



Tuscarora Currents

Commodore Ernie Pipiles



As your Commodore, I just chaired my first Spring meeting. As I pointed out to the members attending, public speaking isn't one of my strong points. However, due to the support of the Board and the membership, I didn't pass out, and I am still around to pen this article.

TYC "Currents" is coming out later this season. The BOD is attempting to reflect all the reports given at the Spring meeting. Giving the membership, not in attendance, the information as well.

I would like to thank Past Commodore Doug Klapper for all his efforts last year. I would like to Thank Mike Lazich as well, for all his efforts the last four years. Last year three TYC members volunteered to fill in for vacant board positions. Special thanks to Anne VanBenschoten, Doug David, and Jeff

Strothmann, on behalf of the membership, we thank you for a job well done!

The patio and fire pit project are moving forward and it on schedule to be completed by Memorial Day weekend. I would like to remind the membership this improvement will not cause any increase in dues or fees.

I am pleased to report the Clark's installed a new 2-inch water line to the club. We had a "leaky" start. However, the lines are holding and the water pressure is much improved.

Thanks to Director of Harbor Operations, Keith Robinson and his work crews. They have replaced the entire water line on the harbor side of the island. Keith has generated great results already this season.

I would like to commit to the members located on the West Pier in Haines; the BOD has every intention to address your issues this season. Also in Haines, the new floating docks are on schedule for fall delivery.

In closing, Thanks again for all your support and looking forward to "Seaing" you at the "Commodore's Ball" May 14th!

Ernest "Ernie" Pipiles
Commodore, TYC



Spring Meeting

Kitchen News

The Kitchen is in great shape, and we all hope you enjoy our wonderful facility this season. New frying pans, non-scratch utensils for use on our non-stick cookware along with a few other items have been purchased for this season. If we need anything or you have any question, please send me an e mail or call. Donations are always accepted and I will post a Wish List on the bulletin board if we need to replace any items.

Please be mindful of your leftover food in the refrigerator and please take it home with you on Sunday night. We regularly have a weekly "cleaning out the fridge day" on Friday, also, a reminder to label your food with your name. Thank you for your cooperation.

Again this year we will be having a **Herb Garden** on the patio, thanks to Cindy Scannapieco. Fresh herbs for all your culinary delights!

Bon Appetit!!!!

Chris MacLeod

Kitchen Facilitator

Vice Commodore Torsten Doering

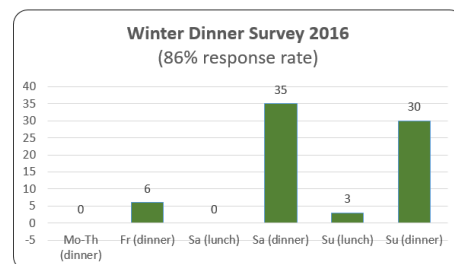


Hallo Wassersportler!

The Winter Dinner (see pictures) in February took place at Milos in Williamsville with a nice turnout, good food and everybody got along fine. Since it was also Oscar night, we had our own awards celebration with six shiny TYC Oscars. After answering TYC Trivia questions, we are proud to announce the winners: Heidi Beatty, Darlene Chase, Greg Sutton, Carol Goulah, Doug David and our new member Steve Swiatowy. Congratulations! I couldn't help but to hand out a survey during the event. It seems that both, Saturday and Sunday evenings, are good choices for future Winter Dinner events. (See Figure below)

What's next???

Please keep the traditional Sock Burning on May 6th. hosted by Bill Guggemos with the New Member Cocktail Party right afterwards on your radar! The next larger event in the works is the Commodore's Ball on May 14th at the newly renovated Sunset Grill in Wilson. We might be the first party at their new restaurant. Details will be sent out soon.



Next, Sail Past is as always on Father's Day weekend, this time we are planning on an appearance of the principle anthem singer for the Buffalo Sabres, Doug Allen for a live solo (www.anthemguy.com). This part of the event will be sponsored by three TYC board members, no TYC funds spent. New this year will be a Rock & Raft Party on July 2nd, where we plan to 'hang out' on the lake with our boats (not if it snows) and music by Beamin' Sounds at TYC in the evening.

Further, we are working on offering a First AID / CPR course this summer. Find a complete listing of all TYC and other major events posted on our Website.

Please send your Commodore's Ball reservation by May 7th. and don't wait until the last minute, the checks won't be submitted until after the event anyway. And, as always, if you have an idea for an event or any interesting comments, email or call right away.

