



Tuscarora Currents

Commodore ~ Darlene Manhardt 

Hello fellow TYC Members,

I am excited to get the season underway and have some warmer weather...

The clubhouse is open and boats are in...Thank you to everyone that helped out... Even though we had to cancel Saturdays' launch until Sunday when the weather was much more accommodating everything went extremely well and smoothly. The last boat was put into the water at 3:05 pm...Some kind of a record was made that day... I have never seen the boats go in so quickly... Thank you to everyone on the Launch, Gin pole, and Cradle crews. Thank you to the kitchen crew as well, not only for a wonderful breakfast and lunch but for accommodating our change in schedule... It is a good thing everyone is so agreeable...

At our Spring meeting I announced the new no smoking rule- (#27, page 43 of Roster) Clubhouse Interior and Patio/Grill areas are designated no-smoking zones. The term no-smoking would include smoking of cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and vaping or e-cigarettes.

We have several events coming up starting with our Open House on May 11th.

Hoping we can recruit a few more boaters to our wonderful location on Lake Ontario. Please join us in welcoming our newest members on May 17th for a Sock Burning party. Then the following day, May 18th, join us for a Pasta Dinner at the Clubhouse. Also don't forget about our Man Over Board seminar on June 8th. Plus a ton of other events to come...

Sign up sheets are now up for all of the club cruises that John Suita has planned, so please sign up if you would like to attend..

It is with heavy hearts we mourn the loss of TYC member-Tom Beatty. He will be truly missed and forever in our hearts. Please join me in extending our deepest sympathies to Heidi and family.

We have spoken with Steve Clark and he has ordered and delivered stone for the repair of the main land walkway and for filling in holes around the club. We are working on getting this work completed ASAP.

The BOD are keeping a close watch on the water level and praying and hoping it does not breach the walls. We will do our best to deal with this situation if it occurs.

Safe travels my friends. Stay safe and enjoy our beautiful Lake Ontario..

Should you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call, I am always happy to help.





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Vice Commodore ~ Doug Klapper



What a wonderful sight to see the boats back in the water and being prepped in anticipation of another TYC sailing season.

For those who were not able to attend the Annual Spring Meeting – a few of the highlights from the Vice Commodore:

A full schedule of events is planned for the season. A list is posted on the clubhouse bulletin board.

We are still in need of members to volunteer to chair a number of the scheduled events

The Pub Crawl and Blues Jam Night still need chairpersons. This is a terrific way to get to know your fellow members and get your work hours in too.

The long ago Spaghetti Dinner is returning as an Italiano Extravaganza!

John Siuta has been hard at work putting together a number of club reciprocal cruises for the season. I heartily recommend joining these cruises, they are always a lot of fun.

Vince Bargnes is working very hard to create a mechanism for online signup and payment for the social functions. The first trial is for the Italiano Extravaganza. We appreciate your cooperation and patience in working with this new system. This is new to all of us and will make life easier in the future.

Last year, Darlene Manhardt was very successful in planning all our events for very good weather days. I hope she will help me in repeating that success. That success made for great attendance at all the functions.

It also created a difficult planning challenge. A large number of members signed up to attend these functions. However, many attending did not sign up in advance and made it difficult to stretch servings to accommodate all.

Please make it a point to sign up before the posted deadline.

Hats off to all the crews that made launch so successful.



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Rear Commodore ~ Vince Bargnes



QR Codes:

“What the heck is a QR Code?”

The ancient Egyptians are thought to have introduced one of the first types of sailing vessels in 3400BC. But that doesn’t mean TYC should retain ancient methods of communication. Imagine how the US Mail would feel about delivering the Tuscarora Currents on stone tablets!

A QR Code might look like hieroglyphics or squiggly squares but it is a great communication tool. It allows your smartphone to “navigate” places effortlessly.

I have posted a number of QR Codes around the club. Some take your phone to different websites, or forms (Like the Green Slips to submit your Work Hours). Another will log you onto the TYC Guest Wi-Fi. One can even be used to pay for parties, like the “Italiano Extravaganza”!

Look for the QR Codes posted at the club. Simply point your smartphone’s camera toward the code then click the link that appears.



One I’d like you to try is the “Suggestion Box – QR Code”. (to the right) Send me a suggestion, praise or criticize, let us know what you think, and help us steer the ship.

Wi-Fi:

The Wi-Fi is up and running. We must still stabilize the power supplies for the antennas on the Mainland and the Light Pole. I think the key is to weather-proof the wiring. As boaters, we can all relate to the issue of wet wires!

Club Roster:

The 2019 TYC Roster is now available in both in print and on-line. Paper copies are available at the steward’s office and an electronic version is at tycwilson.com in the Members Only section.

Membership ID Cards:

ID cards will also be available in the Stewarts Office.

On-Line Payments:

After a couple days of development, our first attempt at offering on-line purchases was a great success. More than 50% of you purchased dinners for the “Italiano Extravaganza” using their credit cards via the internet! Very well done! In addition most of those who signed up did so via the TYC On-Line Sign-Up sheet. Only a few members resorted to the telephone to have their reservation secured.

Handy TYC Website Links (click on any of them)

<[Roster Updates & Corrections](#)>

<[Work Hour Submission Slips](#)>

<[Slip/Dock Change & Swap Request](#)>

<[Dinghy Reservation](#)>

<[Trailer Storage Request](#)>

<[TYC Calendar of Events](#)>

<[Suggestion Box](#)>

Fleet Captain ~ Jeff Jordan



Let the boating season begin!

