

Tuscarora **Currents**

Commodore **Greg Sutton**



Introducing the 2014 Board of Directors

I am honored to have been chosen as Commodore this year and I will do my best to uphold the high standards of leadership excellence that have been set by my predecessors. In particular, I am following in the footsteps of Peter Fleckenstein, who over the past two years has been our Commodore and has done a tremendous job leading our club.

It is hard to believe the holidays have passed so quickly and spring of 2014 is soon approaching. Most of last year's Board is returning this year, the only newly elected Board member being Hank Visger, who has agreed to serve as our new Treasurer. Most of last year's Board members are continuing in their old posts, which should lend an extra measure of continuity and efficiency to club operations. You will see from the accompanying articles how most Board members have retained their former positions: Nancy VanVoorhees—Vice Commodore, Mike Lazich—Rear Commodore, Carol Goulah—Secretary, Doug Klapper—Director of Operations, Brian Jacobs—Director of Harbor Operations, and Peter Fleckenstein will assume my previous position as Fleet Captain. This group of individuals brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Board this year, which I am sure will be reflected in another successful year at TYC. I would also like to thank departing member Eileen Hassett for her term on the Board. Her knowledge and guidance will be missed.

We are looking forward to a busy social calendar this year with Nancy again doing an outstanding job organizing the numerous parties and social gatherings. I encourage you all to get involved by either taking the lead in organizing one of the events or by simply contributing some of your time in helping with the set-up and take-down necessary for the various activities. It is a great way to meet other TYC members and make new friends.

I would like to thank each and every member that participated in the work hour program last year. The generous contribution of membership work hours greatly enhances the looks of the clubhouse and grounds and helps in many other activities such as haul-out and launch, club parties, facility repairs, and general cleanup, just to mention a few. It also helps to keep club costs down and our

operations as efficient as possible. Unfortunately, however, we had a rather disappointing turnout for the required Officer-of-the-Day duty, so be sure to check the schedule this season in order to properly fulfill this important obligation of membership.

Membership recruitment is most important to maintaining the long-term financial stability of TYC. While the Membership Committee, consisting of Bob Stone, Bill Guggemos, and Bill Fleming, are doing a spectacular job, it is the responsibility of all members to promote the Club and bring in prospective new members. Promote your club to your boating friends. Encourage them to visit (by boat if possible for a free weekend) and provide their names to our Membership Committee for follow-up.

The TYC Events Calendar is nearly complete and is posted on the website so that we can all make our plans early for club cruises and other social events.

If you have been receiving the club's email blasts, you should be aware that the Clarks are currently making repairs to the bridge to the Island. I know that some of you are concerned about access to the club during the repairs, but a temporary footbridge has been installed if you need to inspect your boat or do minor repairs. As spring approaches and as the work continues we will keep the membership informed of the completion date.

Have a great winter and think spring!

Greg Sutton
Commodore, TYC

Vice Commodore **Nancy Van Voorhees**



Will this relentless winter EVER end? The positive side is that we are well over the halfway point—spring is just around the corner, days are getting longer, and soon the boating season will be upon us in full swing! The Spring Meeting will be at the clubhouse on April 26 at 2 pm.

I want 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 very hard on. The dinner will be May 10. Details will be forthcoming.

I also want to thank the following for agreeing to host the Commodore's Tea on May 17. 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!

The Thing Race will be held again on August 2. I would LOVE to have a full array of contestants for this! It is a lot of fun and I would like to keep it going. Start planning/plotting your designs now!

There are a few parties that I am still in need of individuals to chair. I really need someone to step up to chair the Commodore's Ball, so if you are interested please contact me as soon as possible. If you have never chaired a party before, I will be there to assist you and we have wonderful members who always step up to help.

Attention cruisers! John Suita has been hard at work during the off-season planning some wonderful club cruises for us! The first will be an early one May 31–June 1 to Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club. On the weekend of July 25–26, a cruise is planned to ABYC for the Toronto Jazz Festival. On August 9–10, there will be a cruise to Oakville for the Oakville Jazz Festival, and on Labor Day weekend there will be a club cruise to Port Credit. Thanks so much for your hard work on this John!

The past couple years I have had some ideas for some kid friendly parties and would love someone to step forward to help with these. If you are interested in helping out with some parties for our junior boaters, please let me know.

Let's hope that after this horrible winter we are repaid with pleasant weather for boating. I can assure you we will have some wonderful parties planned!

