

Tuscarora **Currents**

Election Issue: Meet the Candidates

Commodore Peter Fleckenstein



Election for 2014 Board of Directors will be held this month

It's starting to get cold and rainy and time to crank up the heat. The days are getting shorter and the leaves are falling from the trees. We can all feel good about being a part of the Tuscarora Yacht Club—our friendships, the beautiful setting, great sailing and the great times when we all come together to create wonderful memories. I am truly looking forward to the coming year and the chance to create new memories next season with you at TYC.

Our officers are each focused on their individual tasks and have worked cohesively to advance the Club's mission this year, for which I thank them. I have been very blessed over the past two years to have a Board of Directors, and other TYC members, who have eagerly stepped forward when new projects were undertaken. We added a new reciprocal cruise director this year, which worked out tremendously. We also delegated other responsibilities to various club members with key assignments, improving the efficiency of our operations while also providing an experienced pool of potential leaders for the coming years. Thanks to the Board of Directors and club members like you, we have built our club into what some have called the "Premiere Yacht Club" of Lake Ontario.

It's that time of year again when we have hauled boats for winter storage in anticipation of spring next year. Haul-out this year went exceptionally well. The weather cooperated and we were able to get all of the boats hauled within two days. Many thanks to Mike Algase and all our club members that participated in placing cradles, removing masts, working on the kitchen crews, manning the ship's store and, last but not least, hauling out boats.

This month, we will be holding elections for the 2014 Board of Directors. I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for the fine job they did in recruiting six club members to run for next year's

Board. I would also like to thank Hank Visger, Harry Buckholtz, Greg Sutton, Anne Van Benschoten, Mike Lazich and Nancy Van Voorhees for putting their names in the hat for election to the new Board.

Something you might wish to look at during the winter months is the Local Boater Option (Small Vessel Reporting System). Many people don't know that you can re-enter the U.S. without physically checking in with customs and immigration. Administered by Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Local Boater Option (LBO) program is voluntary and offers easy customs and immigration clearance for recreational boaters at the time of arrival. CBP offers an expedited arrival and reporting process for boaters enrolled in the program and satisfies the boat operator's legal requirement to report to a port of entry for face-to-face inspection. However, boaters are still required to phone in their arrival to CBP. Visit the Small Vessel Reporting System website to apply online for LBO participation and schedule an appointment for an interview. <https://svrs.cbp.dhs.gov/>

Thanks again one and all for the greatest year yet!!!

Peter R. Fleckenstein
Commodore, TYC

Vice Commodore Nancy Van Voorhees



This summer has really flown! We have had a lot of great times, great parties, great music, and great food! So many people pitched in this year making my job so easy! The addition of the Homer Balea Music Machine really got us dancing! Our last party of the year was the International Potluck hosted by Elena and Homer Balea! What a great time! John Kudla made the BEST sausage for us for this party! Every time we have a potluck, I am reminded of the talented cooks we have in the club!

Even though the boats are out of the water, the cookbook committee is working diligently on the TYC Cookbook. We still need more recipes! Please send anything you would like to submit to one of the following committee members: Julie Bukowski, Anne Van Benschoten, Cheryl Robinson, Denise David, Elena Balea, Linda Maddigan or myself. We would love at least one recipe from each member. These recipes can be from your favorite cookbook (there is no copyright on recipes), or a family favorite. Our goal is to have the cookbook available at launch.

John Suita is already hard at work planning our club cruises for next season. If there is a particular

destination that you would like him to look into, drop him an e-mail! These club cruises are a great way to get to know your fellow boaters and visit other clubs.

Have a safe winter and see you all next year!

Nancy Van Voorhees
Vice Commodore, TYC

Rear Commodore Mike Lazich



As yet another delightful boating season at TYC draws to a close, we wish to thank all of you for your various contributions towards making this year a great success. TYC is one of the very best yacht clubs on Lake Ontario because our members generously contribute their various talents and skills to keeping our grounds ship-shape and our operations organized and efficient. Indeed, this can-do spirit of volunteerism and cooperation has been the key to our success, and each of us has an obligation to help sustain this positive atmosphere of mutual endeavor and collegiality.

