



# Tuscarora Currents

## Commodore ~ Jeff Jordan



As I reflect on the past year I am grateful for all the advice and assistance this past year. I am proud to have been your Commodore for 2020. TYC is an excellent place to boat, work and play. Thank you for all your support and guidance this past year.

2020 was an interesting season to say the least. Many things were beyond our control, but I would like to thank the board members who stepped up and handled the obstacles with patience and understanding.

Elections will take place soon. Darlene Manhardt and her committee are working hard to attract new candidates.

Best wishes to board members who are completing their terms this December. For those members who will be completing their second year and to those who are running for election I look forward to working with you in 2021.

Peter Fleckenstein, our long standing bookkeeper has decided to relinquish his bookkeeping duties at the end of December 2020. As you know Peter has performed this task for almost 2 decades, and we are sorry to lose his expertise and knowledge of the club. Please join me in wishing Peter our heartfelt thanks for all the years as Bookkeeper.

Even though TYC will soon be officially closed for the 2020 season many things are still taking place. The club will be closing November 7th weekend and we are starting to prep for that. Steve Clark is working to reinforce our front seawall and improve our docks. I would personally like to acknowledge Steve and his crew for their dedication to improving the TYC infrastructure this year.

TYC is the best and friendliest club anywhere due to the wonderful membership we have. May all of you have a happy and healthy winter season. Spring 2021 will be here before we know it. I look forward to 2021 and an excellent boating season.

Jeff Jordan  
Commodore

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## Vice Commodore ~ Stephanie Burgess



TYC family, I choose to look at today and make it the best it can be. Then I want to think about tomorrow and make plans for improvement. Although things do not always go as planned, let's consider for a moment that we have the opportunity to make our club even better. Perhaps it really will be known to all as the friendliest place to visit on Lake Ontario. I had the opportunity to visit another club late this season and want to remind us all that the little things do make a difference. They were mid-project on deck replacement (done entirely by the members) yet nearly every person we met offered access to the restroom lock, did we need help tying up or settling in at the dock. These gestures made an impression on my guest. I wondered if I would always do the same at our own club? If given the opportunity, please help out a boat neighbor. I observed a lot of helping hands this year amidst the turmoil. **Many thanks and appreciation to all who helped out!!** A pandemic is a difficult time. One we hopefully won't experience again in our lifetime. As a safety professional, I think we are still just as vulnerable now as we were in March. Please keep yourself and your family safe.

I have two projects I would like to move forward in the next year of my term. One I am calling Women at the Helm. In this endeavor I desire to enable women boaters to: have the skill to bring their boat to the dock; engage in sailboat races to further enjoy their boat; or increase their safety skill with a "Man Over Board" practice. The second is a Christmas Boat Parade for all in Wilson harbor to enjoy. Thankfully Zoom meetings will allow us to conduct training during the winter. I hope to get started in the coming months. Please contact me at [vicecommodore@tycwilson.com](mailto:vicecommodore@tycwilson.com) if you have an interest in organizing or participating in either activity. It is the perfect opportunity to engage others, to enjoy Wilson harbor and watersports in general. Suggestions are always welcome!

Stephanie Burgess  
Vice Commodore



## Rear Commodore ~ Eileen Hassett



I am thankful for another boating season, even if it was not the usual experience. I am thankful for the fellowship of the TYC members who always come together to get the job done. I am thankful for the beautiful place that is TYC, both in its facilities and its camaraderie. I am thankful for the leadership of Jeff Jordan as our Commodore through these exceptional times. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve TYC as the Rear Commodore for the last few months.

