



Tuscarora Currents

Commodore ~ Bill Shaw



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I want to thank the Board of Directors for again selecting me to be your Commodore for 2025. Looking outside, you would never think that we are less than 70 days away from launch. My hope is that your 2025 boating season will be the best yet at TYC. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me anytime with questions or concerns.

In 2024 there were numerous complaints from members about the number of delinquents that we have at TYC. I made an effort to address this issue by putting the names of delinquents on our club bulletin board. This year we will take further action by strictly holding to the By-Laws of the club regarding delinquents. In the past we have tried to be lenient with club members when they have become past due. This will no longer happen!! I look at not paying your TYC bills as a slap in the face to all of you who pay your bills on time. If you are having financial difficulty, please let us (Doug Klapper, Greg Sutton, or myself) know ASAP, so that we can put you on a payment plan.

I have also instructed the Board of Directors to look over last year's budget in an effort to trim costs and increase revenues. I have personally looked over the budget and can see many areas where we can reduce what we are spending. My goal is to keep our costs for each member as low as possible while still being able to make improvements to the club and beautify it for all of our members. At our spring meeting I hope to have these cost savings in place for you to review.

This past year we began serious talks to come to a new lease agreement. At this time we have an agreement with the Clark's that only needs signatures from Steve and myself, which will happen at the end of March when Steve returns from Florida. Our lease committee feels that we have a contract which is good for our membership at TYC. I will not go into the details of the agreement at this time, as I would like to do it in person at our spring meeting in order to give all of you a chance to comment and ask any questions. My plan is to shoot the agreement out to you as soon as it is signed, so that you can look it over prior to our spring meeting. I wish to thank our lease team of Bryan Burhans, Karen Burhans, Pete Hubble, Jeff Jordan, Doug Klapper, and Greg Sutton. I cannot begin to tell you how grateful you should be to have these members volunteer many hours of their time to make this agreement possible. I thank each and every one of them!!

Your Board of Directors is preparing our club and getting things ready for the fast approaching boating season. Vice Commodore Bryan Burhans has put together a calendar of events that will keep the club very active throughout the spring, summer, and early fall. He has put all of these events on the TYC calendar. As of this time we do not have a firm date set for the opening of the clubhouse. Director of Operations Pete Hubble will let everyone know as soon as that is set.

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. We will also be presenting to the membership our new lease which will be signed before our meeting on April 26th. I hope to see many of you at our meeting and get an opportunity to talk about ways to make our extraordinary club even better.

See you soon!! Bill

Vice Commodore ~ Bryan Burhans**716-867-7881**

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 9 weeks away!

Thank you all for your support of me as VC last year. I am honored to be your Vice Commodore one last 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!

Our 4th annual curling night at the Buffalo Curling Club is on Saturday, March 22nd from 5-7. Signups are open so please let me know sooner than later if you plan on attending. If we are struggling with numbers on February 21st, I will either scale it back or cancel it. If you are interested in attending, please shoot me an email, ViceCommodore@TYCWilson.com (Click the Mail Icon adjacent to my name above) 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 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 Italian Dinner on May 17th. Eileen Hassett and Martin Casstevens have stepped up to host the event again this year. They have done a great job the past 3 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 in March!!

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Rear Commodore ~ Vince Bargnes

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Spring is right around the corner, on the calendar at least... And the Spring Newsletter gives me the opportunity to thank you all again for allowing me to serve as a TYC Board Member.

I have assumed the duties of Rear Commodore. Largely responsible for Communication between the Board and the Membership. Hand-in-hand with communication is technology. Please feel free to contact me via email (Click the Mail Icon adjacent to my name above), text or phone with any questions or concerns regarding club technology.

New York State now requires operators of all powered boats (Including sailboats with auxiliary motors) to complete a Boating Safety Course. Boat US has a free on-line course. There is a small fee for a certificate or endorsement on a driver's license. ([On-Line registration from Boat US](#)) The Coast Guard offers in-person classroom courses. Dates are listed in the table below. Click on the links for details or to email the instructor.

Please attend the TYC Annual Spring Meeting. I look forward to the coming of spring and seeing you all in Wilson very soon!

TYC Annual Spring Meeting

Saturday April 26th 10:30am at the clubhouse

COURSE NAME	START DATE	LOCATION/DIST	CONTACT	DETAILS
Boat America	Sat, 08 Mar 2025 8 Hours	Wilson, NY 1 Miles	Barbara Godshall bgodshall9211@gmail.com	Flyer Map
Boat America	Sat, 12 Apr 2025 8 Hours	Youngstown, NY 10 Miles	Barbara Godshall bgodshall9211@gmail.com	Flyer Map
Boat America	Sat, 10 May 2025 8 Hours	Youngstown, NY 13 Miles	Barbara Godshall bgodshall9211@gmail.com	Flyer Map

Treasurer ~ Greg Sutton **716-462-0900**

Thank you for electing me to the board and I will do my best to represent the membership to the best of my abilities. As a new board member, I have volunteered to assume the vacant Treasurer's position since I have served in this position before and I am familiar with all the accounting needs required by the Club. Before going forward I want to offer my many thanks to Pat Murphy for all the hard work she put in as Treasurer during the past four years.

