

Tuscarora **Currents**

Commodore **Peter Fleckenstein**



2013 Spring Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 20 at 2 pm

Boy-o-Boy, what a late winter we have had, spring has come and so have the cold and the snow. I don't think that is the way spring is supposed to arrive. Hopefully, by the time this newsletter comes out the weather will have started to change to the warmer side. We had planned to open the clubhouse in the middle of March, but that was delayed due to the weather not cooperating.

We are planning many special events for the upcoming year, so please keep your eye on the TYC calendar for all of the important dates. The Commodores Ball will again be held at TYC and is planned for August. Please see Linda Kelly or Nancy Van Voorhees if you want to help with the Ball this year.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the winter dinner at Schimschack's Restaurant; it was a fun time and the food was great. Thanks to Nancy Van Voorhees and her committee for a fine event.

At the end of February and beginning of March, TYC manned an exhibit at the Annual Buffalo Boat Show at the Buffalo Bills field house in Hamburg. We were able to get several leads for prospective new members that the membership committee will be working on. We have lost quite a few members this year, as have the other yacht clubs in the harbor. Please keep in mind that our best way to attract new members is by word of mouth. If you know anyone that might be interested, please contact Bill Fleming, Bob Stone, or William Guggemos and they will take it from there.

I would like to thank Clark Marine for the repairs to the waterline in the main pit and the tremendous job that Steve and David Clark's crew did in replacing the main wall in slip I-00. It looks great! Also, thanks to Greg Sutton for a plan on reconfiguring a couple of docks, and Steve and David Clark's crew for moving them over the winter. This was done so that we can better utilize those docks in the future.

Over the winter, we had a meeting with the Clark's on repairing the bridge. Both ends of the bridge need new sheet pile walls, since the existing walls have rusted through and the roadways on either side are beginning to collapse because the earth and stone is going through the rusted out walls at the base. There was a possibility that the sheet pile wall was going to be replaced this spring, but because of the magnitude of the project we decided to wait until this fall after the boats have been hauled. More to come on this project as we get closer to haul out.

The 2013 Spring Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 20 at 2 pm, and I am looking forward to seeing all of you again after a long winter.

We have so much going on in our personal lives that it can be difficult to keep up with everything going on at TYC. Many of the Club functions take place because of the volunteer efforts of many members. We are always in need of new blood and ideas to keep the high-energy atmosphere going. If you haven't been involved in the parties and events in the past, please talk to Nancy Van Voorhees regarding your interests and talents because there are many things that need to be done and they don't happen by themselves. Also, don't forget to volunteer for the work crews that we announce to take care of various early season tasks. The faster we get the needed work done, the sooner we can enjoy the rest of the boating season. So make a resolution to get involved and lend a hand in 2013. It will make the Club a better place.

In closing, please remember, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to talk to me, give me a call, or send me an e-mail. I am looking forward to the upcoming year of friendship and cruising opportunities. Thanks for reading and have a great day and year to come.

Peter R. Fleckenstein
Commodore, TYC

Vice Commodore **Nancy Van Voorhees**



We kicked off the 2013 season with a well-attended Winter Dinner at Schimshack's Restaurant. There were 60 people in attendance, and all enjoyed great conversation, great food and an awesome view! Thanks also to Sandy Jordan who served as our official greeter and to Sally Santor and the phone tree for their help!

I wish to thank Marsha Emmons for volunteering to chair the Spaghetti Dinner again this year. This has been a fantastic annual event that Marsha and her crew work so hard on. The dinner has been scheduled for Saturday, May 11. Details will be forthcoming.

I also wish to thank those who have agreed to host the Commodore's Tea on Saturday, May 18. The committee consists of Chris McLeod, Denise David, Sandy Jordan, Elena Balea, Kathy Maloney, Eileen Anderson, and Linda Maddigan. These ladies always do a wonderful job!

In the works for this season are a Caribbean-themed pig roast, an International Pot Luck Dinner, and a "Road Kill" Party. We are also planning to hold the "Thing Race" again. Will the "Soggy Bottom Boys" try to defend their title??? I am still looking for people to chair a couple of parties. This is a great way to earn your work hours, meet club members, and have a good time while doing it. Please let me know if you are interested or if there is any kind of party you would like to see. I am also working on some seminars, including one on insurance.