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Rear Commodore Roger Maddigan



The primary duty of the Rear Commodore is club communications and we have concentrated on communication with members. In that regard we have formalized an Information & Technology Committee headed by Vince Bargnes, & Ernie, Steve & myself. We have incorporated a number of information files to one database which can be used to support other board members and membership with the information that is needed. This goal will continue the development of the Website specifically the Members Only area, making it a one-stop area for all Club information

Roster - membership listings was compiled using our newly developed database separate with separate listing for **Life, Social & Full Members** I apologize in advance for mistakes, let me know and I will make the correction

Currents - has evolved from being the primary means of communicating information, other than the Spring & Fall meeting, originally a mailed publication to now only a email version. Most of the information previously as part of Currents is sent immediately to membership through Blast emails. What is the role of Currents?? This is to be determined. Our first edition was to introduce the board & provide goals and plans for the year. This May edition will focus on information from the Spring meeting for those members who could not attend.

Work Hours – no change we are a working Club & depend on the help of our members. I ask you to use the website to send me your work hours. If you have any suggestions or comments please contact me: rearcommodore@tycwilson.com

Roger Maddigan
Rear Commadore



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10% Discount for ALL TYC MEMBERS

Save the Date

Commodores Tea

Saturday
September 10th



We will have a Special Guest of honor

Denise Reichert - will be portraying:

Eleanor Roosevelt

Sure to be a Special Afternoon!

“Technology and Information”

Last year I was asked to help maintain the TYC Website. I was glad to help and so started the newly formed Technology and Information Committee. The TYCWILSON.COM website has undergone some changes last year. The look has not been updated yet, but we have added a new “Members Only” section that contains material that is accessible only to our club members. Right now there are six pages in the Members Only site: “ROSTER”, “OFFICER-OF-THE-DAY”, “NEW MEMBER LIST”, “UPDATE FORM”, “SLIP MAP”, and “DOCK FORM”...

In addition to some on-line versions of documents you are already familiar with in print, we have added a page dedicated to introducing you to New Members. You will also find two forms you can use to: update your personal Roster information, and for slip-holders, an annual Dock Reservation form to submit electronically.

There are also two new pages added to the “Public” side of the website. One to promote and highlight our TYC Ships Store and the other offers a great view of an electronic Nautical Chart. The “Charts” page navigates you to the Wilson Harbor and our club, but it can display charts from not only anywhere in the Great Lakes, but anywhere in the World!

Right now the site is 80/20, that’s 80% “Public” and 20% “Members Only”. In the future I foresee those numbers being reversed. While we will always have a side of the site for Public Relations, Promotions and Information dedicated to our visitors, I think the major purpose of the website should be to inform and serve our own members. Please log-in and have a look around. I welcome your thoughts and comments anytime at vince@tycwilson.com.

The other things we are working on at Technology and Information are mostly behind the scenes. Revamping communications like email and interactive forms. We are also updating the data management/storage for the Roster and other record keeping. Our goal here is to put a system in place which can be passed on to future generations of Board Members with a seamless transitions from year to year.

Oh, I almost forgot, with the long and cold winter, I am sure looking forward to spring, our Launch and the 2016 yachting season!!!

Vince Bargnes
“Amici”
Technology and Information Chairman

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Constructionlive.com
Peter Hubbell



Fleet Captain Doug Klapper



!! Launch This Weekend !! **Friday-April 29, Saturday-April 30** **Sunday May 1**

Launch is this weekend!!!! Are you ready??? Again this year, Mike Algase will be leading the Crane Crew and Boom Truck Crew. Jeff Strothmann will lead the Gin Pole Crew and Pete Hubbell will lead the Cradle Crew. Carol Goulah and Jan Klapper will head up the Kitchen Crew. Thank You to all the Crew Leaders!! Sign Up sheets have been posted in the Clubhouse for all the crews. Working on one of these crews is a great way to earn your hours and get to know other members of the club.

We will start launching boats **Friday 4/30 at 3:30PM** starting with the Power boats just south of the parking lot and moving along to the sailboats in the parking lot and along the road to the Gas Dock **Owners of these boats need to be present starting at 3:30PM .**

Starting Saturday 4/30 promptly at 7:00 AM We will pick up where we ended Friday evening and progress along the North wall and around the island. Hopefully things will move smoothly and all boats should be launched by 2:00PM. Please be certain you are present when the crane gets to your boat. Crane time is valuable and backtracking is very expensive, so either you or your proxy must be present when we get to your boat. If you are assigning a proxy, please notify me in writing or email – fleetcaptain@tycwilson.com – in advance and provide the proxy with a copy for the day of launch. Please make sure you are ready when the crane gets to you. This means checking all thru hulls are closed and you have control lines fore and aft at least 50 feet long.

