



Tuscarora Currents

Commodore ~ Jeff Jordan



I am proud to be the Commodore of the wonderful group of people who make up TYC! During a very difficult year, TYC members, families and friends came together to ready the club for our 2020 boating season.

Many thanks to this year's Board of Directors and a "Huge Shout Out" to everyone who painted, cleaned, planted, weeded and worked hard to make our club look great. Words can't describe how grateful I am for all the team leaders and their crews who worked tirelessly to ensure all boats were safely launched.

Most of all - I thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through the health and safety guidelines that are recommended by the state.

Now that the weather is warm, enjoy the serenity, peace and relaxation that boating and TYC has to offer. The first half of 2020 was difficult, I hope the summer of 2020 will bring much needed time with family and friends.

I know this boating season is not what anyone could have imagined. Activities and events have been cancelled or postponed, but we are all safe and our boats are in. That is something to be celebrated.

Feel free to contact me at any time with concerns or questions you might have.

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress: working together is success!"

Thank You
Jeff Jordan
2020 TYC Commodore



Vice Commodore ~ Stephanie Burgess



Hello fellow TYC Members,

I am excited to be able to see our members and get the season started. Seeing the boats in the water makes things feel a little more at ease. We know we can't let our guard down just yet.

Although it is later than planned and weather wasn't on our side this Spring, let's look for the silver lining. Our boats are safely in the water, we each have the opportunity to help out and look after one another during this unprecedented time. Thank you to everyone on the launch committee and work parties that have made our club shine. I had the opportunity to meet several families while selling my boat that are making the decision to get into boating during uncertainty but wanting to enjoy all that our WNY Summers and Lake Ontario have to offer.

It is disappointing to not share many of our social events due to the current pandemic; we want to still extend getting to know each other (remember new and older members may not know you yet.) If there are any club members who would like to

introduce themselves via video by sharing a favorite recipe for "Docktails" or TGIF snacks or maybe a boating safety or maintenance topic. Contact me to set up a simple zoom call and we will charge forward with something new. Currently planning on giving it the name TYC TGIF. We are currently working on a delayed Sail Past that would allow us to socially distance yet honor our Commodore and Club.

Last year, Doug Klapper coordinated a number of terrific events and I would like to thank him for the orientation to the Board. We will adapt to this new normal and find ways to benefit from our Club membership and bringing people together in new ways. Our Winter dinner at The Wilson House was a big success and enjoyed by 66 guests and members of TYC. WHYRA was able to host three winter seminars with good attendance and invitations to Olcott and Youngstown racers as well that has built on our local sailing racing network for the better.

WHYRA racing will begin June 4th more information can be found at www.WHYRA.net and races start at 7 pm on Thursdays. More boats always make it more fun.

The TYC Calendar of Events will be updated with new opportunities. The Suggestion Box remains open and I am interested in hearing your creative ideas. With less traffic in the club house, your email is more important than ever as a form of communication. Please stay in touch with your Board, we are very interested in a high level of communication.

Cheers to a Happy and Safe Boating Season, Stephanie

Rear Commodore ~ Steven Swiatowy



Another boating season is finally upon us and despite the difficult times we all face, it looks to be a great summer ahead.

I'd like to welcome all the new members that have recently joined and assure you that you've made a great choice in joining TYC. Our club is a fantastic place to spend your summer days and I don't believe there is anywhere that can match the overall feel of our "family."

I'd like to remind everyone to visit and get familiar with our website at <http://www.tycwilson.com> – you will be able to view POCs, Contact Information, Calendar of Events, and much more. It is also the preferred method for you to submit your Roster Updates, Slip Change Requests, and Work Hour Logs.

Most of the forms and submission pages are within the Members Only portion of the website and you will need the username and password to access that section. Reach out to me with any website issues.

