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A Newsletter for the Members and Guests of Tuscarora Yacht Club

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WHAT A YEAR!



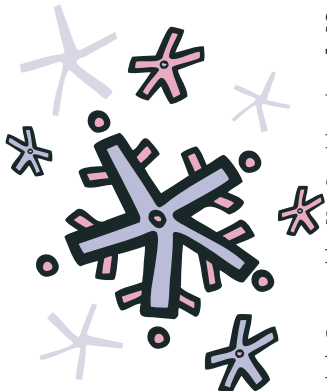
*Erik Anderson
Commodore*

This has been a pivotal year in the life of the Tuscarora Yacht Club. This time last year we were facing the real possibility of dissolving the club. We were losing money as a result of a contract with a "third" party who had no real feel for the history or needs of TYC. Promised improvements were not made and the physical condition of the club began to deteriorate at an alarming rate. These factors resulted in existing members leaving and new boaters not interested in joining. This declining membership only compounded the economic situation. What a difference a year makes!

The Board of Directors successfully renegotiated the current contract and saved the Club \$42,000. The real possibility of dissolving TYC and then the alternative location at Sunset Bay, gave the Board unprecedented leverage never before available. In the end, Red and Mary Clark realized that the needs of TYC and their own desires for the use of the property had coincided for the last forty years and should continue for at least ten more. An agreement for the years 2006 -2015, that was acceptable to both parties, was signed and a new era of mutual respect and cooperation has begun. TYC member's enthusiastic greeting of the Clarks at recent social events and Red's and Mary's enjoyment of these events, should become the "norm" in the future.

The two major issues resolved, in this ten year agreement, were the economic future and the physical condition of the Tuscarora Yacht Club. The 2005 Board of Directors has made a number of financial projections and created a ten year economic plan for use, as a guide, by future boards. 2006 TYC member rates are back to being reasonable compared to the rest of the Wilson Harbor. We have \$400,000 available to spend in the next four years for improvements to the Club. This work will be under the control of your Board of Directors and provisions were included in the agreement assuring that the money will be spent. A committee of members has already begun the task of prioritizing these projects and allocating the funds. These projects may include, among others, new heads and showers, advanced first aid equipment, dredging, wheeled carts for Haines, internet connected weather station, and a new security gate.

New members are always welcome at TYC and the "coconut telegraph" quickly spread the word of our new lease throughout the boating community. We have added a number of new members for next year and have several more scheduled for interviews. We still have room for some smaller boats, so put the word out. Remember that every new TYC member reduces your cost of boating.



The 2006 elections are over and Pattie Glaser, Mike Algase, Doug David and Pete Hubble join Bill Fleming, Bob Schmidt, George Deck, and Dave MacLeod on the 2006 Board of Directors. Hank Hinckley, Frank Del Russo, and Skip Hangen will be finishing up their terms on the Board this month. Thanks to all the candidates who ran for the board. For those who did not make it, please try again next year. At the December 12th meeting, elections resulted in the following line up of Officers for 2006.

Dave MacLeod	<i>Commodore</i>	Michael Algase	<i>Fleet Captain</i>
Bob Schmidt	<i>Vice Commodore</i>	Doug David	<i>Secretary</i>
Bill Fleming	<i>Rear Commodore</i>	Pattie Glaser	<i>Dir. of Operations</i>
George Deck	<i>Treasurer</i>	Peter Hubbell	<i>Dir. of Harbor Oper.</i>

I would like to close by thanking Skip & Mo, Hank & Jan, Frank & Claudia, Bill & Chris, Bob & Donna, Dave & Chris, and George & Sharon for their contributions to the success of this Board. I could not have asked for a more dedicated group of people. Even at \$.10 per hour, TYC could not have afforded all the hours they worked in 2005 for the future of our Club. The advice and counsel of the Board of Governors was invaluable to me throughout the year. Special thanks go out to my wife, Eileen, for all her contributions and support.

