



# ***Tuscarora*** Currents

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## Commodore Roger Maddigan



I am honored to serve as the forty-ninth Commodore of TYC. I appreciate the confidence the board has placed in me to lead our Club in 2017.

First, I wish to thank the members of 2016 board, Keith Robinson, Steve Schellhammer, Carol Goulah and Doug Klapper who completed their respective term for their work on behalf of the Club. Welcome to new board members Darlene Manhardt Vice Commodore, Kathy Sipes Secretary, Greg Sutton Treasurer and Bob Beck Director of Operations.

A special thanks to Ernie Pipiles for his leadership and dedication as Commodore for 2016.

I believe we have an exciting year ahead, new floating docks in Hain's and a reconfiguration of access to the docks is the first challenge in 2017. As with every significant change, it brings a certain amount of anxiety for those members that are directly affected. In speaking for the board, we are committed to making the transition as smooth as possible. Rest assured we will listen carefully to your requests and make the best assignments possible for our members and the terms of our lease.

Another improvement to our club this year will be new dock posts to enable our membership to tie off their boats more securely.

We have lost several members in the off season, and we must actively recruit new members. The membership has always been the best resource for new members. So, please if you are aware of somebody purchasing a boat or wishes to change where they dock, please advise our membership committee. [next page]

## Commodore Roger Maddigan

Since this has been a rather mild winter, I'm sure you as well as myself can sense the rapidly approaching boating season. Our online calendar lists the important dates for the year.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Spring Meeting.

*Roger Maddigan*

## Spring Meeting

**Saturday April 22nd**



**Your Board of Directors (BOD) at work! February meeting.**

## Vice Commodore **Darlene Manhardt**



I am honored and thrilled to be your new Vice Commodore. A bit nervous though, since this is a huge task.

Our Calendar for the summer is filling up fast. These events would not be possible if it weren't for our generous TYC members who volunteer their time and energy. That being said....I am in NEED of several chairpersons for upcoming events. Keep in mind you can get your club hours by doing this. If you are interested...please let me know ASAP. The entire club would greatly appreciate it!

Our Winter Dinner again was another joyous occasion March 5th at Milos in Williamsville. Almost 50 people attended. The weather cooperated, no major snow storms...and the food was delicious!

Let's get ready for a FUNTASTIC SUMMER!!! So far we have the following planned events:

April 28-30th Launch and mast stepping- Lunches and breakfast by Jan Klapper & Carol Goulah.

May 5th Sock burning/new members party-hosted by Karen & Bill Guggemos

May 21st Winery Bus Tour-Chaired by Darlene Manhardt

June 10-11 Club Cruise Niagara On The Lake Sailing Club

June 16th, TGIF party chaired by Bill & Karen Guggemos

June 17-18 Sail Past Weekend-STILL IN NEED OF CHAIR PERSON FOR DINNER. There will be no Father's day brunch unless someone volunteers...possibly a pancake breakfast instead.

July 1-3 Club Cruise Etobicoke Yacht Club

August 12-13 Club Cruise Oakville Yacht Club (jazz festival)

August 19-20 Club cruise Port Credit Yacht Club

August 26-Commodore's ball at Sunset Grill

September 2nd Beef & corn roast chaired by Keith and Cheryl Robinson

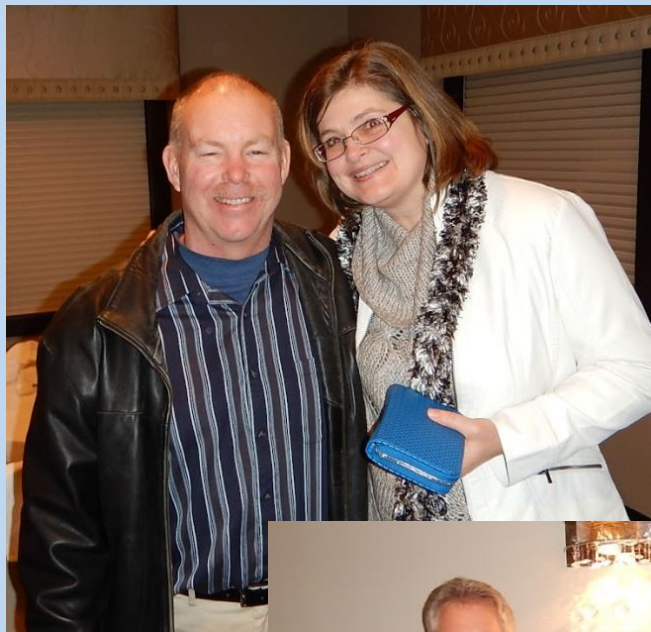
September 10th-Commodore's tea chaired by Denise David and Christine MacLeod. Denise will return as Amelia Earhart.

