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A Newsletter for the Members and Guests of Tuscarora Yacht Club

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Negotiations are moving forward...



*Erik Anderson
Commodore*

The Blessing of the Fleet and the Sailpast were very well attended. I appreciate all the work that went into making it a very enjoyable day. Thanks to Donna Schmidt for hosting the Board and spouses aboard the "Island Moose". What a beautiful venue

to watch the boats from TYC pass. Later, the food at the dish to pass dinner was delicious and plentiful. How about those nicely dressed cooks in TYC aprons thanks to Chris MacLeod?

Your Board of Directors has renegotiated the current lease agreement with Mr. Brady, and continues to explore the various options for the future of TYC. The status, as of July 11, 2005 is as follows:

Mr. Brady, the Clark Family and the Board attended a lease renegotiation meeting Sunday July 10. We agreed that TYC would pay 100% of the lease payments included in the contract. TYC would not pay the \$42,000 included in the contract for membership improvements since none were done by Mr. Brady. This \$42,000 savings will add to our "war chest" needed to insure the future of the Club.

TYC met twice with Mr. Red Clark and his son Dave during the last few weeks. The Clark family is entertaining the purchase of the island outright, by TYC, and having a long term lease on the remainder of the property. GAR Associates have been hired by the Board to prepare a comprehensive appraisal of the Clark property. To be com-

pleted by next week, it will give us a starting point to value the island. A detailed cost estimate to bring the property up to local, state, and national codes will also be done. When the appraisal and the cost estimate are completed, the financial committee will determine a reasonable offer and after approval by the Board, it will be presented to the Clark family. If the proposal is viewed favorably by the Clark family we will then hire a firm to conduct a Phase I environmental study to protect the members from any unknown environmental issues.

The Financial Committee has developed a counter proposal for Mr. Brigham to lease Sunset Bay Marina for 10 to 20 years, after which TYC will own the property. This proposal was presented to Mr. Brigham on July 2, 2005. Mr. Brigham left for a ten day vacation and we will get together when he returns. My personal feeling is that he was comfortable with our proposal. Time will tell if we can come to an economically viable agreement or not.

Currently other innovative long term options are also being actively pursued. These options could be undermined by outside influences, and therefore no details will be released at this point in time.

The "nuclear" option of not being a marina operator next year is also under review.

We recognize, from our Survey, that the preferred option is to own our present location. If this can be done in an economically feasible manner this board will get it done. If not, the other proposals will be evaluated and if one of them is economically feasible we will consummate that option before haul out.

The 2005 social calendar has just begun, so don't miss the fun at the next event. See you at the Club and out in the Lake.

Erik Anderson

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BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS

NEW MEMBERS

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WE NEED YOU!





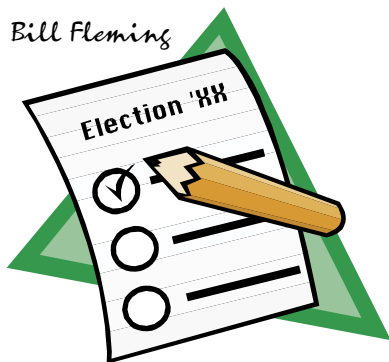
secretary's report

It's almost that time to begin thinking about running for the 2006 TYC Board of Director's. We will be moving forward on the election process in the very near future and we ask that you consider getting involved.

I have posted a chart in the clubhouse showing some of the reciprocal yacht clubs on the lake. This is not all of the clubs. There is a complete list kept with the stewards along with reciprocal details from each participating yacht club. If you are planing a cruise you will want to make sure you review this booklet before heading out.

I also want to thank everyone involved for preparing and sharing the delicious meals provided for the sail past weekend, especially the morning Father's Day Brunch Crew. It was greatly appreciated and possibly the best brunch I've ever had. Thanks everyone!

Bill Fleming



THINK ABOUT IT!



rear-commodore's report

The boating season is off to a great start due to the wonderful weather this summer. However, we still need some people to get involved in future events that are rapidly approaching. The Toronto Jazz Festival dates are July 21, 22, 23. Hank Hinckley and I will be chairing this event. Watch the bulletin board for sign-up details. July 29-30 we will

be hosting the 50 Point Club Cruise to our harbor. Linda Kelly is helping at our end. Linda, thank you. If we have members who would like to make it a reciprocal event, I need a chairperson for this activity. Chairpersons are needed for the following events that are rapidly approaching: the Progressive Dinner, Octoberfest, and Blues Night. We will accept applications for these events readily, so do not hesitate to call me. It would be an easy way to fulfill "job duty" hours. If you are interested, please contact me.

