



# Tuscarora Currents

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Commodore ~ Stephanie Burgess



## **Hello and greetings to everyone,**

Welcome to the 2022 Board of Director and Thank you for allowing me to be your Commodore this year. Last fall I took the opportunity with COVID keeping me out of the office for a while longer to bring my boat south. I wanted to be within driving distance to Buffalo so I decided on Oriental, NC. The welcome has been warm although temps have still been pretty cold at times, and yes even ice and snow already a couple of times. Some marinas along the way greeted me as I arrived, one sent photos by text message when no one was going to be present and yet others didn't have staff and I would dock solo or maybe another boater was around. One thing for sure, it's nice to have a friendly smile and sometimes a helping hand just in case the wind catches you. Our Club Members are known for lending a helping hand where they can, and I think we have an incredibly friendly group of members. Pat O'Keefe has volunteered to continue as Bicycle

Chairperson. He asked us to consider if anyone would be willing to join him in simple bike check-ups (like air and chain maintenance and encourages members to use our bikes). However, we have some bikes due for replacement. Please consider if you might know of a bike worthy of donation and get in touch with Pat so he can review the needs we may have before bringing anything to the Club this summer.

The Board has already been working hard to make this year run smoothly with a great boating season. Our goal is to keep lines of communication open and make sure the club serves your needs as best we can. That is going to take everyone stepping in when things need to get done. Club opening has a few items on the list from last year need the right people to step up. A couple of the projects are repairing the metal on the soffit at the Stewards Shack and the new wood decks on the Harbor side are ready to be sealed when the weather breaks in-order to do so before the boats go in. I'm excited for the activities that are already planned in our Winter Dinner and our first ever Curling Night. I hope you and your families are well and looking forward to a great year at TYC.

Stephanie Burgess  
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TYC Commodore 2022

## Vice Commodore ~ Bryan Burhans



Hello TYC members!

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable off season. Hard to believe as we flip the calendar to February, launch is only 3 short months away! Thank you all for the opportunity to serve the Board this year. It was a long time coming and many years of telling the election committee... "talk to me in 2021". I am honored to be your Vice Commodore and will do my best to fill the calendar with some enjoyable events for you and your families and guests to enjoy. Some events in the near future are the winter dinner and the first ever TYC curling night at the Buffalo Curling Club. The winter dinner is on **Saturday, February 26th** at Sean Patrick's. As of right now, sign ups have been light and quite honestly, we are just at the minimum number needed for the banquet space. We have another week, so hopefully we will have a great evening. If you plan on coming and haven't let me know yet, please

shoot me an email or give me a call. [vicecommodore@TYCWilson.com](mailto:vicecommodore@TYCWilson.com) or (716) 867-7881. The TYC curling night will be on **Saturday, March 26th** from 6-8 PM. Curling is a great sport that anyone can do. The ice is actually textured so it's not as slippery as ice rink ice. You also wear special overshoes called grippers that prevent you from slipping as well. If you are worried about lunging, you can use a stick to deliver the rock, similar to shuffleboard. We can BYOB and snacks. It should be a fun evening for all. I am working on solidifying the rest of the social calendar for the remainder of the year. Please continue to check the website calendar for updates! On the social schedule so far are Sail Past (need chair), Christmas in July boat decorating (need chair), TYC Pub Crawl (will need hosts for each station), and the Beef and Corn Dinner (chaired by Keith & Cheryl Robinson). The Commodores Ball will be Saturday August 6th at the Sunset Grill and I will be looking for people to help in the planning. I would also love to see the Spaghetti Dinner return in May. That was always a great start to the season and families loved the event so if anyone feels the same way and would like to revive this and chair it, please get a hold of me. I would also welcome suggestions and ideas for other parties or events. The TYC Book Club has submitted their schedule. All club members are very welcome to attend, but we especially invite new members, who may find this yet another way to increase their connections to the TYC community. The Book Club will meet on **March 20th, May 15th, June 12th, July 17th, August 21st, September 18th and October 2nd**, all Sundays. The March 20th meeting will be held from 12:00 until 2:00 at Claudia Lewis' home. We will be discussing *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. The book is a National Book Award Finalist that we think readers will like very much. We ask those interested in attending the meeting at Claudia's to give her a call and let her know. She will be happy to provide directions to her house. I'd like to thank Linda Maddigan and Denise David for once again co-chairing the book club! This year's club cruises are finalized and it looks like it will be a fun summer for the TYC cruising fleet. The cruises are as follows: **June 24-26** - Niagara on the Lake Sailing Club, **July 1-4** - Port Credit Yacht Club, **July 15-17** - Royal Canadian Yacht Club – Toronto, **July 29-Aug 1** - Highland Yacht Club – Toronto.