(Please email John Siuta at jsdz59@aol.com to sign up for club cruises.)

*Darlene Manhardt*



## Winter Dinner on March 5th at MILOS



## Rear Commodore **Torsten Doering**



I hope everybody is well and I am looking forward to being on the island again. A few comments:

Check out the new TYC video channel on VIMEO, link below. A first attempt is already posted with footage from our 2016 sail past.

If you have any videos, pictures, stories, tips etc. to share don't be shy, this will help to make our newsletter great again. (Ha!)

**Please email any changes**, such as phone number, home address, email address ASAP so that we can update the **TYC ROSTER** before printing it for the spring meeting. Also, share your **MMSI number**, we plan on posting a separate listing on our webpage.

In case you were wondering, all the stuff below can be found in the MEMBERS ONLY section on our TYC webpage. Please email if you need access, rearcommodore@tycwilson.com.

**ROSTER   OFFICER-OF-THE-DAY   NEW MEMBER LIST   SLIP MAP**

**ROSTER UPDATE FORM   DOCK RESERVATION FORM   WORK HOURS FORM**

TYC has a Twitter and Facebook channel. Sign up and tune in or let us know if you would like to share something.

*Torsten Doering*

### **Sail Past Video**

Check out the 2016 Sail Past Video on VIMEO!

<https://vimeo.com/206309608>

## Fleet Captain **Vicki Murray**



Spring launch is just around the corner; boats **go in Friday, April 28 !!**

OMG, that's next month !!!

Please remember to sign up for the work crews and to send me a proxy if your unable to be present when your boat is launched. The membership is very experienced and skilled dealing with our system and therefore doesn't need a review of our procedures. I will highlight the process at the Spring meeting.

I will be sending out a blast email soon to list the available slips.

Please email [fleetcaptain@tycwilson.com](mailto:fleetcaptain@tycwilson.com) if you are interested in changing your slip assignment or have any other concerns.

I look forward to serving as your Fleet Captain this year.

*Vicki Murray*

### **Launch Weekend!**



**April 28th & 29th,  
more info to follow!**



## TYC Book Club: Books and Boats



*by Linda Maddigan and Denise David*

So why does TYC have a book club, you might ask. Certainly, TYC is primarily a community of boaters, people who share a deep affection for the pleasure of being on or near the water. But several years ago, we noticed that in addition to our interest in boating, many TYC members also share an interest in reading.

We decided that TYC members might enjoy having a book club. At first, we were not sure how many people would come, but over the years we have been very pleased with the interest and the participation of club members. We started the book club in June 2008 so the book club is now starting its ninth year. 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 at the clubhouse, and we have one winter meeting in March at a member's home.

## TYC Book Club: Books and Boats (II)

**This year we will meet at noon on March 12<sup>th</sup> at Linda Maddigan's home.** We are reading *Do Not Say We have Nothing* by Madeleine Thien, a book that has taken us inside China to experience the tragedy, or more correctly tragedies, of the Cultural Revolution. As is often the case, our March selection is a more challenging read so it is especially interesting to share reactions and insights.

We read a range of books, fiction as well as nonfiction, although we tend to read current books, often making selections that have been recommended by book club members or that have been well-reviewed and recommended elsewhere. Usually, everyone has read the book, but life can be over-filled and occasionally someone will not have had time to finish the book, but will come anyway to hear what others have to say. From meeting to meeting the group may change. Again, people have other commitments and cannot always manage to get to book club, but we are happy to have people attend whenever they can, and we are grateful for a very devoted core of readers

The Book Club has become a special part of TYC. Our discussions are not limited to a single reading or a "correct answer." We have excellent discussions about some very good books, but perhaps equally important, the book club has become a way to get to know other members of TYC. Often, the talk spills over to revelations about the myriad experiences of our TYC members. As a small example, we recall the time we were discussing the book *The Aviator's Wife*, and we all gasped the gasp of the impressed when one of our members revealed that she too has her pilot's license. You might want to ask Judy Fanning about this.

