

Tuscarora **Currents**

Commodore **Greg Sutton**



Election for 2015 Board of Directors will be held this month

Hopefully, by the time you read this issue of Currents most of you will have your boats put away for the winter. Time now to take care of all the home projects you have neglected all summer, as well as get ready for the long winter that lies ahead. I'm already thinking that spring can't come soon enough!

Haul-out went very well again this year, finishing before lunchtime on Sunday. The weather was perfect, and we had plenty of members pitching in to make the work go safe and smooth. Many thanks to crew leaders, Mike Algase, Jeff Strothmann, Peter Hubble, Jan Klapper and Carol Goulah, as well as all of you that participated in placing cradles, removing masts, working on the kitchen crews, manning the Ship's Store and hauling out boats.

This month, we will be holding elections for the 2015 Board of Directors. The new Board next year will have some 'well seasoned' remaining members and will be accompanied by four new members that you will elect. Included in this issue are the candidates' statements. Please take the time to read each of these to assist you in casting your vote. Please remember that the ballots must be returned in the included stamped, addressed envelope and received no later than December 1st. This year's Nominating Committee consists of Chairman Hank Visger and members Doug David, Roger Maddigan, and Ernie Pipiles. Thanks go out to these gentlemen for the work they are doing on this committee, and also for the fine job they did in recruiting five club members to run for next year's Board.

I would also like to thank Lisa Stevens, past Commodore at WYC, and Wilson Town Supervisor, Joe Joseph Jastrzemski, for their months of hard work applying for grants, coordinating with consultants, and negotiating with and petitioning the various government agencies, all in an effort to get Wilson Harbor dredged this year. If you have been down to the Club since haul-out, you have seen almost

daily dredging going on in the harbor. This work will allow the Clark's to begin dredging our slips, which is scheduled to begin by the time this issue of Currents is sent out. This has been a long time coming and we should be relieved that it is finally getting done, allowing those of us with deeper draughts to leave the harbor in September and October.

Last but not least, I wish to thank you all for your helpful support during my tenure as Commodore. We had a great season this year, and I believe that the Board of Directors accomplished many important tasks that will benefit the Club for years to come. I also wish to thank the Board members for all their hard work and dedication. It is these people and their dedication to the Club that you have to thank for making the Club's operations run so smoothly, the facilities and grounds look so marvelously, the club cruises so enjoyable, and the parties so much fun. Lastly, I would like to thank my lovely wife, Adrienne, for all her patience and support during these last five years on the Board. I can proudly say that I leave the position with TYC in shipshape condition and with a very bright future in years to come. Thank you for the opportunity. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve you all.

Greg Sutton
Commodore, TYC

Vice Commodore Nancy Van Voorhees



I can't believe the summer is over. Where did it go??? We ended the year with an enjoyable Oktoberfest party made possible with the assistance of some great helpers. I couldn't have done it without the following: Eileen Anderson, who came to my house and helped all day the day before the party, Judy Hotchkin, Yaryna Zhuk, Torsten and Salpi Doering on the grill (Salpi was the one in charge there), Myrna Stone (who even braved cutting the limburger cheese), Chris MacLeod, Lou Coppola, Mary Lazich and her family, who were very helpful with the cleanup. I really apologize if I forgot anyone. I couldn't have done it without the help of our wonderful members.

The social events and parties this season were attended by an average of 145 people. It is you—the dedicated and delightful members of TYC—that make these parties such a huge success. And I can't forget to mention how Homer's sound system kept us dancing off the calories! Thanks Homer!

It was so nice to see some new faces stepping up and helping out or even chairing a party. It is a great way to meet people, have fun, and get work hours in.

I also want to thank Sally Santor and the phone tree for making calls all summer.

John Suita will soon be hard at work planning our club cruises for next season. If there are any special destinations you would like him to consider, 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



I wish to thank all of you for your various contributions towards making this 2014 season of boating a great success. TYC is one of the best yacht clubs on Lake Ontario because our members generously contribute their multitude of talents and skills to keeping our grounds ship-shape and our operations well organized and efficient. Indeed, our can-do spirit of volunteerism and friendly cooperation has been the key to our success, and each of us understands the important obligation of sustaining this positive atmosphere of mutual endeavor and collegiality.

