

# Tuscarora Currents

## Launch is Fast Approaching

As I pondered a topic for this month's newsletter, with my head in my hands, I began to think about the people that make up the Tuscarora Yacht Club ... Diversity and Passionate were two words that instantly came to mind. We as a club are so fortunate to have such a wide variety of members. I really think it's something special that we are having young families joining and at the same time members that have been boating for years still discovering what TYC has to offer new and old. We all have one common thread: we all love boating. I think we are lucky to have such a diverse group of boaters with a varied range of expertises such as plumbers, IT professionals, carpenters, master wood craftsmen, heavy equipment operators, electricians, cooks and the list goes on and on. As such a diverse group, you have offered many great ideas for improvements to the club, provided great club cruises and created great working relationships when it comes to work parties and club functions. I have no doubt that every member of the Tuscarora Yacht Club is passionate about what we have to offer and what we stand for. With a full slate of events every month this year, both on the water and at the clubhouse, members have many opportunities to participate

and help organize. As a club, we get together to celebrate our love of boating and to grow friendships that otherwise would have never been made.



*Peter Fleckesntein*  
TYC Commodore

Let's continue to grow this club from good to great and spread the laughter and fun that each and every one of us brings to the club.

The snow (what little we had) has come and gone; first time that I have seen the harbor never freeze over. We are busy now planning a number of social activities as well as taking care of necessary first of the season tasks such as opening the clubhouse. By

the time this newsletter gets to you we will have had our first work weekend opening the clubhouse and sprucing up the grounds the best we can before the boats go into the water. "Thank You" for all that participated.

**Important News**  
**SPRING MEETING**  
**Saturday April**  
**21st at 2PM at the**  
**Club House**

Regarding activities, Vice Commodore Nancy Van-Voorhees has an article in this edition with some of the activities scheduled for the coming months. I am looking forward to the Commodore's Tea, Mr. Paul Roetling's boating seminars, sail past, club socials, children's events and cruises to name a few. As these events draw near we will have more details posted at the club and sent to the members through e-mail. Also, Secretary Eileen Hassett is busy putting together our reciprocal mailings.

The book listing reciprocal locations and information will be updated and available in the steward's office.

A good time was had by all at the Winter Dinner held at Panes restaurant in North Tonawanda. The food was great and the event was well attended. I would like to give a "Big Thank You" to all that attended and those members that were involved in putting the Winter Dinner together to make it a "Great" success.

TYC participated in the Buffalo Boat show held at the Buffalo Bills Field House in Hamburg, NY. The show was well attended and we were able to talk to many folks about our club. We handed out applications and post cards with our web address and contact information for membership. There were lots of questions and interest in our club.

Spring Meeting will be held on April 21, 2012 at 2pm see you there.

Peter R. Fleckenstein  
Commodore

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## Vice Commodore

### Nancy VanVoorhees



The 2012 season started out with a very nice Winter Dinner at Panes Restaurant in North Tonawanda. There was good food, good conversation, and a great

turnout. Thanks to Jeff and Sandy Jordan and for Sally Santor and the phone tree for their help!

The Spring Meeting is just around the corner. The meeting will be at the clubhouse on April 21 at 2 pm with light snacks being served.

The Adelizis have agreed to chair the flower sale again this year. Order

forms will be available at the Spring Meeting. Deadline for orders is May 12 (same day as the Spaghetti Dinner) with the pickup day being May 20. Thanks to Dave and Kandi for helping with this again.

Paul Roetling has helped put together some wonderful seminars. These start on Wednesday, May 9 and are a wonderful source of information. Thanks, Paul, for doing this for us again. We will have informational flyers at the Spring Meeting.

I am still looking for volunteers to act as chairpersons for the Sail Past Dinner in June and the Progressive Dinner in July. Please let me know if you are interested. This is a great way to earn your work hours! I want to thank Linda Kelly, Darlene Chase and Heidi Beatty for volunteering to chair the Commodore's Ball, which is scheduled for August 11 and will

be held right at our beautiful club. They have been working hard already to make this a wonderful event!

Attention cruisers! Anyone interested in acting as cruise directors for a couple club cruises please contact me as soon as possible. If you have ideas of where you would like to have a club cruise, also let me know as soon as possible

I have some wonderful events planned this summer for the adult, child and the child at heart. If there are any events, parties, or outings you would like this summer, please let me know since I am always open for ideas. Let's hope this wonderful spring weather continues through the boating season!

