

Currents

Tuscarora Yacht Club, Inc. / P.O. Box 826 / Wilson, New York 14172 / Summer 2002

Summer's Finally Here!

COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Flags are flying once again! Even though the weather is not as cooperative as we would like, the season is well under way. As this is going to press there have been fewer of our Canadian friends visiting than in previous years, obviously a result of the 9-11 tragedy. There was apparently a mistaken impression across the lake that the video phone at the state park was not working. It is. Pass the word to your boating friends in Canada that we would like to have them visit. It's my belief that if all boaters follow the rules, whether US or Canadian, travel back and forth will be seamless.

Just a couple of reminders now that the club is back in full operation.

Parking on the Island and in the mainland area is limited. If you have more than one car at the club, please put one in the upper lot. If you have guests at the club, it would be most helpful if you ask them to park in the upper lot as well.

Remember the club house is a smoke free environment, please help us maintain healthy conditions and show consideration for others.

If you see a job that needs to be done and cannot do that job yourself, (remember this is a participatory club) there is a "job book" in the stewards office to make note of the suggestion. Emergency situations obviously need to be dealt with ASAP, others may take a little longer.

If there are issues that need to be reviewed or suggestions to be made, the Director of Operations stands ready, as do I, to discuss the situation.

Otherwise if its not important enough to get in touch with someone, or put in the book, sit back and relax. This is a great club and remember, only in a perfect world are there no problems.

Lets have a safe and enjoyable summer of boating.

Al Patterson
Commodore

FROM THE STOREKEEPER

The ships store is ~saleing~ along. New summer merchandise has arrived along with several special orders. The crew will be on watch, Saturday's from 12 to 2, waiting for passengers to come up the gang plank. Purchases can now be made with plastic or paper money. Good news, the burgee's are in. With this new order the price has increased a small amount to \$25.00. Stop by and pick one up!

Barb Patterson

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

I would like to thank the members of TYC for making this years Sail Past a success (one of our larger turn outs in years, serving 131 dinners). A Great Big Thanks goes out to Darlene Chase and Joe Emmons and all their helpers in organizing the kitchen brigade, to TYC members for the wonderful pot luck dishes, and all the skip-pers and crew who won the prizes for the best decorated vessels. The cruise to Toronto Hydroplane club will have to be modified this year, as the town of Ashbridges Bay has changed the date of the Festival from the last weekend in July to the 3rd weekend in July which will conflict with The East End Challenge Race, which is hosted by Toronto Hydroplane Club. After many e-mails and faxes Toronto Hydroplane Club will be able to accommodate some of our cruising members but not all. What I am proposing is, as last year, most of the sailing vessels dock at the Hydroplane club with the Power boaters docking at Ashbridges Bay. I will post a sign up

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sheet on the bulletin board explaining the situation. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this cruise please feel free to call or e-mail me.

Don't forget the progressive dinner will be held Sat. August 17, with TYC members from Hanes and Main Land supplying the Appetizers to be served on the Main Land. Members docking on the Island will supply salads with TYC providing hot dogs, hamburgers, pop and coffee. TYC will be having a dock (garage) sale the morning of Aug. 17, 2002, with members setting up tables in front of their vessels. Please check the bulletin board for more details on the dock party and dock/garage sale. TYC is now a member of Yachting Club of America. As a club registered with YCA, TYC members and officers are entitled to receive an application for a Platinum YCA/MasterCard recognized world-wide and displays both their name and the name of their club for reciprocity identification. If anyone would like an application please contact me. Yachting Club of America also has a "Members Only" section in their web site, www.ycaol.com, to access members only section the user ID is: club1040 with the password: y100446c.

Marsha Emmons
Vice Commodore

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT


By way of reminder Currents will be available in the club house during the summer. At the point when I return to mailing them, I am considering and exploring making them available by email, in an effort to cut mailing costs. Please email me if you would like to receive your issue via email instead of mailed hard copy, so I may further review the process. My email address is, mfarrell@dncinc.com Enjoy the summer, and please let me know if you would like to put anything in the Currents.

