



Tuscarora Currents

Commodore ~ Bill Shaw



I want to thank the Board of Directors for selecting me to be your Commodore for 2024. You will notice that I said “your Commodore” because that is what I am. I am here for you, the members, and will do everything in my power to make the 2024 boating season the very best that it can be at TYC.

I also want to thank our Past Commodore, Bryan Burhans, for his fabulous leadership throughout this past year. Our club is a very special place and Bryan did a terrific job of making it even more special. It is my intention to continue that leadership by leaning on him, PC Peter Hubbell and all of our extraordinary and hardworking board members: Rear Commodore, Kim Race, Fleet Captain, Tym Zhuk, Treasurer, Pat Murphy, Director of Harbor Operations, Todd Fetzner, and newly elected Secretary, Kevin Dunn. I also need to thank Past Commodores Jordan, Sutton, Burgess, and Klapper for all of their guidance and support in this transition.

It was great seeing so many wonderful people at our winter dinner last week at Sean Patrick’s in Amherst. If that is any indication of our events to come, it all trends towards a season of fun, food, and of course, plenty of drinking at TYC. Special note: The Commodore likes high end bourbon.

Your Board of Directors is preparing our club and getting things ready for the fast approaching boating season. Vice Commodore Burhans has put together a calendar of events that will keep the club very active throughout the spring, summer, and early fall. Our negotiations team, headed by PC Burhans and PC Hubbell, are continuing their efforts to bring a fair and financially sound deal to our club.

At our upcoming Spring meeting we will have more details on our plans for the year as well as a chance to listen to any of your concerns and/or suggestions. I hope to see all of you at our meeting in April and get an opportunity to talk about ways to make our extraordinary club even better.

See you soon!!

Fair Winds and Following Seas,
Bill Shaw
TYC Commodore 2024

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 March, launch is only 7 weeks away!

Thank you all for your support of me as Commodore last year and for your confidence in re-electing me to the BOD. I am honored to be your Vice Commodore again this year and will do my best to fill the calendar with some enjoyable events for you and your families and guests to enjoy. If you have any ideas for a social event, please let me know. While we all enjoy the tradition of many of our events, it's always nice to throw something new into the mix!

On February 3rd, 51 members gathered at Sean Patrick's for our annual winter dinner. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the food and great company. Thank you all for

attending.

Our 3rd annual curling night at the Buffalo Curling Club is on Saturday, March 30th from 6-8. Signups have been slow so if you are interested in attending, please let me know. If we don't have enough people to fill the club I will need to let them know so we can give up some of the sheets so we don't have to pay for them. We have a few more weeks so hopefully we will be alright. If you plan on coming and haven't let me know yet, please shoot me an email, ViceCommodore@TYCWilson.com or give me a call or a text at (716) 867-7881.

I am working on solidifying the rest of the social calendar for the remainder of the year. Social event dates and club cruises have been updated in the club calendar so check that periodically so you can get these dates into your plans.

The first in-season event will be the spaghetti dinner on May 18th. Eileen Hassett and Martin Casstevens have stepped up to host the event again this year. They have done a great job the past 2 years so I'm thankful they are back for more!

Thank you all again. I look forward to seeing many of you at our curling party on March 30!!

Regards,
Bryan Burhans
TYC Vice Commodore 2024

Rear Commodore ~ Kim Race



I would like to congratulate Bill Shaw on his appointment as Commodore this year. Also, congrats Kevin Dunn as he takes over the duties of TYC Secretary, and to all of the members of the 2024 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 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 previously 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 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 for all of their hard work and long hours to keep the TYC Website safe and secure.

The Wi-Fi should be up and running at TYC in early April after the clubhouse opening. Thanks to Kevin and Rob Dunn for taking care of all the technology hardware around the club. Let me know if you have any issues accessing the Wi-Fi or have trouble connecting to the network.

Finally, be sure to attend the Spring Membership meeting which will be held in the TYC Clubhouse on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 10:00 am. This meeting will have important information about the operations of TYC and the exciting events being planned for the 2024 boating season.