Nancy Van Voorhees  
Vice Commodore

## Rear Commodore

### Michael Lazich



With the exceptionally mild winter and warm spring that we've had I'm sure that many of you are anxiously awaiting the beginning of the sailing season. The great weather has no doubt enabled many of you to get off to an early start preparing your boats for this year's launch; and with the clubhouse now open, I expect to see many more of you spending time at TYC taking care of last minute details before

that long-awaited weekend arrives. I wish to thank all of you that joined the work crews organized by Dave Kahl to get the clubhouse and grounds in order. This early spring clean up is always a great opportunity to fulfill some of your work hour requirements, while at the same time making some new acquaintances and enjoying the companionship of some old friends. As the season gets under way and launch weekend approaches, there will be many similar opportunities to contribute your time and effort to the operation and maintenance of our great

facility. Please do not hesitate to contact one of the Board members for advice on the various tasks that will need attention during this busy time of the year. You may report your work hours by filling out and submitting one of the green cards that are available next to the clubhouse billboard or by reporting your service and hours completed directly to me by e-mail at lazichmc@buffalostate.edu.

One of primary purposes of this April issue of Currents is to notify all our members about the upcoming Spring Meeting (April 21), which provides an important opportunity for the Board to inform all TYC members about the plans for launch and other important matters of business. I sincerely look forward to seeing you there and am as anxious as you to get the season off to an early and successful start.

Mike Lazich  
Rear Commodore





**Secretary**

**Eileen Hassett**



The great spring-like weather has me thinking about working on the boat. Launch will be here sooner than we think. The Club uses a number of methods to keep members informed about activities such as email, the telephone tree, Twitter and Facebook. The Twitter updates are on the TYC Homepage, you don't have to be a Twitter user to view them. Please view the Twitter feed often for the latest

news. We update the email list on a regular basis, but I think each member should be aware that they could update their email address themselves by visiting the Contact & Notification section of the TYC web page at [www.tycwilson.com](http://www.tycwilson.com). Please let me know if you are not getting emails from the club and I will make sure your current email address is on our list. I look forward to seeing you at the Spring meeting.

Eileen Hassett  
Secretary

**Treasurer**

**Karen Burhans**



A reminder that due to rising non-discretionary costs, the \$2 per foot dockage increase for the 2012 boating season is in effect in order to meet rising costs. Please also remember to obtain prior approval from a Board member prior to making any purchases on behalf of the Club. A form is in the process of being developed and pre-approval will now be required

in writing prior to purchase of goods or services. Please remember to put your name on your receipt for which you are requesting reimbursement. The 2011 fiscal year ended up behind budget with a very modest surplus. Ship's store sales and snack & beverages profit margin decreased, as did the gasoline sales profit margin. Electric and water usage saw a notable increase in 2011—please remember to not run water for any longer than necessary, and turn off unneeded lights and A/C to keep our Club's utility costs down. As always, if you have any questions regarding our Club's finances, please feel free to call or e-mail me. Happy Spring!

Karen Burhans  
Treasurer



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## Fleet Captain Greg Sutton



Launch is just around the corner and the boating season is about to begin!

Launch this year is scheduled for April 27th, 28th, and 29th. The launch and boom truck crews will once again be led by Michael Algase (Thanks Mike!). Boat launching will start as close as possible to 4:00 PM on the 27th, then resume at 7:00 AM Saturday and Sunday (if needed).

As in the past, we will start in the parking lot near the bridge by launching the power boats, then proceed along the north wall launching the sail boats as far onto the island as we can. Everyone with boats stored from the parking lot to the gas dock should plan on being present on Friday. Those stored along the northeast wall need to be present early Saturday morning. If you have questions you can call the club at 716-751-9975 or view the club from the Harbor Camera from the link on the TYC website.

Crane time is valuable, and backtracking is very expensive, so either you or a proxy needs to be present when we get to your boat. If you are assigning a proxy, please notify me in writing or email (sutt47@msn.com) in advance and provide the proxy with a copy the day of launch. Delays are costly in crane and operator time and we strive to be as efficient as possible in order to minimize the cost to TYC, so we expect that you will be ready also. As part of your preparation, please remember to have 50 feet of good line attached to your boat at the bow and stern to allow the launch crew to maintain safe control as the boat is lifted. I will make "LIFT" stickers available again this spring in the clubhouse, so make sure your boat is clearly marked and the lift marks visible from ground level.