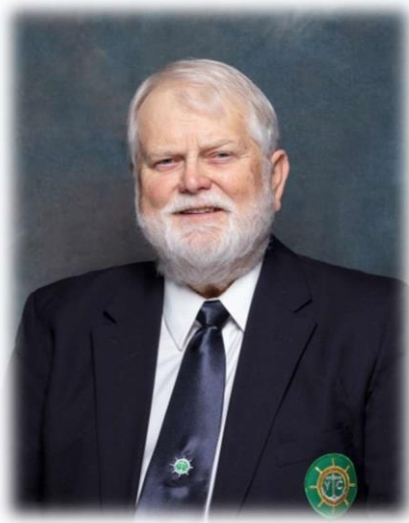
It is time to vote for the 2021 Board of Directors. Please review the candidates in this issue and return the ballot that is being mailed to your home. Thank you for your participation in the voting process.

Please make sure you submit any work hours by December 1, 2020 so they can be credited for this year. A report of work hour submissions is listed in the TYC Members Only area under the Workhour List section. I prepare a weekly updated report to be posted on the website. If you submitted work hours and

they are not on the report, please contact me at [rearcommodore@tycwilson.com](mailto:rearcommodore@tycwilson.com). Don't forget to submit your work hours using the "Submit Your Work Hours" link on the TYC website. Have a great "off" season and stay safe this winter.

Eileen Hassett  
Rear Commodore

## Secretary ~ Hank Peters

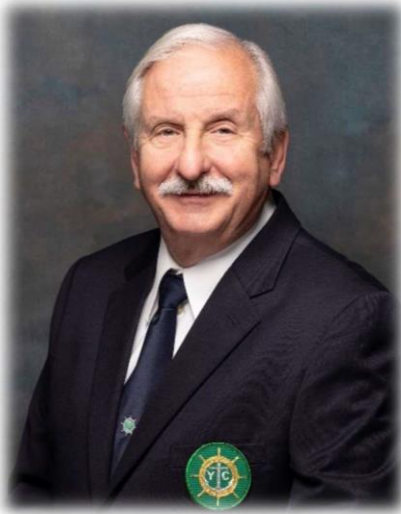


I would point out to our membership that one usually does not praise his or her landlord. I would ask that you reflect on the changes that have occurred at our Club in the past several years. I have not personally worked with the Clark family but in listening to those that have and observing what great improvements have happened to the facilities. I would ask each of you if given the chance, please extend to them a "thank you" for their investment in the facilities and in our Yacht Club. I would include those employees who work for the Clark's around the grounds of the club in that thank you!

This has been an adventurous year to say the least. I would thank all of you for the assistance you have given me and the Board of Directors. I know that you are already planning for the next boating season, so be well, stay safe, and enjoy your families this coming Holiday season.

Hank Peters  
Secretary

## Treasurer ~ Doug Klapper



**Oh, what a year 2020 has been!!!** Jan and I are very thankful for what turned out to be a rather nice season. When the 'pandemic' first began, I was quite concerned about the effect it would have on TYC, especially, its finances. The commitment and resilience of our membership is not to be underestimated.

I noted at our Fall Zoom meeting that the TYC finances were in good shape. I expect we will close out the 'in the black'. That is very good news to share. The outstanding efforts of Sandy and Jeff Jordan in attracting new members has had a welcome effect on our financial position. It is great to see our slips being filled with boats. A very warm welcome to all our new members.

This is the end of my term on the Board. It has been a privilege to serve the club this last term. I am certain whoever takes on the task of Treasurer next year will experience the same support from members that I have enjoyed. The position of treasurer would be a daunting task if it were not for the hard work of our

Bookkeeper, Peter Fleckenstein and Financial Secretary, Mary Lazich. Peter and Mary do the real work of the position. Many thanks to them for their tremendous efforts.

As you should know, Peter is retiring from his position of Bookkeeper. Peter has held that position for well over two decades. He has been a very committed and conscientious asset to TYC for all those years. He will be truly missed. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

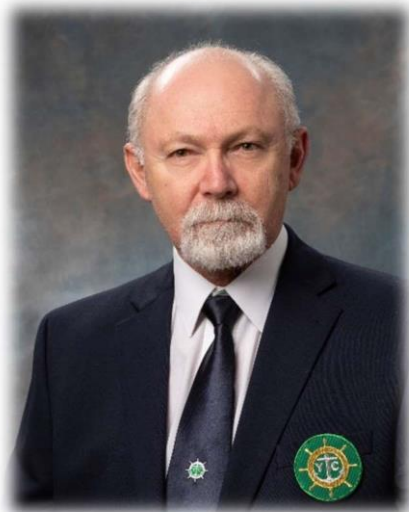
I wish you all a very safe off-season and look forward to our 2021 season.

