## **Tuscarora** Currents

#### Commodore Greg Sutton



## 2014 Fall Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 27 at 2 pm

From the launch in April, the Spaghetti dinner in May, through to the Beef on 'Weck dinner on Labor Day weekend, it has been another great boating and social season at TYC this year! With the International Pot Luck dinner and the Oktoberfest Party on the calendar for September, there's still more to come. A cool spring gave way to some great weather for all our parties and cruises and general boating experiences. By all accounts, the Club looked great again this year. There have been many very positive comments by members and visitors alike about our beautiful facilities. A word of thanks needs to go out to your Board of Directors, our various Committees, and our fine staff of stewards that have worked hard to make things run smoothly and look good.

Our Fall Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, September 27 at 2:00 pm, which along with haulout and other end-of-season activities will, unfortunately, mark the end of another season at TYC. More details will be in the articles from the other Board members. It's always nice to see many of our members at the Annual Meeting to hear about upcoming plans and to recap the season together. We also plan to discuss and vote on two By-Law Amendments, so I hope to see you there.

Adrienne and I would like to again express a special "Thank You" to each and every one of you that attended the Commodore's Ball in my honor. The Commodore's Ball committee came up with one of the nicest Balls ever, and we had the largest attendance ever with approximately 136 people. Having the event at the Club was a great idea and a tradition I hope will continue for years to come.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, dredging of the Harbor will be well on its way to completion. It was originally scheduled to start on August 20, but due to delays at other harbors, our work was rescheduled to start on September 6 and take about a week to complete. The initial plan was to have the Corp of Engineers dredge the navigation channel up to Island slip I-00. The State then reportedly kicked in enough money to dredge the remainder of the navigation channel down to the State Park. Further funding is currently being requested from the Greenway commission by town and village officials to dredge areas beyond the navigation limits so, as you can see, there are numerous aspects to getting this project completed. Once this work is done we can start working with the Clarks to have our slips cleaned out next year.

Once again, it is time for us to look for candidates for the 2015 Board of Directors. I have appointed Hank Visger as chair of the Election Committee this year. Other Committee members are Doug David, Ernie Pipiles, and Roger Maddigan. I would like each of you to consider serving TYC by putting your name in the hat 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 you are concerned about not knowing what to do in any one position don't worry, Mike Lazich has been working diligently making sure all of our records and operating procedures are being stored electronically so they can be easily passed on to maintain the continuity of our operations. If you are interested or have any questions please contact me or anyone of the Election Committee members.

As the season comes to a close, I ask that each of you think about this year and what you felt was important to you and/or the club. With that I would ask that you pass along your views on what you thought was good, what can be improved on, what you did not like or what you would like to see done around the club, to one of the Board of Directors. Please remember that TYC is your club and we can only improve it by your feedback.

Thank you everyone for your enthusiastic service to TYC this year!!!

Greg Sutton Commodore, TYC

#### Vice Commodore Nancy Van Voorhees



It is hard to believe that another season is already coming to a close. We have had some great parties again this year. It was wonderful to have so many people pitching in and helping out with setup, serving, and cleanup!

I ESPECIALLY want to thank our in house DJ Homer Balea for 'rockin' TYC this summer for us! The new lighting and smoke effects were awesome!

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all those who stepped up to help out. Without you I would not be able to have such successful parties. I have listed the people who chaired the various events and their chief assistants, but there were many other club members that helped out as well.

**Spaghetti Dinner**—Marsha Emmons

Commodore's Tea—Chris MacLeod, Elena Balea, Sandy Jordan, and Linda Maddigan Father's Day Brunch—Linda Kelly, Irene Kelly, Heidi Beatty, and the crew from Wilson Yacht Club Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ—Erik Anderson, Harry Buckoltz, Myrna Stone, Chris MacLeod, and Carol Varner

Commodore's Ball—Patience Tinkey, Chris MacLeod, and Myrna Stone

**Lobster/Clam Bake**—John Kudla, who supplied the great sausage and grilled some incredible chicken!, Paul and Julie Buckowski, who grilled some phenomenal lobster tails—they are the king and queen of charcoal grilling!, Hank Visger, Lou Cappola, and Paul Van Voorhees, who were on clam detail, Renea and Jim Kwiatkowski worked with setup, serving, and cleanup and worked their tails off!

**Corn Roast/Beef on 'Weck Dinner**—Keith and Cheryl Robinson did another great job making some wonderful salads and serving an awesome meal.

Many people helped out with various tasks for the social functions throughout the summer. Thanks to Jon and Karen Patterson, Myrna Stone, Chris MacLeod, Darlene Chase, Karen Libordi, Sandy Jordan, Elena Balea, Carol Varner, Pat and Gay O'Keefe, Vicki Murray, John and Toni Gartner, Harry and Suzanne Buckoltz, and I apologize for those whom I'm forgetting.

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!