The boom truck will be used Sunday for mast stepping at 7:00 AM at slip I-00. Good preparation of your mast prior to lifting it for stepping also saves us expensive time for equipment and an operator. The gin pole will also be used by club crews during launch weekend. Saturday will start at 10:00 AM, and Sunday at 8:00 AM, with Jeff Strothmann returning to head up that crew (Thanks Jeff!). "Doing it yourself" is not permitted for insurance reasons, so take this opportunity to get your mast placed with an experienced crew.

Don't forget your cradle maintenance this year. Last fall the Cradle crews had a difficult time placing cradles because they weren't properly labeled with the current owner's or boat's name. Make a quick check this year to make sure your cradle is clearly marked with owner's name, boat name, bow & stern. You don't want your

cradle left up on the hill in the fall because the cradle crew couldn't identify it, so please make sure you label it properly.

Let's remember to be safe this year again. Launch weekend is a working weekend, so with that we need to keep in mind that there are many hazards around the club associated with the movement of heavy equipment i.e.: cranes, front end loaders vehicles etc. Remember no children are to be in or around the operating area of the crane and they will also need to stay out of the roadways and parking lots during cradle movement.

I will be posting sign-up sheets for the launch, mast, and kitchen crews. Sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board in the Club House. It is a great way to get your work hours completed early in the year.

Also on the bulletin board, I have posted sign-up sheets for several docks that are available for members, if you wish to move to another location at the Club. These Availability/Request sheets have been posted on the clubhouse bulletin board and will be posted through April to just before launch weekend.

Last, but not least, if you are planning on storing a dingy on the Island or trailer up in the upper yard this summer, Bill Fleming has posted the required request forms on the TYC webpage. Please complete the necessary form(s) and submit them to insure a spot is reserved for your use.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and for your help on various work crews. We're looking forward to an efficient, safe, and fun launch season.

Greg Sutton  
Fleet Captain

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## Director of Operations

### Dave Kahl



Punxsutawney Phil (and Dunkirk Dave) couldn't have been more wrong! With winter essentially behind us, we've been able to get a jump on opening the club and getting things ready for the season. I'm going to remove the lock from the bridge gate and put the security gate back into operation. Remember to put your gate card back in your vehicle and have a club key with you. The clubhouse should remain locked until after we get the boats in the water at the end of April. Starting at the end of March, we will have stewards working the weekends until school ends for the summer, at which point they will be on duty every day.

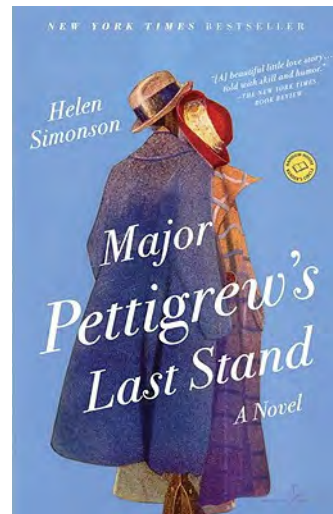
Finally, the club would like to establish two new committees this year, namely "House" and "Grounds." This approach is the one used by almost every other club on the lake. Each committee would assume responsibility for managing day-to-day operations. If you would be interested in chairing either position or just being on the committee, please let me know and we can discuss expectations for duties. Ideally, the committee chairs would be individuals who live relatively near the club or is there often, not just weekends. Either committee would be an excellent opportunity to get your hours in for the coming year. Happy Boating Everyone!

Dave Kahl  
Director of Operations

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### NEXT BOOK CLUB MEETING

Sunday May 20th at the Clubhouse from 12:00 -1:00PM

MORE INFO AT [tycbookclub.blogspot.com](http://tycbookclub.blogspot.com)

## Director of Harbor Operations

### Jeff Jordan



With the wonderful spring weather we are all looking forward to a safe and successful boating season.

As you all know, we did not have a work party this winter due to the "no-ice" situation. This put a damper on the Haines repairs that were on the schedule for this year; however, Clark Rigging was able to do some minor repairs and straighten a few docks at Haines. Clark was also successful in replacing docks H 4-6, I 56-57, I 66-67 and I 88-89 on one of the spring like days in February. New stone is on the way to repair the bad spots where undermining is present along the seawalls. Due to the mild winter, I had an opportunity to evaluate the electrical infrastructure of the club. Needed electrical repairs have been identified. I will be looking for a few volunteers with electrical background to assist me with these repairs. We will focus on the Haines docks first. There are also several smaller repairs that need to be addressed if anyone is interested in fulfilling their work hours. As always I look forward

to your suggestions and help so we can work together to better our club.

Jeff Jordan  
Director of Harbor Operations



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