I also wish to thank those members that have stepped forward to run for election, or re-election, to the Board of Directors. 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.

Finally, I thank you all for granting me the opportunity to serve this past season as Rear Commodore 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



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Fleet Captain Peter Fleckenstein



What a season we have had! It has truly been a great summer with many interesting boating activities and enjoyable parties. With summer ending and the boating season coming to a close, we are now moving into fall, which puts us closer to next season. In the past few weeks we have had many activities going on around the club. The activities started with mast un-stepping and cradle placement. Many thanks to Peter Hubble, Michael Algase, and Jeff Strothmann, who ran the cradle, boom truck, and gin pole crews. I also wish to thank all of our helpful members that worked on these crews.

The following weekend, that we never like to see come, was haul-out weekend. Again, Michael Algase orchestrated one of the best haul-outs ever. The weather cooperated the whole weekend and Michael and crew were able to complete hauling all of the boats by 1:00 pm on Sunday. Many thanks to Michael and the crew members that assisted. It was a great turnout!!!

Many thanks to Kathy Sipes and her crew in having the Ship's Store open during the weekends up to and including haul-out.

During haul-out weekend, the kitchen crew led by Jan Klapper provided tremendous meals, hot coffee, and pastries throughout the weekend. Many thanks to her and all of the kitchen crew.

Last but not least, many thanks to all of you that gave your time to participate in all of these haul-out activities and all of the activities throughout the year.

By the time this newsletter is sent out, Doug Klapper and his crew will have closed the club, which signals the end of the boating season as we know it. Thanks to Doug and his crew for winterizing the club.

For all of you that contributed your efforts this season, please make sure that you notify our Rear Commodore, Mike Lazich, to get credit for your service hours.

With this writing, I have served on the Board of Directors for the past four years, two of which were as Commodore. Due to the By-Laws I am not able to run again for the Board of Directors. I encourage each of you to consider running for the Board in the upcoming election as it is very rewarding. I would like to thank everyone for the support that I received during my term on the Board of Directors.

Peter R. Fleckenstein
Fleet Captain, TYC

Secretary Carol Goulah



This season, Tuscarora received 272 visitors from reciprocal clubs, according to the records kept by Nick, our lead steward. Of course, some of these are repeat visitors who simply enjoy staying here. Many of you travel to other clubs for the same reason. For helpful information on reciprocal clubs, there is a spreadsheet that includes their contact information and the highlights of their policies kept in the stewards' shed during the boating season and is updated as information becomes available. In the future, it will also be accessible on our website for convenient reference prior to or during your travels. Many of the clubs, including TYC, are collaborating to improve and simplify the reciprocal program.

Our Fall Meeting, held September 27, was attended by fifty-three full members, two life members, and many spouses. Bob Stone introduced nine new members, and he reminded us that the most effective means for attracting new members is through word-of-mouth accolades by current members. Two By-Law amendments were proposed, discussed, and voted on by the membership and passed easily. Those revisions will appear in the 2015 TYC Roster in the spring.

Carol Goulah
Secretary, TYC

Treasurer **Hank Visger**



It's hard to believe we need to wait six months before we can enjoy another great season here at TYC. We had a very successful year financially, even while funding many upgrades and repairs to our facilities. We have upgraded our Wi-Fi with new repeaters selected by our computer tech wizard, Brian Jacobs, and we have signed up for faster Internet service from Time Warner. We purchased a new ice-making machine, two new microwaves, and a new credit card processing system that will save time and money. With the assistance of Clark Marine, we have purchased and installed an up-to-date gate system. Repairs were made to the garden tractor, and our sewage system was upgraded to peak efficiency. Most of these improvements were not planned, but were forced upon us by necessity. Were it not for the diligent work of our Board members and volunteers these repairs and improvements could have proven much more expensive and troublesome than they were.

I want to remind everyone the majority of income from now until we launch in May is from our storage fees and slip deposits, which must satisfy our financial obligations until our flow of income is restored with our receipt of annual dockage fees in May. Timely payment of our storage fees and dock deposits can therefore make the difference between profit or deficit for our fiscal year.

