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A Newsletter for the Members and Guests of Tuscarora Yacht Club

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Commodore's Report

As the weather has just broken, I'm sure your thoughts are now turning toward getting down to TYC to get your boats ready for launch. Your board of directors have been hard at work preparing for what looks like the start of a great year! As you read through each officer's article you'll see the work we've done to make for another smooth year of operation at TYC. The committees are all in place with the exception of one. I am looking for a volunteer to head up the FLOWER planting at TYC. Shelly Richards previously held the position but due to some work commitments, she will not be able to continue. Anyone interested can speak with Shelly or myself about the position.

After some lengthy discussions, and a study and recommendations by the Board of Governors, the TYC Board has decided to institute a new SERVE YOUR CLUB PROGRAM. This new policy will be placed in this years roster under the TYC Rules and Policy section, and takes effect for this 2004 season. The new program will help TYC contain some of our expense, improve and maintain the condition of the club house and grounds. Many members volunteer and put in untold numbers of hours already at TYC. This program will get all FULL MEMBERS involved and spread the burden amongst many. The program will work as follows:

1. Each full member of TYC and/or spouse, will be required to spend five (5) hours per boating year performing service for TYC.
2. Jobs and duties will be posted on the TYC bulletin board and eventually the web site, much like the present sign up sheets for launch and work parties. Board members will keep an ongoing list of items and jobs that need to be completed all year long on the board for your selection. Duties could be anything from planting flowers, spring clean up, Party Chairperson, party clean-up crew, assisting with mowing, haul/launch crew, painting, etc.

3. The Stewards will maintain a member data base card file and the Stewards and anyone on the Board of Directors can "sign off" on the work completed by the membership.

4. TYC is your Club. Treat it as you would any of your other possessions. Remember, you pay for the privilege of your surroundings at TYC. If we ALL help to maintain the property, the cost of operations, and thus the cost of your dues and dockage will continue to be among the lowest rates available. (TYC RULES AND POLICIES -BULLET POINT ONE) The value of each hour of your work for the club has been set at \$20.00. Those not performing the 5 hours work will be penalized and fined the per/hour rate after the club house has been winterized and all work for the year ends.

No one likes change, and some of you may disagree with this new program. I would suggest that if everyone gives it some thought, they will realize that a lot of the same people and faces are performing many of the duties around the property year after year. This burden needs to be shared by everyone. This is an opportunity for the membership to work together, to meet some new members and make TYC the best that it can be. See you at the Spring Meeting.

Mark Farrell

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vice-commodore's report

In less than 1 month we will be on the water! While a number of activities have been scheduled for this season we still need volunteers to chair events. If you have not done so already, review the Club Calendar on the TYC Website. Bill Fleming is keeping many relevant dates and items of interest on the site for the benefit of the Club and you will find that it is a great resource for planning the summer. There is the opportunity for a cruise to 50 PT Yacht Club as well as openings for events in July and August. Please E Mail me with your interest or new ideas at either cdmacleod31@hotmail.com / dmacleod@cannondesign.com.

Dave MacLeod



director of harbor operations

The boating season is coming upon us quickly. During the winter, while the ice was in the harbor, a dock was rebuilt in Haines with the help of Frank Scannapieco, Pat Lockwood, Martin Casstevens, and Eileen Hasset. Thanks again for your continuous help. Other enhancements are continuing to improve dockage at the club. Exiting ice had caused some damages to docks and these matters will be addressed shortly. We are looking for volunteers to help with these repairs on April 17th and 18th to get these repairs completed prior to launch. Please E-mail me or just show up at approximately 10:00 am either day. Any other concerns you might have should be brought to my attention before then.

Skip Hangen



fleet captain's report

The long anticipated date is upon us. LAUNCH! Shake off those winter blahs and get ready for fun in the sun on the water. We will begin with the Mainland boats on Friday evening April 30 and proceed to the Island as soon as we finish. With a 7 AM start on May 1st and some cooperation from the weather we could have the Island boats in by late Saturday or early Sunday. Following the boat launch with the big crane we will use the boom truck to set masts on sail boats. We are pleased that Mike Algase has agreed to lead the crane crews, Pete Hubble the cradle crews, Jeff Strothmann the gin pole crew and Marsha Emmons the kitchen crew. Sign up sheets are available on the club house bulletin board. Please take this opportunity to pitch in, have some fun and good exercise and participate in SPRING LAUNCH 2004. There will be room on the sign up sheet for half day tours to accommodate those wishing a more abbreviated experience and those wishing to learn more than one part of the launch process. Sign up early to get a choice spot on the team.