Nancy Van Voorhees
Vice Commodore, TYC

Rear Commodore Mike Lazich



As we continue to endure the bitter chill of this exceptionally cold winter, I'm sure that many of you are dreaming of the balmy days of summer and another season of fun and fellowship at TYC. I too am looking forward to the coming season, and I eagerly anticipate another fantastic summer of boating and partying at our beautiful club.

I wish to thank you all for the opportunity you have given me to serve another term as your representative on the TYC Board of Directors. Serving on the BOD has truly been an enjoyable and educational experience, and I sincerely look forward to another two years of working with the other fine members of the BOD overseeing the maintenance and operation of our remarkable facilities.

I also wish to thank you all for your dedicated contributions to making TYC the best yacht club on Lake Ontario. A volunteer organization such as ours is only as good as the combined efforts of its members, and you have consistently demonstrated the excellence of TYC and the high morale of its membership through your generous labors. As the new season approaches, there will be many opportunities for you to begin adding to the total of ten (10) hours of service required from each full membership at TYC. If you are uncertain about how you might most effectively contribute your time, please feel free to contact one of the BOD members or stewards for helpful suggestions. Also, be sure to report your service to me by either filling out one of the green work hour cards posted alongside the clubhouse bulletin board or by emailing me directly at lazichmc@buffalostate.edu.

TYC maintains an electronic mailing list of member e-mail addresses to send out announcements and information of importance to our organization. If you have not been regularly receiving e-mails from TYC, be sure to contact me so I can add you to the electronic mailing list.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Mike Lazich
Rear Commodore, TYC

Fleet Captain Peter Fleckenstein



It is hard to believe that the holidays have passed so quickly and a new year is already upon us. First and foremost, congratulations to Greg Sutton on becoming the new Commodore for this year. Also congratulations to Hank Visger for being voted on to the Board of Directors as the new Treasurer; and a very big THANKS to past treasurer Eileen Hassett for a job well done.

Now that the long awaited holidays are over and we set our sights on the season before us, this is a great time to reflect on the past year when we experienced some of the finest sailing weather and some very enjoyable trips to other clubs. We had some of the best parties and get-togethers ever held at TYC. Looking forward, this is a good time to be thinking of the upcoming boating season: things like getting the cover off the boat, doing some maintenance that is long overdue, putting a fresh coat of wax on the hull, and getting the clubhouse and grounds ready for the new season. It is also a good time to be thinking of ways to volunteer around the club by contributing to such activities as parties or club cruises.

We are looking at Friday, May 2 to start launching boats, with the operation continuing throughout Saturday, May 3. This will be followed with mast stepping on Sunday, May 4. Again this year, Michael Algase will be the launch crew leader, and we sincerely thank him for his dedicated service to TYC. I will provide more details on launch in the next newsletter, as we get closer to the launch date.

If you have not been to the club in the past week or two, the Clarks have removed the bridge onto the island so that they can rework the walls that supported the bridge. In the meantime, they have put a catwalk in place to provide a route onto the island. Please be careful when going across as it may be wet or icy and we do not want to see anyone take a fall.

See you soon!!!

Peter R. Fleckenstein
Fleet Captain, TYC

Secretary Carol Goulah



Spring is coming...we know it must...and our boats will soon be launched. During the 2014 season, many of us will be heading for one or more of the many nearby clubs around Lake Ontario and beyond, taking advantage of our reciprocal program.

Again this year, I will be sending letters describing our reciprocal policy to all participating clubs, which numbers over one hundred. Approximately 75% of these letters will be e-mailed this year, saving considerable cost on postage. Many of the reciprocal notices we receive are also electronic, especially those sent from Canada.

All of the letters and cards from participating clubs are stored in a binder, which is kept in the stewards' shed, along with a spreadsheet for quick reference. John Suita has scheduled several club cruises; more information will be available at the Spring Meeting and through e-mail notices.

Stay warm and keep well...you'll be boating again soon!

Carol Goulah
Secretary, TYC

Treasurer Hank Visger



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to serve on the TYC Board for 2014. I also want to thank Eileen Hassett for the warm encouragement and help she provided me in taking over this challenging position.

