

# *Tuscarora* **Currents**

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## *Commodore* **Doug Klapper**



### **Fall Membership Meeting is Saturday, September 19 at 2:00 p.m.**

The season is winding down, but what a season it has been! Our social events calendar has been full of fine events—from the New Member Welcome (which was actually attended by new members!) to the outstanding Blues Party. Bill & Karen Guggemos have organized some fun TGIF parties; Linda Maddigan and Denise David have kept the Book Club a vibrant gathering of readers sharing their thoughts on a great selection of books; and John Siuta has once again done a fantastic job organizing our Club's reciprocal cruises. If you have not had the chance to participate in one of these cruises – you should. They are superbly organized and a lot of fun.

Jan and I would like to thank each and every one of you who attended the Commodore's Ball in my honor. The Commodore's Ball Committee did a fantastic job of organizing this event. The change of venue to the Youngstown Yacht Club has been very positively received. Jan and I were very pleased and humbled by the great turnout. Thanks again.

### **The Fall Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 19 at 2:00 p.m.**

There is much to discuss at this meeting, including a couple of TYC By-Laws changes, so please plan to attend. This is your club and your input is important. To encourage your attendance, the International Pot Luck Dinner is scheduled for that evening—a true combination of business and pleasure.

Hank Visgar, Fleet Captain, has been suffering from a very debilitating skin disorder. He has been in and out of Buffalo General Hospital and a rehab center for many weeks. He has kept a very positive attitude through all these difficulties and very much misses being at TYC. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. In Hank's absence, Doug David has very graciously volunteered to act as Interim Fleet Captain. What a relief it is to have such a capable individual step up to take on this responsibility.

As many of you are aware, we have been converting our financial recordkeeping to QuickBooks Online. This provides us with a single consolidated financial recordkeeping, rather than the separate Receivables and Payables systems that we have now. There are many other advantages to this new system, one of which is the capability to email invoices rather than the cumbersome printing, folding,

stuffing and mailing system we currently use. I hope that each of you will embrace this new technology in an effort to conserve our efforts and resources. We will still maintain the capability of mailing hardcopies of invoices to anyone who wishes to continue with the 'old school' method.

Our new lease with Clark Marine takes effect January 1, 2016. The new lease includes a provision for the reconfiguration of the Haines dock facilities. The permit process is going well and the Clarks are very committed to this project. As soon as the necessary permits are acquired, the Clarks will be able to define the layout of the new docks. I am looking forward to seeing the completion of this much-anticipated improvement to our facilities.

Elections for new members of the Board of Directors will soon be upon us. I have appointed Mike Lazich to chair the Election Committee this year. He has recruited Doug David and David MacLeod to serve with him on this committee. Serving the Club as a member of the Board is a wonderful opportunity to better understand the operations of the Club and the various concerns of our members. YES, it is a commitment; but a commitment that pays back in many rewarding ways. TYC needs the support and commitment of its members to continue our successful operation. Please consider tossing your hat in the ring and running for the Board. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to bring them to the Election Committee or any member of the Board.

You should have noticed the new signs: one on Rt. 18, one at the "Y" in the road, and one at the Club entrance. These new signs will make it easier for our guests and prospective members to find us. The initial design for the beautiful sign at the club entrance was done by Anne VanBenschoten, the fabrication was overseen by Hank Visger, and Keith Robinson helped with digging the post holes. A great job by all. Thank you.

We all enjoy and sometime take for granted the wonderful facilities and grounds we have. Keeping the Clubhouse and grounds in topnotch condition is a daunting task. Steve Schellhammer and his band of Stewards have really risen to the challenge. The Club is in terrific shape!! Many others have provided many hours of service to keep us looking great. Cindy Scannapieco and her crew, for example, do a fantastic job with the gardens and plantings; and a crew under the direction of Jeff Strothmann tore out and replaced the water line along the north wall. I'm certain I have not addressed all those who have helped out and I apologize to those I have not listed, but please know that your efforts are greatly appreciated.