The Boom Truck will be stepping masts starting Sunday 7:00AM at I-01. Again, delays are costly and frustrating, so Please **Be Ready!**

The Gin Pole Crew will be stepping masts as boats are ready Saturday. Do-it-yourself use of the Gin Pole will not be allowed Launch weekend.

This is the best time to make sure your cradle is maintained. Please make sure your cradle is marked with your name and Bow and Stern. This will make for a much easier job placing cradles in the fall. This is also a great time to mark sling locations on your boat to make sure the slings miss pads when hauling in the fall.

Safety is our primary concern. Launch is a working weekend. Keep in mind there are many hazards around the club associated with the movement of heavy equipment – cranes, front end loader and other vehicles. Children must be vigilantly supervised and out of any area machines are used. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and your help on the various crews. We are looking forward to an efficient, safe and fun launch weekend.

Anyone wishing to store a Dinghy in the parking lot area by the shed must submit a 'Dinghy Reservation' form. This can be found on the website in the links section. We have spots for 12 dinghies, these will be assigned on a first come basis.

Anyone wishing to store a trailer in the upper lot area must submit a 'Trailer Storage Request'. Again, this form can be found on the website. There is a \$75 fee for storing a trailer. The trailer MUST be clearly marked with the owners name and be properly registered.

Your cooperation with these requests is greatly appreciated. In the past few days, a couple of slips have become available. Please check the posting on the Bulletin Board if you desire a change.

Looking forward to terrific season on and off the water.

What a perfect combination we enjoy – a Great Club on a Great Lake!!!!

Doug Klapper
Fleet Captain



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Wanted Old, damaged Dock line

We will be collecting old dock line the weekend of launch to be cleaned, tied into knots for dog chew toys.

Donated to the Niagara SPCA in TYC's name.
There will be a barrel near the shed for line donations.
Thank you!

Sail Past Basket Raffle

The Sail Past Basket Raffle will be the weekend of June 18th. A TGIF Preview Night will be on Friday June 17th. Many of you are asking what kinds of baskets are needed. If you missed the Spring Meeting, a list of ideas or suggestions will be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. The list is by **no** means complete or mandatory, it's just a list of possible, easy ideas that everyone loved last year. The Committee will also purchase, wrap or box up your donation too! Any question, please see one of the committee members, we will be very glad to help. Donation of baskets is not mandatory, but greatly appreciated.

Darlene Chase
Co-Chairman
Heidi Beatty
Committee Member

Fran McLuckie
Co-Chairman
Linda Kelly
Committee Member

Treasurer Carol Goulah



As you may or may not be aware, we are using QuickBooks Online exclusively for all aspects of our accounting, record keeping and bookkeeping. A natural extension of that process has resulted in invoices being distributed electronically. Of course there were some hiccups long the way, but overall it has been an expedient, efficient, and cost-effective method. Please be sure to verify your correct email address in the 2016 roster, along with the rest of your personal contact information. Each of your Board of Directors has established a 2016 budget for his/her office. We have also surveyed the big picture in terms of increases in this season's income and expenses. Given a probable, but minimal, increase in expenditures, there does not seem to be any current need for an increase in either membership dues or dockage. Looking to the future, we must keep in mind that there will be some significant expenses related to the new docks in the Haines area, the patio extension, the fire pit and eventually an increased lease expense.

A reminder that, if you require reimbursement for TYC-related expenditures you MUST:

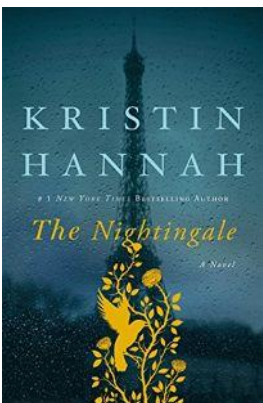
- Complete a reimbursement slip that is available on the bulletin board in the clubhouse hallway. Please provide adequate explanation of the expense.
- include an original receipt that identifies the date and store name for each purchase
- get them to me, either in my clubhouse mailbox or sent to my home (address in the roster)

Last year we converted to all dockside purchases (visitor gas, dockage and pumpout) to credit card only so that no cash was filtered through the Stewards' Office. This proved to be a godsend on several levels and, therefore, will continue going forward.