For any questions on club cruises, please contact..... John Siuta - [jsdz59@aol.com](mailto:jsdz59@aol.com)

Thank you all again. I look forward to seeing many of you at our February and March events!

Bryan Burhans  
TYC Vice Commodore 2022

## Rear Commodore ~ Kevin Race



I would like to congratulate Stephanie Burgess on her appointment as commodore this year. Also, congrats to the newly elected 2022 TYC Board of Directors. I look forward to serving your needs as Rear Commodore again this year.

Every TYC member should visit and get familiar with our new website at <http://www.tycwilson.com>. You are able to view contact information, the calendar of events, and much more. It is also the preferred method for you to submit your Roster Updates, Slip Change Requests, and to log your Work Hours.

Most of the forms and submission pages are within the Members Only portion of the website, and you will need your username and password to access that section. You should have received an email with this information and the instructions to setting up your private access to the TYC Member portion of the

website. Please reach out to me by email at [rearcommodore@tycwilson.com](mailto:rearcommodore@tycwilson.com) with any username, password or website issues. Also, please use the TYC website to update your address, phone number, and email address, this will help us stay in touch with you. I would like to thank the Information and Technology Committee, Bill Fleming and especially Marc Rosenblitt for all of their hard work and long hours to rebuild and secure the TYC Website

Please make sure to let me know if you have any issues with the new TYC Website and stay tuned for an updated list of shortcut links to the important TYC Website forms and information.

Also, I would like to add an article of general interest to the TYC Currents newsletter each issue this year.

Please let me know if you find an article about boating that would be useful and interesting for the TYC membership to read. I will publish the article in the next issue of the TYC Currents under the Boating Report.

Thanks to Doug Klapper for the article on fire extinguisher safety.

Thanks,  
Kevin Race  
TYC Rear Commodore 2022  
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## Treasurer ~ Patricia Murphy



Hi everyone, I hope you are all surviving the winter. I am sure that you are all looking forward to spring and the upcoming boating season as am I. Hopefully the northern border will be open and we can have a lot of opportunities for cruising.

We are in the process of closing out 2021. The W-2's and 1099's have been sent out. Financially we are in good shape. I would like to thank Doug Klapper and Mary Lazich for all they do to help me out. They both provide a great deal of support for the treasurer.

With the relaxation of the COVID restrictions we were able to participate in several fun activities last season. We have the best club on the lake. We always hear that from the visitors to our club. Be sure to tell your friends and family all about our

club. We are always looking to increase our membership.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the spring meeting either in person or via Zoom.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding the club finances.

Pat Murphy

TYC Treasurer 2022

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## Fleet Captain ~ Tym Zhuk



The end of winter is near, so let's talk about the New 2022 Boating Season!

Please mark on your calendars:

\* **April 29, 30, and May 1** (Friday- Sunday) - Launch weekend.

We will begin Friday afternoon launching with the Sailboats in the parking lot, then Powerboats south of the parking lot, and after that crane will be moving down the road (west side) as far as we can into the evening. We would start at that point on Saturday at 7:00 AM. We plan to launch boats all day and finish the rest on Sunday (if any are left).