Election ballots will be mailed out by November 15, 2014. Ballots will be mailed with a stamped return envelope addressed to the elections teller. The instructions are to vote for four (4) candidates of your choice. All ballots must be received by December 1, 2014 to be counted.

If you have any questions about the clubs finances, please feel free to contact me at treasurertyc@gmail.com

Thank you,

Hank Visger
Treasurer, TYC

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Club Members Paul Bukowski & Ken Olson

Director of Operations Doug Klapper



Boats are hauled and being readied for winter. It is sad to see the season come to an end, but now we can begin looking forward to next year's season—a mere six months away!!

We have enjoyed another terrific season of sailing (is it PC to say that for the powerboaters??), enjoying the company of old friends, and making new friends. From an operations standpoint, the Club is in great shape. We have made some important improvements, corrected some existing problems, and generally maintained the facilities in top condition. I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities of a new season.

We will be shutting down and winterizing the Club on Saturday, November 8. We will be starting at 9:30 am. I anticipate we will need 3-4 hours to complete the task. We can use all the help we can get. This is a great opportunity to complete any work hours or just help out. If you can help, please drop me an email at: dklapper213@gmail.com. Or just show up.

As use of the club winds down, please remember to keep the clubhouse locked. If you are the last to leave, please make sure all the doors are closed and locked. Security boards should be in place in all the sliders, the three outside doors should be locked using ONLY the deadbolts. DO NOT use the locks on the handles. I will leave the power on to the docks for a couple of weeks after shutdown for anyone needing it to work on their boats. Remember, there will be no facilities in the clubhouse. After shutdown, I will be locking the gate with a chain and padlock. Your clubhouse key will open that lock. Please remember to relock it on your way out.

Have a safe and enjoyable winter. Hope to see you at the winter dinner.

Doug Klapper
Director of Operations, TYC



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Director of Harbor Operations **Brian Jacobs**



As my term on the Board draws to a close, I would like to take a moment to thank you, the members of TYC, for this opportunity to serve. It has been a very rewarding experience over these past two years, an honor and a privilege.

I hope that I have made a worthy contribution both to the ongoing maintenance/improvement of the club and also in documenting our facilities for future Directors holding this position.

Also, my thanks to those who came out to help move the dock boxes; it was good to get that taken care of promptly to clear the way for dredging.

And lastly, please don't forget to remove your dock boards; I would prefer that my final duties not involve any fines.

Thank you again, and everyone enjoy the winter.

Brian Jacobs
Director of Harbor Operations, TYC

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Election for 2015 Board of Directors

Meet the Candidates



Steve Schellhammer

My name is Steve Schellhammer and I am asking for your consideration as I seek a position on the TYC Board.

I started sailing on Long Island Sound in my youth and owned several sailboats during the 1980s, sailing out of the Niagara River (Youngstown).

I have a successful background in Business, Technology, and Administration. Upon my retirement in 2007, and after not sailing for over 20 years, I purchased a great used sailboat and was fortunate to become a member of the Tuscarora Yacht Club.

To say I have enjoyed our club would be an understatement, and I am anxious for the opportunity to give back to the club that has given me so many wonderful days. This past season I maintained the "Ice Cream," however, I am fortunate to have both the time and energy to do more.

I look forward to serving our membership and ask for your vote.

Thank you,

Steve Schellhammer



Reggie Adams

My wife Cindy and I joined Tuscarora Yacht Club in 1994, and from the start found it to be a club where friendship and team work went hand in hand. At that time my work schedule and travel kept me from participating in the many club social activities. I was, however, able to work on haul-out and dock building. Now that I have retired, I have found more time to fully enjoy the club.

I retired from Wendel Construction, where I was an On-Site Construction Manager. This position had me traveling to construction sites in Watertown, Albany, Gowanda, and Petersburg, Virginia. Prior to Wendel, I was an On-Site Construction Manager with APV. This also required a great deal of travel from Quebec, Canada to as far as Casa Grand, Arizona.

Being able to have a seat on the TYC Board would be an honor and a privilege. Your vote would be appreciated.