We also wish to thank those who have stepped forward to run for election, or re-election, to the Board of Directors this year. The upcoming BOD election provides an ideal opportunity for those with the time and desire to become even more actively involved in the operation and administration of our club. I am confident that the newly elected or returning members of the BOD will undertake the challenges of the upcoming season with the same spirit of dedication that has long characterized the efforts of this hard working group of individuals.

I also wish to thank you personally for granting me the opportunity to serve for these past two seasons on the Board of Directors. Serving on the Board has proven a truly rewarding and pleasurable experience. It has also made me aware of the many challenging tasks and responsibilities involved in operating and maintaining our wonderful facilities. I have acquired a much greater appreciation for the efforts of those of you who contribute so much of your individual time and energy to making TYC such a wonderful place to spend the summer.

I wish you all an enjoyable and productive off-season and look forward to seeing you next year.

Mike Lazich
Rear Commodore, TYC

Fleet Captain Greg Sutton



Another boating season has come to an end and another great summer has passed. Just about everything is wrapped up and put away, waiting for winter to come and go so we can look forward to the arrival of another boating season.

Thanks to all the club members for all your help during haul-out weekend. More than enough help was received from our members to complete all the work with barely a hitch. You should all be congratulated. Preparations for the storage of the boats went extremely well. We were able to place all of the cradles in one day without any problems thanks to Peter Hubble and his crew. From the cradle weekend we moved on to the mast un-stepping weekend, which was lead by Jeff Strothmann on the gin pole and Mike Algase on the boom truck. I sincerely thank all who participated in getting the masts un-stepped and placed safely on stands around the grounds.

On haul-out weekend, we started bright and early Saturday morning and had a warm fall day to work through the line of boats. We encountered some light rain on Sunday, but not enough to significantly slow our progress. We finished up around 5 PM on Sunday. It appeared that the Saturday/Sunday haul-out schedule worked well, so I think that the BOD will make this our conventional procedure for future haul-outs. In all, we safely hauled 79 boats this year.

Again this year, no one worked hungry with Jan Klapper and Carol Goulah taking the lead in the kitchen providing great meals for all the crews to savor. We had both great leadership and outstanding volunteer participation. A very big THANK YOU is in order for our crew leaders and all the enthusiastic volunteers who year after year make it all happen at TYC.

Crane Crew: Jack Brownschidle, Dean Achenbrenner, Bill Panek, Anssi Kairo, Tym Zhuk, Keith Robinson, Tom Gray, Ward Caldbick, Dave Kirkpatrick, Jeff Schuster, Vince Barnes, Doug Klapper, Dave Brown, Dick Tuyn, Richard Kreger, Dave MacLeod, Mike Seitz, Brian Werder, Bill Maloney, Clay Jackson, John Powell, Hank Visger, Darius Teslovich, and Peter Fleckenstein. Crew Leader: Mike Algase

Kitchen Crew: Vira Zhuk, Rich Campagna, Carol Beachy, Claudia Del Russo, Sandy Jordan, Eileen Anderson, Kinga Barwig, Michelle Tuyn, Ben Tuyn, Linda Werder, Karen Teslovich, Mary Ellen DiSilvo, Judy Fanning, Johanna Kools. Special Thanks to Jon Powell for his donation of chili for Sunday lunch. Crew Leaders: Jan Klapper and Carol Goulah.

Keep warm and safe this winter and think spring.

Greg Sutton
Fleet Captain, TYC

Secretary Carol Goulah



Each season, many TYC members take advantage of our reciprocal program and visit other participating clubs around the lake and beyond. Through the program we enjoy inexpensive accommodations, experience different facilities and have a wonderful opportunity to extend our circle of friends. In turn, this season 286 boaters from a variety of clubs visited TYC.

In my first year of service on the Board of Directors as Secretary, I have been trying to better organize the binder with the reciprocal letters and clarify the information for you and the stewards. I have also tried to simplify the spreadsheet so that it only includes the most important information about each reciprocal club.

If any of you have any information regarding specific clubs that differs from our records, please contact me. By next spring, I hope to have contacted the clubs who have not recently sent letters in order to make our records more up-to-date.