Thank You,
Kim Race
TYC Rear Commodore 2024
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Treasurer ~ Patricia Murphy



Hi everyone, I hope your winter is going well. I am sure that you are all looking forward to spring and the upcoming boating season as am I. It has been a mild winter. Let's hope that means a great summer. We are hoping to complete a few more projects this coming season. We are looking at a kayak launch and an improved deck by the floaters. These projects are still in discussion by the BOD.

Invoices are sent out 3 times throughout the year. Membership dues are sent out on January 3rd, docking invoices are sent out on May 10th and launch and haul and dock deposit are sent on October 18th. The invoices are sent out from the Intuit mail server and not the TYC account. If you did not receive your invoice, please check your spam folder. You can mark it **NOT SPAM** and you should receive it in your regular inbox

going forward. Please remember that payments are due within 30 days of receipt of your invoice. Paying on time will avoid any finance charges.

I would like to thank Doug Klapper, our bookkeeper, and Mary Lazich, our financial secretary, for all they do to help me out. They both provide a great deal of support for the treasurer.

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 2024

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Fleet Captain ~ Tym Zhuk



The winter is gone, so let's talk about the new 2024 Boating Season!

Please mark on your calendars : **April 26, 27, and 28 (Friday- Sunday) - Launch Weekend.** We will begin the Friday afternoon launch starting with the Sailboats in the parking lot, then the Powerboats south of the parking lot, and after that the crane will be moving down the road (west side) until we stop for the evening. We will start at that point on Saturday at 7:00 AM. We plan to launch boats all day and finish on Sunday (if necessary). Boat owners need to be present and ready to launch when the crane and crew gets to your boat. Everyone with boats stored from the parking lot 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 name of your proxy in writing. 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.

- **Saturday, April 27:** The gin pole crew will start at 7:00 AM on Saturday when the first boat arrives, and again on Sunday, if necessary. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse for the gin pole stepping service.
- **Saturday, April 27:** Cradles crew will start on Saturday and continue on Sunday, if needed.
- **Sunday, April 28:** Boom truck mast stepping will start at 7:00 AM at slip I-00. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse for the boom truck stepping service.

To make the above work go smoothly, we have to invest our time and effort. Sign up to volunteer for 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 the launch weekend 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 lot 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 form 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. I look forward to seeing you all at our 2024 Spring Meeting and Launch Weekend!

Thank You,
Tym Zhuk
TYC Fleet Captain 2024

Director of Operations ~ Peter Hubbell



Hello to all TYC Members!

I'm looking forward to a terrific 2024 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 Lake Ontario!

As we approach boating season we have most of our Stewards returning, but some have limited availability; we are looking 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 in early April, weather permitting, and it is our hope that the Wi-Fi services will be on soon after the opening. Please remember the water is not turned on in the building right now, and if you do use the building, remember to lock it up.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Meeting.

I also welcome suggestions and encourage you to contact Board members as we all value open communication.

Safety First:

- While there have been a lot of improvements around the club in the past year, there are always some repairs ongoing; please be careful around any work sites.
- Please tie off your ladders and make check on your neighbors. See page 7 for a list of ladder safety tips to follow as you prepare your boat for launch.

Hoping for a terrific and safe 2024 boating season for all.

Pete Hubbell
TYC Director of Operations 2024
operations@tycwilson.com



Ladder Safety Tips:

- Falls from portable ladders (step, straight, combination and extension) are one of the leading causes of occupational fatalities and injuries.
- Read and follow all labels/markings on the ladder.
- Avoid electrical hazards! – Look for overhead power lines before handling a ladder. Avoid using a metal ladder near power lines or exposed energized electrical equipment.
- Always inspect the ladder prior to using it. If the ladder is damaged, it must be removed from service and tagged until repaired or discarded.
- Always maintain a 3-point (two hands and a foot, or two feet and a hand) contact on the ladder when climbing. Keep your body near the middle of the step and always face the ladder while climbing.
- Only use ladders and appropriate accessories (ladder levelers, jacks or hooks) for their designed purposes.
- Ladders must be free of any slippery material on the rungs, steps or feet.
- Do not use a self-supporting ladder (e.g. - step ladder) as a single ladder or in a partially closed position.
- Do not use the top step or rung of a ladder as a step or rung unless it was designed for that purpose.
- Use a ladder only on a stable and level surface, unless it has been secured (top or bottom) to prevent displacement.
- Do not place a ladder on boxes, barrels or other unstable bases to obtain additional height.
- Do not move or shift a ladder while a person or equipment is on the ladder.
- An extension or straight ladder used to access an elevated surface must extend at least 3 feet above the point of support.
- Do not stand on the three top rungs of a straight, single or extension ladder.
- The proper angle for setting up a ladder is to place its base a quarter of the working length of the ladder from the wall or other vertical surface.
- A ladder placed in any location where it can be displaced by other work activities must be secured to prevent displacement or a barricade must be erected to keep traffic away from the ladder.
- Be sure that all locks on an extension ladder are properly engaged.
- Do not exceed the maximum load rating of a ladder. Be aware of the ladder's load rating and of the weight it is supporting, including the weight of any tools or equipment.

Director of Harbor Operations ~ Todd Fetzer



I am looking forward to taking on the duties of Director of Harbor Operations for the 2024 season.

This is my second year as Director of Harbor Operations and I hope it will go just as smoothly as last year.

As Spring is approaching and the snow melts off, I will be developing a list of repairs that need to be done to our docks, water and electrical systems. If you know of any problems, please email me . Your concerns will be addressed as soon as possible. We will be putting teams together to work on various projects throughout the season. Please let me know if you're interested in getting your work hours in. Some of the 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.

Todd Fetzer

TYC Director of Harbor Operations 2024



Secretary ~ Kevin Dunn



I would like to thank the TYC membership for electing me to the Board of Directors. I am both humbled and excited to serve the membership.

Our first 2024 social event, The Winter Dinner was a great success and Vice Commodore Bryan Burhans did a terrific job as always organizing the event.

One of the first things I will be doing is maintaining our [Reciprocal Club List](#) for the 2024 season. If there is a club that we are currently not reciprocating with that you are planning on visiting, please email me (secretary@tycwilson.com) and I will be happy to extend reciprocity.

As a member of the Information Technology Committee in addition to Bill Fleming, Vince Bargnes and Marc Rosenblitt, I will be formally structuring this committee to address information technology issues. If you are interested in joining this committee or have any technology issues and or suggestions, please contact me.

I sincerely look forward to seeing everyone at the Curling Party on March 30th.

At your service,
Kevin J. Dunn
TYC Secretary 2024
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Membership Report ~ Jordan, Guggemos & Stone



2024 New Members:

We are pleased to announce that we have 3 new members so far this year.

They are:

- David Tennant and Kathy Eldredge (22' Power Boat)
- Travis and Katie Kinda (23' Power Boat)
- Melissa and Murray Coleman (30' Sail Boat)

2024 Membership Status:

Presently we have 205 Members:

123 Full Members

28 Social Members

54 Life Members

Of the 123 Full Members, 113 are Renting Slips, comprising of 80 sailboats and 33 powerboats.

We are off to a great start for 2024! While some members have moved on to a different phase of their lives, we are encouraged by the new inquiries we have received. Many of our members are second generation members. A testament to the wonderful place TYC is. Some of our new members have young children who will hopefully grow to love the club as much as their parents do. Please make sure to welcome our new members and let them know how glad we are they joined. They are the future of TYC!

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. 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:

My wife Sandy, 716-432-9064

Bill Guggemos, 716-939-7706

Robert Stone, 941-276-1958

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Jordan

Ship's Store Report ~ Kathy Sipes



The Ship's Store will be open after the Spring meeting on **4/13/24**.

We will have a limited supply of TYC Boat Burgees, Caps, and Boat Decals available.

This year we have added a new Nautical embroidered emblem to our club designs. We will have this emblem on display after the meeting for you to see. Stop by and see our latest boating apparel.

The store, located next to the kitchen, will also be open **Launch Saturday, 4/29/24, from 9am - 2pm**.

Feel free to stop by and browse our selection of TYC Logo gear & sportswear for you and your crew.