Launch:

Once again, Congratulations to everyone on a successful launch. The weather caused launch on Saturday to be canceled, but in true TYC style, everyone pitched in and we completed launch on Sunday, forcing us to install masts the next weekend. Special recognition goes to all the crew leaders: Mike Algase, Jeff Strothmann, Peter Hubbell, Carol Goulah, Jan Klapper and Steve Schellhammer, as well as the members who worked under them.

Dinghy's / Trailers:

A reminder to those who would like to store a dinghy in the lower parking lot or wish to store their trailers in the upper parking lot, please fill out the requests on line. You can use the following links: <[Dinghy](#)> <[Trailer](#)>

Insurance:

Beginning in 2019 the club requires proof of insurance from each boater. Thank you to those you sent this proof to me. If you have not done so, please send me your proof of insurance as soon as possible. I will be reaching out to those members who have not complied with this request.

Slip Request:

If a slip becomes available at any time during the year, the details of the slip will be posted on the Club's Website and an email notification will be sent out to all full members. Available slips will also be posted on the TYC clubhouse bulletin board between launch and haul out.

Rising Water:

We are closely monitoring water levels. Currently our Haine's docks are almost completely submerged. In 2017 we tried to mitigate the water by putting sandbags along the wall in the areas of I-31 through I-51 and tried to use pumps to pump out the road, but it was unsuccessful. At this point we are securing the scaffolding pics that we used in 2017 to allow members to access their boats. (Updates will be sent as needed)

I ask you to please work with your dock mate to do what you can to add planking to your dock to stay above water. Unfortunately, we don't have any control of the lake levels.

If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding their slip assignment please feel free to reach out and contact me @ fleetcaptain@tycwilson.com or call my cell at 716-432-9064.

Director of Operations ~ Jeff Schuster



Hello to the Summer,

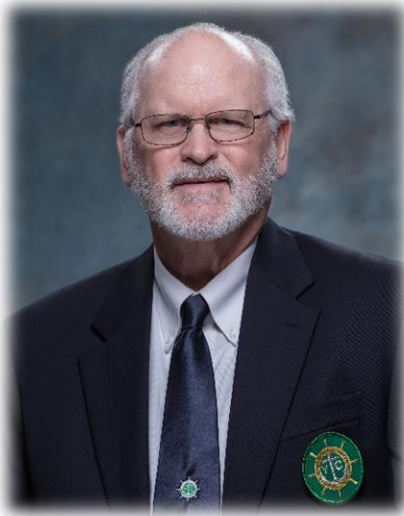
We currently have a few small jobs in need of completion. The restroom facilities need a small amount of touch up painting and we need baseboards put along the walls of the hallway.

If you can provide the work - we have the supplies.

Cheryl Robinson will be looking for help with the Landscaping/Flowers around the club. We will be forming a work party to get the landscaping completed. Thank you to all that helped with the opening of the clubhouse. With all of your help we will get through the water issues.

Our Head Steward this year is Justin Strothmann. He will be working with returning stewards Maria and Caitlin. New stewards are Austin, Ira and Marcus. Please welcome them to the club. They will be worth their weight in gold.

Thank you for your support and have a great boating season.



High Water Update

Every inch of water added to the surface of Lake Ontario is about 127 billion gallons. I can't even imagine how much that is let alone how long it will take to get 20 times that amount down the St. Lawrence...

As of Saturday, water levels in the lake were only 5 inches below their highest level two years ago.

The International Lake Ontario – St. Lawrence River Board increased outflows at the Moses-Saunders dam near Massena over the weekend to their highest level in more than a month. But Board member Tony David says increasing outflows alone will not lower the lake's water levels.

"Unfortunately, Lake Ontario is going continue to rise until we can get ahead of the supplies that are coming into the basin," David said. That's because there's just too much water coming into from Lake Erie. "Lake Erie is at record high this time. It's never been higher at this time of the year. So that's really eating into the influence that outflows can have controlling or influencing water levels in Lake Ontario," David said.



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Ship's Store Lady ~ Kathy Sipes



The Ships Store is fully stocked and open for the season. We have the usual Burgees, Flags and Decals for your boat. In addition, Men and Women Tee Shirts, Polo Shirts, Sweat Shirts and other boating regalia.

We have two new ladies helping this year. Please stop by and welcome Pat Murphy and Diane Smith to our Ship Store Committee.

Ships Store is open Saturdays Noon - 2pm (Weather Permitting) and during many social events.

Looking forward to a great boating season!

Membership Report~ Jordan, Guggemos & Stone



As reported at our Spring Meeting, 16 of our full docking members did not renew their slips for the 2019 boating season. With the support with this year's Board of Directors, the Membership Committee is committed to do our best to bring in new members.

That being said, the membership committee would like to once again welcome our newest 2019 TYC members to date:

Robert and Lori Reid
Eric and Helen Freischlag
Shawn Weber and Bernadette Brennen
David and Lindsay Knox
William and Carol Kistner
Doug and Patricia Knox

This year's Board of Directors is committed to making the 2019 Membership Drive one of its priorities.

The Membership Committee asks all members to speak with colleagues, friends and relatives to promote the wonderful advantages of joining our yacht club. Encourage them to visit (by boat if possible) and provide their names to the Membership Committee Chair persons for follow up.

Social Media:

Recently I was asked by a member how can I help with membership?

One of the simplest way you can help is to "Like" and "Follow" our TYC Website Facebook Page.

You may have noticed an increase in our Facebook presence. If you would, I ask you to Share with your friends any Facebook Posts that we share with you. Our followers on Facebook seem to be growing by the week. Please check out our page at Tuscarora Yacht Club, Wilson NY, on Lake Ontario You can also go to our Facebook page from the Quick Link on our TYC home website page. <http://www.facebook.com/tycwilson>

Let's all work toward the common goal of increasing our membership and filling our open slips.

On behalf of the Membership Committee - Thank You.

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