Attention cruisers! John Suita has been hard at work during the off-season planning some wonderful club cruises for us! The first will be June 21–22 to Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing club. This will include a light continental breakfast Saturday morning as well as a wine tour. A July 12–15 cruise to Port Credit Yacht Club is being planned with host and cruise director Peter Fleckenstein. On August 9-11 there will be a cruise to Oakville for the Jazz festival. There is only room for seven power and seven sail so sign up early! John will have sign-up sheets available by launch weekend. Thanks so much for your hard work on this John!

I also have some ideas for some children's parties and would welcome someone to step forward to help with these.

Nancy Van Voorhees
Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore **Mike Lazich**



Now that winter has finally released us from its icy grip, I'm sure that many of you have begun the busy process of preparing your boats for the upcoming sailing season. With the recent opening of the clubhouse, I expect to see many of you spending time at TYC taking care of last minute details before that long-awaited launch weekend arrives. We are all anxious to once again enjoy the beautiful surroundings and warm camaraderie of another pleasurable summer at TYC. I wish to thank all of you that joined the work crew organized by Doug Klapper to get the clubhouse and grounds in order. This early ritual of spring 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. Remember, each full membership at TYC requires a minimum of 10 (ten) hours of service to the club each season. Please do not hesitate to contact one of the Board members or the TYC stewards 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 on Saturday, April 20 at 2 pm**. This meeting provides an important opportunity for the Board to inform all TYC members about the plans for launch and other important matters of business. It is also the most appropriate occasion for you to express your thoughts, ideas, and concerns to the Board or the general membership. 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

Fleet Captain **Greg Sutton**



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

Launch this year is scheduled for the weekend of April 26, 27, and 28. The launch and boom truck crews will once again be led by Michael Algase (Many thanks Mike!). Boat launching will start as close as possible to 4:00 pm on Friday the 26th, 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 powerboats and then proceed along the north wall launching the sailboats 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 751-9975, me at 860-1779, or view the club from the Harbor Camera from the link on the TYC website for crane location.

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. 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 operator. Club crews will also use the gin pole to step masts 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. Again, last fall the cradle crews had a challenging time placing cradles because many were not properly labeled. Make a quick check this year to make sure your cradle is clearly marked with the owner's name, boat name, bow & stern. You may know your own cradle but others don't. 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 such as cranes, front end loaders, vehicles, etc. Please remember, no children are allowed 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 will be available on the bulletin board in the TYC Clubhouse. It is a great way to get your work hours completed early in the year.

Last, but not least, if you are planning on storing a dingy on the Island or a trailer up in the upper yard this summer, the required request forms are 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 weekend.

Greg Sutton
Fleet Captain

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Secretary Carol Goulah



The weather is getting warmer, our boats will soon be launched and the snowbirds will return to their WNY homes. We all look forward to seeing our friends again and meeting some new ones, both here and at neighboring clubs. With that in mind, I have sent letters describing our policies and facilities to all of the reciprocal clubs in the region. We have already received corresponding letters from many of those clubs. Their letters and a spreadsheet summarizing pertinent information about each club are located in a large binder that you can access in the Steward's Shed. That spreadsheet will also be made available online. Happy boating this summer!

Carol Goulah,
Secretary

Treasurer Eileen Hassett



The Board has drafted and approved a budget for 2013. Due to rising costs, such as rent and utilities, we found it necessary to increase our current docking fee by \$2 per foot: from \$56 to \$58. Due to rising costs for haul out and launch, we also found it necessary to increase our winter storage fee \$1 per foot: from \$11 to \$12. These increases are consistent with a five-year budget plan previously developed by the Board to address annual rent increases stipulated in our current lease agreement with Clark Marine. To offset the above non-discretionary increases in our expenses, we plan to keep our discretionary spending as conservative as possible. A financial report will be made available at the **Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 20 at 2:00 pm**. Historically, TYC has had a high percentage of slips filled and this helps us distribute our fixed costs.

