



Currents

Tuscarora Yacht Club, Inc. / P.O. Box 826 / Wilson, New York 14172 / November 2003

Board of Directors Election

Ballots will be sent to all full members in a separate mailing. The election period will be between November 15, 2003, and December 1, 2003. Please use the postage-paid envelopes to return your completed ballot to the Election Teller, Bernie Schiffman.

The slate for this year's election is particularly strong and represents a wide range of experience and talent. In the order selected by and independent drawing, they are:



Hank Hinckley

Fleet Captain 2003



Bob Schmidt

My wife Donna and I joined TYC in the fall of 1998. At that time we were in the process of purchasing our fourth sail boat, Island Moose. I have been boating since the late

1960's, starting with a 15' run-about, to a 35' Chris Craft Roamer. In 1980 we bought our first sail boat and kept it at the Buffalo Yacht Club Summer Station in Point Abino, Canada on Lake Erie.

We have cruised most of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. One summer we took a month off and cruised to Lake Huron. I have held a US Coast Guard 50 Ton Inland Waters and 100 Ton Near-Coastal Ocean license for the past 20 years. I am a life member and an Instructor for the Swiftwater Power Squadron. I am Past Commodore of the Inner Harbor Yacht Club in Tonawanda, NY and also a Past

President of District 3 of the International Order of the Blue Gavel, and organization of Past Commodores.

Last year I retired after working for 35 years as a technician with Lucent Technologies. I feel honored to have been asked to run for the Board of Directors of TYC and, if elected, I am looking forward to working with the other Board members.



Erik Anderson

Director of Operations 2003



Bill Mahoney

"A great place to visit"

"Just like home, Perfect"

"What a wonderful welcome-as usual, we always enjoy"

"A warm and inviting club. Thanks you"

These are all exact quotes taken from the TYC 2003 Logbook as written by visitors to our Club this year. Kathie and I feel fortunate to have found TYC four years

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ago, and proud to belong to a Club whose values and location visitors and members alike find so welcoming and appealing.

We all enjoy the friendly and helpful atmosphere of the Club as we pursue summer boating enjoyment in our various ways. Also, there is a wonderful tradition of volunteerism and involvement that helps to define TYC. From Launch to Haul-Out; to Sail Past; to cruises and to our many clubhouse social events, members are always there to help make it happen for all of us. Kathie and I have been involved in many of these activities, and always enjoy the camaraderie and sense of accomplishment when it all comes together and everyone has a good time. A Club like ours is, I think special and unique and deserves to be nourished.

It is in this spirit of involvement that I am a candidate for the Board of Directors this year. We have been members for four years. My employment background has been in design project management for over thirty years at Fisher-Price. My educational background consists of a Bachelor of fine arts from the University of Notre Dame, and an MBA from the University of Buffalo.

I would appreciate your support.



Jack Karet

I have been an active boater in the Wilson Harbor area for at least the past twenty-five years. I was a director and treasurer of the, then, Island Yacht Club at

Beccue's Island. Having enjoyed the benefits and camaraderie of membership in the Tuscarora Yacht Club for the most recent years, I feel an obligation of repayment for this privilege by serving on the Board of the Club at this time.



Frank DelRusso

It has been my privilege to serve in many capacities at the yacht Clubs and boating clubs to which I have belonged. This association includes two years at Island Yacht Club as vice

commodore and four years as vice commodore culminating as commodore of TYC in 1996. I have been very active in the Lockport Power Squadron, received Commander of the Year 1998, and am presently acting as program director for District VI.

I strongly believe in being an active member of our TYC and am in favor of each person in the club participating in some way to keep the club vibrant and at the forefront of boating activities. A vote for me is a vote for a Board member who has led the club in past crucial times and who will support a cooperative work program.

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Skip Hangen

I am running for the Board to help maintain the Club and work with the membership to continue to offer an affordable boating experience in Lake

Ontario. Thanks!



Pat Glaser

I'm Pattie Glaser. It's important for all members to do their share in running this club. For those who don't know me, I'm retired from Verizon Telephone Co.

after 33 years of service. I was a Union Stewart for 25 years (CWA Local 1115 and 1122). I am on the Board of Directors of the Lower Lakes Marine Historical Society, currently acting as Treasurer. This is a great club and people are its key to success. I would like to try and be part of making it better.

Membership

The Board of Directors has asked Bob Stone and Bill Guggemos to assume the rolls of membership co-chairmen for the coming year. George Deck and the previous membership chairpersons have done an excellent recruiting job and we are certain that Bob and Bill will maintain that record. Bob and Bill assumed their duties immediately following the Autumn Meeting.

A Message From our Co-Chairmen:

In order to continue our very competitive docking and storage rates it is important for us to maintain a steady flow of new members to replace those who either retire from the boating community or simply relocate to other parts of the country.

Fortunately, George Deck had several new members lined up who were unable to dock with us last year because they had already paid for dockage elsewhere.

Several of these people have committed to dock at TYC in '04.

These new docking members principally own boats in excess of 30'. We still need additional members with boats in the under-30' range to fill our smaller slips, and larger boats to fill the 8 – 10 slips that become available annually.

Bill and I will actively contact boat dealers and marine supply stores (to distribute TYC material) and will participate in upcoming boat shows to generate membership/docking interest. Although Bill and I will be active, everyone needs to recognize that one of the best sources for new members is our own membership. If you have boating friends that may be looking for a total boating experience, either have them call Bill or myself, or give us their name, phone number, address, etc. and we will do the rest.

Bill will be running the boat show program (February) and will need some help. If you can make the time, please call him to volunteer.

