



Tuscarora Currents

Commodore Ernie Pipiles



I am very honored, privileged and humbled to be elected your Commodore of the Tuscarora Yacht Club 2016. I could not be more committed, and will strive to do my very best to serve the membership.

I would like to thank the Board and the Membership for this opportunity, with special thanks to my wife Donnie for her support, patience, and encouragement in this endeavor.

It's with enthusiasm I look forward to working with your newly elected and returning TYC board members. All these Board members have proven to be tremendous advocates for our club.

In 2016, there will be more opportunities to take advantage of our "Members Only" website and use of "blast" emails to keep the membership informed.

TYC isn't just a place to moor a boat; it's a place for family and friends to share and enjoy a lifestyle. Every year we attempt to make improvements both big and small. However, 2016 begins a ten-year lease and I sincerely invite you to contact me with any ideas and improvements you feel would benefit the membership and enhance the quality of our club.

I would like to thank the outgoing board members for their service and a job well done. Serving on the board is an honor, a learning experience, and sometimes even fun. Serving on the board is also time-consuming and work. Many thanks to all who have served on the board and it's committees, we all have benefited from your devotion to our club.

The 2016 boating season is rushing in and like last year and every year before it, the anticipation and excitement of launch and the joy being out on the water never ends.

2016 Board



Vice Commodore Torsten Doering



A new season and a new job! With the support of Keith Robinson (previous VC), the many TYC members that roll up their sleeves when the time comes and the other experienced TYC board members we'll get it done!

The first event of the year is the Winter Dinner at MILOS in Williamsville, a Greek restaurant which some of you may know. This is a very nice contemporary venue with great food.

Currently we are working on the main event dates for the year and will align them with Wilson YC, Island YC, and Olcott YC and other important events as far as possible. Please contact John Suita (email) if you have questions about the club cruises. All events will be posted on the www.tycwilson.com calendar, so far the following dates are set:

April: 23rd at 2pm Spring Meeting

May: 6th at 5:31pm Sock Burning and afterwards New Member Reception

June: 18th Sail Past

July: 15, 16, 17 Club Cruise to Ashbridges Bay YC; 22, 23, 24 Club Cruise to MIMICO (if interest)

August: 5, 6, 7 Club Cruise to Cathedral Bluffs YC; 12, 13, 14 Club Cruise to Royal Canadian YC

September: 3rd Labor Day Corn Roast

Also, consider participating in the Wilson Harbor Racing Association (www.whyra.net) with your boat or as crew to get out at least once a week and to have fun!

Last but not least, please send your **Winter Dinner reservation by February 19th** to get the season started.
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(716) 400-7330 (m)

Winter Dinner - February 28th, 6:00 PM

MILOS 5866 Main St. Williamsville

Baked Greek Style Chicken or Sweet & Sour Salmon

Chef salad, roasted Vegetable medley & Greek potatoes

Ice Cream

Reservation by Feb. 19 & Entrée choice – Check payable to: Tuscarora Yacht Club

Send to: Torsten Doering

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Rear Commodore **Roger Maddigan**



I would like to thank the members of TYC for again voting for me. As a member of the Board I will work on your behalf to maintain and improve an already great Club. It has been eight years since I served on the board, however it is very noticeable the number of positive changes that have taken place. This is quite evident in my position as Rear Commodore. The role of the Rear Commodore is to serve as the communication person for the Club. Communications are accomplished in several ways whether through the media or internal to the organization. Our internal communications are through the Website, the Currents, emails and the Roster. With the electronic age most of our communications are now via your computer, tablet or cell phone. Along with the Board, my goals are to improve communications with members to keep everyone more aware of what is happening with our Club. One of my goals is to continue to develop the members only section of the website to provide members with a one-stop area for information, forms etc., we hope also to make some changes in the Currents to make it meaningful, due to use of emails for immediate

communications. If you have any suggestions or comments please contact me:

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TUSCARORA YACHT CLUB Website

If you haven't - Get your password to the MEMBORS ONLY section

Check out the Calendar for upcoming events - Click on the event for additional information.