New memberships help to balance club income, and word-of-mouth is still the best means of attracting them. Someone on the Membership Committee is always available to meet with prospective new members, provide them with a tour and answer any/all of their questions.

Questions, explanations and/or concerns? Call me at the number in the roster or email me at treasurer@tycwilson.com.

Book Club



The first summer meeting of the TYC book club will be held on Sunday, May 15th at 12 noon at the Clubhouse. We will be discussing NIGHTINGALE by Kristen Hannah. We know we will have a fun, lively discussion and really look forward to seeing our longtime members again and to hopefully welcoming some new members. Please go to the [Book Club Blog](#) found on the TYC Website to see more information about the book as well as other books we will be discussing this summer. Looking forward to enjoying another great boating season at TYC.

Denise David & Linda Maddigan

Secretary Vicki Murray



Thank you again for electing me to serve on the 2016 Board. I have been working on the reciprocal club book and list and as of this date the reciprocal book is up to date with all of the clubs that have responded. Be sure to check the list if you are planning on cruising this year. Also be sure to check the individual club's website as most of them are now posting their visitor policies on the sites. The current list is also available on the TYC website, members only section. More and more clubs are adopting an indefinite reciprocal policy which means we need to check their websites before traveling to other clubs. They are listed as permanent in the reciprocal list. Another good site to check is the [Lake Ontario Cruising Club Association \(LOCCA\)](http://locca.org)

<http://locca.org/reciprocal-repository/>

Electronic Reciprocal Letters

LOCCA is in the midst of re-designing the website and the first functionality that will go live in 2016, will be a dedicated section where all the YCs would have their reciprocal policies posted. This will rid YCs of the onerous obligation to send approximately 60 reciprocal letters per year and to receive and summarize 60 inbound reciprocal letters. We estimate that clubs will save approximately \$500 per year in materials and labor to complete this process.

Purpose

The purpose of this YC Reciprocal Privilege is to ensure that this 100 year old tradition remains intact for now and the future of sailing on Lake Ontario. There is a tendency by certain YCs to want to restrict reciprocal privileges and our intention here is encourage YCs to liberalize their policy rather than consider restricting the policy. If this tendency does not reverse then YCs are doomed to disappear if there is no compelling reason for new sailors to join a Yacht Club.

WHYRA

Wilson harbor has a very active racing fleet. If anyone is interested in racing the skipper's meeting is Thursday May 19, 2016 at the TYC clubhouse. Registration forms will be available at the meeting but also at the WHYRA website. www.whyra.net. The 2016 schedule for racing is posted on the website. If any sail or power boaters are interested in racing or just coming out on Thursday nights we can always use a race committee.

Skippers Meeting

May 19 7:00 PM
TYC

Director of Operations **Steve Schellhammer**



The opening of Clubhouse occurred Saturday, April 9, and some very hardy TYC members showed up to help. I would like to Thank Don Sipes, Tom Bailey, Harry Buckholz, Doug David, Paul Wotka, Tim Zhuk, Konstantin Chabanny, Irina Chabanny, Frank Del Russo, Tom Beachy, Steven Gasiewicz, Bob Dubill, Brain Werder, Nancy and Paul Voorhees. As well AS BOD members Doug Klapper, Keith Robinson and Vicki Murray.

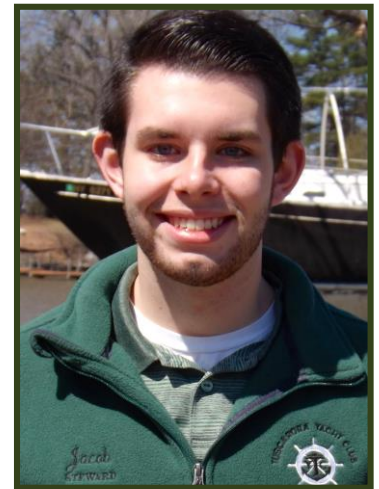
Special appreciation to Frank DelRusso for sanding and painting the flower boxes.

Marsha Emmons and Bob Bitterman have graciously agreed to operate the Soda/Pop, Water, and Ice Cream concession this season.

I am pleased to report new Weber Stainless Steel grills were purchased and ready for your use! Thanks to the efforts of Past Commodore Klapper an opportunity to buy these new grills at a reduced price materialized late in November of last year. The 2015 Board voted unanimously to purchase.