Bill & Bob

New Members Being Considered for Membership in TYC

Harold D. & B. Jill Campbell
5177 Lower Mountain Rd.
Lockport, NY

Kenneth & Barbara Coutts
2076 Phillips Rd.
Burt, NY

Anyone desiring additional applicant information is asked to contact Bill Guggemos, 833-6223 or tycest@aol.com.

From the Commodore

Another year gone by... We hope you had time to enjoy the boating season. Although the weather wasn't as conducive to boating as we would have wished, any time on the water beats the alternative.

The boats are out and dry thanks to Fleet Captain, Hank Hinkley and his terrific crews. Thanks also to

the great ladies who worked hard in the kitchen – Great Job everyone!

The next order of business this year is the upcoming election. Please take a moment and give these fine candidates consideration for next year's Board of Directors. The voting process is in the very capable hands of Rear Commodore, Dave Mac Leod and his volunteers. Please give them your cooperation by returning the ballots as quickly as possible after receiving them.

Good Luck to all the candidates. These folks are demonstrating their commitment to TYC and they deserve your support.

Al Patterson

From the Fleet Captain

TYC Haul Out 2003 – The Boats are on the Dry – Thanks!!

One, two, three weekends and they are out. As of noon on October 12, eighty nine boats sat safely in their cradles after another glorious summer on Lake Ontario. With cradles down on September 28, masts out on October 4 and boats out on October 10, 11, & 12, TYC formally ended the 2003 boating season.

Again we demonstrated that by working together large jobs could be accomplished safely and efficiently by dedicated folks like the members of TYC. **Pete Hubble** led off with a hit by getting a front-loader for the cradles. He and his crewmates – Jim Varner, Bob Hasse, Dave Brown, Dick Platt, and Ken Glaser – brought the cradles down and spotted them on September 27, and 28. The second hit was mast removal at the gin pole by **Jeff Strothman**, Mike Tomanio, Brian Murray, Tony Grisanti, and Brian Gaske while the boom-truck with **Michael Algase**, Ken Glaser, Tom Tripp, Pat Lockwood, Harry Bucholtz, Doug David, and Dave Mac Leod all carried on in spite of 43knot winds. The final hits came on the 10th, 11th, and 12th of October with **Michael Algase**, Dave Brown, Dave Kahl, Bill Halliday, Art Worden, Pete Seager, Ken Glaser, Dan Schofield, Tom Tripp, Todd Lawson, Phil Vender, Bill Guggemos, Bill Maloney, John Camesano, Bob Hasse, Al Patterson,

and Dave Mac Leod worked with John Clark to find winter homes for 89 boats. Yes, all these people need to eat, and they were well taken care of by **Marsha Emmons**, Pat Mounce, Pat Glaser, Darlene Chase and Carol Varner. Special thanks to Michael Algase for behind the scenes organization, and Ed Kelly for the use of his special equipment to make the whole affair safe for everyone. Apologies to anyone who was missed, if you contact me I will be happy to issue an errata.

Slip Assignments

Several members have asked about the modest changes in the

2003 roster under the heading Slip Assignments. You will note that

added emphasis is given to the boat requirements in addition to our traditional seniority criteria in assigning boats to slips. The thinking behind this minor change is that in the long run the cost to members will be lower the better use we make of the existing

facilities - matching boats to slips with seniority being the tiebreaker if two equivalent boats are bidding on the same slip. As our collective fleet has gotten larger over the past 5 years, the demand for larger slips has grown to exceed our capacity, while the

demand for smaller slips has decreased to less than our capacity. In the face of this we find that boats that are shorter than the billing minimums for the slips occupy 33 of our 143 slips. Although these occupants are paying the minimum fees, there is

usually room in the slips for even longer boats. As we go forward if this trend continues we will all find ourselves paying more than we might otherwise if more emphasis is not placed on matching NEW slip assignments to the boat requirements. This said, changes to existing slip holders CAN NOT be made except in the case of new members during their first two years in a slip. If you have questions about this please contact the Fleet Captain or any other Board member.

Hank Hinckley

From the Director of Operations

It was a great summer - although a little less great than last year. First I would like to thank Frank Scannapieco and the Varners (Jim & Carol) for helping to move the stone on cradle weekend. Most areas that were low were filled and raked out. Dock repairs will be scheduled this winter when the harbor is sufficiently frozen to provide safe conditions for the repair crew. Please let me know of any problems with your dock well in advance because we can't predict when the freeze will occur. Also remember that personal modifications to suit your individual needs are your responsibility (both physically and financially). Wishing all of you a safe and happy off-season

Skip Hangen

From the Rear Commodore

It has been quite a year – both challenging and rewarding. We have seen an interesting exchange of views, faced some dramatic changes in the way the Club is perceived, lost some old friends and gained some new ones.

We need to elect the new Board of Directors. I will be mailing the ballots to you on (or about) November 15. Please give your selections some thought, as they will be representing you to carry the Club forward.

On a different matter - several members have expressed opinions concerning the dates for launch and haul out. This pole may not be as scientific as the Nielsen Ratings, but I would appreciate your E Mail response to cdmacleod31@hotmail.com with your individual preferences so that we can bring your feelings to the new Board of Directors:

Launch

April 17 -18
 April 24 - 25
 May 1 - 2
 May 8 - 9
 May 15 - 16
 Other

Haul-Out

Sep 18 - 19
 Sep 25 - 26
 Oct 2 - 3
 Oct 9 - 10
 Other

Thanks to my fellow Directors and all the members of TYC –

Dave Mac Leod

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