Each year we need to recruit new members to keep our club financially viable. If you know someone who is interested in joining TYC, please encourage them to speak to our membership committee members: Bob Stone, Bill Guggemos and Bill Fleming. Please feel free to contact me at <eileenlhassett@gmail.com> if you have any questions about the Club's finances. I sincerely look forward to seeing you at the Spring Meeting.

Eileen Hassett
Treasurer

Director of Operations **Doug Klapper**



Punxatawny Phil really missed it this year. What happened to an early spring? Was that one nice weekend really it?

The prolonged cold weather system forced us to postpone opening the clubhouse to Easter Saturday, March 30.

By the time you are reading this, the clubhouse should be opened, the water and electric should be on, the lock on the bridge gate removed and the key card gate operating. Remember to put your key card back in your vehicle to gain access. I would prefer to keep the clubhouse locked until boats go in, so please lock up if you are the last to leave.

We have a full complement of returning stewards for the 2013 season. Nick Sledziewski, Margaret Seitz, Nicole Thompson, Nate Johnson and Hannah Johnson will all be coming back. I am looking forward to the continuation of the terrific service they have provided in the past.

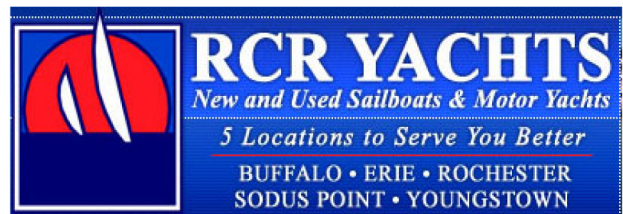
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See you at the Spring Meeting.

Doug Klapper
Director of Operations



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Director of Harbor Operations **Brian Jacobs**



The weather will soon be changing and we're fast approaching the time for launch. We never did have good ice this season for repairs, so we've been thinking about alternatives for getting those tilted dock poles back to the vertical.

A couple docks were damaged by ice and a few others simply need some work. We want to have these docks in shape by launch weekend, so watch your e-mails since I'll be calling for a work crew shortly.

Greg Sutton has been coordinating with the Clarks to do some work on slip I-00, rebuild the wall by the gin pole, and to make a change in the area of slip I-70, which while eliminating one slip will actually allow us to make better use of the surrounding slips.

As always, if your own dock is in need of repair, or if you are aware of any other docks that require attention, please let me know via e-mail.

Thanks again to everyone for your support.

Brian Jacobs
Director of Harbor Operations

TYC Book Club News

The TYC Book Club will be meeting on Sunday, May 19 at 12:00 in the TYC Clubhouse. We will be discussing *The Shoemaker's Wife*, by Adriana Trigiani. You may check out the Book Club book list for the year at tycbookclub.blogspot.com/p/2013-tyc-book-club-selections.html.

All TYC members are welcome to attend. The discussions are lively, friendly, and always thought provoking. The meetings during the summer and fall are usually on the third Sunday of the month from 12:00–1:00.

Thanks,
Linda Maddigan and Denise David

Commodore's Tea and Fashion Show

Please join us for the sixth annual Commodore's Tea and Fashion Show
Saturday, May 18 at 1:00 pm.

Tea sandwiches, chocolate fountain, scones with clotted cream, and many other delicious desserts will be offered.

We will also be hosting our first fashion show "**Lake Cruising–TYC Style**" featuring new items available in our Ship's Store.

Adults \$12
Children 12 and under \$6
RSVP by May 12th

Hosted by: Chris MacLeod, Denise David, Sandy Jordan, Linda Madigan, Elana Balea, and Kathie Maloney

Ship's Store Notice

The TYC Ship's Store will be open Saturday during Launch.

If you are looking for TYC Decals for your boat we have them available. Or if you need a new TYC Burgee or Canadian Courtesy Flag we have them too! While you are waiting for your boat to be launched check out the display case in the main hallway or stop by inside and see our supply of boating wear: hats, jackets, sport shirts, sweatshirts and more!!! We will open Saturday at 9 am and be open most of the day.

During the boating season stop by and see us on Saturdays from noon–2 pm.
Don't forget to sign up for the Commodore's Tea May 18th. This year we are adding a Fashion Show featuring our TYC boating apparel with our own TYC models. Hope to see you there!

Kathy Sipes
Ship's Store Lady

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