



Tuscarora Currents

Commodore ~ Jeff Jordan



Let me begin my article by thanking all the outgoing Board members who served last year: past Treasurer P.C. Greg Sutton, past Director of Operations P.C. Jeff Strothman and past Rear Commodore Vince Bargnes. These people were devoted to the club not only as directors, but also served many hours benefiting the club in their own way. I thank you for your service to help make our club what it is today.

I would like to welcome the newly elected board members consisting of Stephane Burgess-Vice Commodore, Steve Swiatowy-Rear Commodore, Paul Wotka-Fleet Captain and Jeff Shuster-Director of Operations. These individuals will join our existing board members P. C. Doug Klapper-Treasurer, Hank Peters-Secretary, and P.C. Darlene Manhardt-Director of Harbor Operations. I look forward to working with them all.

This year the Board of Directors started out with the difficult decision to raise slip fees for the 2020 boating season. TYC has not raised slip fees since 2015. The associated costs incurred in the operation of the club have increased over that time. After very careful deliberation on this subject, the Board of Directors voted to increase our slip fees by \$2.00 per foot beginning with the 2020 boating season. This Board trusts you

understand the necessity of this step to keep TYC a viable and vibrant club.

Infrastructure Repairs and Improvements

Once again we face the challenges of Lake Ontario's High-Water levels. TYC, Steve Clark and the Clark family worked together to provide the necessary documentation to the NY State REDI Commission to help offset costs for the major modifications that need to be done to keep TYC afloat. A special thank you to P.C. Greg Sutton for working on this project with us.

Our relationship with the Clark Family is solid and we are working as a team to address the high-water issues we face. Time is at a premium as the waters continue to rise on a daily basis. With that being said, Clark Inc. has already started some major projects to help us deal with the projected high water.

To date, the Clark family has removed the Haine's east floating docks in preparation for the new floating docks this spring. They have repaired a major split to the harbor sea wall, as well as replacing 2 docks on the north wall. They raised 6 docks on the mainland. The road has been elevated on the north east end of the Island. With this team approach we can work together to make these improvements a reality and TYC is ready to assist as needed.

Membership Drive

This year we continue to experience a membership decrease as senior members move onto the next chapter of their lives. While reviewing some of the past correspondence in our TYC newsletters I came across an article written by past commodore William Fleming which I believe is relevant to today's times.

The article reads:

"A critical element to our success of our club is membership; TYC is a business and each of you - its customers. As Commodore I will adhere to the By-Laws and require each member be assigned to serve on a committee (Addenda 4). Therefore, I am assigning each and every member of TYC to serve on the "Please come visit and perhaps join TYC" committee.

OK...my delivery may be off, but my message should be clear. Promote your club to your boating friends. Encourage them to visit (by boat if possible for a free weekend) and provide their names to our Membership Committee Chair persons for follow up."

A decade has past and as your 2020 Commodore I am assigning each one of you to serve on the **"Please come visit and perhaps join TYC"** committee. I know Bill had a way with words that I may not be able to compete with, but I believe the message is relevant and applies to the club currently. So, in my words I ask each one of you to do whatever you can to generate new interest to one of the best kept secrets on Lake Ontario.

I encourage our members to check out the calendar on our website to be aware of our activities and social events. It is a great way to become involved in your club and meet new members.

With spring around the corner, I look forward to a safe launch, fun social events, more infrastructure improvements, new members and full slips.

I am honored to serve as your Commodore this year. This board was elected to represent you. Open communication and transparency are very important to me. Please feel free to contact myself or any of this year's Board members with any concerns, questions or suggestions that you may have.

Let's make the 2020 boating seasons ever!

Thank You
Jeff Jordan
2020 TYC Commodore



Vice Commodore ~ Stephanie Burgess



I wish to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve you as a TYC board member, and I look forward to another great boating season.

