

Currents

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

LAUNCH!

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Launch Day!

Finally to be able to get the boats back in the water!

What a great feeling, to have the deck under your feet and feel the gentle rock and roll as the boat glides out of the channel, toward the open lake. In my mind, it is difficult to find a comparable feeling of freedom, joy and awe as the boat heads out to the big pond.

Perhaps that's may be a bit maudlin, but you get the idea!

On a more mundane topic, one that has been stated more than once on these pages, the activities of TYC will continue normally. There is no reason to consider other alternatives at this point. The social events, clubhouse activities and expectations of participation by the membership will continue. AS WILL TYC. This is a great club and to those who continue to support it, Thank You.

Thank you for your suggestions for social events and for the volunteers that run them. Please contact Vice Commodore Mark Farrell, who will gladly give direction and suggestions to all who do so.

The Officer of the Day program is being set up under the direction of Skip Hangen, Director of Harbor Operations. The stewards who are now and those who will soon be on board, will report to the Director of Operations, Erik Anderson. Your suggestions and assistance will be appreciated. The Launch and Mast stepping operation are under the direction of Hank Hinckley. It is great to see the great number of members have volunteered to work on this most important day.

Finally as a matter of information, the Board of Directors has invited Pat Brady to present his vision and hopes for Wilson Harbor directly to our membership. The date is to be set soon and will be posted on the bulletin board and on the Website. Questions from the membership will be read from the 3X5 cards filed out at the spring meeting. It is important to maintain decorum and proper rela-

tionship for the future with the Brady group and I am confident that the membership will act accordingly.

Albert M. Patterson
Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Let the Boating Season Begin ! The first party after launch will be "SAIL PAST" on Sat. May 31st. This is a dish-to-pass dinner held in the club house. I would appreciate it if someone would volunteer to head up this event. Some of you may not be able to assist with the launch and cradle removal activities and general grounds clean up project. So why not do YOUR part help YOUR club by volunteering to run an event.

Thanks,
Mark Farrell
Vice Commodore

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

I will try to keep up the fine record of Mark Farrell with timely publication of "Currents". We intend to publish according to the by-laws of the Club, but will place new emphasis on the Club Website "www.tycwilson.com". I would urge everyone in the Club who has the capacity to go on-line to elect to receive their "Currents" in this fashion as well as to take advantage of the information posted between normal publication dates. If you are willing to do so, it will save us a lot of money (believe me, snail-mail isn't cheap). Please notify the Web Master, Bill Fleming.

Dave MacLeod
Rear Commodore

DIRECTOR OF HARBOR OPERATIONS REPORT

Well, spring is here! Sort of! By launch the docks will have been repaired. Those of you who have noticed new problems that have arisen over the winter, please contact me. I am looking for volunteers for touching up the green bulk head cap, moving some stone and stenciling slip numbers on the bulk head. After a long, hard winter and the other challenges this winter, let's make this boating season memorable.

Sincerely,
Skip Hangen
Director of Harbor Operations

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new website at
WWW.TYCWILSON.COM

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

THIS IS IT ! THE TIME WE HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR - LAUNCH. Yes Spring is (suppose to be) here and our May 2,3,4 launch weekend is upon us. We will start on the mainland on Friday evening and on the Island at slip I-00 7 AM Saturday morning. From there we will work around the Island clockwise and hope to have all the boats in the water sometime Sunday morning. Following this we will start on boom truck stepped masts with the goal of finishing Sunday evening. Gin pole stepped masts can be raised by individuals Saturday morning and by the crew Saturday after 12 and all day Sunday. YOU OR YOUR DOCUMENTED AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE PRESENT OR YOUR BOAT WILL NOT BE LAUCHED NOR YOUR MAST STEPPED.

Ed Kelly will be leading the crane/boom truck crew, Pete Hubble will be leading the cradle crew, Jeff Strothmann will be leading the gin pole crew and providing the energy resources to make it all happen Marsha Emmon will be leading the kitchen crew. Joe Emmons will be our Safety Officer and Jim Krakowiak will be inspecting all cradles to identify those needing work before they can be used in the fall. These folks need your help and cooperation. SIGN UP FOR ONE OF THE CREWS. It is a great way to really get to know fellow club members, have some fun, and get a free meal. All these advantages are over and above the financial advantage of keeping haul + store + launch fees a fraction of other options. This year we are introducing a new opportunity call "Crew Lite" duty. It involves the opportunity to sign up for either a morning crew, an afternoon crew or for the hardy ones - both. This option will also allow you to experience a spilt crew tour with a taste of crane in the morning and a taste of cradles in the afternoon. Give it a try ! You'll like it.

At this writting we have lost 7 docking members, gained 6, have 2 power boat slips open, 6-7 sailboaters on the waiting list and one maybe power boater. The losses appear normal with 3 boats being sold, one move for business reasons, one having bought a larger boat, one having committed before the right slip became available and one for appearant economic reasons. SIGN UP EARLY FOR A CHOICE SELECTION OF CREW ASSIGNMENTS and be careful as you prepare your boat for launch, we want to see you onboard this summer and not confined to shore duty.

Warm regards
Hank Hinckley
Fleet Captain



DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

The electricity and gas was turned on in late March / early April. The water was delayed until the Spring Meeting due to inclement weather. If you use the clubhouse please leave it neat and clean.

Some of our Stewards from last year will be returning. Stewards are a key factor in keeping the club running smoothly during the boating season. Do you know someone that you think would be a good Steward next year? Have them contact me. The more applicants, the better chance we have of getting a good group.

Kathy & Dick Platt (Trilogy - Slip H-15) have agreed to assist me in the supervision of the Stewards, this summer. As "Live Aboards" they will be able to help insure that the Stewards are being used efficiently.

If you have comments or questions about the Stewards contact me. If immediate action is required,



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Erik S. Anderson
Director of Operations

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The rumors are false! Tuscarora Yacht Club is still open for business! If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a member of TYC please let me know or have them contact me and I will be glad to send them a membership packet. All I need is their name, address and phone number. I can be reached by phone at 716-838-3370 or by email at: tycinheritance@aol.com.

George Deck
Membership Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT

First, I want to thank all of you who have sent in your membership dues and dock deposits on time. It

is a great deal of work to keep track of who has and who hasn't sent them in so your timely response is greatly appreciated. I also want to acknowledge Jack and Mary Ellen Fletcher for the great job they do as our club bookkeepers. It is a lot of work and we all really appreciate it. The next billing will be for slip rental. This bill is always sent out right after launch and this year will be no exception. Please send in your payment as soon as you can. If you have any questions about a bill please call or email Jack and Mary Ellen Fletcher and I know they will be very willing to help as much as they can.

George Deck
Treasurer

SHIPS STORE NEWS

Launch Day, May 3rd, will usher in the new season for the ships store, starting at 12:00PM. The beautifully remodeled show case, compliments of Jim Varner and Howard Erdley, will contain old favorites and many new items. There will continue to be master card availability. Boat names and personal names on individual items may be ordered as in the past.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Barb Patterson

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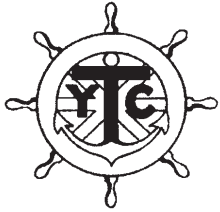


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