The last two parties of the year will be the **International Potluck** on September 13, which John and Sally Santor have generously offered to chair, and the **Oktoberfest** party on September 27 (Yes, I am a glutton for punishment; the chair for this one is me). PLEASE don't wait until the last minute to sign up for these parties. I am still adding about 40–50% of the participants for these social functions after the deadline. If you cannot be at the club to sign up, call or e-mail the party chairperson. It makes it very difficult to plan a party when you have to purchase additional supplies at the last minute.

Thanks once again for another great year! The parties and events wouldn't be as successful if it weren't for the wonderful members we have!

Nancy Van Voorhees Vice Commodore, TYC





#### Rear Commodore Mike Lazich



As sad as it may be to contemplate, yet another season of sailing at TYC will soon be coming to a close. I sincerely wish to thank you all for the various services that each of you has provided TYC during this exceptionally active and enjoyable summer. TYC depends upon the labors of its members to maintain and improve our wonderful facilities and to organize the variety of social events that have made this such an enjoyable season. 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 haulout and, finally, the closing of our facilities 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 laborintensive 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.

I hope that all of you will be able to attend the TYC Fall Meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 27 at 2:00 pm. The Board of Directors looks forward to this important occasion each year to make our regular report to you on the ongoing operations and immediate concerns of our club. This year we will also be discussing some changes to the TYC By-Laws that require your approval. So, please carefully review these proposals prior to the meeting and be prepared to raise any questions or concerns that you may have regarding these important revisions to our current policies.

It has been a great pleasure serving as your representative on the BOD this season, and I look forward to enjoying your friendship and collaboration as I continue my service for another year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding your membership obligations. Enjoy the remainder of this beautiful boating season; and I wish you the best of luck as you prepare your boat for winter storage. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the TYC Fall Meeting and the Octoberfest event scheduled to follow that evening.

Mike Lazich Rear Commodore, TYC

#### Fleet Captain Peter Fleckenstein



Well, here we are at the start of September and I hate to say it but we must start talking about getting ready to haul our boats the beginning of October. This year we will be hauling boats Saturday and Sunday October 11 and 12.

There will be several activities that will occur prior to haul-out, one of which will be the placement of cradles that will take place Saturday and Sunday, September 27 and 28. This event will be followed by un-stepping masts on Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5 using the Gin Pole and Sunday, October 5 using the boom truck. Please note that the boom truck will be used on Sunday instead of Saturday as in years past.

As part of the planning process, please remember to renew all lift mark locations on your boat as this will give us exact locations for the slings which will avoid slings landing on cradle pads. Also, please have control lines ready (minimum 50 feet on each end of the boat). For those stepping masts with the boom truck or gin pole, tie-downs for all the shrouds and hanging hardware will control the loose items that can be hazardous to the crew, so bring lots of bungee cords for this purpose and you can then use them in the spring to hold the halyards back from banging on the mast. 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 you have enough blocks and shim material available when your boat is placed in the cradle as to not hold up the haul-out crew and crane operations.

We will start with the powerboats that store along the channel on the island (near I-94 through I-96), we will then move to the island parking lot. The boat owners for these areas should be available promptly at 7:00 am Saturday. All boat owners on the west side driveway and the north end wall to I-40 need to be there at 8:00 am to get hauled and assist around the club until we get to your boat. Boats from I-41 and higher please be there by 9:00 am to get hauled and assist around the club until we get to your boat. Sunday morning we will start again at 7:00 am for the rest of the boats that did not get hauled on Saturday.

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 and payment with Clark Rigging to get your boat hauled after the club has finished with the crane. 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. If your boat is hauled and it takes an excessive amount of time to place your boat in the cradle you may be billed an additional fee, so make sure that your cradle pads are lubed and working if they are adjustable and additional shim material is ready.

If you know that you are not going to be at the club for haul-out 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 one week prior to haul out.

For the cradle and haul-out events, I will have work crew sign-up sheets posted in the clubhouse for you to sign up on. Please remember, if you need work hours these events count toward the fulfillment of your work hour obligation.

To ensure the safety of children present around the Island during cradle movement and haul-out weekends, no children are allowed to be around these work areas. No children will be permitted to ride or operate any equipment or be left unattended—your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me at Fleetcaptain@tycwilson.com

Thank you, and please enjoy the rest of the boating season.

Peter R. Fleckenstein Fleet Captain, TYC

### Secretary Carol Goulah



The 2014 boating season has been a lovely one. Many of us have participated in the club reciprocal cruises as well as our own independent travels around Lake Ontario and beyond. Information about the various reciprocal policies with other yacht clubs is now increasingly available online at the individual club web sites. This can be a convenience as you research a possible trip from home, or are already on the water looking for your next port. Of course, the complete list of clubs and their policies is always accessible in the Stewards' Shed and, soon, on the TYC web site as well.