TYC is YOUR club and we welcome any and all ideas for fun and enjoyable events, parties, and get togethers, both large and small. We always look forward to events for the whole family. Some suggestions considered include: Christmas in July Parade (July 18 proposed) supporting the Town of Wilson, a movie night, Art Show (and other handmade items show), and of course continuing the very successful events we have had in the past including the wildly popular Pub Crawl. These need not be overwhelming: just a dish or snack to pass, BYOB, relax and enjoy! If you wish to chair or initiate any of these or any other activity, please feel free to contact me.

As a part of WHYRA, someone had mentioned hosting a winter Fireside Chat to talk about sailing and maybe work on some racing skills. These have been very successful in January and February. March will be about "STARTs" and April about racing rules. We all know these could be applicable for sailing fast to your destination also. The agenda has been the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at The Wilson House.

Our topics in March and April are meant to have others consider racing in our easy-going fleets (Main and Jib or Spinnaker) on Thursday nights. see <http://whyra.net/>

A number of traditional events are already on the calendar, kicking off with the Winter Dinner on Feb. 29, Sock Burning on May 15; Open House May 16 (10-2); TGIF June 12, Sail Past on June 13; Commodores Ball tentatively Aug 15, and Beef and Corn Dinner on September 5.

TYC Book Club - March 8th, The Library Book by Susan Orlean, the meeting will be held from 1:00-3:00 at the home of Claudia Lewis. Please RSVP to Denise David or Linda Maddigan if you will be attending. Book Club also has dates on May 17, June 21, July 19, Aug 23, Sep 20, and Oct. 18. See the web site for the reading selections.

John Suita has gotten a jump on the cruise season with club cruises to:
Niagara-on-the-Lake in the plan for June 20th or 27th
July 3,4,5,6 Highland Yacht Club Toronto Bluffs Area
July 10,11,12, RYC Toronto
July 31, Aug 1,2,3 PCYC Toronto
Aug 8,9,10 Bronte Yacht Club (Small cruise good for sail after PCYC for 8 boats)
Contact John if you are interested in any of these or future cruises.

South Florida Winter Party is looking for a Host! This has been an exciting opportunity for neighbors wintering over to get together and we hope it will continue. Please contact Karen and Bill Guggemos at 716-833-6223.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Winter Dinner Feb. 29 at 5:30 pm. Excited to hear your ideas and suggestions and working together to enjoy our club even more.

Stephanie Burgess

Vice.commodore@tycwilson.com or call 716-713-8281. Any help is always needed and welcomed!

Rear Commodore ~ Steven Swiatowy



I'd like to thank the TYC membership in putting their trust in me to serve on the 2020 TYC Board. It is an honor to represent such a great club and I look forward to serving your needs as Rear Commodore.

I would like to remind each member that there is a location on the TYC website that each of you can provide address, phone number, and email changes that will help us stay in touch with each of you.

Roster Updates: <http://tycwilson.com/updateform.php>

This year, I would like to reestablish an Information & Technology committee. Vince Bargnes has already graciously volunteered, and I'll be looking for a few more members who are familiar with IT concepts. Some of the skills and experiences that will be needed are: Relationship Database Development & Management (MS Access), Website Design (html, php), File Transfer Protocols (ftp), Google G Suite Collaboration, and Networking.

If anyone has any of these skills and would like to join the committee, please feel free to contact me via email to volunteer. In addition, it's a great way to get in your work hours.

I look forward to seeing you all in 2 months at the Spring meeting and hope you all have a great boating season.