See you at the January dinner. There may be a very "fiery" ceremony involving our 2003-2005 lease agreement. You don't want to miss this event.

Erik S. Anderson
Commodore

fleet captain's report



Even though we are under a blanket of the white stuff, planning for the 2006 season is well under-way. Those of you who have requested a change in dock assignments are in the process of being contacted concerning availability. Please be patient as the contact list

is a person-by-person process based on seniority and an ever-changing dock list. If you requested a change, and have not heard from me, rest assured that you have not been forgotten. For the rest of the Club, start thinking about the end of April!

Best Wishes for the Holidays,
Dave Mac Leod

ANNUAL TYC WINTER DINNER

JANUARY 21, 2006



director of operations report



With winter here, the club house is closed. The electric has been turned off and the gate across the bridge is closed. If you go down to the club to check on your boat during the winter be sure the club house is locked when you leave and the gate closed.

TYC was the busiest yacht club in Wilson Harbor this past summer with over 300 visitors staying at our facility with most of them coming from Canada. It takes a lot of work in keeping the every day operations of the club working smoothly. The stewards did a fine job, having very few problems. We had a great summer with a lot of members helping around the club. I would like to give special thanks to Ron Bens for building the new shelves in the kitchen. There are two items that need to be replaced for next year. They are, a gas stove in the kitchen and a power lawn mover. If any member knows where we can obtain either of these items, please contact any board member. I enjoyed being on the board this year and look forward to next year and working with the new board. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. The days will be getting longer soon and spring is just around the corner. See you around the club in the spring.

Bob Schmidt
Director of Operations



treasurer's report



If I asked you what would be your most memorable moment at TYC this past year I would hope that the signing of a ten year lease with Clark Marina would take first place. Historically, this is the first time in all of TYC's history that this has happened. By signing this

lease, Mr. Clark and his family have made a loud statement as to how they feel about TYC and how much they want us to remain on the property for the next ten years.

By reducing our lease to a manageable amount we are able to pass along to our members a 15% reduction in costs for dockage and haul, store, and launch. This gives TYC the most attractive rates for dockage and haul, store, and launch in the harbor. And, not only are we able to reduce our rates, but we also hope to add \$100,000 of our own monies to the \$300,000 Mr. Clark will be spending out of our lease payments for improvements around the property without reducing the club's equity.

One of the results from having a long term lease is the large number of applicants for membership we have been receiving of late. Please remember that the figures the Board used to arrive at the suggested ten year plan that was announced to the membership at the Fall Membership meeting were based on the number of docking members we had at the time. If we are able to fill our slips to capacity TYC will be on even better financial footing than we are today. Now I know that we all realize that no one knows what the future will bring, but if we can keep our slips full and if more of our members decide to haul and store with us, we hope that TYC will be able to continue to have the most attractive rates in Wilson Harbor.

George Deck



Welcome to another Currents and another article from Willie. Here I will be talking about things that you should think about if your out shopping for that new toy for the boat. Maybe some tunes like a new stereo and or speakers? In most cases the first

thing you think is you need a Marine unit? Not always so, unless you are going to install it in the cockpit where it would be exposed to the weather. Marine stereos are going to be more expensive because of the additional water resistant features and if you plan on installing the stereo inside the boat, any car stereo will do just fine. A 2 channel unit will usually give you a pair of speakers with right and left control, and a 4 channel unit gives you a 2nd set or pair. Also to control these two sets as separate pairs of speakers you should ensure that the stereo has features like fade or separate front and rear controls that will allow you to listen to just the front or just the rear speakers. For instance one set of speaker plays in the cabin and the other set in the cockpit, select one set or the other or both! And don't forget to add that CD or cassette tape player. Whatever you buy will come with installation instructions, and unless you still have not figured out how to use that GPS, you'll be fine.

Now lets talk about the speakers, what size, color, etc., Well you decide. Just make sure that the power rating of the speakers is sufficient

for the power rating of the stereo you selected. And again if they are going to be outside? You should get outdoor or marine speakers, and standard car/van speakers for the cabin.