Thank you,

Reggie Adams



Keith Robinson

I was proud to be asked to run for a seat on the Board this year. I have been boating my whole life, receiving my boating certification at age 10 and buying my first boat at 16. My first sailing experience was with my parents' 16 ft Comet, moored off the northeast corner of Clark Island in 1963. Three years ago, Cheryl and I purchased our first sailboat, *Seven Sisters*, from Shelley Richards. We closed the deal two weeks before launch and Shelley told us that she didn't want to pressure us, but she just knew we would really enjoy TYC. She was so right! We have enjoyed every minute of our membership at TYC and sailing on *Someday's Here*.

Since joining, I have participated in every launch and haul-out and helped raise the sagging docks on Haines. Cheryl and I originated and have hosted the Annual Labor Day Weekend Beef and Corn Dinner for the past three seasons, and I have enjoyed crewing on Thursday night racing. Through all these activities I have met many wonderful people and learned so much about sailing and club operations.

On the personal side, Cheryl and I have been married for 30 years and are very proud of our children Aaron, 27 and Callan, 23. While our kids were young, I was Assistant Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop 22, taking 30 scouts to camp at Blue Ridge high adventure camp. I helped to start the Newfane Recreational Soccer Club, acting as president and coaching for many years. I look forward to adding my engineering/design/construction background to the skills and talents of the Board. I enjoy organizing, working with people, and hard work that shows real results. I can promise that I will work tirelessly to make this club the best it can be.

Keith Robinson



Carol Goulah

For the past two years, I have enjoyed the privilege of being on the TYC Board of Directors in the capacity of Secretary. I have tried to accurately keep the minutes of each meeting, while also contributing during those meetings. Especially during the boating season, the management of the Reciprocal Program has been the other major responsibility of the office. TYC is one of 100+ participating clubs around Lake Ontario and beyond. We have individual policies that apply to visiting boaters that must be conveyed to the group of participating club, which is increasingly using electronic means to exchange information. I am looking forward to continuing to help to improve the efficiency and accuracy of the process, as it benefits all of us who enjoy traveling.

My husband, Ron, and I have been TYC members since 2005. Initially, we purchased a boat from a member, got a slip assignment, and completed an application for membership all in one weekend. Since then, we have developed wonderful friendships and enjoyed many good times sailing *Mousetrap* and participating in club events.

My boating experience is not nearly as extensive as many of our members but I believe that I bring an alternative perspective to Board discussions and actions. You have four votes to cast and I would appreciate it if one of them was for me.

Carol Goulah



Doug Klapper

It has been a true pleasure and honor to serve TYC as Director of Operations for the past two years. I would like to think much has been accomplished in maintaining the Club and adding a few improvements. This has not been a 'one-man-job', and I have many people to thank for all the assistance and advice given to me.

Over the past two years, I have helped to welcome many visitors to our Club. The overwhelming reaction by all of these visitors is that we are the friendliest club on the lake. I believe that to be true because we are a club of friends.

Jan and I have enjoyed the privilege of membership at TYC since 2006. While the sailing out of Wilson Harbor is terrific, it pales in the light of the character and camaraderie of the members of TYC. The many friends made at the variety of social events, the many work crews, and simply enjoying the club facilities are what makes TYC such a bright part of our lives.

I enjoyed a 25-year career managing the product stewardship functions for a major chemical manufacturer. In that capacity, I had the privilege to serve on several national and international committees and organizations. These include chairmanship of a division of the Society of Plastics Industry and a member of the Board of Directors of that organization, member or chair of several committees of the Chemical Manufacturers Association, member of the US Delegation to the United Nations Committee of Experts, and many other organizational functions.

I left the chemical industry to own and operate a B&B on Cape Cod. As anyone who owns a business can attest, you assume a variety of roles; CEO, COO, CFO, Marketing Manager, Bookkeeper, Landscaper, Janitor, maid, plumber and whatever other function the true boss (my wife) would deem necessary.

I have 'thrown my hat in the ring' to seek re-election to serve another term on the Board of Directors. I would very much appreciate your support in the upcoming elections.

Thank you,

Doug Klapper



TYC Sock Burning, May 2014