TYC Website Links

<[Roster Updates & Corrections](#)>

<[Work Hour Submission Slips](#)>

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

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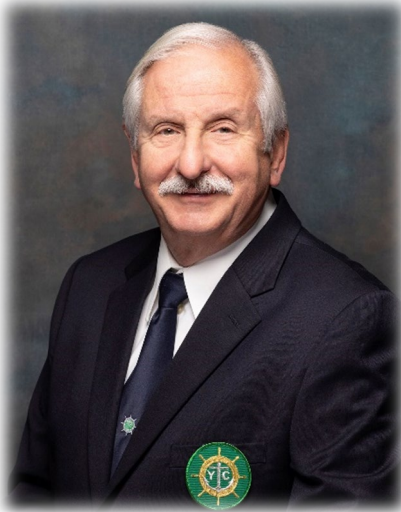
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Treasurer ~ Doug Klapper



It is a privilege to serve on the Board again this year. I look forward to Jeff Jordan's leadership as Commodore and welcome Stephanie, Paul and Steve to the new Board. I have big shoes to fill taking on the Treasurer's position from Greg. I really appreciate his continuing help with the transition. The "heavy lifting" of this position is taken on by Mary Lazich – our Financial Secretary – and Peter Fleckenstein – our Bookkeeper. These folks take on the tasks of the operation of our finances and do a spectacular job of it. Their time and efforts are more than appreciated. The efforts to reorganize our accounting that started in 2015 with Carol Goulah and continued with Greg Sutton are really paying off. We are now much more capable of quickly and easily getting a complete and accurate picture of our financial 'health'.

As we are in the process of closing out 2019, all the W-2s and 1099s have gone out. In spite of the problems of high water, 2019 was a pretty good year. We suffered a modest loss which could have been much worse if not for the careful and frugal control of expenses by the Board.

As you know, the success and vitality of the club is dependent on maintaining and increasing our membership. The Membership Committee under the leadership of Sandy and Jeff Jordan do an excellent job of recruiting new members. It is up to all of us to make that job as easy as possible by keeping the club in pristine condition and presenting a most welcome atmosphere to prospects. We all know what a great club TYC is; help spread the word.

I will be presenting a full report at the Spring Meeting – Saturday, April 18. Please make it a point to attend. Mark your calendar.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time with any questions you may have regarding the Club finances or other general Board operation questions.

Looking forward to a safe launch, no high water and a GREAT season.



	
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Fleet Captain ~ Paul Wotka



First and foremost, I would like to congratulate Jeff Jordan on his appointment by the Board of Directors to serve as TYC Commodore for the upcoming 2020 Season. I would also like to give a shout out to both Stephanie Burgess and Steve Swiatowy for their election to the 2020 Board of Directors.

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

Launch this season is scheduled for **Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25.**

Most stepping will take place on **Sunday April 26.**

The Spring membership meeting will be held on **Saturday April 18 @ 2:00 PM** in the clubhouse.

Also, please remember to sign up for one of the work crews. Signup sheets with a list of times and crew leaders will be posted in the clubhouse the day of the annual Spring Meeting. Working on one of these crews is a great way to get your work hours in and meet both new and seasoned TYC members. We've always have had the great fortune of our membership pitching in, getting their work hours in, enjoying the comradery of

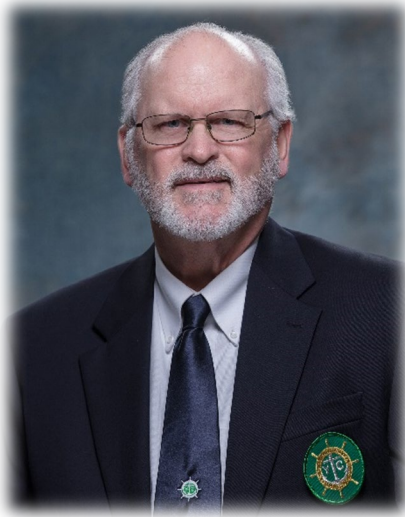
the membership and enjoying the delicious brunch and lunch that the terrific ladies on the kitchen crew present year after year.

Those members who desire to change ships due to the purchase of a larger vessel or who would like to have a change of scenery please fill out a slip change request form located on our TYC website and forward it to the Fleet Captain.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the very near future and hopefully the Lake Ontario Weather Gods will look favorably upon us this summer with no extreme high-water levels.

