

# *Tuscarora* **Currents**

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*Commodore* **Peter Fleckenstein**



## **2013 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 14 at 2 pm**

Well, it is hard to believe that the season is coming to an end. We have had a great summer with a few weeks of unsettled weather, but all in all the summer has been great. It is always a sad time when we have to think about getting ready to put the boats on the hard and waiting again for spring to come so we can do it all over again.

All in all we have had a great season with all of the sailing and boating that everyone was able to do. We had a great year of parties that were attended by the largest number of people in the club than ever before. I thank Nancy and all of the staff and members that assisted her in the great parties we had. I also want to thank John Suita for leading the way in coordinating the reciprocal cruises with the other clubs. I know that all that went on these cruises were very impressed. The other clubs expressed their admiration with how we had established a cruise director to handle the coordination.

Shirley and I would like to thank everyone for the excellent Commodores Ball, from the committee that put it together to the members that attended. It was a great success and “Thanks” for honoring us again this year.

I would like to thank the flower and grounds committees and participating members for the excellent job that you have done in making the Club grounds so beautiful with flowers. Also all of the mulch (donated by Ken Staub) that was placed in and around the gardens and trees looks great—Thank You.

I would like to thank Brian Jacobs and Jeff Strothmann for leading the efforts in getting safety ladders installed around the property. They have installed over 20 new ladders to be used in case someone falls into the water. Each ladder was installed so that a person would only be about 10’ away from a ladder if they were to fall in. Many thanks to Brian, Jeff, and to all the others that helped them with the installation—Great Job!!!

I would like to ask everyone to consider putting his or her name in the hat for a position on the Board of Directors. The time is upon us when we are looking for candidates to participate in the elections for the 2014 Board of Directors. I have appointed Douglas Klapper as chairperson for the election of officers. I would like each of you to consider getting involved as a candidate for the Board. It is gratifying to be a Board member knowing that you are able to guide and direct the future of the club. If interested or have questions please contact Douglas Klapper or his committee members Roger Maddigan and Ernie Pipiles.

As the season is coming to a close I ask that each one of you take a moment to think about this year and provide the Board of Directors with feedback on whatever you felt was important to you or the club. What I am looking for is feedback on what you thought was good, what can be improved on, what you did not like and what you would like to see done around the club. Please remember that TYC is your club and we can only improve it by your feedback.

Thanks to everyone for what you have done for TYC this year!!!

Peter R. Fleckenstein  
Commodore, TYC

## *Vice Commodore* Nancy Van Voorhees



This year has sped by so fast! We have had some great parties again this year. There were so many people pitching in and helping out with setup, serving, and cleanup. Many hands make light work and that was proven again this year.

I ESPECIALLY want to thank our in house DJ Homer Balea for "Rockin' TYC" this summer for us! And our TYC band had another amazing performance for us this year! Thanks to Frank Scannapeico, Bill Maloney, Todd Ciehomski, and guest stars Bryan Burhans on vocals, William Burhans on drums, and Noah Olson also on drums! We have some very talented folks at TYC and they help make our parties that much more fun!

Special thanks to my party chairmen/women! Without you I would not be able to have such successful parties:

- Spaghetti Dinner—Marsha Emmons
- Commodores Tea—Chris MacLeod, Elena Balea, Sandy Jordan, Denise David, and Linda Maddigan
- Sail Past—Mike and Mary Seitz and their daughter Margaret
- Father's Day Brunch—Linda Kelly, Irene Kelly, Heidi Beatty, and the crew from Wilson Yacht Club

- Pig Roast—Pat Lockwood, Paul Van Voorhees, Rick Sindoni
- Commodores Ball—Linda Kelly, Darlene Chase, Jan Klapper, Irene Kelly
- The Salty Dog Party—Special thanks to some great last minute “volunteers”—on Grill, Paul Buckowski (did some phenomenal steaks! Of course with the help of his wife Julie) and John Kudla with the help of his wife Karen and assistance on grill from Sam Libordi, who did a great job on the chicken!
- Corn Roast/Beef on ‘Weck dinner—Keith and Cheryl Robinson with help from John and Ann Van Benschoten

Many people helped out throughout the summer in the kitchen. Thanks to Jay Podolak, Jon and Karen Patterson, Myrna Stone, Tom and Rosalie Bailey, Chris MacLeod, Linda Kelly, Darlene Chase, Karen Libordi, Sandy Jordan, Elena Balea, Carol Varner and, if I am forgetting anyone, I apologize.

Congratulations on the winning team in “The Thing Race” Vicki and Ally Murray! They didn’t let last year’s performance get them down and they came back with a vengeance! Also a big round of applause to Anssi, Kinga, Josh and Justin Kairo for their persistence in finishing the race and winning recognition for the most creative craft!

I also cannot forget our club “cruise director,” John Siuta, for the wonderful job he did in arranging some awesome club cruises for our members this year!

Sally Santor and her phone tree were a huge help keeping all of you informed about upcoming parties and events. Thanks Sally!

