



Tuscarora Currents

Commodore ~ Bill Shaw



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Greetings TYC members!! I'm hoping one of you has an in with Mother Nature to turn this weather around. I was talking with Paul Infantino the other day and he said it was 1992 when we last had such a horrible start to summer. Let's hope that it's not a repeat performance.

The flowers, as usual, are beautiful (Thank you Cheryl and her crew). And please welcome our new sunshine chairperson, Barb Pickelhaupt. Special thank you to Dan Manhardt for fixing our gin pole. That saved the club a ton of money. Keith Robinson has taken over the kayaks and has the spots numbered under the new deck. This is a great help in making the club look better and more organized. Speaking of that, please make sure that your area in front of your boat/dock is free of clutter. Again, one of our goals is to keep the club looking as good as it possibly can.

Certainly, you have taken notice of the road work that was done last month. Thank you to our landlords Steve and Marge Clark for doing this. There has been a delivery of stone and top soil and a work party has been scheduled to spread the material around the road and the rest of the property. New docks will be built in the barn and I will be sending out another call for volunteers to help build them. We have gotten some quotes on a new clubhouse floor and we will be working with Steve Clark to get that done. Volunteers will again be needed for installation. You may have also noticed that we have cut back on stewards' hours. We will be posting their hours so that you can plan any gas or pump out needs.

With our new lease being signed, your board is doing everything it can to cut costs while also improving our club. We have a busy summer ahead with the many projects that are planned. Thank you in advance to all of you who will help with these projects. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any suggestions on what we can do better. Here's to a great summer!! Be safe and enjoy this beautiful club.

Bill



The
"Motley"
Work Crew

Vice Commodore ~ Bryan Burhans



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Greetings everyone! Hopefully everybody has been able to get out on their boats at least a couple of times early this season. Once again, the spring weather has not been great early on but I hold out hope that we have a fantastic WNY summer the rest of the way. Rain or shine, TYC is a great place to be!

On Saturday, May 17th, the Italian Dinner was held in the clubhouse. We had over 90 people in attendance and all were treated to a wonderful experience. Martin Casstevens and Eileen Hassett volunteered as party chairs and did an incredible job in planning and pulling off the event. They would not be able to pull it off without the assistance of a great team so more thanks to....Roger and Linda Maddigan, P/C Jeff Schuster, Beth Strothmann, Kevin Dunn, Commodore Bill Shaw, Chris Mack, Adrian Sutton, Sharon Herman and Tim and Lori Kosto. Great job by all of you.

Last weekend was TYC Sailpast. Friday was a TGIF. It was hosted by Peter Hubbell and Maureen Ryan. Thank you to the crew of "Emotional Rescue"!

Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate for Sailpast. At the skippers meeting a decision to operate the boat parade was tabled. Conditions did allow for the Sailpast ceremony on the patio. But, the high winds eventually forced the cancellation of the parade. Dinner was very well attended. We had almost 120 people for dinner. As a courtesy, please make sure that you sign up for each event ahead of time. While we love tons of participation, it makes it so much easier when we have a good idea of how many people are showing up. Don't forget those side dishes to complement the dogs and burgers. Adrienne Sutton would like to send out a thank you to the following basket raffle and 50/50 personnel.... Keith and Cheryl Robinson, Heidi Beatty, Dave and Fran McLuckie, Doug and Jan Klapper, Nadine Bargness, Greg Sutton, Sue Shaw, Kevin Dunn and all of the Sutton runners!! Also, thank you to all of the kitchen help, Karen Burhans, Kim Panepinto, Maureen Ryan, Chris Fleming, Donita Cough and Sharon Bonczar!! Great job everyone!!

Saturday, July 5th will be "Light up the Harbor" night. Decorate your vessels for Christmas in July and make the harbor look beautiful! Questions regarding this event may be directed to PC Stephanie Burgess at..... Shburgess1207@gmail.com

Saturday, July 19th will be the TYC Pub Crawl. The stations will be the same as in 2023.

We will start later in the day, perhaps around 4, so everyone may enjoy their boats. Wilson Yacht Club MAY join in the fun and host a station as well. Let me know if you are interested in leading a station. More info will be out very soon but I anticipate the same stations as last year.