Carol Goulah
Secretary, TYC

Treasurer Eileen Hassett



The boats are out of the water and many have already been covered for the winter. Another great boating season has come to an end. At the Fall Membership Meeting there was a question about recycling at TYC. I am glad to report that a representative of Modern Disposal Services and I walked the club grounds last week to discuss starting recycling in spring 2014. In addition, I contacted a Town of Wilson councilman to express our interest in recycling for the next boating season. More details will be forthcoming in spring 2014. I will end my term on the Board of Directors in December 2013. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the club and make a contribution. I will do my best to ensure an orderly transition to the next Treasurer.

Eileen Hassett
Treasurer, TYC

Director of Operations Doug Klapper



We have enjoyed a terrific season! It is sad to see it end. But—now we can begin to look forward to the start of our next season. What plans can we make for next year? Any improvements or repairs to our boats? What projects slipped by this year?

We will be shutting down the club Saturday, Nov. 9 starting around 9:30AM. Please come out and help—many hands make light work.

****ELECTIONS****

We have a full slate of candidates for this year's elections to the Board of Directors. This year, Harry Buckholtz, Anne Van Benschoten and Hank Visger have generously put their names forward as candidates for election to the Board. Three current Board members—Mike Lazich, Greg Sutton and Nancy VanVoorhees—have also thrown in their hats seeking a second term.

It is an honor to present these candidates to you; each with unique qualifications and each stepping forward to dedicate their personal time and effort to serving TYC. Please carefully review each candidate and cast your ballot promptly when you receive it by mail within the next few days. With these six excellent candidates, the choice will not be easy. Remember to **CAST YOUR VOTE!!**

Thank you,

Doug Klapper
Director of Operations, TYC

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Director of Harbor Operations **Brian Jacobs**



I would like to start with a reminder about the vertical boards extending into the water that some members add to their docks. Please remove them before November 15th. Last year one such board was missed and, sure enough, the ice pushed it, ripping the sideboard off the dock (see photo below), which then had to be repaired in the spring. Hopefully, everyone understands that removing these boards is not just make-work but rather a vital maintenance requirement. Thank you again for your cooperation.

Be sure to keep an eye on your e-mails—there will no doubt be some dock related work parties between now and the start of the next season.

I've enjoyed serving the club this past year and look forward to the second year of my term on the Board of Directors.

Thanks again to all those who have helped with the various tasks throughout the season. I hope you all enjoy the upcoming holiday season.

Brian Jacobs
Director of Harbor Operations, TYC



Ice damage from vertical dock boards

Election for 2014 Board of Directors

Meet the Candidates



Nancy Van Voorhees

I have been a member of TYC for ten years. I have thoroughly enjoyed spending the last two years as Vice Commodore. I have had the opportunity to work with and get to know many of our wonderful members and have enjoyed doing what I like best, cooking and throwing parties! The key to any successful Board of Directors is communication and organization. We have great members! Good communication with the membership and their help and support is what makes a Board successful.

A little bit about me: 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 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 would appreciate your vote to allow me to serve you for another two years. I thank you in advance for your support and your vote.

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Mike Lazich

I sincerely thank you all for granting me the opportunity to serve for the previous two seasons on the TYC Board of Directors. Serving on the Board has proven to be a truly rewarding and pleasurable experience. It has also made me aware of the many challenging tasks and responsibilities involved in operating and maintaining our wonderful facilities. My wife, Mary, and I have had the great pleasure of being members of TYC since 2008, when we began our sailing experience at TYC aboard our 34-foot Beneteau, *Loose Cannon*.

Over these past six years, we have developed a deep appreciation for this beautiful club and a sincere fondness for its hard-working, fun-loving members. We have come to realize that the well maintained facilities and lovely natural surroundings at TYC are unmatched by any other club in the region, and 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 during my term as your Rear Commodore I have never ceased to be amazed at the dedicated efforts of our many hard working members. I would therefore consider it a great privilege and distinction to serve once again 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 fifteen-year career at Buffalo State, I have played an active role on many college-wide administrative committees and, therefore, thoroughly appreciate the importance 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 range of skills that would also enable me to contribute positively to the needs of TYC. With your support, I would be honored to serve another two-year term on the TYC Board of Directors and would welcome this opportunity to continue contributing to maintaining and improving the operations of our club.



