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A Newsletter for the Members and Guests of Tuscarora Yacht Club

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We will have a great boating season!



*Erik Anderson
Commodore*

Spring, what a busy time. Still full of delicious TYC spaghetti and strains of beautiful violin music, I am sitting here trying to remember all that transpired since my last report:

1. Spring Meeting
2. Roster Distribution
3. Launch
4. Mast Stepping
5. Sailing
6. Planning for the future of TYC
7. Spaghetti Dinner

The Spring Meeting was very well attended. Your board put together a professional and informative meeting. The Survey presentation was excellent. If there were any complaints, I did not hear about them. Thanks for coming, it's your club, continue to be involved!

The rosters are out. Being published early has its disadvantages with editing, spell checking, and changing slip assignments, but the advantage is we have 95% of the information we need available to us before launch. I have every confidence that my name will be spelled correctly in the next revision. Please report any other changes that need to be made to Hank and Bill.

David MacLeod did a great job with launch and masts. I will let him distribute the appropriate accolades, to a successful team effort, in his column.

TYC will be getting in the balance of its annual revenues over the next few weeks. When these funds are received, we will be able to determine how the financial year will look. George Deck will give us this pro forma in the next Currents.

Exploring the future of your club has kept the Board of Directors very busy. I held a Board of Governors meeting, in April, to bring them up to speed: Mr. Clark has been made aware that our first choice would be to buy our current property or to sign a long term lease; Mr. Brady has been informed that TYC is not interested in dealing with him in the future; and we continue talking with the new owner of Sunset Bay Marina. A Financial Committee was formed, as per bylaws passed last fall. The members of this committee are Mark Farrell, Al Paterson, Bill Guggemos, George McKinney, David MacLeod, George Deck, and myself. This group was chosen for its range of talents, experience, and their dedication to making the future of TYC as good as or better than the first 35 years. The new owner of Sunset Bay Marina gave a presentation at our first meeting which was held on May 18th. We have a number of options to consider for the future. Each option has a coordinator, from the Financial Committee, who is responsible for "piloting" the efforts needed to fully explore each option. These coordinators may approach you to use your personal expertise to assist in this effort, so please give them any help you can.

We had our first 2005 social activity at the club on Saturday. What a wonderful time. Eileen and I kept the talented, strolling violinist busy with requests. All the delicious food you can eat, beautiful music, and great company for \$7.00 or \$8.00 dollars! Don't miss the next event. I'll let Frank hand out the kudos for this very successful party. See you at the club and out in the Lake.

Erik S. Anderson

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NEW MEMBERS

"JUST ASK WILLIE"



director of operations report



The boats are in the water and summer is on the way. Last year our VCR for the TV in the club disappeared. If anyone borrowed the VCR would you please return it back to the club. If anyone has an extra VCR or DVD and would like to donate to the club, we would very much appreciate it. There is a work list on the bulletin board so each member can get his or her work hours in for this

year. If you see something that needs to be done around the club just do it and put in for the hours. Where there are two dock boxes together could you move them back to back, it makes cutting the grass much easier. ***Please watch your speed around the club, there are more children around playing and we don't want any accidents.*** This year no outside wood fires are permitted any where except in front of the clubhouse where a new fire pit will be built. The stewards this year, Devin, Heather, Ian and Sam, are back from last year and will be doing their scheduled jobs again. If anyone needs to borrow a life jacket for a guest on their boat, ask one of the stewards, the club has a few for your use. The coast guard regulation states that each person must have their own life jacket. If anyone would like a free Vessel Safety Check, the names of certified inspectors are on the club bulletin board. This year lets all pitch in and keep the club and grounds as clean as possible. If anyone sees a problem, please let one of the stewards or me know. See you on the water.

Bob Schmidt

director of harbor operations



The boats are back in the water - let the good times roll. While quite a bit of work was done over the winter to reinforce and level docks I suspect as you get onto your dock you may find that additional work is needed. To this end quite a bit of pressure treated lumber has been purchased and is available for dock repair. Please feel free to use the lumber located at the storage building for dock surface repair. If you need

side boards, which are placed at the discretion of the boat owner, please see me at I-11 or call and we can discuss your needs.