Carol Goulah Secretary, TYC

# SAFETY EQUIPMENT & MARINE ELECTRONICS FM COMMUNICATIONS

1914 Colvin Blvd. Tonawanda, New York Club Members Paul Bukowski & Ken Olson

#### Treasurer Hank Visger



As the end of the season looms on the horizon, an element of sadness is in the air for us hardy sailors who don't want the season to end yet. But for the Treasurer it means there will be a slower outflow of funds from the treasury, and that is something of a relief for me.

We have only one more lease payment, and our major improvements are mostly competed and paid for, such as our new gate system (with help from Clark Marine), upgraded phone and internet service, new ice making machine, and new credit card processing system to meet the new standards for next year, just to mention a few.

Our revenue from ice, snacks and pop, and visitor docking has been strong this year thanks to the efforts of our hardworking stewards. We can thank Steve Schellhammer and Marsha Emmons for keeping the ice cream, soda, tea and water in plentifully supply for our hungry and thirsty members and visitors. And a special thanks to Kathy Sipes for bringing in all the latest fashions that our members have been buying up like crazy. The enthusiastic efforts of these people have contributed greatly to our financial success this season.

As we close out the season, we expect a reasonable profit for the year. I will present a full report of our finances at the Fall Meeting on September 27. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Hank Visger Treasurer, TYC



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#### Director of Operations Doug Klapper



WOW – can you believe Labor Day has come and gone? The end of the season is closing in on us quickly—get out and enjoy it before it is gone! It has been a good season. The weather has cooperated with only the slightest rain on the weekends.

From the operations standpoint, I feel we have enjoyed a very successful season. We have enjoyed the services of a terrific team of stewards. Unfortunately, we will be losing our senior stewards this season. Nick and Nicole both begin their senior year at college. Nick will graduate next spring and will be searching for a 'real' job. Nicole has begun her senior rotations in her Physician's Assistant program that will carry through next summer. Hannah is off to North Carolina to school and family in that area and will probably not return. All three of these young people have been wonderful assets to our staff and the Club and will be sorely missed.

Once again this year we have enjoyed the visitation of many guests from around the lake. We are recognized as a premier club with the most friendly and welcoming members and terrific facilities. A few improvements were accomplished this season. We rid ourselves of the old heavy (and dangerous) banquet tables and replaced them with new plastic-topped, lighter and more manageable ones. A new ice machine was procured and installed by Peter Fleckenstein. Eileen Hassett introduced a recycling program that has been extremely successful. We acquired a new storage box to keep all our lifting gear secure and organized. The Stewards' Shed was repainted to match the Clubhouse (thanks Hannah and Nick). After several years of hard service, we replaced the mowing deck on the tractor. We replaced the security gate to the club, with very significant support to that expensive project from the Clarks. We replaced the towel dispensers in the restrooms with automatic ones, helping to keep those areas cleaner and saving costs on towels. We replaced the microwave ovens in the kitchen after both failed almost simultaneously (thanks Greg). We were able to identify and correct problems with the pump-out. We were able to research and identify problems with the septic system, and the Clarks have initiated the repairs.

As always, this job could not be done without considerable help from many members. Cindy Scannapieco again did a terrific job of organizing the cleanup and planting of the gardens. Jim Varner has kept the fleet of bicycles in good repair. Ernie Pipiles is always keeping a watchful eye on everything and Sprite does yeoman duty keeping the geese away. Jeff Strothmann was always there when I needed help—the gate project would have suffered significant difficulty were it not for the help of Jeff. Steve Schellhammer and Marsha Emmons kept us supplied with ice cream and drinks throughout the season. Thanks to the ladies who keep the kitchen supplied with utensils, spices and clean towels, taking them home and washing them every week.

There are so many others that I haven't mentioned that have also contributed their efforts to address issues as they arise that are so vital to the maintenance of the Club.

Thank you to all.

There are still opportunities to complete work hours if needed. If you are looking for a project to take on, just drop me an e-mail and I am sure I can find a task for you.

I estimate we will be closing the club for the winter the weekend of November 9. This is NOT definite and we will be letting everyone know as the time approaches.

Hope to see everyone at the fall meeting.

Doug Klapper Director Operations, TYC

#### Director of Harbor Operations Brian Jacobs



If you are aware of aspects of your dock that need repair, please let me know, as I will be preparing an inventory of work to be done.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work with the Clark family regarding the electrical supply issues in Haines, and the replacement of the Island dock.

The new Wi-Fi has been in place for some time now, and most of the feedback has been good. There are some reports of problems streaming with Apple devices, which is being investigated. If you are experiencing any issues with the Wi-Fi please feel free to let me know.

My thanks to all those who helped with various projects, particularly over the winter and the spring.

Lastly, as we head into the end of the season and haul-out, please remember to remove your dock boards to prevent damage from ice over the course of the winter.

Thanks,

Brian Jacobs
Director of Harbor Operations, TYC