During the boating season we are open **Saturdays from 12pm - 2pm** and during special events. . If these hours are not convenient to you, let us know and we can arrange a shopping appointment with you at a different time. All of our prices include the NYS sales tax.

Starting Launch week-end we will be fully stocked with all of our TYC Regalia: Men's and Women's Polo shirts, Sweatshirts, Wind Jackets, Hoodies, Blankets, License plate frames for your car, and a few other TYC goodies. Our stock is often updated with the latest nautical styles. Both TYC members and guests may purchase our club items and we are able to special order items if we don't have your size. Wearing our TYC branded apparel is a great way to advertise and support our club. Please let us know if you have any special requests or ideas on what you would like to see us carry.

Have a safe and fun 2024 Boating Season!

Stop by and say hello!

Kathy Sipes
Ships Store Lady

Boating Safety Classes



ABS Boating Safely Class Schedule - 2024

US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 092-03-01 is offering several Boating Safely Classes for 2024. Check below for a convenient class date and contact the instructor for more information. According to NY State law, all New Yorkers born after January 1, 1978 must pass a course by January 1, 2024. After that, regardless of age, **ALL** New York boat operators will be required to pass a state-approved boater safety course by January 1, 2025. All jet-ski operators **at least 14 years old may operate a PWC and** must successfully complete an ABS Course.

Classes are held on Saturdays.

Date	Place	Time	Contact
April 13, 2024	Fort Niagara State Park Fort Niagara Officer's Club Youngstown, NY	9am – 5pm	Barbara Godshall, bgodshall9211@gmail.com 716-795-9496
May 11, 2024	Inner Harbor Yacht Club 50 Fillmore Ave Tonawanda, NY 14150	9am – 5pm	Barbara Godshall, bgodshall9211@gmail.com 716-795-9496
June 15, 2024	Fort Niagara State Park Fort Niagara Officer's Club Youngstown, NY	9am – 5pm	Barbara Godshall, bgodshall9211@gmail.com 716-795-9496

Boating Report

TYC Club Cruises:

Here is the list of the TYC Club Cruises this year:

Please contact the TYC Cruise Director, John Siuta, by email at jsdz59@aol.com with any questions.

June 7, 8, 9	3 Days	NOLSC	Captain - John Siuta
June 28, 29, 30 and July 1	4 Days	Highland YC at Cathedral Bluffs	Captain - John Siuta
July 26, 27, 28	3 Days	Alexandra Yacht Club	Captain - Todd Ciehomski
August 2, 3, 4, 5	4 Days	Port Credit Yacht Club	Captain - John Siuta
August 16, 17, 18	3 Days	Dalhousie Yacht Club	Captain - John Siuta

The sign-up sheets will be posted in the TYC clubhouse during launch weekend for those interested in going on each cruise. The only request is that you only sign up if you are positive you are going on the TYC Club Cruise. Also, please let the cruise director know if your plans change and you are unable go on the TYC Club Cruise.

Montreal Club Cruise:

This cruise will involve multiple LOCCA Yacht Clubs in July:

WHAT: A flotilla sailing to Montreal consisting of vessels from around Lake Ontario
WHEN: July 7 to July 21 (14 days)
WHERE: Departing from Sodus Bay Yacht Club
INFO: Jack Huttner, Boating Director, Sodus Bay YC, boating.sodusbayyc@gmail.com or 585-530-9521

SBYC in cooperation with the Lake Ontario Cruising Club Association (LOCCA) is organizing an Interclub Cruise to Montreal. The fleet will depart on Sunday, July 7th or the nearest following weather window and rendezvous from time-to-time along the route at convenient yacht clubs. The fleet will gather and transit the seven locks in the St. Lawrence River system as a group. Arrangements will be made in advance with the appropriate Canadian and USA Seaway authorities to expedite our transit. Radio contact among the fleet will be maintained throughout the transit.

The flotilla will include skippers with seaway transit and ocean passage experience. Organizational details are being managed by a volunteer group of participating skippers, their member clubs and others.

Yachtsmen interested in participating should contact Jack Huttner at boating.sodusbayyc@gmail.com.

Have a great 2024 summer boating season!

Thanks,
TYC Cruise Director
John Siuta