In the end, it is the incredible members of TYC that have made the book club the success it is. It has become a place for the women of TYC by default. We want to thank everyone who has attended book club meetings because you have all helped to create this welcoming group where everyone is a valued member. The discussions are lively, thoughtful, and always interesting. And beyond the pleasure of the books and the discussion, there is the pleasure of getting to know one another better. We think you will find that Book Club adds another layer of connection among the members of the TYC community.

We hope to see those who have come in the past return, and we would be very happy to have anyone who has not come before join us. The 2017 Reading Season should be a good one. Let the reading begin.

For information about the books as well as our reading schedule, you can check this link or go to the link on the TYC homepage. <https://tycbookclub.blogspot.com/>



## Treasurer Greg Sutton



I know you were probably all surprised to hear that I was running for the Board again and then again when you heard that I was the new Treasurer. Now that I am semi-retired, I have the opportunity to devote some of my free time to the Club again.

During my term as Commodore I had the opportunity to continue the work of previous Boards to update the Treasurer position's responsibilities as well as the Club's accounting system. With that I have to express my gratitude to Carol Goulah, Karen Burhans, Doug Klapper and Peter Fleckenstein for the many hours they spent setting up the new QuickBooks online program, transferring data from the old system to the new one and getting the new system up and operating. All their hard work has now made the Treasurer's position

much more easy to handle for a novice like myself. I am also pleased to announce that the Boards has approved the creation of a new financial secretary position. Mary Lazich has graciously accepted the role of this new position which I sure she will excel at. The main purpose of all these changes was to provide the Club with the long term stability of the Club's accounting process. The secondary benefit is that now the Treasurer's position becomes one that anyone can assume, even a person like me, who has little financial background.

While the Treasurer will continue to collect and handle Club funds from the many different income sources we have, the Financial Secretary will now record all the payroll, Ships Store, Stewards daily sales, and Credit cards sales into QuickBooks, reconcile the banking and credit card accounts, and coordinate both sales and income tax submittals with our accounting firm. This will allow the Treasurer to provide a closer look at Club finances, review expenses, pay members expense invoices, and generally report the fiscal health of the Club to the Board. I look forward to this new challenge and especially splashing all the boats in the Spring for another fun boating season at TYC.

*Greg Sutton*



## Secretary Kathy Sipes



I wish to thank the membership and our TYC board of Directors for allowing me the honor to serve as Secretary of our Yacht Club. Since Don and I became members 17 years ago I thought it was time to become more involved in the operations of the Club.

As part of my duties I am to keep you informed of the reciprocal agreements we have with many of the Yacht Clubs on Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, and the Niagara River in both the USA and Canada. You will find a book in the Stewards Office with letters inviting cruisers, as members of TYC, to their Yacht Clubs and their reciprocal policies. Our website has further reciprocal information you can check on.

Many of you may know me as the "Ships Store Lady". I have been manning the store for 10 years and with my duties as Secretary it is time to find a new volunteer. **If you would be interested in taking over the responsibilities of managing the store please contact me or one of our board members.** It is a wonderful way to meet our members.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Spring Meeting!

*Kathy Sipes*



The Ships Store will be open with extended hours during Launch Weekend. We will be open Saturday 9am if you need to pickup a new decal or burgee for your boat. Stop by and see our new boating fashion for 2017.

Kathy Sipes  
Ships Store Lady

# Border Patrol Seminar

Border Patrol agents from the Niagara Falls Border Patrol Station will be hosting a **Citizens Academy** in Niagara Falls beginning Thursday, May 4, 2017 to Thursday, June 8, 2017. Participants will meet every Thursday evening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, June 3 at 9 a.m.. The program is designed to provide members of the community with an in-

side look into the daily operations of securing the ports of entry — in Niagara Falls. Throughout the course, attendees will be able to participate in interactive demonstrations such as defensive tactics, tracking, and marine operations. Participants will also learn about Border Patrols distinct roles and responsibilities as well as their integrated mission to secure America's borders. This program is offered at no cost to participants and all class materials will be provided. Please note that a background check is required and applicants should be in good physical health. Applications are currently being accepted.