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Greg Sutton

It is my honor to be able to request your vote to serve the membership for another two-year term for the upcoming 2014 Board of Directors. I have been a member of the Club since January 2005 and I have served in the past for a term as Director of Harbor Operations and currently serve in the post of Fleet Captain. My greatest accomplishment so far has been being able to work with the various Boards to set up standard operating procedures for each of the many duties required to be completed at the Club by each of the Board officers. I believe that I can continue to make contributions to the Club and provide direction and consistency to continue the successfulness of the club for years to come.

I am currently employed by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation as both the Regional Spill Engineer and Regional Hazardous Waste Engineer, overseeing the Brownfields and Superfund cleanup programs and the Petroleum Spill and Emergency Response programs in the six western counties of NY. I manage a staff of 14 engineers, geologists and technicians in the implementation of those programs. My experience in those fields has enabled me to work with previous TYC Boards and developed the Spill Response Plans necessary to meet our insurance requirement as well as train the stewards to meet State spill laws. I hope you have also found me accommodating, fair and attentive in the performance of my current board duties.

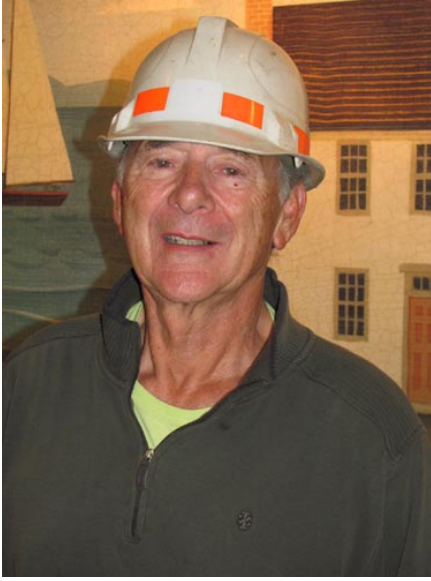
Along with my wife Adrienne, we have enjoyed the Club and our boat *Liberty* with our three grown children Nicholas (and Julie), Christopher and Emily and of course, our two grandchildren, Jackson and Bennett, as well as with other friends and family.

As some of you already know, I grew up at TYC spending my summers here sailing in the Junior Sailing program and then later as a sailing instructor and a steward. I believe this is one of the best family-oriented Clubs on Lake Ontario and I feel proud to be part of it and being able to pass that tradition onto other families at the Club.

I thank you in advance for your vote.

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Hank Visger

I'm very honored to be asked to be a candidate for a seat on the TYC Board of Directors this year. I first enjoyed TYC in 1982, when I started crewing on Coach's boat *Old Guard*. I enjoyed the experience so much that the next year I bought my first sailboat, a C&C 24, and joined TYC. That fall I joined the crane crew at haul-out and have worked on launch and haul-out every year since. I have worked on the crane, gin pole and now the cradle crew. From 1986 to 1990 I have docked and stored two other sailboats at this beautiful waterfront location.

In 1990, I moved to Youngstown Yacht Club to get into more intense racing with a much larger fleet. In 1998, I traded my C&C 35 for a Beneteau 381 and motored up the ICW and the Erie Canal to Lake Ontario. In October of that year I shipped it to Ft. Lauderdale, where I spent most of the next 5 years cruising the Keys, Bahamas, Abacos, and Exumas Islands.

In 2005, I moved to California to manage a restaurant for my son. After three years there I returned to Florida and decided to move my boat back to beautiful Lake Ontario. I rejoined TYC with *Glory Days* in November 2008.

Like many of you, I have watched TYC grow from a log cabin on an island in front of an abandoned hotel, to one of the most desirable yacht club destinations. When you talk to visiting yachtsmen you learn how overwhelmed they are by the beauty of our clubhouse and its facilities. But most of all, it's the outgoing helpfulness and welcoming by our members.

I believe my experiences as listed below would allow me to add value as a Board member.