The Wi-Fi has been brought online and is 100% operational throughout the island. There may be a few dead spots, however the committee is looking into these and will hopefully have a solution soon. As a reminder, the Wi-Fi Access Points, Router, and cabling should not be adjusted or removed without contacting someone on the Board or IT Committee. Please feel free to contact me with any issues you may have or if you need the SSID and password.

I hope everyone has a great season filled with good health and happiness.

TYC Website Links

<[Roster Updates & Corrections](#)>

<[Work Hour Submission Slips](#)>

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

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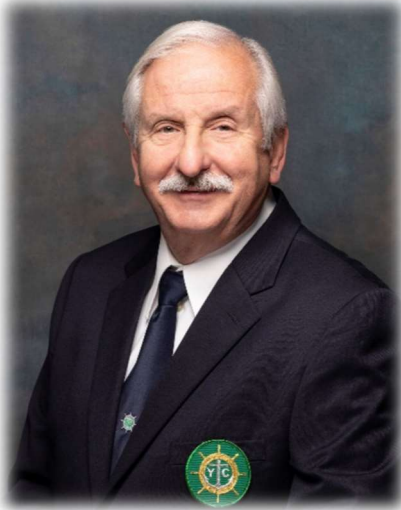
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Treasurer ~ Doug Klapper



As an old sage once said:

"If it isn't one thing, it's another; but – it's always something"

Last year half the island was ankle deep in water and the rest was mostly a big puddle. This year we're neck deep in a pandemic that is challenging all that is normal in our lives.

This is the first time in my recollection we have sent out dockage bills prior to the actual launch. I want to personally thank each of our members for their understanding and cooperation with this change.

I know you all have heard it before, but I feel I must repeat it. If anyone is experiencing financial difficulties and finding payment of their invoice challenging, please contact me to work out an appropriate payment option.

It is very encouraging to know we will realize a boating season. It will be different, but it will be a season.

Stay safe, stay well and happy boating.

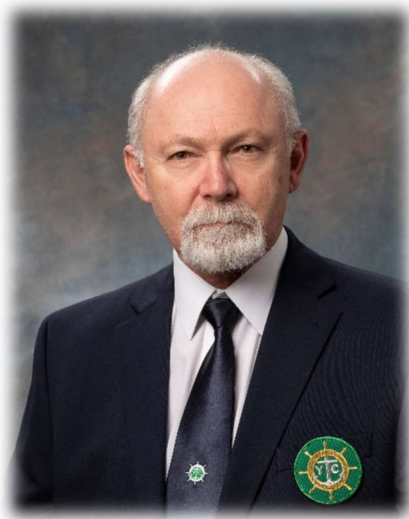


	
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Fleet Captain ~ Paul Wotka



The time has finally come TYC'ers, the 2020 season has finally started. The weather Gods looked favorably on us for the launch weekend. It was sunny, warm and NO SNOW!

Special thanks go out to all the crew leaders: Mike Algase, Jeff Strothmann, Peter Hubbell. I would also like to recognize the members who stepped up for one of the above crews and also those who stepped up and contributed in their own way to add to the success of the weekend. I won't name everyone as I don't want to leave anyone out. Thank you to those who fixed docks, repaired waterlines, and kept the launch areas clear to provide a safe work environment for our crews. This truly was a work weekend for everyone.

I would also like to thank both Jan Klapper and Carol Goulah and the kitchen crew who were in a "Holding Pattern", because of the COVID-19, and were unable to provide us with the fabulous lunch that we all looked forward to each and every year. Hopefully next year we will be back to normal.

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 send those requests in. You can submit Slip Requests, Dinghy Reservation Requests and Trailer Storage Requests with the click of a button on our TYC Website Home Page.

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. Available slips can also be viewed on the website year-round.

If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding their slip assignment please feel free to reach out and contact me at fleetcaptain@tycwilson.com

Paul Wotka
Tuscarora Yacht Club
Fleet Captain

Director of Operations ~ Jeff Schuster



Hello to all. Welcome to a “New Normal.” This year’s launch has been a challenge for all of us at the Tuscarora Yacht Club. We have gone from not knowing if we would open at all to being able to launch our boats and get the masts on our boats (sailboats).