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Please contact the Niagara Falls Border Patrol Station at (716) 285-6444 or email [niboutreach@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:niboutreach@cbp.dhs.gov) for more information. CBP is committed to fostering a positive relationship within the communities we live and serve. Outreach programs such as the Citizens Academy, seeks to promote cooperation, collaboration and understanding with border residents. Please feel free to disseminate to friends, family, co-workers, and members of the local community.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Kevin P. Radke,  
BPA Niagara Falls Station; Niagara Falls, NY 14305  
(716) 285 6444 office, (716) 243 6425 cell

Or contact our TYC member Bob Dubil, 716-839-0825, [rdubil@aol.com](mailto:rdubil@aol.com)  
with any questions, he also sent this posting.



## Director of Harbor Operations **Ernie Pipiles**



Hi Everyone, the weather has cooperated, and I am looking forward to completing a few projects before launch.

First project will be to complete replacing the waterline started last season. Because of the great weather we experienced in February the water line in Hain's was already completed and some holes have been drilled in preparation to complete the water line installation on the island.

TYC purchased new metal pilings and the Clark's have agreed to install them over the next two seasons. Special thanks to Justin Dudeck for assisting the club in purchasing the pilings at a discount.

Additionally, the board has authorized upgrading all our Pedestals to have the Marine standard 30 amp twist lock receptacles.

On March 15 a "Porty Potty" will be available and the electric will be turned on. Weather permitting I expect the water to be turned on by April 8.

I would like to thank Keith Robinson for all his work last season as Director Of Harbor Operations.

Any dock issues please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Ernie Pipiles*



**The new floating docks waiting to be installed.**

## Director of Operations **Bob Beck**



Welcome Members! I am your new Director of Operations; with your patience I will do all I can to help you with any of your concerns or needs. I sail Dulcinea from dock I-5, say hello anytime. You can always reach me directly, or you may use the Board of Directors e-mail [operations@tycwilson.com](mailto:operations@tycwilson.com). I have started making connections with past stewards and it appears that many will be returning.

March entered like a lamb and I am pretending that it will go out in the same fashion. By now many of you are undoubtedly looking forward to prepping your boat for the 49th TYC boating season, so the following dates will interest you greatly.

**April 8th** will be the volunteer clubhouse prep day. This will be an opportunity to see one another, get the “house” in order, and earn a few work hours. If you can drop in for a period please respond.

**April 3rd** - Official clubhouse opening

Sincerely yours,  
*Bob Beck*

### Clubhouse Prep Day!



**April 8th.**  
**more info to follow!**

# How not to do camping. (I)

by Dan Manhard, "Resolution" I-17.

This story begins on February 18, 1996. We spent 4 months preparing for a trip to Ft. Meyer's Florida to stay with my wife's parents. This included buying an old camper trailer and getting it ready, taking it on a few short trips and spending a few hundred dollars on the family mini Van we assigned to pull it. When our trip began in February, we were experiencing the worst weather winter has to offer. On the morning of departure we had 40mph winds, temperatures below zero, more than enough snow to obscure vision, and snow drifts on the roads slowing down traffic. The van, which the owners manual proudly states will pull up to 5000lb was having a terrible time with the 3500lb. trailer, especially in the head winds. Even the draft from a passing Subaru felt like a parachute had just opened. Well, it was going to be slow, no big deal.

As the sun came up on our left... remember the 40mph wind, snow and sub zero temperatures mentioned earlier? The warmth of the sun created huge patches of polished ice on the highway. Every time I began to cross one of these challenging voids of traction, Murphy's Law would insure that an 18 wheel tractor-trailer was passing us on this ice. The draft from a truck would first push the back of the trailer out then push the front in the other direction. Of course on polished ice this is very much fun because you almost hit the guard rails each time. I've always heard talk of white knuckle rides and I now know that 16 hours of this is bad for your health. On top of this my daughter Caitie, who was 6, came down with a virus that has the nickname "Strep throat". We had a double shift of puke catching, guardrail dodging and stress management after which my wife and I were toast. "This is not so bad" you say. Did I forget to mention that in Ohio at 1:30 PM Saturday the muffler fell off of the van? We frantically searched for a service station with parts in stock that could do it right away. "Murphy" was caught sleeping, within 3 hours we were back on the road and not having to wait until Monday for the repairs - and only 150.00\$ lighter. We entered a camping area just over the Kentucky border. It was 8 degrees F below zero. All three kids were pitching fits, tired, crabby... you know. We had barely covered 500 miles in 18 hours. Only 2 more days of this to go! On the second day of driving my 3-1/2 year old daughter, Kari, was showing symptoms of "Strep throat virus"... I am not able to write in this forum what I said about the Child Care Center this virus came from, so use your imagination.