Thanks to Red Clark we now have available two large piles of stone to fill openings along the breakwall. Red has also agreed to loan us a skid loader to move stone. In the meantime if you have openings that need filling please feel free to use the stone for your water front repair. If you would like to put in Member Service Hours repairing wall damage please feel free to do so and note your hours on the Member Service slips available in the club house. If you have questions please contact me.

As always if you have dock or harbor concerns I am available to discuss your ideas. This year, long time member Tony Stashak has volunteered use of his floating work barge and water jet probe to address repair issues that require water access. With this equipment we should be able to resolve problems with small diameter piling.

As always think SAFETY around the water, with the lake at 48 degrees, hypothermia is a life threatening risk.

Skip Hansen

fleet captain's report



I don't know if it was a record, but long-time members couldn't believe the speed of this years launch crew! Many members, long-used to 09:00 or 10:00 launches, were shocked to learn that the crane was at their boat at 07:00; 19 boats launched on Friday and 67 more by 16:00 Saturday.

Heartfelt thanks go out to Michael Algase, Jeff Strothman, and Pete Hubbell. Their leadership and guidance of some very heavy equipment set the stage for a safe, damage-free effort. Keeping the crew fed to maintain the pace (and keeping them in good spirits besides) was the team led by Pat Glaser and Nancy Van Vorhees.

No effort succeeds without the members who step up year in and year out. Your boats are in the water; masts are stepped, and cradles removed to storage thanks to: Joe Emmons, Dick Rosenberg, Bob Hasse, Peter Keller, Rick Azarella, Pat Lockwood, Bill Halliday, Gary Baxter, Tom Gray, Don Sipes, Dean Aschenbrenner, Jon Patterson, Brian Gaske, Mike

Tomaino, Roger Maddigan, Bob Schmidt, Jack Krasney, Tony Grisanti, Jim Romanowski, Hank Peters, Sam Libordi, Jim Varner, Paul Wotka, Tom Beachy, Ken Coutts, Harry Buckholtz, Gene Haas, Al Patterson, Ken Glaser, Larry Chapman,

meet our new members

Please join me in welcoming another Second Generation TYC'er, Greg Sutton and his wife Adrienne, back to TYC. Son of one of TYC's early members, Greg grew up on the Island, graduated from TYC's early years Junior Sailing Program and taught sailing at the Club. He and his wife, both life long residents of Lockport, graduated from High School there in 1974. Greg went on to Alfred State College and then UB where he received a Civil Engineering degree. He is the Regional Remediation Engineer for the NY Dept of Environmental Conservation. Adrienne is a Teachers Aid in the Lockport School District and works with the intergrated Kindergarden program. Greg and Adrienne have three children; Nick age 20, Chris age 18 and Emily age 16.

Greg did some sailing boat racing in the 1980's out of Erie Basin Marina on his cousins boat but most of the time was spent in sports activities with his growing children. He coached several sports and is currently on the Board of Govenors for the Kenan Center in Lockport. He is also an avid wood worker. Greg and Adrienne recently purchased a Sabre 28 which will be launched soon and moved to slip H-37. They are currently involved in the Spring ritual of boat preparation. While growing up at TYC, Greg, Brian Burhans, and Brian's older brother Keith made a summer habit of sailing father Bill Burhans boat to Toronto. As they grew up these trips became annual fishing trips. The plans for the future starting in 2005 include a two boat flotilla to Canada. If you want some experienced sailing company across the pond you might stop by to see Greg or Brian. Please make a point of including visits to the Sutton's boat when you are at the club this summer and welcoming them into the TYC family.