Thank you,
Frank Del Russo



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director of operations report



Summer is definitely here. It is good to see a lot of the members using the club. Our stewards are working hard to keep the club clean and the grass cut. When you use the clubhouse please clean up when you're done. We have hired a new steward, his name is Joe Butler, and he attends Wilson High. Devin had to go back to school to take a class he needs in order to graduate next year. This

year the US Border Patrol and the Canadian Customs have visited us twice. They asked us to call them if we see anything out of the ordinary happening in the harbor. We are cleaning out the shed, if you have stored any personal items in the shed please remove them or they will be thrown out. I would like to thank all the members who have helped around the club; it has made my job easier. Don't forget to fill out the slips for you're hours worked, they are located in the club on the bulletin board. Please sign out with the stewards when you're leaving your dock for several days. We are getting a lot of visitors and we are always looking for empty docks to put our visitors in. If anyone has a problem around the club, see one of the stewards or myself. Have a safe summer and I will see you on the water.

Bob Schmidt

fleet captain's report



Everyone should be well into enjoying the Club and getting used to their docks. We still have some changes taking place so you may find that you have new neighbors. If that proves to be the case, please be considerate and helpful (if you need more cleats, contact Skip Hangen; keep the finger docks clear of trip hazards, etc.). Each dock in the Club has advantages

and disadvantages – there are no “perfect” solutions. If anyone is having dock problems, please contact me – we want everyone to be happy, but we can only work with the docks we have available. Enjoy the season –

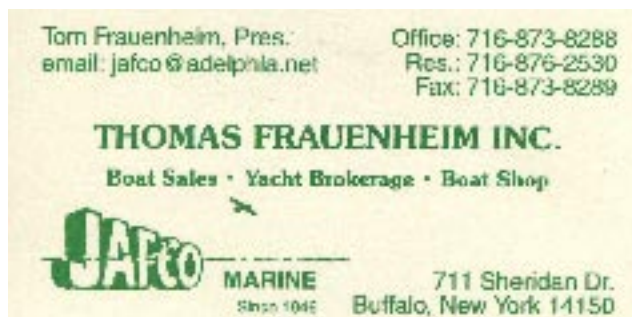
Dave MacLeod

director of harbor operations



The boating season is in full swing and the docks are in pretty good shape. However, for those docks that still need minor repairs, there will be a sheet posted in the club house. On this “wish list” please note what repairs are needed and your dock number. People may then help reach out to others to fulfill their work hours. Also, please list any other ideas you may have to improve the club.

Skip Hangen



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new members report

We add a warm welcome to new members Clark and Barbara Godshall who reside right on the lake in Somerset, New York. Clark is the District Superintendent of the Orleans/Niagara BOCES where he has been employed for the past 16 years. Clark has been the Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer of the BOCES for the past five years and served as Assistant Superintendent of the BOCES for 11 years. Prior to that, he was Assistant Superintendent of the Penn Yan Central Schools for 5 years and a Science Teacher in Hilton, New York for 6 years. When not enjoying his hobbies which include curling, antique car restoration, and volunteering for civic causes he instructs as Adjunct Professor for the Educational Administration Program at SUNY Brockport.

Barbara is the Director of Special Programs at the Medina Central School District. She recently obtained her Doctorate from the University of Buffalo and enjoys cooking, selling jewelry and gardening.

Both are active in the Lockport Power Squadron and have evolved their boating experiences from a small sailboat on Keuka Lake to jet boats and now a 27 foot Sea Ray which they are practicing docking at TYC in slip #13. Stop by and say hello.



Welcome to another issue of the currents and of course that means another chance for me to ramble on. I also want to say that I have received many comments as a result of my first article. I hope that the readers will at least start thinking now about all those electrical gadgets you have on the boat. My hope is that my articles will help you

to understand them even more.

In this article I would like to address electrical connections. This is how you ultimately get that power from the source (battery) to the equipment you have installed on your boat. These connections come in many varieties, slip on connectors, screw on connectors, plugs/recepticals and in some cases two bare wires twisted together. In most cases when you are having problems with your equipment, this is the first place you should start.

You have to realize that the wiring in the boat and all these types of connectors are made of metal and they will rust, oxidize, corrode and even break. This oxidation will act as insulator and prevent the power from flowing to your equipment. In most cases if you find that the connectors you are checking show signs of oxidation, it is a simple fix of cleaning the connector. You can use a file or sandpaper to make the metal shine again, and then reconnect it. In real bad cases, you may have to replace the connector.

There are a couple of additional terms that come to mind when talking about making connections. One of these is called a *crimp* (To pinch together) and the other is to *solder* (a metal alloy used when melted to join or patch metal parts). I personally would only use a crimp connection for a temporary connection and would solder any

connection that you want to last. Remember corrosion will happen on both metals that are crimped together and eventually breaking the connection. This also happens when you simply twist two wires together. I know what your thinking; "Who can solder"? Well, I can teach you in five minutes or less!

Lets talk about one more type of connection that can be trouble, plugs and receptacles. We find these on some of the sailboats, to attach electrical wires to the mast. These, in a lot of cases are out in the weather and the first thing people do after they plug them together is to wrap them with tape. "N O T" In fact the tape will trap water and quicken the corrosion of the connector. Leave it unwrapped and it will drain and dry quicker. If you have been wrapping your connectors to protect them from the weather, maybe you need to look at installing a new weather resistant connector. Using tape on any connections that are outside and sometimes even inside should be prevented and you should use a marine grade of shrink tubing in the correct size to seal the wire where it has been connected.