As a Volunteer:

- 37 years as Winter Emergency Care Technician
- 5 years as a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce
- 6 years as a leader in the Boy Scouts of America

In a Leadership Roll:

- 3 years Vice President/President Ski Club of Lockport
- 3 years Vice President/President Lockport Little League Baseball
- 3 years Vice President/President Briarwood Tennis and Pool Club

Professional:

- Graduated from Michigan State University, Taught General Science for 3 years Buyer for GM Harrison Radiator Div.
- Planned production of radiators and oil coolers
- Negotiated outside labor
- Established quality procedures

Chartered airplanes and trucks
Treasurer for Wilson Harbor Yacht Racing Association
Treasure for Lockport Men's Softball League

I can't guarantee you blue skies, fair winds, smooth water or lower fuel prices, but I can guarantee you that I will work tirelessly to continue the unique traditions of TYC. It's an honor to be considered for this opportunity and I would appreciate your vote.



Anne Van Benschoten

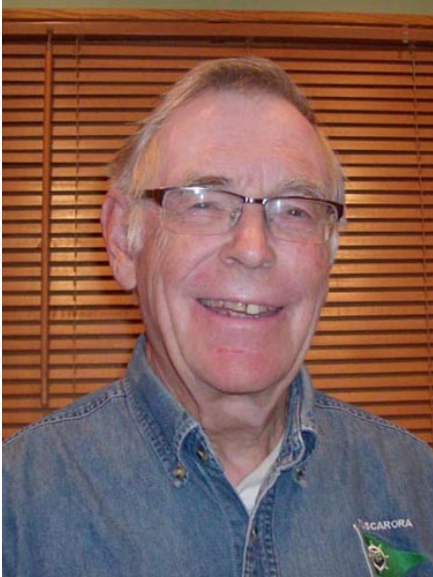
I'm Anne Van Benschoten and I am a candidate for the TYC Board of Directors. Since joining TYC, I have been impressed with the camaraderie, the work ethic, and the wealth of knowledge and skills displayed by our members. TYC is an organization of volunteers, managed by volunteers. I am volunteering to serve on the TYC Board of Directors because I believe I can make a positive contribution to the future of our club.

I was born and raised in Vermont, and spent many early years around the water with my family. At the University of Vermont, I pursued a degree in zoology while working summers for the VT Dept. of Water Resources on their Lakes and Ponds Crew conducting water sampling on Vermont lakes. After graduation, I was hired by the Dept. as an Aquatic Biologist. After meeting and marrying my husband, John, we relocated to Massachusetts, eventually landing in Western New York in the late 1980s. Two kids later, I enrolled in the RN program at NCCC and am currently the Director of Admissions at Briody Health Care Facility in Lockport.

John and I purchased our '85 Albin in the fall of 2010 and had it delivered to our driveway, next to John's shop. During the next nine months, we repaired, replaced, or refurbished virtually everything on our boat. It was a labor of love for both of us and we are pleased to have found a home for *Isabel* and for us at TYC.

John and I plan to spend many years at TYC and, like all of our members, we have a vested interest in our club's future. I am running for the Board as I believe I have communication and organizational skills that will contribute to the management of TYC. My volunteer experience includes working as a church Elder and Deacon, a team manager for my son's travel hockey teams, and a literacy volunteer tutoring adults who speak English as a second language.

I would be honored to serve as a member of the TYC Board of Directors. I look forward to working in this capacity for the betterment of our club and ask for your support of my candidacy. Thank you!



Harry Buckholtz

Suzanne and I have been members of TYC since 1999. TYC is an outstanding club in a great location with friendly people and lots of fun activities. I have been a member of the launch and haul-out work crews over the years, and Suzanne has volunteered on the kitchen crew numerous times. It is my desire to increase my involvement by serving as a Board member of TYC.

I am a retired Research Director at OxyChem, but continue as a consultant in the organic materials recycling industry. Suzanne and I also have successfully operated a marina on the Niagara River in Lewiston for 37 years. I have been Treasurer of the Kiwanis Club of Lewiston for the last five years and have had much budget preparation experience at OxyChem, which should give me qualifications for an open position on the Board. Serving on the Board of this wonderful club would be a great honor and an opportunity to give back to the organization.

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