Owners of the boat to be present and ready to launch when the crane and crew get to your boat. Everyone with boats stored from the parking and west side of the island close to the parking lot should plan on being present on Friday. Those stored along the northeast wall need to be present early Saturday morning. If you are assigning a proxy, please notify me in advance and provide the proxy. As part of

your preparation, please remember

to have 50 feet of good line attached to your boat at bow and stern to allow the launch crew to maintain safe control as the boat is lifted. Also, properly located lift marks are a big help.

\***April 30, Saturday:** The gin pole crew will start on Saturday when the first boat show-up, and again on Sunday, if necessary, at 7:00 AM.

\***May 1, Sunday:** Boom truck mast stepping starting at 7:00 AM at slip I-00.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse for the boom truck and the gin pole stepping service.

Cradles crew will start Saturday and continue on Sunday if needed.

For making all listed above to work, we have to invest our time and effort: sign up for volunteering in one of the crews: Launch, Mast Stepping, Cradle or Kitchen crew. You can complete a few work hours, get to know new people, and gain experience!

More information regarding launch details will follow at the spring meeting. 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 members. Available slips will be posted on the TYC clubhouse bulletin board between launch and haul out. If a member would like to request a slip or request a slip change - please fill out the Slip Request / Swap Form on our website. Those members wishing to store their dinghies in the parking lot must fill out the online Dinghy Reservation Form on our website. Note, we have 12 spaces available on a first come basis. Members may also store their boat trailers in the upper parking from May 1 through October 1 for an \$81.00 tax included fee. This request must be made by filling out the online Trailer Storage Request on our website. I would like to thank those who submitted their dock reservation contract and proof of insurance certificates. If you have not done so please send them to me ASAP.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions that need to be addressed.

You can reach me at my email [fleetcaptain@tycwilson.com](mailto:fleetcaptain@tycwilson.com).

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our Spring Launch.

Thank You,

Tym Zhuk

TYC Fleet Captain 2022

## Director of Operations ~ Peter Hubbell



Hello to all TYC Members!

I'm looking forward to a terrific 2022 boating season. Thank you for the opportunity to serve our membership and I look forward to keeping TYC the best and friendliest Yacht Club on the Lake Ontario!

As we approach boating season we have most of our Stewards returning but with sometimes with limited availability we would like to hire one additional candidate this year. If you know of the perfect person please have them contact me by email below.

The TYC Club House opening will be on **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 9:30 am, it is our hope that the Wi-Fi services will be on by then, please remember the water is not on in the building and if you do use the building, please remember to lock up. I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Meeting. I welcome suggestions and encourage you to contact your TYC Board members as we all value open communication.

Safety First – While it is an improvement to have new docks and outer road, there are some road repairs still ongoing. Please tie-off your ladders and please make check on your neighbors.

Hoping for a terrific and safe boating season for all.

Pete Hubbell  
TYC Director of Operations 2022  
[operations@tycwilson.com](mailto:operations@tycwilson.com)



## Director of Harbor Operations ~ Reginald Adams



I am looking forward to taking on the duties of Director of Harbor Operations again for the 2022 season.

My first year as Director of Harbor Operations went well with the help of Jeff Jordan. Hopefully year two will go as smoothly.

I will be working on getting the new Island docks, Island floaters and Haines floaters weather sealed. Also the Haines docks have yet to be numbered.

As soon as weather permits I will be looking for members to help me out (a good opportunity to get your work hours in).

These items I've mentioned will require completion before the boats are launched.