As our season winds down, we have the chance to reflect on all that has gone on this year. Please take a few moments to think about this past season and pass on your thoughts/concerns to any member of the Board. Let us know what you thought was good, what could be improved upon, and what you did not like or what you would like to see done. TYC is your Club! Your feedback is needed to keep us on-track for the future.

Doug Klapper  
Commodore, TYC

## *Vice Commodore* Keith Robinson



We are coming to the end of what I hope has been an enjoyable boating season. All our events were well attended. Our season started with our traditional Sock Burning event, Sail Past, and a wonderful Commodore's Ball. The First Annual "Blind Man's Dinghy Race" was a lot of fun and will be back bigger and better next year. August saw the return of Blues Night, where everyone enjoyed the beautiful evening with some great music and dancing. Even though we are coming to the end of another summer on the lake, there are still several events to come. Our annual Beef and Corn Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 5, and the rescheduled Commodore's Tea will happen on Saturday, September 12. The Fall Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday September 19 at 2:00 p.m. followed by a crowd favorite: the International Dinner.

Sign up sheets for attendance and help for these events will be posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse. If you still need work hours, this is a fun way to get them. The more help we have, the more time everyone can spend enjoying the party!

A special thanks to the following people for making the events this season so special:

- Bill and Karen Guggemos for the **Sock Burning and New Member Cocktail Party and many T.G.I.Fs.**
- Patience Tinkey, and Bob and Donna Schmidt for the **Commodore's Ball** at Youngstown Yacht Club
- Chris MacLeod and Darlene Chase for the **Sail Past Basket Auction**
- Linda Kelly and WYC Crew for **Father's Day Brunch**
- Frank Scannapieco and Friends for the **Blues Party Pot Luck**
- Keith and Cheryl Robinson, with a little help from our friends, for the Annual Beef and Corn Dinner
- Chris MacLeod, Denise David, Linda Maddigan, Sandy Jordan, Claudia DelRusso, and Donnie Pipiles for the **Commodore's Tea**
- Sally Santor and Myrna Stone for the **International Dinner**
- Thanks also to those who helped behind the scenes: Bob Dubil, Homer Balea, Justin Strothmann, Doug and Denise David, Roger and Linda Maddigan, Paul Bukowski, Carol Varner, and Kathy Platt
- If I left your name out, know that your help is appreciated and it is simply a "senior moment" on my part!

What would a boating season be without our cruises? Many thanks to John Siuta and his cruise directors for another great season.

It's never too early to start thinking about next year! If there are any activities you would like to see or if you would like to host an event, please contact me at <kar.2469@gmail.com>.

Keith Robinson  
Vice Commodore, TYC



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## *Rear Commodore* Mike Lazich



What a pleasure it has been to enjoy another beautiful summer of sailing and fellowship at TYC. I sincerely wish to thank you all for the various services you have provided during this exceptionally busy season. 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 season so pleasurable. Our cooperative efforts in this regard help to boost the spirit of camaraderie that makes our club one of the most efficiently operated and 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 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 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>.



I hope that all of you will be able to attend the TYC Fall Meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 19 at 2:00 p.m. 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.

The BOD has asked me to serve as the chair of the Election (Nominating) Committee this year, and Doug David and Dave MacLeod have generously offered to serve as the other two Committee members. Becoming a member of the BOD is one the highest forms of service to TYC, and it is an opportunity to learn much more about the operation of our Club, while at the same time developing some close friendships with the other members of the BOD. I therefore hope that you will seriously consider becoming a candidate for the BOD this November. If you have any questions about becoming a candidate for the BOD, please feel free to contact me or the other Election Committee members. I will be sending out additional information on the elections soon.

It has been a great pleasure serving on the BOD this season, and as I approach the end of my second and final two-year term, I sincerely thank you for helping to make my service on the BOD such an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the TYC Fall Meeting and the International Potluck.