Mark Farrell
Rear Commodore

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

Now that the season is well underway, I'd like to remind you that there is limited space for parking on the Island. On weekends, holidays, and other busy times, there is space for only one vehicle per family on the Island. Additional vehicles may be parked in the top parking lot outside the gate. If you are going to be cruising overnight or for a longer period, please use the two parking lots for parking so the

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grass can be mowed. This consideration is important so that all of our members have suitable parking that is reasonably close to their boats. In addition to the normal upkeep and maintenance at the club, the stewards have several ongoing projects. If you have a thought or suggestion, please let me know.

Best wishes for a continued safe and enjoyable boating season.

John K. O'Connor
Director of Operation

TREASURER'S REPORT

COUNTERS CORNER

I trust that by now you, your crew and your boat are fully prepared for the summer boating season. I know that you have received your dock bills from our new Quick Books system. From the clubs standpoint, with the great work of Jack and Mary Ellen Fletcher, the system is working well in speeding up the billing and cash receipt process. If you have any questions please see either myself or the Fletchers.

Our new credit card system is fully functional. Ships Stores purchases and gasoline purchases are being made with members and visitors credit cards. We hope this system will make your purchases at the club more convenient. If you have a gas key and

want to use your credit card for gasoline PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR KEY. TELL THE STEWARD THAT YOU WANT TO USE YOUR CREDIT CARD AND THEY WILL USE THE CLUB KEY TO DISPENSE YOUR FUEL. This way the Bookkeepers will not double bill you for your purchase. Since use of the credit card system involves an approximate 1.7% fee we are not ready to use this for major purchases like dock fees. The budget will not accommodate this level of income reduction. The Board will be addressing this issue and if you have suggestions please see a board member or plan to attend a board meeting.

The Finance and Planning Committee is taking shape. John Gardener has agreed to lend his marketing expertise to the group along with Bob Stone, Bill Guggemos, Mark Farrell. We would still like a Banking/Finance person to join us. If you have experience in this area please see me or call me at 390-0848.

We still are getting questions about the former practice of allowing a 5% discount on prompt payment of dock fees. Last year the 2001 Board decided to eliminate half of this fee as a means to counter inflation without raising dock fees. This year the 2002 Board decided to eliminate the other half of this discount to deal with continuing increases in expenses. If you have questions about this, please see me or plan to attend the next board meeting which is held the second Monday of every month.




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Respectfully

Hank Hinkley
Treasurer

BLUE WATER SAILING

On May 22, 2002 Captain Ben Tulumello and his crew began a new voyage, sailing a 40ft Saber yacht from St. Thomas, USVI to Clearwater, Florida. The voyage took the captain and crew along the coast of Porto Rico, the north coast of Santo Domingo and the Dominican Republic. After sailing a distance of 650 nm they stopped for two days at the Great Inagua Island. This island is part of the lower Bahamas, located north of Haiti. The island's friendly natives provided the crew with provisions for the next leg of the journey. As the sun began to set over the ocean, they began the next leg of the trip to Key

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West, Florida a distance of 550 nm. Sailing in the old Bahamas channel along the northern coast of Cuba was very interesting. Cruise ships and large freighters all pass through this channel on their way to the Panama Canal. After four days of pleasant down wind sailing they reached Key West, Florida. After an enjoyable two day stay in Key West they continued on for another 250 nm on the Gulf of Mexico to Clearwater, Florida. The captain and crew found this trip to be very enjoyable. Club members interested in seeing his internet photo albums or interested in crewing on his next trip can call Capt. Ben at 688-6497 or e-mail him at seahawk3@msn.com. Capt. Ben is member of TYC on slip I-40. He loves to sail his 26ft. S-2 sailboat on beautiful Lake Ontario.

Sail Past Photos...





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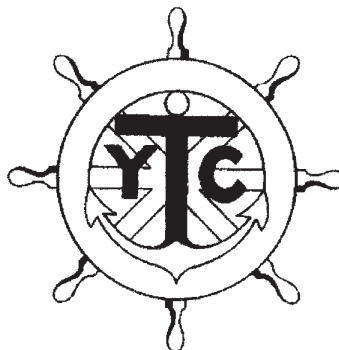
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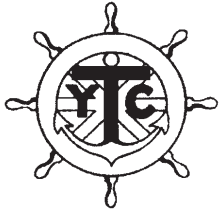
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