Hank Hinckley

rear-commadore's report



Congratulations, despite the tenuous status of TYC, those members who know how to have fun enjoyed our annual Spaghetti Dinner. Do you believe we actually made money on our first social activity of the year? The success of the party was assured when Pat Glaser, the newest "wannabe Italian," joined the triumvirate of Hinckley, Emmons and Del Russo. She took charge and really did a super job, while Hank, Joe and I did as we were told. We give a sincere big thank you to Pat and her group of helpers starting with Maureen Hangen and Kathleen Tumulty, who did the phone tree. The kitchen helpers were Ken Glaser, Janice O'Keefe, Marsha Emmons, Chris MacLeod and Claudia Del Russo. Ticket takers were Trish Schiffman and Sharon Murphy. Clean up crew was headed by Kandis Adelizi. Once again our head chef Jim Rebholtz was outstanding, and what would an Italian party be without our strolling violinist Gregory Docenko. We are making plans for next year's gala Italian festival so be there or be square. Our next event is the Commodore's Sail Past on June 18, 2005. Check your calendars. In fact, we are in the stages of planning that event. Expect some interesting changes to take place on that date.

Frank Del Russo

secretary's report



I would like to thank everyone involved in the Spaghetti dinner, It was well organized and the food was delicious. I am sure everyone had a great time.

There are some upcoming dates to keep in mind. The first is the next Board of Director's Meeting, scheduled for Monday June 13th at 7:00 PM (at the club house). The Sailpast activities are scheduled for Saturday June 18th. The schedule is as follows:

- 1:00 PM - All members are asked to meet on the patio for Raising of the Flag Ceremony and Blessing of the Fleet.
- 1:45 PM - Skipper's Meeting for the Sailpast.
- 5:00 PM - Dinner will be served by your "Grill Masters" / Board of Directors. (we are having "gourmet" hotdogs and hamburgers)

There is a sign up sheet in the club house. Please bring a specialty (side) dish or dessert to share.

The Club now has a computer with internet access available for all members and guests. The computer is located in the club house and if you have any questions please contact the steward on duty or myself.



Don't forget that there will be a Father's Day Brunch on Sunday June 19th, hosted by Linda & Ed Kelly (and their crew). So come down for Sailpast and make a week-end of it.

Bill Fleming



Welcome to another season of boating, and more importantly another chance to work on those projects. I have been asked to host a column on boat electronics. I will be writing hints and tips on all aspects of wiring on the boat that you may encounter. In each issue of the Currents I will relate to problem areas. I will cover "how to" techniques,

wiring terms, and try to answer any questions that you may have. A little known fact is that many insurance claims for damage and sometimes total loss to a boat was caused by the faulty wiring.

I would like to remind everyone that most of your wiring needs start at the Battery (12 Volts DC) and in many cases may start at the shore power outlet (120 or 240 Volts AC) (sometimes called house current) at your slip. Starting with the shore power cord; this outlet has a high amount of current available, somewhere between 25 and 30 AMPS. After this amount of current is exceeded the fuse or circuit breaker should trip, disconnecting the power. This happens to protect any equipment, wiring, and hopefully your boat. If you have had a breaker trip, then there is something wrong and it should be checked. Even an old shore power cord can be at fault. The 30 AMP circuit protector I spoke of will not protect your boat in some cases because most wiring on the boat is not rated to 30 amps. You must have protection on the boat which is rated at lower current rates. This protection will be different on most every boat, but the concept will be the same. Here is just one example for the most simple of AC Boat wiring. The shore power cord receptacle on the boat should go directly to a master switch with protection (circuit breaker or fuse), and then go to your plug outlet for AC use. This protection should be of lower current rating (15 to 20 Amps). This will protect your smaller wiring that is in the boat. In addition to protecting your boat and equipment, you should also include a new GFI (ground fault interruption) receptacle in your boat. This will help prevent any injury. This is the same type of

receptacle that is required in your home bathrooms and kitchens when water is close.

I did not forget about the battery only installations. Your battery should be fastened down and the terminals should be covered to prevent accidental shorting of the plus and the minus terminals (or the red side and the black side). Failing to do so could cause serious damage and even explode. As we talked about protection earlier we also need protection here. You just can't hook up everything that you install without a fuse or circuit breaker, and these fuses need to be rated low enough to protect the wiring and equipment. Also, the wiring needs to be the right size to do the right job. I know that some of this article or maybe most of may sound confusing, but hopefully this will get you thinking about what makes that deck light come on or why your VHF radio goes on and off by itself. 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 have.