Mike Lazich  
Rear Commodore, TYC

## *Fleet Captain* Doug David



### **Haul-Out Scheduled for Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11**

I am filling in for Hank Visger as he recovers from his recent illness. Please keep Hank in your thoughts. Here are the dates for all items relating to hauling our boats this year:

#### **Cradles—September 26 and 27 (Saturday and Sunday)**

Peter Hubbell and crew will be moving cradles to the island. Please do not park your vehicles on the island on these two days.

Make sure that you have inspected your cradle, made any needed repairs, and leveled it as necessary so that your boat sets in it safely

**Mast Un-Stepping/Boom Truck—October 3 (Saturday)**

Michael Algase and crew will be un-stepping masts with the boom truck. Un-stepping will begin at 7:00 a.m. at slip I-1. 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.

**Mast Un-Stepping/Gin pole—October 3 and 4 (Saturday and Sunday)**

Jeff Strothmann and crew will be un-stepping masts using the gin pole beginning at 7:00 am each day. Please see Jeff prior to bringing your boat to the guest dock.

**Haul-Out—October 10 (Saturday) and if needed October 11 (Sunday)**

Michael Algase and crew will be hauling boats starting at 7:00 a.m. each day. In preparation:

1. 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.
2. Have control lines ready (minimum 50 feet) on each end of your boat.
3. Make sure that you have enough blocks and shim material available when your boat is placed in your cradle as to not hold up the haul-out crew and crane operations.

We will start haul-out 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 a.m. Saturday. All boat owners on the west side driveway and the north end wall to I-40 need to be there at 8:00 a.m. 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 a.m. to get hauled and assist around the club until we get to your boat. If needed we will start again Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m. 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 are unable to be at the Club for haul-out and you are authorizing someone else to act on your behalf, I will need a letter of proxy stating who will be in charge of your boat during the haul-out. This letter must be emailed or sent to me one week prior to haul-out. For all work crews, I will have sign-up sheets posted in the Clubhouse for you to sign up on starting on Wednesday, September 2. 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, un-stepping masts, and haul-out, 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: <ddavid135@gmail.com> or 716-479-4008.

Doug David,  
Acting Fleet Captain, TYC

## Secretary Anne VanBenschoten



What a beautiful summer we are having! I hope everyone has enjoyed the beautiful weather, the camaraderie of friends and family, and has had the opportunity to cruise to other clubs and ports. John and I had the pleasure of undertaking a month long boat cruise to Lake Champlain via the St. Lawrence Seaway, the Chamblly Canal, and the Richelieu River. We spent two weeks on Lake Champlain—a spectacular lake for boating—before returning via the Champlain/Erie/Oswego Canals. All in all, over 950 miles! Whenever possible, we availed ourselves of reciprocal privileges at participating clubs along Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence. Those nights of free and minimal dockage fees are a welcomed perk of yacht club membership!

As I write, I realize that we have more than passed the halfway point of our boating season. At this time of year, many boaters are evaluating their options for the upcoming season and this is the perfect time to reach out to potential new members. The Board is investigating advertising options, we have new signs at the road and at the gate, but TYC also needs your help in promoting our club. As everyone knows, word of mouth is one of our strongest advertising tools. If you have friends who are thinking of getting a boat or friends who keep boats at other clubs or marinas, invite them to TYC for a sail! Show them the beautiful facilities and boating opportunities that would be available to them at TYC. Are you on Facebook? 'Like' our page and watch for TYC posts that you can share on your page that may attract potential boaters to our club website and, eventually, to membership at our club. Facebook and word of mouth are advertising for the club that costs nothing, but we need your help to spread the word! Remember, every new member we bring in helps strengthen the future of our beautiful club! Thank you!