Doug Klapper  
Treasurer





## Fleet Captain ~ Paul Wotka



Hello TYC. The 2020 boating season has been one for the books. Despite the four-week delay to splash our boats, the cancellation of club cruises and a hold on all club parties all due to the COVID-19 problem. Thankfully we all got through it and the season turned out fairly well with the great summer weather. Hopefully the 2021 season will be a great one.

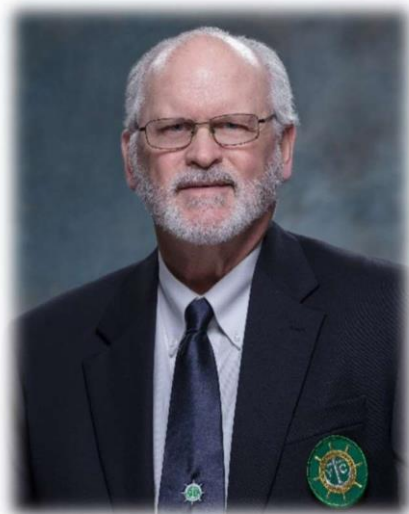
The haul out went safe and smoothly despite the abnormally high wind. Again I would like to thank the crane crew lead by Mike Algase for their work setting our boats safely in their winter cradles.

I would like to mention a couple of November reminders. First, please remember to remove any and all uprights on your dock by November 15th. If left in it could cause damage to your dock from the formation of ice. Members failing to do so will be assessed a \$25.00 fine. Second, dock reservations are due by November 15th. of this year. By doing this before November 15th. You can avoid the \$25.00 late fee.

In closing, I would like to thank the TYC membership for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your 2020 Fleet Captain. I also encourage all new and tenured members to give back to the club by serving on the BOD. It has been a rewarding unique experience

Paul Wotka  
Fleet Captain

## Director of Operations ~ Jeff Schuster



I would like to thank our stewards this year, Head Steward Justin and his crew Caitlin, Austin, Ira and Chelsea. I thank them for their help and support and hope to see them back again next year.

Much needs to be done to close the Clubhouse. If you are in need of work hours there will be an opportunity on November 7th during our closing day activities. If you can help out on another day, please give me a call at 716-628-6048, please leave me a message if I don't answer. Tuesday and Thursday are good for me, but I can give you a task to complete on the other days. Some of the tasks are: outdoor furniture put inside, bikes and grills cleaned and put away, shower curtains taken down and stored away, etc. Those tasks are in addition to our normal dock water lines being blown out around the island and RV antifreeze put into the lines of the clubhouse.

Thank you in advance to all of those folks who will be helping on that Saturday, November 7th.

Jeff Schuster  
Director of Operations

## Director of Harbor Operations ~ Darlene Manhardt



The season has come to a close and our beloved boats are resting on the hard for the winter months. It was a strange year for sure. We should all be thankful that our boats did get in the water and we were able to use them and enjoy our Western New York Summer and Wonderful Lake Ontario.

The Clubhouse is scheduled to be closed on November 7th and that is also the day the water will be turned off in the clubhouse and to the docks. Please remember, if you have not already removed your dock boards to please remove them before the ice sets in.

I will be sending out a new "to do" list for any of those who need more work hours. Keep in mind most of these require good weather.

As this is my last month as a Board member I want to thank all of you who have supported me along my 4 year journey. I have enjoyed being on the board as Vice Commodore, Commodore and Director of Harbor Operations and will be there for

anyone who needs assistance with any of these positions. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the Board of Directors. Thank you All....