While we may be off-season, the Club has just come to a fiscal close which means that I am busy with required year-end filings (W-2's, payroll reports, 1099's, etc.) that keep us in check with reporting requirements. We are also being audited by the NYS Insurance Fund (NYSIF) who administers our workers compensation requirements and who we make payments to for our steward's staff. I have also made our required documents submission and payment for the staff's disability and Family leave payments. NYS has to get their money!

A preliminary analysis of last year's income and expenses looks as though we broke even with just a modest positive cash balance. Due to continued rising costs that are outside of our control (e.g. non-discretionary costs such as rent, utilities, haul & launch costs), we will need to keep a close eye on expenses and cut expenses where we can.

As always, please feel free to email me at treasurer@tycwilson.com (Click the Mail Icon adjacent to my name above) or call me if you have any questions regarding the Club's finances. I am looking forward to summer and a great boating season in a few short months.

Greg Sutton

Treasurer



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Peter Hubbell

Director of Operations ~ Peter Hubbell



716-697-9123



Spring is almost here!

Preparation for clubhouse opening is underway. An opening date will be announced as the weather permits.

As of last week the floating docks were iced-in. I expect to get the bubblers operating again soon.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Meeting Saturday April 26th.

Call or email me anytime.

Respectfully



Secretary ~ Kevin Dunn**716-704-2700**

I'm sure like most of you, I am also starting to think of new boat projects, 2025 cruise plans, the May 2nd, 3rd and 4th launch weekend and getting back to seeing the best people in the world on a regular basis. Special thanks to Bryan Burhans and PC Stephanie Burgess for organizing the off-season socials.

John Suita is once again chairing the Reciprocal Club Cruises and are as follows:

- Niagara on the Lake Sailing Club | June 6th – 8th
- National Yacht Club | June 27th – 29th
- Port Credit Yacht Club | July 4th – 7th
- Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club | July 25th – 27th
- Mimico Cruising Club | August 1st – 4th

Last year it worked out extremely well that I was at the club to welcome the reciprocal cruisers on behalf of the membership and assist both the Officer of the Day and the steward. It's extremely busy as they usually arrive in groups and Tym Zhuk does an outstanding job assigning slips in advance. I have committed to the board to once again be at the club to welcome the 2025 reciprocal cruisers.

Almost all the clubs we reciprocate with have reciprocation in perpetuity and I will be confirming that for the 2025 season. However, the Board of Directors approved a fee of one-dollar per foot for reciprocal club visitors. Should you have any questions about a particular club, even a club not on Lake Ontario, please do not hesitate to contact me. Fellow Board Member Vince Bargnes has visited [The Hawaii Yacht Club](#) and Commodore Bill Shaw and his wife Susan have visited the [Tampa Florida Yacht Club](#) wherein they were personally welcomed by their Commodore.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the March 22nd Curling Party.

At your service.

Kevin J. Dunn
2025 Club Secretary
secretay@tycwilson.com

Membership Committee Report



Presently we have 200 Members

119 Full Members

28 Social Members

53 Life Members

Of the **119** Full Members, **111** are Renting Slips, comprising **76** sailboats and **35** powerboats.

2025 New Members:

We Currently do not have any new members so far this year.

2025 Members that did not renew their membership:

- Raphe and Nicole Brackney
- Catlin Frey
- Robert and Mary Howard
- Sean and Brie Slaughter
- Albert Stewart
- Thomas Tripp
- Richard Milano "Coach" – Deceased
- Lee and Kim Bentley
- Kelly and Mark Pilato
- Darius Teslovich

As you may know, membership and dockage are the lifeblood of our club, driving us forward in a positive direction. The Membership Committee kindly requests all members to reach out to colleagues, friends, and relatives to highlight 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 innovative marketing ideas that could help, please don't hesitate to reach out to a board member or one of the membership committee members with your suggestions. Together, let's work towards the common goal of increasing our membership and filling our open slips.

A heartfelt thank you to all the members who have referred new members to our club. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

At this time, I would like to extend my gratitude to my colleagues on the Membership Committee for their unwavering support:

- **My wife Sandy:** 716-432-9064
- **Bill Guggemos:** 716-939-7706
- **Robert Stone:** 941-276-1958

Thank you all for your dedication and commitment to our club's growth and success.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Jordan