Mainland/Haines/Floaters and West side of the island (I-00 to I-23)

East Side (I-58 to I-95)

North Side and Curve (I-31 to I-57)

Please mark your calendars for the Commodore's Picnic Saturday, August 9th. Commodore Shaw has once again requested that in lieu of a Commodores Ball. More information to follow.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, concerns or ideas, please do not hesitate to reach out. I can be reached at 716-867-7881 and by email @ vicecommodore@tycwilson.com.

I hope to see you all at upcoming events.

Rear Commodore ~ Vince Bargnes**716-830-7175****Traditions and Technology**

The 2025 boating season is underway, and the weather is finally cooperating. So, let the TYC Family Fun commence—just as it did fifty-seven years ago!

Things were different back in 1968. Navigation depended on paper charts, billing was handled through paper invoices, and member records—including boats, slips, and phone numbers—were kept on paper lists. Weather reports? They came through a scratchy marine VHF radio broadcast, and if you wanted a visual interpretation, you rotated the TV dial to the morning news on channels 2, 4, or 7. Communication was limited to a five-foot radius around the kitchen wall phone, or the three to four days it took for a letter to arrive in your mailbox—the one attached to your house or at the end of your driveway not in your computer.

Fast-forward to today, and things have changed. Every navigation chart is now in the palm of your hand or displayed at the helm of your boat. Invoices are electronic, and member information is available instantly on your smartphone, alongside live weather radar updates. Email and instant messaging allow us to share information in a flash. Oh, and there's no coiled cord to get tangled in when using your phone!

Despite all this innovation, some traditions remain the same—we still manually untie the lines, push off the docks, grab the tillers (or throttles) and attempt to tame Lake Ontario just as TYC members have done for fifty-seven years.

Those of you who have sailed with me know that I've never been called salty or sure-footed. My talents lie in more modern-day solutions like websites and QR codes. So, I'll leave the skippering to you and I will do my part to help bring TYC into the 21st century.

Speaking of smartphones—I use Apple, I don't understand why anyone would use anything else! (But that's a discussion for another day.) The TYC Roster has been available digitally since early this year, and I've now revised the format to be a live document. It is simpler to use and being live means every time you open it, the latest information will appear automatically. If you're reading this newsletter on your phone, click [\[HERE\]](#) to view the Smart Phone roster, if you're reading on your computer or on paper, scan the QR code below with your phone. Bookmark it, and it will always be just one tap away!

For now, the club roster is still available in printed booklet format. If you have not already received yours, you can still pick one up in the steward's office. Also available for pick up at the clubhouse/steward's office are your TYC Member ID cards. Soon, I hope to make member ID cards available for your smartphone's digital wallet.

If you have any thoughts regarding how technology can help improve our club, please let me know so I can get to work!

**Don't let the technology spook you! It's here to make things easier,
and it will never come between you and your tiller, or throttle.**



Smart Phone Roster

Treasurer ~ Greg Sutton



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I don't have a lot to report from the Treasurer's office for this Currents edition. As the season begins I have a lot more bills and invoices to pay but nothing out of the normal for this time of year. The Board is trying to keep large expenses to a minimum with the only large purchase we have made was a table and chair set for new deck area over by the floating docks.

I would remind you that if you have an issue with sending a personal check for services or dues payments, I would suggest you use your bank's direct payment feature. This way your bank sends a check to us and you can designate when the check is received. A lot of members do it that way, myself included. If you have concerns about paying your invoice on time, you can contact Doug Klapper or I to work out a payment plan. We understand that sometimes during the year money can get tight so we are willing to work with members, if needed, to accommodate those times. I will continue to post members names, who are in the rears, on the Club bulletin Board, so don't be one of those, if you

don't have to.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Doug Klapper and Mary Lazich who, without their assistance, would make my job so much harder. For those of you who may not be aware, Doug does all the invoices for dues, dockage, memberships and gasoline purchases while Mary Lazich reconciles all our accounts (KeyBank, Square, QuickBooks, Deposits and withdrawals). This way we have a lot of checks and balances built into the system to make sure all our books are in order.

Our past CPA, who completed our sales tax submittals to NYS as well as our State and Federal Income Tax submittals is retiring at the end of June, so Karen Burhans has agreed to fill that position at no increase in costs to the Club. Thank you, Karen.

That's it for now and I am hoping for a good boating season this year and I'll see you at the Club!