And last but not least, our TYC cookbook committee has been hard at work entering recipes. Thanks so much to Cheryl Robinson, Elena Balea, Sandy Jordan, Julie Bukowski, Denise David Linda Maddigan, and Anne VanBenschoten. We are looking to have a release of our cookbook on launch weekend next year! There is room for more recipes so, please, if you haven’t submitted one already, please e-mail them to someone on the committee! You can also bring a copy of the recipe for the item you will be making for the international potluck party, which is September 14!

Thanks for another great year! The parties and events wouldn’t be anything if it weren’t for the wonderful members we have!

Nancy Van Voorhees  
Vice Commodore



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*Rear Commodore* Mike Lazich

Mother Nature has been kind to us this season, abundantly replenishing the lake levels that had dropped so frighteningly low last year, thus enabling us to enjoy an exceptionally pleasant 2013 boating season. I sincerely wish to thank you for the various services that each of you has provided TYC during this remarkably busy summer. TYC depends upon the labors of its members to maintain and improve our wonderful facilities; and our cooperative efforts in this regard help to boost the spirit of camaraderie that makes our club one of the friendliest on Lake Ontario.

We are now approaching the most challenging time of the year as we begin our preparations for haul-out and, finally, the closing of our clubhouse for the winter. Those of you that have not yet fulfilled your work hour requirement should have no trouble doing so during the completion of these labor-intensive undertakings. I encourage you to review carefully the reports of the Board officers in this issue of *Currents* or contact them directly for suggestions on how you might contribute to these crucial end-of-the-season tasks. Also, if you have forgotten to report work hours that you completed earlier this season, please remember to do so soon. As always, you may report your work hours to me by either filling out one of the green cards available on the clubhouse bulletin board or by simply e-mailing me at [lazichmc@buffalostate.edu](mailto:lazichmc@buffalostate.edu).

It has been a great pleasure serving as your representative on the Board this season, and I look forward to enjoying your friendship and collaboration as I continue my service to the end of my term. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your membership obligations. Enjoy the remainder of this beautiful boating season and best of luck as you prepare your boat for winter storage. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the TYC Annual Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 14.

Mike Lazich  
Rear Commodore

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## *Fleet Captain* Greg Sutton



### **Haul-out scheduled for Saturday, October 11 and Sunday, October 12**

Again this year, the Board has scheduled haul-out for Columbus Day weekend. This year we are making a significant change in the haul-out procedures in an effort to make the process more efficient and cost effective to the Club. We also hope this addresses some of the members concerns with having to come back on multiple days while waiting for their boat's turn to be hauled.

We will NOT be hauling boats on Friday evening, instead we will use this time to set up the crane and get ready for an early start Saturday morning at 7:00 AM sharp. Therefore **HAUL-OUT** will occur on **Saturday, October 11 and Sunday, October 12**. If for some unforeseen reason, such as equipment breakdown or extreme weather conditions, we also have the option of continuing into Monday if necessary.

There will be several activities that will occur prior to haul-out, one of which will be **CRADLE PLACEMENT** that will take place Saturday and Sunday, **September 28 and 29**. This event will be followed by **MAST UN-STEPPING on Saturday, October 5**, by either the boom truck or the gin pole.

As part of the planning process, please remember to renew all lift mark locations on your boat so they are visible from the deck, giving us exact locations for the slings to avoid having them landing on cradle pads. Also, please have control lines ready (minimum 50 feet on each end of the boat).

New members: If haven't already, please let me know as soon as possible if you will be hauling and/or storing with us this year so I can arrange a space for your boat. If I don't hear from you, I will assume you have made other arrangements.

For those un-stepping masts with the boom truck or gin pole, please bring lots of bungee cords for securing all the shrouds and other rigging. These are not just to secure the equipment but to also control the loose items that can be hazardous to the crew. Make sure that your cradle has been inspected/repaired and leveled as necessary so that your boat sets in it safely. Also make sure that your pads are in good shape and that you have enough blocks and shim material available when your boat is placed in the cradle so as not to delay the haul-out crew and crane operations.

We will start **HAUL-OUT** with the powerboats stored along the channel on the south side of the island near I-94 Saturday morning at 7:00 AM. We will then move to the island parking lot and haul boats



along the driveway (west side). As the day progresses we will continue around the harbor side of the Island and then to the North end wall getting as many boats hauled as possible before dark. Sunday we will continue along the east end of the Island to the boats on the back channel and complete all the hauling and demobilize the crane. If you have any questions about where we are in the haul-out procedure, call me or the club for an update.

Remember it is your responsibility to be there when it is your turn to be hauled. If we miss your boat because you were not there and we have moved on, it will be your responsibility to make arrangements to get your boat hauled. Waiting and/or returning for owners not present is very expensive, so make sure you are there when it is your time to be hauled. Also if you know that you are not going to be there and you are authorizing someone else to act on your behalf, we will need a letter of proxy stating who will be in charge of your boat during the haul out. This letter must be e-mailed or sent to the Fleet Captain at least one week prior to haul out. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

For all of the mast, cradle, and haul-out events, I will have work crew sign-up sheets posted in the clubhouse for you to volunteer for the various work crews. Please remember, this is a working club and participation by the membership is essential to its successful operation. We had a great group of workers during the spring launch which made the work that much easier for the members that were still there. If you need work hours, this is a great way to get them, and it's a great way to help out the club.