Lastly I am the Chairperson for the Election Committee and want all of you to review our candidates, which are listed below in this Currents. There are 5 candidates and we will vote for 4. The Board has to actually fill 5 positions, 4-two year positions and 1-one year position. After the 4-two year positions are filled the Board will ask the 5th person who was not elected by ballot to fill the one year position. So please take a look at all of our candidates. Your ballot will be coming in the mail shortly and needs to be returned by December 1st.

Thank you everyone. Have a wonderful and blessed Holiday Season.

Darlene Manhardt  
Director of Harbor Operations

## Ships Store ~ Kathy Sipes

Hello everyone. Thanks to all that supported the Ships Store this year. Unfortunately, we got off to a slow start and since we had no social events we weren't able to be open often. However, we were able to place orders for many of you. For those that have not received your order we are still waiting for the latest delivery. I will let you know when your order is in.

Next year we will be looking for help to man the Ships Store. It is a good way to work off your work hours. Think about it this off season and see me next Spring.

I would like to thank Pat Murphy and Diane Smith for their assistance this year.

Wishing you all a healthy off season and a fun filled Holiday season.

Kathy Sipes  
Ships Store Lady

## Hall of Fame 2020



The Board of Directors are proud to announce that the TYC 2020 Hall of Fame Award is awarded to Doug and Denise David. This award is made to recognize dedication and outstanding service to the Tuscarora Yacht Club. Doug is a former board member and Past Commodore. Also, he graciously fulfilled a board member's term of office when they were unable to. Denise co-hosts the monthly TYC book club and co-ran the Commodore's Tea for over 10 years. TYC has benefited from their service and dedication to the club. If you see Doug or Denise, please congratulate them. They have been members since 1979.



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## Membership Report ~ Jordan, Guggemos & Stone

### **2020 New Members:**

We would like to welcome our new members that have joined this year starting with:

- Rick LaPress
- Albert Stewart
- Charles and Christine Kesterson
- Jim and Shannon Howe
- Raphe and Nicole Brackney
- Jackie and Henry Wahl
- Edward and Karen Keidel
- Jody and Lynette Curtis
- Tim and Dona Chase
- Todd and Susan Fetzer
- Gregory Smith and Paula Pinkert
- Justin Malys
- John and Tammy Frey
- Daniel and Becky Friedman
- Daniel and Bonnie Meagher
- Anthony and Rose Buscaglia
- Edward and Daniela Wolf
- Christopher and Ruth Gaul

### **Membership Status:**

Presently we have 210 Members:

140 Full Members

24 Social Members

46 Life Members

Of the 140 Full Members, 122 should be docking with us to 2021. Currently we have 17 new members to date.

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.

If anyone has any marketing ideas that they think might help, please reach out to a board member or one of the membership committee members with your suggestions.

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.

Jeff and Sandy Jordan, 716-432-9064

Bill Guggemos, 716-939-7706

Robert Stone, 941-276-1958



# Election Candidates!

## Reginald Adams



My name is Reg Adams and I was proud to be asked to run for a seat on the TYC Board.

My wife and I joined Tuscarora Yacht club in 1994, and from the start found it to be a club where friendship and team work went hand in hand. Before my retirement my work schedule and travel kept me from participating in many of the club social activities. I was however able to work on launch, haulout and dock building.

Now that I have more time and grandchildren the boat has been more fun again as my grandchildren see it as an adventure when we go sailing.

With my past experience in engineering and construction management I would look forward to the opportunity assisting in any club endeavors.

Being able to have a seat on the TYC Board would be an honor and privilege. Your vote would be appreciated.

Thank you,  
Reg Adam

## Salpi Doering



My name is Salpi Doering and I have been a member at TYC for many years.

Torsten, my husband & past Board member has successfully managed to convert me into a bona fide sailor. Together, we sail Reliance, the Rival 36 sailboat located on the floating docks.

My professional background is in wealth management, for the past 25 years I have helped individuals, families and small businesses navigate their financial futures.

I am originally from Toronto, Canada where my family still resides and where we are lucky enough to be able to sail to and from... This summer being the exception, of course!