Additional sections will be added in the next few months



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Fleet Captain Doug Klapper



On Feb 3, it was 61 degrees here in Buffalo!!! We have been enjoying a relatively warm winter. Contrast that to last year at this time. Go figure. We have a terrific new Board this year. With 'Capt. Ernie' at the helm, we are in excellent hands. I am very pleased and proud to be a part of this year's Board.

Hard to believe we will be starting our 2016 season in just a few short months. Launch is planned for the last weekend of April. We will start with the power boats Friday afternoon, April 29 at 3:30PM and continue through Saturday April 30. More details will be forwarded as we get closer. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

We will be needing work crews for all the launch activities: crane crew, gin pole crew, boom truck crew, cradle crew, and the all important kitchen crew (you know why I had to say that!). Sign-up sheets will be posted when we open the clubhouse, but it is never too early to make plans.

I sent out a note recently announcing open slips and asking for any change requests. I will soon be assigning slips to recent new members and trying to fulfill submitted slip change requests for the 2016 season. Every effort will be made to satisfy requests as changes are made. Please feel free to contact me via email fleetcaptain@tycwilson.com or by phone at 716-574-6564.

Hope to see you all at the Winter Dinner.



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Launch Weekend



April 29th. 3:30 PM

April 30 7:00 AM

Treasurer Carol Goulah



The Officers on your 2016 Board of Directors are in the process of establishing the budgets for their positions. This is not an easy task, but certainly an essential one. Our 2015 season ended with a moderate surplus that has provided us with a cushion for unexpected expenses this year. You may wonder how your dues, dockage and haul/launch monies are spent. As a primary start, this is the first year of our new lease and our monthly lease payment remains our major expense. In addition, there are stewards' payroll and employment expenses, haul/launch expenses and the maintenance of the clubhouse and its grounds. Our 2016 budget overall may reflect an incremental increase over the previous year, but should not necessitate any increase in your fees. A more complete financial report of the 2015 season

will be presented at the Spring Membership Meeting in April and I will answer any of your questions then. New members are the lifeblood of our organization. Historically our best sales tools are YOU, our members. If you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a part of the "Friendliest Yacht Club on Lake Ontario", please contact someone on our Membership Committee (Bob Stone, Jeff Jordan, Bill Guggemos, Bill Fleming) who will always make himself available to meet with prospective members, provide them with a tour and answer any/all of their questions.

Secretary Vicki Murray



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership for their support in electing me to the TYC Board of Directors.

I am both excited and challenged as I attempt to navigate the responsibilities associated with being the Club's secretary.

It's a little early to celebrate success in completing the "Reciprocal Letters" process. However, we are receiving many positive responses from other clubs already. I will provide a full update at the spring meeting.

Thank you all again for this honor and see you soon at the Spring Meeting!!

Director of Operations **Steve Schellhammer**



It's February already, and the club should be opening for another boating season Saturday, April 9 !!! If winter continues being mild, I will attempt to have the electric on by mid-March and water as soon as the weather permits. I will keep you updated with emails.

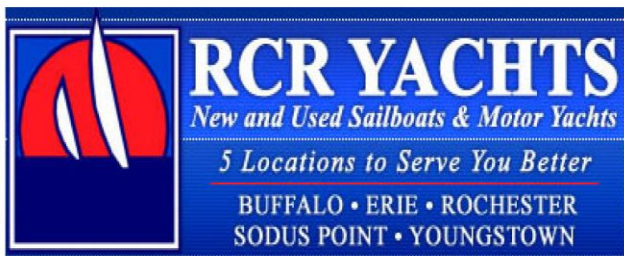
Looking for volunteer(s) to manage the "Ice Cream" and "Soda/Water/Pop" concessions in the TYC clubhouse this season. Please email me at operations@tycwilson.com if you are interested or have any questions.