For safety reasons, no children are to be around the work areas on the Island during cradle movement and haul-out weekends. No children will be permitted to ride or operate any equipment or be left unattended. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Let's hope the weather cooperates and we can continue our great boating season up to the very last day before the Boats have to come out. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [sutt47@msn.com](mailto:sutt47@msn.com) or 860-1779. Thank you and enjoy the rest of the boating season.

Greg Sutton  
Fleet Captain

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## *Secretary* Carol Goulah



This summer we have received reciprocal letters and cards from approximately 75% of the participating clubs. I have used the information from these letters to update the spreadsheet, which is stored for your reference in the stewards' shed; I then filed the letters in the Reciprocal binder, also stored in the stewards' shed. Many of their policies have changed, as has ours. In general, TYC now charges \$10 per night, with a maximum of three nights. In the case of those clubs that are TRUE reciprocals, their policy is compared with ours and the more generous option is applied. We will still impose a three-night limit, with extensions based on space availability. Tuscarora is a popular destination for Lake Ontario boaters and there have been about 250 visitors so far this year. We should be very proud of our club and all that it offers.

Carol Goulah  
Secretary

## *Treasurer* Eileen Hassett



The tradition is that Labor Day is thought of as the end of summer. But September is a perfectly good summer month. So, enjoy your last month of summer and come out to your boat. When comparing the electricity bills for summer 2012 to summer 2013, our usage is down. Thank you for using this resource wisely to help control our costs. Your individual efforts to contribute toward keeping our expenses lower do make a difference. The club fiscal year is almost three-fourths completed. As my year as the TYC Treasurer is coming to a conclusion, I have learned a lot about how the club financial processes work and have tremendous respect for the Board members who have done the Treasurer job prior to me. Please feel free to contact me at [eileenlhassett@gmail.com](mailto:eileenlhassett@gmail.com) if you have any questions about the Club's finances. I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Membership meeting.

Eileen Hassett  
Treasurer

## *Director of Operations* Doug Klapper



What a terrific summer we have had—good weather, nice winds, terrific parties, enjoyable club cruises—so why does it have to be so short?! We still have the rest of September to enjoy. Let's not squander it...it will end all too soon.

You should have noticed a few minor improvements around the club this season.

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\*A box was added on the back side of the steward shack for the Emergency Pump (see photos). The pump may now be accessed by members 24/7. Your clubhouse key will open the lock. Hope we don't need it, but it is there if you do.



\*Spill containment equipment—booms and pads—are in the dock box on the east side of the Stewards shack (see photo). If you think you might dribble a little fuel, grab a pad to catch it before it



hits the water. The boom should be used for larger spills. The Stewards have all been trained in deploying these.

\*All the lift equipment has been relocated and secured in the large dock box on the north side of the shed.

\*A beautiful weathervane was donated by Toni and John Gartner and installed on the roof of the Stewards shack.

\*A small air conditioner was donated and installed in the Stewards shack.

\*Screen doors were installed on the east and west sides of the clubhouse for easier access to the grills and west side patio.

\*New grills were purchased and added to the Haines and Mainland areas.

\*And let's not forget the gorgeous flowers and plantings planted and maintained by Cindy and her crew.

We enjoy a terrific facility and these continuing enhancements help to keep it that way.

Now to the negative. It won't be long before we pull our boats and close out another season. I plan to plan to close the clubhouse and winterize the systems on Saturday, Nov 9. This is a bit later than usual. If you need to fill work hours, this is a good chance to do that.

Let's make the most of what is left of the season!

Doug Klapper  
Director of Operations



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## *Director of Harbor Operations* **Brian Jacobs**



I hope you got to enjoy some of the great weather in August. As you may have noticed, we have been installing additional emergency ladders around the club. In the past, we had 14 ladders total, spread across the Island, Haines, and the Mainland. This project adds 22 more ladders in order to reduce how far someone may have to swim to reach a ladder. The ladders on the Island and Mainland were installed for the most part on Friday, August 30, and the ladders for Haines will be installed on Friday, Sept 6.

I'd like to thank those who have worked on the project so far: Jeff Strothmann, Don Sipes, Doug Klapper, Sam Libordi, Tom Bailey, Doug David, and Bob Schmidt. I'd particularly like to single out Jeff Strothmann, since he not only did the welding work, but he also did all the cutting and preparation of the steel brackets. He put in a lot of effort and we should all thank him.

While we hope not to see anyone fall in the water, hopefully we will all be a little more comfortable knowing that these additional ladders are there in case someone does.

Thanks again to all who have helped. I hope to see you at the fall meeting!

Brian Jacobs  
Director of Harbor Operations



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