## How not to do camping. (II)

You might expect me to say next that on the third day our youngest, Danny, who was 2 got sick too... right you are! It seemed to me that as the weather conditions improved, the high pitched screaming and crying got worse by the same amount. You know of that high pitch scream that seeks out your spinal cord? At least nothing else fell off the van. We arrived in Ft. Meyer's Florida on Tuesday morning not to worse for the wear. Beautiful weather was ours to be had. But...on the second day of official relaxation, my wife Darlene was showing symptoms of this dreaded Strep Virus. By the time we'd gotten to the medical clinic for antibiotics she was already too sick to keep the medicine down and eventually ended up in the emergency room where only cash is accepted from vacationers. So now, with two big shots of penicillin in her butt, she spent the fifth day recovering.

Now it is time for some fun, my In-laws watched the children while we departed on a 6-hour dinner-dancing-casino cruise. Our friend "Murphy" saw to it that there would be 8-10 foot swells at sea that day. Just picture how the dinner service would be with the boat pitching back and forth and a bunch of drunken gamblers hanging on to what ever is available. I'm not going to mention the lavatory. I don't get seasick but my wife does... this 6 hour cruise is now five and a half-hours too long! Because Darlene couldn't stand being on the lower decks, we were stuck on the top deck for 4 hours watching the Band play while they chased instruments and amplifiers all over the place. Just as the warm weather was turning lousy, our time in Ft. Meyer's was nearing an end. We departed on my birthday, stopped for some lunch while the motor oil of the van was changed, and then we headed north towards home. No more than 120 miles later, the engine in the van decided that the rod bearings would be better off on the bottom of the oil pan. I would never have imagined that on my birthday I'd blow out a six cylinder instead of a birthday cake. Good thing we had just gotten all inclusive American Auto Association-Gold Membership before the trip began!

Upon calling Triple A, they said that we only had the regular membership, not triple A Gold... no coverage for the trailer or towing or rental cars or whatever. I just had to laugh some more. We had to pay for everything and sort it out later, besides things can't get any worse. The flat bed truck driver put our van on the back of his truck then towed us and our trailer to a nearby camping area.

## How not to do camping. (III)

You should have seen the crowd we drew at check-in, most people tow a small car behind their recreational vehicles. The flat bed driver recommended an "auto recycling center" where they could swap the engine with a used one.... hey, I was in no position to shop around. So I told him to drop it off there. The shop manager at this recycling center says that "he has a motor and it'll cost 1550.00\$ to install." That's not bad, I changed the spark plugs before we left, and I'd want at least 400.00 for that job! (they are so impossible to get to). Ok Mr. Shop manager when will be it be done? "In around 2 weeks."..... Oh..... The trip car we got from Budget rental car seemed to have been "around the block" so to speak, but it did get us back to Buffalo. From now on be warned, maybe they modified the speedometers to keep the mileage from adding up too fast, because the Ohio State Police Officer said I was more than 15mph over the speed limit.

I tried to argue the charge because I admitted to doing 9 over on purpose, he didn't like the fact that I insisted he wouldn't have stopped me for doing 9 over and that the speedometer must be wrong. I think that was the 20th one hundred dollar bill I saw evaporate since this vacation started but who's counting? You're wondering when this is going to end. Soon, I'm getting there. The icing on this cake is the snow storm in Pennsylvania with only 200 miles left to go. Un-drivable road conditions even for seasoned Field Service guy. All five of us had to wait several hours inside a Ford Taurus. Three screaming kids stuck in a car in the thru-way rest area is very challenging to say the least. (I now know the suicide hotline number by heart.) However, there is a happy ending to this story, sort of. I was able to fly to Tampa Florida from a job site, only to spend another 100 dollars on the taxi and hotel, then drive our van and camper home without incident after a bunch of junk yard mechanics put my van together with a tail light warranty: "when we can't see your tail lights the warranty is over."



## Yes Diggity!



Clark's men with an excavator repairing the north channel wall in January.



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