Again I have thrown a lot of information out here and maybe some of it may need extra explanation, but hopefully this will get you thinking about what makes that deck light blink or why your instruments go on and off by themselves. If you want any further explanation on what I said here, please stop by I-61 and we can talk about your boat wiring. I can also work with you via e-mail. Send questions to WILLIE.HAYS@NETZERO.COM. I will be more than willing to share ideas about upgrading, installing new equipment, or fixing wiring issues you may feel you have.

Be Safe,
Willie



treasurer's report

What a wonderful summer we've been having! I hope all of you have been taking full advantage of the weather and have been enjoying the fellowship at the club and the beauty of our surroundings. I just love to sit and look out into the harbor from our area in Haines and see all the boats in the harbor and the ones that pass the entrance to Wilson harbor out in the lake. It is a beautiful place and we are so fortunate to call it home. Several new members have been asking about gate cards, club house keys, and gas keys. Club house keys are free. There is a \$25.00 refundable deposit for gate cards. The cards themselves cost \$5.00 each. For those who wish to pump their own gas and be billed from the club instead of paying a steward, we offer gas keys. There is a \$75.00 refundable deposit on the key. If you are need of such items please call Peter Fleckenstein at 791-4954 or email him at pfleck1@bluefrog.com and Peter will get them to you. As to credit cards, the club takes MasterCard and Visa only. Do we take cash? Of course we do, but please don't use your

Canadian cash for purchasing snacks or ice. We don't mind taking Canadian cash from our visitors from across the pond but please realize that we lose money at the bank when we deposit it because of the exchange rate.

A note from my wife Sharon about the Ship's Store. The store is open on Saturdays from noon to 2:00 PM. If the items you want aren't in stock she can always order them from the catalog in the color, size, and TYC logo that suits you. Brand new items this year include sleeveless tank tops and polo shirts for women. Please stop by and look over the shirts, sweat shirts, jackets, burgees, TYC decals and pins that she has on display in the club house.

George Deck

rear-commodore's report



SAIL PAST !! For those who came, I know you had a good time. For those who were away – you missed a great event. Commodore Anderson instituted several new ideas that we hope will become TYC traditions. From the Past Commodores raising the flag to music and Don's Sipes cannon roar, to your entire Board on the Review Boat, and the Board serving dinner ; all in all it was a wonderful day. Rev

Jim Massie's prayers for fair weather and good seas were answered in full.

Why get your friends to JOIN Tuscarora Yacht Club ?? The boating season is in full swing and the weather is much kinder than last year. Warmer air has allowed swimming off the boats and the cruising season is picking up steam. It is a good time to reflect on the joys and benefits of belonging to one of the best yacht clubs on Lake Ontario. While the term YACHT conjures up images of white pants, fancy hats and stiff protocol, at TYC we are blessed with a wonderful group of hard working folks who enjoy each others casual company and jump to lend a hand to each other at every opportunity. I had a first hand experience with this recently. Returning to my slip with my bow line wrapped around the shaft (color me dumb)– which caused the engine to stall below 1800 rpm - it was a great relief to see several members at my dock, waiting to help. On a recent 6 day cruise we stopped at a marina and 4 yacht clubs. I was struck with the contrast in attitude and comradery. The marina was nice, however the staff and elaborate security systems made it clear that it was a For- Profit operation. I guess the rates were competitive but it was good to reflect on the cost savings associated with reciprocal privileges. Beyond the money a more important benefit came through. All 4 yacht clubs reinforced a feeling of welcome and shared purpose. Members at all 4 clubs came forth with information, docking help, and an attitude that made m proud to be a member of TYC and the fraternity of brotherhood that exists among yacht club members here on Lake Ontario. I hope your boating experience this summer allows you to experience this sense of shared joy. If you haven't been cruising – try it. Start with dinner at Olcott Yacht Club 6 miles east, and then Youngstown or Niagara on the Lake Yacht Clubs, 12 miles west and soon you will be leading a pack of fellow cruisers to wonderful places. YOUR MEMBER SERVICE PROGRAM is getting the job done. Through July 5 over 625 member service hours have been turned in. While launch hours lead the list followed by work on the every member survey almost 200 member

service hours have been logged on the broad variety of task it takes to keep the Club going. The physical results show. The Club House looks great. The grass is green and trim and the water front holes are getting filled in. In addition it is clear from the slips turned in that mini work parties are bringing together club members working together for the betterment of OUR CLUB. The list on the board is current through that date. If you have put in hours to help the Club and they are not recorded please fill in a slip and leave it in the box. FIND A FRIEND or SOMEONE YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW BETTER. CHECK THE BOARD AND PICK A PROJECT YOU CAN DO TOGETHER. EVERYONE WINS !!

The Currents is your newsletter. 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

I look forward to seeing you at the club.

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Hank Hinckley



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~ WE NEED YOU! - It's time to start thinking about getting involved. Please think about running for a Board of Director's position!