If this is going to be a new installation, this is the right time to do it. While the boat is empty of all that other really necessary stuff that we all need on board. Don't forget that all your connections should be soldered, and be sure to protect that new unit with the proper fuse or other circuit protection. The last thing to think about is an antenna for radio use. They sell indoor wire antennas that you can string along a bulkhead and keep it out of the way. The other option available today is an adapter that uses your existing VHF antenna. Both of these work just fine, eliminating the need for a car type antenna somewhere on the boat. Again if you have any questions or would like another viewpoint on a pending electrical project.... just ASK WILLIE!

Willie

TYC member John Shorey passed away on October 24th this year. John served on the Board of Directors and with Kathy they raced their Aloha 32 faithfully every season until illness forced them to retire from boating. John was also the local sales rep for Aloha Yachts. Please remember the Shorey family this holiday season.

Prospective Members

Richard Podgers; 17 Berkley Dr., Lockport and Dorothy A. Mallow; 2809 Tonawanda Cr. Rd., Amherst.



vice commodore's report

Congratulations to the four new TYC Board members. What an exciting time to be serving your fellow yacht club members. The possible renovations to the clubhouse and grounds call for serious decisions that will have a positive effect on all of us for many years. The membership will only grow when people realize TYC is the place to be. Do not despair as winter takes a cold view of the area. Review your sail and boating magazines and catalogs. Make plans to attend the boat shows. Before you know it, we will be in the water enjoying our favorite hobby with renewed vigor. Happy holidays to all of you.

Frank Del Russo

rear commodore's report



Congratulations to the newly elected members of the board of directors. With the addition of Mike Algase, Doug David, Pattie Glazer, and Pete Hubbell TYC is well positioned to develop and implement plans for not only a great 2006 Boating Season but also the long hoped for

physical improvements possible under the terms of our new ten year lease. Please realize the potential that lies before us. Don't wait to be asked to get involved. Say "yes" now! Just as the members unified response to the Spring 2005 Survey set the stage for a firm-negotiating stance. So too will a strong unified effort by the members make TYC second to none. We have the location, the resources, the talent and the leadership to make it happen.

Your outgoing board be will addressing the issues of providing some legacy perimeters in the areas of long range financial planning and physical enhancements at its final meeting in December. With four outgoing members it is hoped that this will be helpful to the incoming board. Specifically we hope to agree on how much TYC Capital monies should be committed to the upgrade efforts promised in the lease. With a ten year planning horizon, and a sense of partnership with the Clark family, TYC is entering a new era. We are no longer just short-term renters. The Board will also lay out broad stroke budget guidelines to permit specific plans to be developed around the areas of major concern, Some of these concerns are clubhouse enhancements, water front issues, and infrastructure improvements.

Your 2005 *member service program* completion date was extended to June 1st to allow members to complete their five hour commitments. As you know the program is designed to not only reduce the expense of work that needs to be done

but also to provide opportunities for members to really get to know one another by working together. Clearly if we had to pay commercial rates for the 1400 + member service hours contributed the fees to the members would be higher and less folks could afford the wonderful boating experience that TYC provides.

This is the second year of the "Enhanced Currents" your club newsletter. In addition to being an improved communication tool it is a great recruiting aid. If you have friends who are looking to join a boat club give Bill Fleming or me their names and addresses and we will send them a complimentary copy. Also, you can help sustain this improvement by asking your commercial friends to take out an ad in the Currents. For \$100 they can get space in 6 print editions and 12 month web page exposure to a vehicle that reaches about 200 homes and numerous fellow Yacht Clubs. If you have a topic you would like to read about please see Bill Fleming or myself and we will see if we can line up a local expert. If you are willing to get your copy of the Currents electronically to reduce club postage expense please drop Bill an e-mail at bill@tycwilson.com Thanks again for the privilege of serving on the TYC Board of Directors for the past four years.

Hank Hinckley

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