Sailing is a passion of mine, which is one reason why I seek your vote to be elected to the Board at TYC. Contributing on your behalf, would allow me the opportunity to give back to the Club & to make boating awesome for everyone!

Thank you,  
Salpi Doering

## Patricia Murphy



Hi, my name is Pat Murphy and I am seeking your support to serve on the Board of Directors at TYC. My husband Mike and I joined TYC in 2018 after he purchased an Island Packet 32. Joining TYC was the best decision we ever made. We love the facilities and have made many new friends. We enjoy participating in all of the activities and work parties which has helped us to get to know the members.

Most of my boating experience is in power boating. I began sailing with my husband in 2012. I am credentialed through the US Coast Guard as a Merchant Mariner for vessels less than 25 tons on near coastal waters, including sailing and towing since November 2018. We enjoy cruising around Lake Ontario and hope to cruise all of the great lakes in the future.

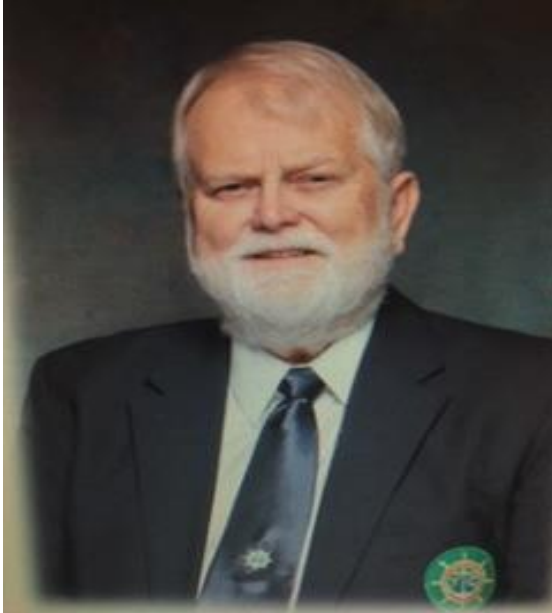
Mike and I have been married for 7 years. We have 3 daughters between us, all married and we have 4 grandchildren. We enjoy spending time at the club and hope to get our family there more often.

I am retired after 32 years from Erie County Medical Center. I have been an RN for 27 years. I have 11 years of management experience having managed the Spinal Cord Rehab Unit and the Hemodialysis Unit. I was responsible for staffing and budget as well as quality improvement. I also worked closely with the architects and construction crew throughout the planning and building of one of the new buildings on the ECMC campus. Prior to retirement I moved to the patient safety department where I was responsible for the compiling all data regarding sepsis and reporting to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and NYS Department of Health.

I believe that my experiences can be put to good use as a member of the TYC Board of Directors. I appreciate your consideration for a position on the board.

Pat Murphy

### Henry (Hank) Peters



It would be my honor to serve on the TYC Board of Directors. I have been a member of the yacht club since 2000. My wife, April and I have lived in the Town of Cambria for 39 years. We have a 27 foot Erickson sailboat. Serving on the Board would be a chance to give back to all of you who have assisted me over the last 18 years. I retired from public education after 36 years (Williamsville CSD Assistant Superintendent), from directing a college special education program for 8 years, and from being the Cambria Town Justice for 21 years. I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Hank Peters

### Kevin Race



My name is Kevin Race and along with my wife, Kim, have been TYC members since 2014. We own "Seaduction", a Pearson 33 sailboat, and really enjoy everything that TYC has to offer. I grew up sailing out of Wilson Harbor, and there is no better location in the harbor to keep a boat than TYC. Kim and I are proud to be TYC members and enjoy the friendships we have formed at the club over the last 6 years.

I am a Science teacher at Kenmore West High School and I have taught every science course offered. I also tutor adult nursing students every week. My 31 years in education have given me the ability and confidence to work well with everyone. If elected to the TYC Board of Directors, I will work hard to continue and build upon all that TYC has to offer its members and guests, and I look forward to making a positive contribution to our club.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Kevin Race