Anne Van Benschoten  
Secretary, TYC



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## *Treasurer* Carol Goulah



As usual, our all-too-short summer seems to fly by as we relax and enjoy our friendships and boating experiences at TYC. In the background, each of your Board of Directors continues to work hard to make our club a pleasant haven for its members and a popular destination for visitors. July and an especially warm August have been very busy, with the result that revenues from visitor dockage have more than doubled from last year.

The stewards have worked hard in assisting both members and visitors, while also maintaining the neat appearance of the clubhouse and its grounds. For all of that...THANK YOU! Your Director of Operations, Steve Schellhammer, has been instrumental in streamlining the financial responsibilities of the stewards. Again, my thanks. Cash flows have been dramatically reduced now that all transactions are exclusively by credit card. The only Canadian cash is found in the ice and snacks receipts and is minimal.

As your Treasurer, I have been using QuickBooks Online exclusively, realizing the extent of its capability. With the help of your Commodore, Doug Klapper, Karen Burhans and another professional source, we have been striving to have all facets of our accounting needs be met by this excellent program. Once complete, future Boards will find our records much more transparent, informative and easier to manage.

This year's social events have been successful and fun...and "in the black"! There are still several in September, so sign up and make the most of the summertime that is left, while supporting TYC. Invite friends to attend, possibly as potential members. Current members are at the heart of a membership program and "word of mouth" is the best tool.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Fall Membership Meeting in September. As always, please feel free to email me at <treasurer@tycwilson.com> with any suggestions and/or questions regarding our club's finances.

Carol Goulah  
Treasurer, TYC



## *Director of Operations* Steve Schellhammer



It's been a great summer! Unfortunately, the boating season and time spent at TYC is now starting to fade.

I am pleased to report that the TYC Board started the season approving the purchase of new umbrellas for the patio, which accented our club beautifully (see photo on pg. 10).

Our stewards this season were outstanding! The board received many compliments and appreciation for their efforts, both from members and visitors alike. All the stewards will be present at the Fall Meeting so we can acknowledge and commend their performance in person.

TYC continues to be the “must visit” destination on Lake Ontario and we are the envy of many of our visitors. Thanks to the efforts of John Siuta we had several very successful reciprocal Club Cruises AGAIN this year.

I would like to recognize and thank many of our members for their efforts, expertise, and support. Ernie Pipiles (and Sprite) heads the list, his efforts and commitment to TYC are astounding. Pat Oates also generates effort almost every day to do something around the club. Cindy Scannapieco and the flower crew did their “usual” outstanding job. Pat O’Keefe “restored” our donated swing set to mint condition. Dan Murphy, Bob Schmit, Jim Varner, and Jeff Jordan were generous with their time too. Marsha Emmons and Roger Maddigan maintained the Pop, Water, and Ice Cream concession. And let’s not forget to thank Chris MacLeod, Jan Klapper, and Carol Goulah for keeping a watchful eye on the kitchen.

I am planning on closing the clubhouse for the winter on Saturday, November 8. I will put out a reminder email after the boats are hauled to confirm the date.

Thanks to all that assisted me throughout the season, your efforts were truly appreciated!!

Sincerely,

Steve Schellhammer  
Director of Operations, TYC



**New Patio Umbrellas**

## *Director of Harbor Operations* **Jeff Strothmann**



As I write this report it is still hot! But soon we will all be back to hibernating in our homes, boats all stored away for the winter. But before we go there, let me bring you up to speed as to what we have accomplished this summer. Many docks have been repaired, although some fixes will have to wait until this winter when we can get on the ice. I had a great work party early on and we were able to replace the whole water line and faucets along the north wall. The plan was to replace all the lines on the north wall and from I-7 to Clark's walk. Unfortunately, the weather got warm and the rest of the project got put on the back burner. My plan will be to do this work this fall after the boats are out of the water.

There were also a variety of smaller repairs done to the electric and water systems around the club throughout the summer. All-in-all I believe things went very well this year.

Thank you for all your support this year and hope to see you all real soon!

Jeffrey Strothmann  
Director of Harbor Operations, TYC

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