Greg Sutton

Treasurer

Fleet Captain ~ Tym Zhuk



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Another boating season is finally underway and it looks to be a great summer ahead. Our boats back to the water and we all together spending summer days in a fantastic place. Hope everybody has a boat in the right spot. If for some reason you would like to change your slip follow to the Club Rule and Policy. 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. We only 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 TYC members that have provided the Proof of Insurance Certificate for their vessel. If you have not done so please send it 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.

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2025 Fleet Captain
Tuscarora Yacht Club
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Secretary ~ Kevin Dunn



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As I author the June 2025 Currents Secretary report, we have just received a welcoming letter from the Chief Operating Officer of the Mimico Cruising Club confirming our club cruise dates, August 1st-4th. They will have a large tent and BBQ area set up upon our arrival. We are also invited to visit the clubhouse, restaurant, and patio, which features a vibrant outdoor bar. Every Friday and Saturday evening from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM, they host live entertainment—and our group is more than welcome to join.

All of the clubs we reciprocate with can be found in the Quick Links section on the TYC home page. If you will be visiting a club we do not currently reciprocate with, please contact me and I will be happy to send a reciprocity email to them. In addition, here is a list of local clubs we reciprocate with that have restaurants:

- Buffalo Canoe Club
- Buffalo Launch Club
- Buffalo Yacht Club
- LaSalle Yacht Club
- Olcott Yacht Club
- Rochester Yacht Club
- Youngstown Yacht Club

Interested in a boat safety inspection? Bob Schmidt is offering a US Coast Guard inspection of your boat and can be reached at bdschmidt9@aol.com

As a reminder, please consider running for the Board of Director's next year. It is a great experience to learn about all aspects of our club and your opportunity to keep us one of the best clubs on Lake Ontario.

As always, please do hesitate to contact me with any questions or issues.

At your service,

Kevin J. Dunn
2025 Secretary
Tuscarora Yacht Club

Membership Committee Report

Call to Action: Strengthen Our Club's Future!

Our yacht club is built on the dedication, camaraderie, and shared passion of its members. However, with membership numbers down, we must act **now** to secure the club's future.

Current Membership & Slip Rentals

- **Total Members: 200** (Full: **118**, Social: **29**, Life: **53**)
- **Slip Rentals:** 112 slips occupied (76 sailboats, 35 powerboats)
- **New Members:** 2 prospective members Currently

We Need to Boost Membership

This is a pivotal moment—we need every member to **actively recruit** new members and help fill our slips.

How Can You Help?

1. **Reach out** to friends, family, colleagues, anyone who loves the water.
2. **Highlight** the incredible benefits and vibrant community of the club.
3. **Invite** potential members to visit, ideally arriving by boat.
4. **Share** names and contact details of interested individuals with the Membership Committee and your Board of Directors.

New Incentive Program!

I recently received Board **approval for a new incentive:**



Members who **successfully recruit a new member** will receive credit for **10 work hours!**

Exciting News! Sandy and I are thrilled to invite you to our Membership Drive Open House—a special TGIF event you won't want to miss!

Save the Date: Friday, June 27, 2025

Time: 6:00–9:00 PM

Food & Refreshments will be served

Come join us for an evening of great company, engaging conversations, and community connection. Help us spread the word and bring friends along—we look forward to seeing you there!

Special thanks to the Membership Committee:

Sandy: 716-432-9064

Bill Guggemos: 716-939-7706

Robert Stone: 941-276-1958

Jeff Jordan

TYC Membership Committee



TUSCORORA YACHT CLUB PRESENTS:

FREE FOOD & REFRESHMENTS!!

TGIF OPEN HOUSE!

**FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025
6PM**

**OPEN HOUSE
FOR
PROSPECTIVE
MEMBERS!**

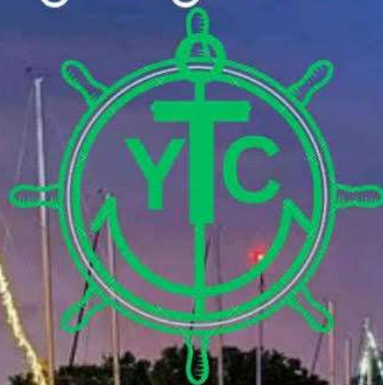


**FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Light up the Harbor

Saturday, July 5, 2025

Judging begins @8:30pm



**Sunset Bar & Grill:
High Voltage
with Dave Thurman & Tina Williams
Wilson Boathouse:
90 West**

*Enjoy visiting your neighbors
& the beauty of Wilson*

A special thanks to the Cookie Cottage for supporting
Light Up the Harbor