Paul Wotka
Tuscarora Yacht Club
Fleet Captain

Director of Operations ~ Jeff Schuster



Greetings to all TYC members,

I hope that you are all feeling well, and the Winter time has treated you right.

I, however, am so looking forward to thinking like Punxsutawney Phil and his prognostication of only six more weeks of Winter. Spring is right around the corner. I am sure that you all are feeling the same way.

It is good that there have been improvements made to the Island and with the better weather I trust that there will be much more completed.

A few things needing to be completed in the Clubhouse are as follows: the baseboard trim in the hallway, and touchup painting in the restroom areas. All of the materials are in hand. Please let me know at 716-628-6048 if you can help and that you would like to get in some work hours before the Spring meeting takes place.

Enjoy what is left of Winter and I will see you around the Clubhouse, Spring meeting or launch.



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Director of Harbor Operations ~ Darlene Manhardt



I am very pleased and happy to take on the position of Harbor Operations for 2020.

Thank you Jeff Strothmann for doing a great job last year. It will be hard to follow in your footsteps.

I will be working on the infrastructure of the club along with the Clark family to spruce up the place and repair docks that need fixing up.

That being said, I will need your help along the way. We have several projects in the works like painting the wall caps green, building dock toppers for I-30 - I-50, stenciling new numbers for all of the docks and more. I will be planning many work parties to get these projects completed.

As soon as the weather breaks I will be on the lookout for members to help me out (a wonderful opportunity to get your work hours in). Some of these projects will need to be done as early as possible since the water level is rising, and it is predicted that this year the water will be high. Steve Clark is working on a "to do list" of repairs that need to be done, along with revamping the Haines area.

I will be making up the Officer of the Day schedule in March, so be on the lookout for an email with that information.

If you have any dock, electrical or water issues please do not hesitate to contact me.

Darlene Manhardt
Director of Harbor Operations 2020

Secretary ~ Hank Peters



As we prepare for another boating season, I would share with you that a letter of reciprocity has been sent to over 100 yacht clubs that TYC has an agreement with.

Shortly you will be able to access the letter on our website.

If you are thinking of staying or visiting another club you should check their website to see what requirements they might have and any charges that might apply to your stay with them. Hope you all have survived the winter and are looking forward to better weather.

View/Print article from here:

[TYC – Perpetual Reciprocal Invite – 2020](#)

<http://tycwilson.com/documents/TYC-PerpetualReciprocalInvite-2020.pdf>



Membership Report ~ Jordan, Guggemos & Stone



Life Membership: Congratulations to our New Life Members this year:

- William Duggleby
- James and Judy Fanning
- Mark Farrell

Retired Members: Farewell to the members that retired this year from TYC:

- Beverly Brownell and Mark Dettmer – Social
- Terry Frantz – Social
- Clay and Ali Jackson - Full
- Edmund & Nina Juncewicz, - Full
- Helen, Robertson - Life
- Richard & Katrina Rosenberg - Life
- Paul and Nancy VanVoorhees - Full
- James & Carole Varner – Full
- Robert Proefrock - Full
- Brian & Linda Werder - Full
- Marion Burdick - Life
- Glen & Adele Werth - Life
- Helen Cole & Gene Wiedemer – Life

New Members: To date, we have no new members to report.

Membership Status:

Presently we have 194 Members:

- 125 Full Members
- 23 Social Members
- 46 Life Members

Of the 125 Full Members, 108 are Docking Members.

During the 2019 season we had 16 new members join TYC, 12 Full and 4 Social members.

We gained 9 docking members during the year.

This year's Board of Directors is again is committed to making the 2020 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.

Signage, social media, open houses, membership involvement and advertising are some of the tools we hope to use this year to help make this year's recruitment of new members second to none.

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.

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Bill Guggemos, 716-939-7706

Robert Stone, 941-276-1958