



The Newsletter Of Tuscarora Yacht Club.....February 1990

FROM THE COMMODORE

After having a late start on 1990, we have had to quickly prepare and mail dock reservations, etc., to attempt to catch up with a rapidly moving calendar.

The lease was signed and our first rent installment was made on January 20th. The lease is for one year, January through December 31, 1990. The rental is \$126,000 and coupled with taxes and operating expenses gives us an operating cost of over \$200,000. The rent consists of an increase of about 50% from \$86,000 for 1989.

During our first board meeting (with both 1989 and 1990 members), the question of creating a more equitable formula to spread the overall costs of membership was discussed. In theory ALL MEMBERS rent the club property for the entire year, yet only some utilize the facilities for winter storage as well as dockage. In fact, our 4000 plus

feet of dockage dwindles to just 3000 feet of storage. Some people are able to trailer their boats home and others, for various reasons, have been storing elsewhere. We all agree with "Freedom of Choice" and do not intend to make it prohibitive to store elsewhere, however, we have created a new formula which places a larger portion of the costs on the dockage fee and less on the storage fee.

In appraising your individual charges, you have seen that the dockage fee is almost double last year's. By the same token, you'll note that the winter storage fee is less than last year's. If you allow for taking the 5% discount, your dockage fee will be \$41.00 per foot versus \$21.00 in 1989. Your storage in 1989 was \$11.00 and will reduce to \$6.00 this year providing our budget is met by the time the storage billing is done. If you compare the complete billing for dockage and storage for 1989 and 1990 you will find an overall increase of 50%.

UPCOMING EVENTS	
March 29 ----	General Membership Meeting - TYC Clubhouse, 7:30 PM
March 31 ----	Commodore's Ball - Riverside Inn, Lewiston



Anyway you look at it, we have to face higher costs and spread these costs as fairly as possible to the membership. With the warm summer breezes we will all enjoy the PLEASURES at TYC and, hopefully, forget the additional PAIN to our pocketbooks.

It is also important to know that in addition to the lease, we have a contract covering winter storage from January 1 until May 7, 1991 at a fixed rate of \$5.00 per foot in the event that a new lease is not granted us for 1991. This is the same type of contract we secured for this period of 1990 which is now null and void since we have renewed the lease. Think spring!!!

Bill Burhans

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Plans for the TYC Social Season are taking shape starting with the Commodore's Ball on March 31 at the Riverside Inn in Lewiston. A full schedule of events will be presented for membership review at the Annual Meeting planned for late March and will also be listed in subsequent newsletters.

As in previous years, event chairpersons, a Cruise Director, and committee workers will be needed. If you have an interest in serving your club in this way, or have suggestions on event types, dates, bands, etc. please call me at 688-1443. As always your input is necessary to plan and carry out a social season in the best interests of all TYC members.

Let's design a season, as we always have in the past, which can and will be supported by TYC members and their guests with minimal need for outside support.

I don't have a problem (Do you?) with smaller groups (100-200), or restrictions on the amount of consumption of alcoholic beverages, or the crackle of a record supplying the music for a 40's/50's night, or even the occasional off-key note of a singer in an "Elvis" mimic band.

It might be fun to have a band made up of TYC members with a mix of instruments and talents entertaining (jamming) on the patio for a BYOB party.

Let me know what you think! In any event, PLEASE join me in this effort!

Merle Wilson

FROM THE TREASURER

First off, I want to thank (I think) those members that voted for me during the recent election. The board gave me the treasurer's job and after only a few days of work, I'm already having second thoughts.

Seriously folks, I was disappointed to see a numbers of members in arrears. Not only are slow payments unfair to your fellow members, but they create a lot of extra work for me... nuff said!

By the time you read this our

lease should be finalized, you should have received your 1) dues billing, 2) dock reservation forms and rate card. Please, if you haven't already returned the forms (AND the money) do it now!!

Hope to see you at the ball.

Bob Stone

FROM THE FLEET CAPTAIN

As we begin preparations for a new season, please take note of a few items

- Anyone wishing docking changes must notify me in writing. Please be precise in your requests.

- Any members planning on changing boats up or down in size or type should also notify me as soon as possible in writing.

- As you know, membership has been closed for the past year. However, it is anticipated that openings may be available in the near future. Any members knowing of boaters who are interested in dock space and who are willing to join the club should have them write to me specifying boat type and size. If membership opportunities open up, these people will be contacted in order of receipt of this letter (after current social members have been contacted regarding slip space). Phone calls cannot be accepted. I must have requests in writing.

- Launch is tentatively scheduled for April 28 & 29 pending availability of the crane and operator.

Larry Chapman

FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

Sometime last year ex-Rear-Commodore, Steve Margolis saw the need for a transition to a new newsletter editor as his term on the board was soon to end. Although I was not elected to the position by the general membership (four much more capable and experienced people were), Arnie Edelman's resignation resulted in my appointment to the position. I wish to thank the board members for their confidence and hope that I can do nearly as good a job as Steve has done for the past four years.

The need for such a transition has essentially resulted from Steve's efforts in updating the production of this newsletter over the past four years. Thanks to him, the editor's job is largely (I hope) one of assembling inputs from the board and others into a coherent document and delivering it to the printer for mechanical processing.

I want to congratulate and thank Steve not only for his timely and complete reports but also for making this job as painless as is possible.

The entire board wants to make this newsletter responsive to the needs and desires of the complete membership. So, any suggestions from the membership for upcoming issues of CURRENTS are sincerely encouraged.

Dave Segal

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Definition of the Month

From: Beard & McKie, "A Sailor's Dictionary", Workman
Publishing Company, New York.

"Fitting out" - Series of maintenance tasks performed on boats ashore during good-weather weekends in spring and summer months to make them ready for winter storage."

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