Our Head Steward this season is Jake Graca

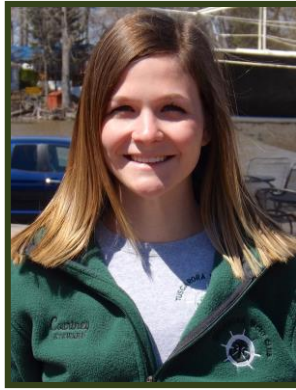
Jake started at TYC last season and has lived in the Town of Wilson for most of his life with his parents and sister, Gabrielle (who also will be joining us this season). Last year, Jake graduated first in his class from Wilson High School, where he participated in band, chorus, class government, and multiple sports. Currently, Jake is studying biology at UB in a combined degree BS/DDS program with the UB School of Dental Medicine.



2016 Stewards



Victoria



Courtney



Gabrielle

Victoria Couturier TYC Steward since 2013, currently attending Niagara University as an Education major studying elementary and special education.

Courtney Wheeler TYC Steward since 2015, will attend Slippery Rock University in the fall, studying Exercise science in a program to receive her Master's as a Physician Assistant

New this season Gabrielle Graca, Senior Wilson High this fall.

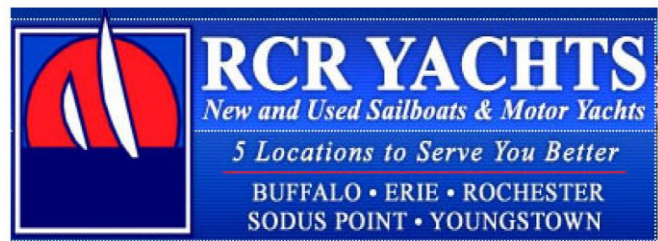
Thanks to the "Ships Store Lady" Kathy Sipes for outfitting the stewards!

Thanks again for all your support !! Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any problems.....

Steve Schellhammer
Director of Operations, TYC

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Club Members Paul Bukowski & Ken Olson



Director of Harbor Operations **Keith Robinson**



The new water line to the channel wall is complete along with a newline from Slip-95 to the new slip shut-off station located at the north corner of the bridge . Under not the best weather conditions and over 3 work parties, be sure to thank the following hard working members, Don Sipes, Ken Staub, Reg Adams, Nancy & Paul Van Voorhees, John Cummings, Mike Seitz, Tom Beachy, Harry Buckholtz and John VanBenschoten for their efforts. Slip I-51 wall connection has been welded and top channel wall boards replaced. Projects going forward this year are: upgrading the waterline on the mainland wall, 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. Next work party Sat. May 14th. 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.

Director Harbor Operations
Keith Robinson

Ships Store



Open Saturdays Noon - 2 PM

Contact Kathy Sipes

donlkata@aol.com

Phone 716-694-8548

Ship Store will be open Launch Saturday.

TYC's members and guests can purchase a variety of yachting and casual attire in our Ships Store, including

our club burgee, Canadian courtesy flag, and TYC boat decals. We are open most Saturdays Noon - 2 PM and during certain social events. Please stop by to see what we have new.

Calling TYC volunteers. Volunteering in the Ship's Store is fun and a great way to meet other club members and also it is a good way to earn your work hours. If you are interested in volunteering stop by the Ship's Store or contact Kathy Sipes at Donlkata@aol.com or give me a call at 716-694-8548.

Thank you,

Kathy Sipes

Ships Store Lady

Facebook

If you have a Facebook account, check out – and ‘like’ - our TYC Facebook page! Just search for Tuscarora Yacht Club, Wilson, NY, on Lake Ontario. We share a lot of photos of club activities as well as items of interest to the general boating audience. If you would like to share your club photos on our page, feel free to upload them.

While this site is a great social site for members, it has another important value: it's ***free advertising!*** Currently, over 325 people like and follow our page, an increase of over 25% since last summer. More than half are not members of our club - some are our local neighbors, others are boaters in other parts of WNY, and over the winter, we picked up a number of Canadian boaters who now follow our page. So, a request... If you follow the TYC FB page, you can help spread the word about our great club by ***sharing our posts*** on your FB page! An example of the impact your shares can have: at haulout last fall, Steve Schellhammer put a camera on the cabin roof of his sailboat and filmed his boat being lifted out of the water and placed on its cradle. We posted this video on our FB page and it was ‘shared’ by four people. As a result of this limited sharing, this post was seen by over 925 people, and the video was viewed over 650 times! That’s a lot of exposure! Maintaining and increasing our membership benefits our club in so many ways – PI

Thanks for Reading the Currents.....