I imagine that you are as fed-up with this cold winter as I am and are looking forward to a warm spring so we can get to the task of readying our boats for launch May 2–3. I am presently finalizing this year's budget for approval by the Board in March. As you know, budgets are guidelines for projected expenses, but cannot predict emergencies. Therefore, I am reorganizing and simplifying all expenses so that every expense is assigned to a specific Board member, with the intent to keep a tight control on costs. The Boards' current discussion on controlling expenses has resulted in keeping the dockage fees at \$58 per foot. That means there will be no increase in dockage fees for 2014.

The reimbursement policy and forms that were implemented by previous Boards will continue in effect. I want to remind everyone that all reimbursement requests should be turned in within 30 days of the expense. Any request not properly filled out, with a receipt provided and approved by a Board member will be returned. Again, this is being done to keep a tight control on costs and to make sure reimbursement checks get out as quickly as possible. My other goal is to review all contracted services with the intention of reducing those costs by negotiation or looking for a new source for that service if it results in a cost saving. I plan on being a friendly pain in the neck when it comes to spending money.

Thank you for your assistance in controlling our expenses.

Think Warm!

Hank Visger
Treasurer, TYC

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Will this long cold winter ever end? Do you remember what warm weather even feels like? Watching the Winter Olympics is not really helping. The Toronto Boat Show once again came through for me. It got me thinking more about the boat and TYC. It is now time to focus more on the season ahead and the projects to complete. Overall the club facilities are in excellent shape, but there is always the opportunity to make some changes and improvements. If you have any ideas or know of needed repairs, please let me know so we can evaluate the various needs and available resources.

We will be having a good compliment of returning stewards this year, but will be hiring one or two new stewards to assure needed coverage.

If anyone is still praying for more winter—please stop!

Think warm thoughts and see you at the club.

Doug Klapper
Director of Operations, TYC

Director of Harbor Operations **Brian Jacobs**



The word of the day is “ICE”. We finally had enough ice that we could work on straightening and resetting some of the dock poles. The weekend of Feb. 1–2, the top inch of ice was slush and there were standing pools of water, not to mention the rain itself. This past weekend, however, the weather was perfect for us. Believe it or not, we were actually on the verge of having too much ice, with only one of the chainsaws having a long enough bar to cut through what was sometimes 18 inches of ice.

We pulled a couple of poles that were no longer needed, and we reset a number of others. We also made repairs to dock I-66, where the side members had pulled away from the base plate. All in all, I think we worked hard and accomplished a lot.

Many thanks to the following participants, both for their efforts and for the tools they brought: Mike Algase, Dean Aschenbrenner, Jeff Jordan, Steve Gasiewicz, Mike Lazich, Roger Maddigan, George McKinney, Darren Patterson, Keith Robinson, Ken Staub, Greg Sutton, John VanBenschoten, Hank Visger, and Tym Zhuk. Also, thanks to Jeff Strothmann for welding up the steel pole driver. If I have forgotten anyone, please let me know.

Before you know it, we'll be opening the clubhouse and putting in the boats.

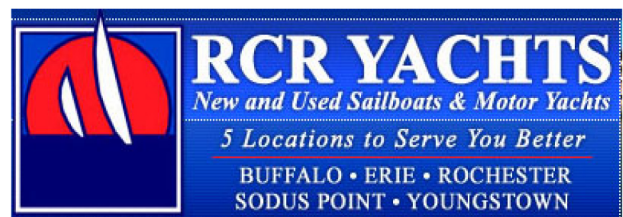
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TYC members hard at work driving a post in Haines



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Olcott Yacht Club Sailing Programs

For the 2014 Season the Olcott Yacht Club will be offering its Adult and Junior Sailing Programs for the benefit of the membership and the public.

The Adult Sailing program begins with a free lecture/ demonstration, Tuesday May 20, at 6:30 P.M. Sail dates start the following Tuesday at 6:30 and continue Saturday mornings at 10 and Tuesdays at 6:30 through the 21 for eight on the water lessons.

The Junior Sailing sessions this season will run June 30 to July 18 and July 28 to August 15. Gabe Lewis and Elisa Schneider are returning to head up the program this year. They are already looking at Regatta Schedules—The Centrals Regatta at Sodus Bay in July and the US Sailing Junior Olympics in Rochester in August. We will also do some home and home's with Youngstown. OYC will also be hosting our Second Annual Open Junior Regatta. We had a great Regatta last season and look forward to planning and holding again this year. We are looking at July 19 for the Regatta.

Check out the website www.olcottyachtclub.com for fees and other details, or contact Mark Cassidy at 716-778-9028 or Rappareems@aol.com.



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