Be Safe,
Willie



treasurer's report

I want to thank all the members that attended the Spring Membership Meeting and accepted the treasurers report.

It is vital that all members understand the club's financial situation during these trying times. If you have any questions about the report please call me at 834-4077 or email me at altobass7350@adelphia.net. If you have any questions about your bill please call or write Peter Fleckenstein, our book keeper. His phone number and email address are in the roster.

Please make every effort to send Peter your dockage payments on time. It is extremely important that we have enough money for our next lease payment and that we have a true accounting of our financial assets so that the board will be able to make the financial decisions that will keep TYC afloat for another year. Both Sharon and I are looking forward to seeing all of you at Sail Past and out on the lake this summer. Have a great year and good boating.

George Deck

John Warchocki, Dave Brown, Bryan Burnhans, Doug David, Dan Schofield, Rick Sindoni, Paul Van Vorhees, Paul Reid, Dave Kahl, Ernie Pipiles, Hank Hinckley, Bob Reilly, Rich Tuyn, Jill Beebe, Bud Campbell, Dan Barulfaldi, Pat Mounce, Carol Varner, Cathy Kranz, Valerie Voisard Kessler, Jim Krakowiak, and Peter Fleckenstein. If I missed saying thanks to you, please stop by for an apology and an amendment – your help made it all possible.

I can't relax for the summer just yet. We are in the midst of "musical docks". I am posting all available slips on the Club Bulletin Board. Slips are posted for at least two weekends and as close to two weeks as possible. We are assigning new slips based on seniority and best use of the slip in relation to vessel size. Please keep current on the postings because as one member moves, a new slip becomes available.

Again, thanks for all the help making launch a success and look forward to a fine season.

Dave MacLeod



rear-commadore's report



WHAT A GREAT TURNOUT !! April 16 – the date of our Spring Meeting seems like quite a while ago as I type this, but it was only 5 weeks ago that the Club House was filled to overflowing to hear John and Toni Gardner's summary of our member survey. The report covered what you liked and what you wanted and where you want your Board to go in the future. You wanted more financial information and

George obliged with a complete breakdown of 2004 and our 2005 expectations. You wanted more social events and Frank laid out what promises to be a really fun filled summer program. You wanted a successful launch and Dave certainly came through. You wanted smooth club house operation and Bob detailed his plans. You wanted dock facility improvements and Skip has certainly come through given the limited authorization we have as leasees. Bill was there to distribute the 2005 TYC Rosters and membership cards and Erik provided a very informative and candid summary

of the state of negotiations with our current landlord and prospects for the future here on Mr. Clark's island or up the bay at Sunset Marina. If you want an electronic version of the survey please see me. Name tags have been put on the Rosters that were not picked up at the meeting and the tagged Rosters are in the Club House.

June 1st was the deadline for making up hours for the 2004 Member Service Program and bills will be sent to those members who were not successful in meeting the 2004 requirements.

The 2005 Member Service Program is in full swing, well over 300 hours of member service time have been recorded and things around the Club are really starting to look great. Boats were launched. Grass is being cut. Windows washed and the Club House polished. Cindy Scannapieco is heading up the beautification effort and the Club has come out of its winter doldrums to become our summer home and center for Lake Ontario water sports enjoyment. If you have put in hours and they are not reflected in the May status report posted on the bulletin board please fill out a slip and put it in the box. If you are looking for things to do please consult the club bulletin board or call Skip (741-3747), Frank (631-5872), Bob (688-8095) or myself. The Member Service Program is a great way to not only help make your club better but also to meet and get to know fellow members. If you would like to fulfill your 2005 Member Service Program hours by making phone calls please contact Maureen Hangen, Chairperson of the TYC 2005 Phone Committee.

The Currents is your newsletter. One of the things you asked for in the survey was some technical info on marine activities. Willy Hayes has agreed to author a column addressing Electrical Issues on the water. 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

Hank Hinckley

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