We currently have the restrooms open and the hot water heaters are repaired and you can now take a hot shower. We are currently only running 1 shift per day of stewards. When we open the kitchen area and perhaps can accept transients, we will add more. We currently have the pump out available for members 10am - 4pm w/steward help. We currently have 5 stewards. Chelsea is new. If you see something that the stewards are doing or not doing, please give me a call so that we can get it corrected.

Please remember that the State rules of being “Socially Distant” at a marina should be followed. A mask should be worn when you are less than 6’ away from your neighbor. This is one of the reasons that we aren’t having any of our parties. No one

wants to get Covid-19.

I am so happy that we were able to get our boats in the water. We can “Gather at the River”, enjoy each other’s company and pretend that the last 3 months did not happen. Be safe!

Jeff Schuster
Director of Operations

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Director of Harbor Operations ~ Darlene Manhardt



The boating season is **FINALLY** underway. Let's hope the weather improves and we can get out and enjoy beautiful Lake Ontario.

You may have noticed the club is looking different. A new road down at the end of the island with new parking and more enjoyable space, fresh paint on the cap wall, new Haines docks and more. Thanks to Steve Clark and his crew for doing a ton of work this spring and thanks to some of our members for helping out.

For the past year and a half, I have been personally trying to get the infrastructure of TYC up to the highest standards and I will continue this through this year. As Director of Harbor Operations, I will try my best to fix any problems you may have with your dock, water or electricity at your dock sight. So, if you are having any issues, please contact me and let me know.

I had two paint parties and I want to **Thank** those members who showed up and helped me. We painted the cap rail Green (Mainland, Haines and the Island), tops of the Emergency ladders Red and started stenciling numbers on each dock area. It was a huge task and I could not have done it without the help of Mike & Patricia Murphy, Robert Bauer, Heidi Beatty, Sheena Deering and Bernadette Brennen. I also want to Thank Doug Knox for assembling 4 new wooden Adirondack chairs for around our fire pit and Todd Treat for installing some new cleats around the Club. **Thank you** all for showing up and assisting with TYC's painting and infrastructure projects.

There is more painting to be completed, more stenciling and rails around the club and parking lot. I will be planning another paint party to accomplish this. I am also looking for a few people to help me install the water line over in the new Haines section. We are also planning on raising docks 30-50 with toppers and will need people to help build these. **If you are interested in helping with any of these projects, please call me. 585-762-8014(h), 716-628-5363(c) or email me at Harborops@tycwilson.com**

Have a wonderful summer and stay safe my friends.

Darlene Manhardt
Director of Harbor Operations 2020

Secretary ~ Hank Peters



We are all a float and ready for another great season on the water.

Many of the Yacht clubs that we have reciprocity with have notified us that due to COVID -19 they are closed until further notice. They are accepting no visitors!

As the season unfolds and you are thinking about visiting another club, I would suggest that you call them or visit their web site to determine if they are currently open for visitors. If you need their website information check to see if we have a link on our site.

I hope you all have a great boating season.



Membership Report ~ Jordan, Guggemos & Stone



New Membership: We would like to welcome our new members that have joined this year:

- Rick LaPress
- Albert Stewart
- Charles and Christine Kesterson
- Jim and Shannon Howe
- Raphe and Nicole Brackney
- Jackie and Henry Wahl

Membership Status:

Presently we have 199 Members:

- 130 Full Members
- 24 Social Members
- 45 Life Members

Of the 130 Full Members, 113 are Docking Members.

Currently we lost one full member this year but gained 5 Full docking members.

This year's Board of Directors is again 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 Chairpersons for follow up.

Signage, social media, open house, membership involvement and advertising are some of the tools we hope to use again 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