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

Reginald G. Adams II

TYC Director of Harbor Operations 2022

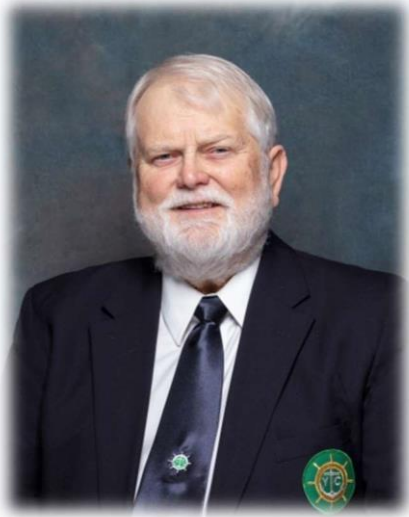
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## Secretary ~ Hank Peters



This winter just seems to go on forever! I am counting down the days until launch and the new boating season. As you think about your plans for next summer, if you are planning to visit other Yacht clubs while cruising. This would be a good time to visit their web sites to determine what their expectations are for visitors. We are in the process of sending a letter to all the Yacht clubs with whom we have reciprocity. We are sharing with them our invitation to honor their visitors to our Club. Our letter indicates what our Club requires when they arrive.

This information is also on our web site.

I hope you had a great holiday season and your new year is going well. If there is anything I can do for you or information you desire please

Hank Peters  
TYC Secretary 2022



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## **Membership Report ~ Jordan, Guggemos & Stone**



### **2022 New Members:**

Currently we do not have any new members that have joined in 2022, but we are working on this.

### **2021 Members that did not renew their membership for this year**

- Tim Chase
- Marie Gray
- Justin Malys
- John and Chris Powell
- Jeremiah Stich
- Doug and Patricia Knox
- David and Lindsay Knox
- Charles and Susan Ciehowski
- Charles and Linda Lewis

### **2022 Membership Status:**

Presently we have 205 Members:

130 Full Members

24 Social Members

51 Life Members

Of the 130 Full Members, 117 are Renting Slips. Comprising of 84 sailboats and 33 Powerboats.

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.

Thank you as always to the members that sent new members, our way.

At this time, I would like to finish up by thanking my colleagues on the Membership Committee for their support consisting of:

Sandy Jordan, 716-432-9064

Bill Guggemos, 716-939-7706

Robert Stone, 941-276-1958

## ***Boating Report ~ Kevin Race***

### **Fire Extinguisher Safety**

NEW REGULATIONS - Fire extinguishers must be replaced 12 years after manufacture.

The new fire extinguisher regulations going into effect on **April 20, 2022** may seem a little confusing, but if you know the model year of your boat, they boil down to two simple points.

**If you own a boat that is model year 2018 or newer, you may need to replace your fire extinguishers.**

- In addition to meeting the carriage requirements for the correct number of extinguishers for the size of your boat, they must be labeled as 5-B, 10-B or 20-B, extinguishers labeled with B-I or B-II only are no longer acceptable.
- Extinguishers must not be more than 12 years old according to the date of manufacture stamped on the bottle
- You only have to get new ones if they are no longer serviceable. Good serviceable conditions are as follows:
  - If the extinguisher has a pressure gauge reading or indicator it must be in the operable range or position
  - The lock pin is firmly in place
  - The discharge nozzle is clean and free of obstruction
  - The extinguisher does not show visible signs of significant corrosion or damage.

**If you own a boat that is 2017 model year or older (1953-2017):**

- You may keep your extinguishers labeled B-I and B-II as long as they are still serviceable, but
- If there is a date stamped on the bottle, extinguishers must not be more than 12 years old according to that date.

**Vessel Length and Fire Extinguisher Type Table:**

**Goes into effect April 20, 2022**

<b>Vessel Length</b>	<b>No Fixed System</b>	<b>With approved Fixed Systems</b>
Less than 26'	1 B-1/5-B/10-B	0
26' to less than 40'	2 B-1/5-B/10-B or 1 B-II/20-B	1 B-1/5-B/10-B
40' to 65'	3 B-1/5-B/10-B or 1 B-II/20-B and 1 B-1/5-B/10-B	2 B-1/5-B/10-B or 1 B-II/20-B