We already have a full cadre of stewards for this season. Both Wilson and Newfane High Schools continues to assist TYC in sending potential candidates every spring.

As always, Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, problems or concerns.

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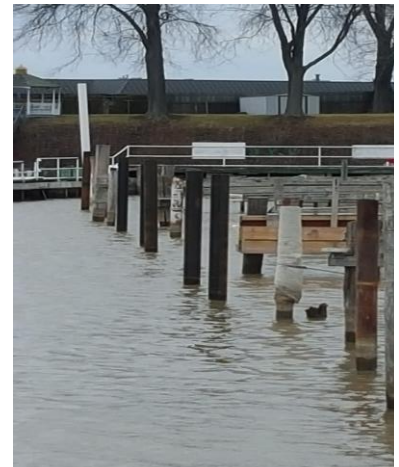
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Director of Harbor Operations **Keith Robinson**



First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board for appointing me Director of Harbor Operations. I look forward to working with the new Board and TYC members in the upcoming season. Thanks to the efforts of last year's Board, the Clarks have already removed old wooden and damaged posts at slips along the channel and north walls (I-01 to I-50) and installed several new steel ones. The Clarks will also be looking to either repair, or replace and re-route the main waterline to the clubhouse this spring. Projects on tap for this year are: finish replacing the waterline on the channel wall, replacing I-31 rotted dock, fixing and supporting the electrical and water lines along the south wall of the Island, re-grading & leveling the area along north wall for dock boxes and tables, fill in and level the area along the south wall in Haines, and fill in erosion holes along all perimeter walls. Keep an eye out for future work party postings. As always, it's your help that keeps Tuscarora the nicest club on Ontario's south shore. If you have any dock repairs or other concerns that should be addressed this year please e-mail me so we can attend to your needs.

Piling improvements for the 2016 boating season



TYC Book Club 2016

by Linda Maddigan and Denise David

Several years ago we noticed that in addition to our interest in boating, many members of TYC also share an interest in reading. We decided that TYC members might enjoy having a book club. We were not sure how many people would come, but over the years we have been very pleased with the interest and participation of club members. We meet once a month during the boating season from May through September, usually on the third Sunday of the month from 12:00 until 1:00 p.m. at the clubhouse, and we have one winter meeting in March at a member's home.

Our selection for this March is *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson. The book is narrative nonfiction. (Many of you will remember Larson from an earlier book club selection, *In the Garden of Beasts*.) It has been over one hundred years since the sinking of the Lusitania off the coast of Ireland. And yet, even today, we are haunted with questions about one of the Cunard Line's fastest and most elegant ships. Larson puts us on board, allowing us to mingle with passengers famous and not, but he also lets us travel aboard the submarine stalking the Lusitania. He has us on the edge of our seats wondering if anyone will survive and questioning how on earth this happened. We look forward to a lively discussion.

Judy Brodie, a lifetime member of TYC, has graciously and generously volunteered to host the meeting. Please call her at 716-574-8520 or email her at jsbrod0804@aol.com, if you will be attending. She will be happy to provide directions to her home.

We are in the process of finalizing the reading list this for this season, but we do have a special event planned for September in conjunction with the Commodore's Tea. On September 10th the very special guest for the Commodore's Tea will be Eleanor Roosevelt. Yes, you read that right. You will have to come to the tea to find out more! On Sunday September 11th, we will follow up with a book club meeting featuring a book about Eleanor Roosevelt. Details to follow.

The book club has become a special part of TYC. It is a great way to talk about some good books, but perhaps equally important, it is also a good way to get to know other members of TYC. We have a good time, and we do talk about the books. Everyone is very welcome to attend. We hope to see you at our next meeting.

Check out the TYC Book Club blog:
<http://tycbookclub.blogspot.com/> or link to it from the TYC homepage.

