focus our Stewards, but it will provide an easy opportunity for members to get their 10 hours in. Our Stewards are essential to keeping our club running smoothly during the summer. Tom Beachy assembled a great group for the 2010 season and I hope to get them back for 2011. In case I can't, please let me know of any good prospects. We have a better chance of having another outstanding group if we have a good list of potential candidates.

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



Hope everyone had a great holiday! Once again it is time to get work done at the club. If your dock is in need of repair now is the time to please let

me know (by e-mail). We will be planning work parties to venture out on the ice to replace or straighten up pipes and posts. Also we will be able to do general maintenance on things not readily reachable in the summer months. We will be replacing four docks with the new ones we built this past fall. Please come join our work party as we always have a good time and get a lot done in a short time. This again is always a perfect way to get your work hours completed and is what our club is all about. Thanks again to everyone.

*Commodore Maloney - continued from front page*

and support as he and his young family progress through his recovery. Mike has made great progress to this point, but still needs our support.

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.

**Rear Commodore**  
**Thomas Beachy**



Every journey lets you enjoy the excitement of a new adventure. The 2011 boating season at TYC is dedicated to provide

pleasure and fulfillment through the season.

The plan for the "CURRENTS" will be four issues: February - a mid-winter update and planning in the upcoming year. April - a spring issue detailing the events around the spring meeting. September - the season wrap up and subject issues for the Fall Meeting. November - as an election issue for the next years "Board of Directors".

The required 10 [ten] work hours for the Club upkeep will again be necessary. Please go to the TYC website and input any work hours you may have contributed. Also, "green cards" will be available to record work hours located on the Clubs bulletin board.

If a member is experiencing medical or other hardships related to work hours, that member needs to let the Board know during the season [as opposed to well after] so that an accommodation could be reached AT THAT TIME for either exemption or lite duty hours as identified by the Director of Operations.

Let me leave you with this: "You can't change the wind direction, but you can adjust your sails."

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