At this writing we have dock reservations for 144 boats or 4179 ft of boats. Thanks to the work of Skip Hangen we have an additional two power boat slips and one sail boat slip on the Island leaving 3 open slips at Haynes, 1 on the Mainland and 3 on the Island. While we have several prospective dockers evaluating their options, we do lack the backlog we had going into last year so please keep TYC in mind when you discuss boating and docking opportunities with friends and acquaintances. There is no better place than TYC on Lake Ontario to keep a boat and there is not a better place on the Great Lakes to be boating.

Change is inevitable. At this writing we are pleased to welcome Greg and Beth Abbott in H-16, Roger and Linda Maddigan to H-37, Mike Tomaino to I-31, Tom and Janet Bogner to I-53, Bill and Christine Fleming to I-59, Carl Falletta to I-73, Ed and Linda Kelly back to M-4, Bud Campbell and Jill Bebee to M-10, Mark and Mirelle Sutcliffe to M-11, and Chris and Jennifer Holzbaur to M-12. Please welcome these new and returning members. Further changes will undoubtedly occur so keep an eye on the bulletin board.

To allow your Board of Directors to accommodate the changes that are inevitable over the winter, several additional changes have been made to the Slip Assignment guidelines in the Roster to clarify the changes made last year. This will permit the Fleet Captain to act over the winter to assign slips using the usual slip reservation forms, with room for notation of desired slip changes, as well as slip request forms that are sent to all non docking members. These assignments can be made from haul to launch with bulleting board posting being required from launch to haul. We believe these changes will give us the best chance possible to accommodate the changing needs of members and prospective members. Please see the Fleet Captain or any board member for clarification of these changes.


Please be careful as you prepare your boat for launch. It is a long way to the ground from the boat on a cradle, lots of boat projects will be underway that involve handling dangerous stuff and the environment will appreciate the proper disposal of all those noxious things we smear in and on our boats.

Hank Hinckley

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>May</h1>						1  Launch Weekend
						2  Launch Weekend
9  Mast Weekend	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 WHYRA Skipper's Meeting & Warm up Race	21	22
23	24 	25	26	27 WHYRA BEGINS	28	29
30	31 					



**Upcoming
Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3  FULL MOON <i>Always a nice time for an evening sail.</i> WHYRA	4	5  TYC SAIL PAST
6	7	8	9	10 WHYRA	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 WHYRA	18	19 OYC WYC Sail Past
20 WYC Father's Day Breakfast	21	22	23	24 WHYRA	25	26 IYC Sail Past OYC Fishing Derby
27	28	29	30	<h1>June</h1>		

 *what's up WHYRA?*

The Wilson Harbor Yacht Racing Association will begin another race season beginning Thursdays on May 20th through September 2nd. Note we will be skipping July 1st for Independence Day Celebrations. The first seven are the Cool Water Series. The second seven are the Low Water Series. *There will be a Skipper's meeting and warm up race on May 20th at 6 PM.* Anyone interested in coming out for casual, fun racing on Thursday nights is welcome. Contact Brian Murray or come to the Skipper's Meeting.

New this year: Sunday Racing - The Steve Schultz Memorial Series will be on June 13th, June 20th, July 11th, August 8th and August 11th.

The Demi Regatta will be held on September 11th
 NOOD June 26th - 27th (Toronto)
 Wire Down July 17th - 18th (Olcott)
 Levels July 24th - 25th (Youngstown)
 LYRA Race Week July 26th - August 1st (Rochester)

There will be more information to come. Please feel free to contact Brian Murray at bcmurray@acsu.buffalo.edu or (751-3977)



Cool Water Series

Spinnaker Division

1st	PLAYTIME	Dale Myers & Crew	IYC
2nd	TERRAPIN	Charlie Palame	TYC
3rd	SHADE OF AVALON	Peter Winkelstein	TYC

Main & Jib Division I

1st	ADVANTAGE	Glen Sears	WYC
2nd	COCA LOUCA	Torsten Doering	
3rd	MAKIN' TIME	Dave Segal	TYC

Main & Jib Division II

1st	WILY WOLF	Pat Lockwood	TYC
1st	BLEW BAYOU	Dick Milano	TYC
2nd	WATERY TART	Mike Binas	IYC
3rd	OLE	Ed Cough	IYC

Low Water Series

Spinnaker Division

1st	PLAYTIME	Dale Myers & Crew	IYC
2nd	TERRAPIN	Charlie Palame	TYC
3rd	SHADE OF AVALON	Peter Winkelstein	TYC

Main & Jib Division I

1st	ADVANTAGE	Glen Sears	WYC
2nd	COCA LOUCA	Torsten Doering	
3rd	MAKIN' TIME	Dave Segal	TYC

Main & Jib Division II

1st	FREE SPIRIT	Larry Sears	
2nd	WATERY TART	Mike Binas	IYC
3rd	WILY WOLF	Pat Lockwood	TYC

Overall Champions

Spinnaker Division	Playtime	Dale Myers & Crew
Main & Jib Division I	Advantage	Glen Sears & Crew
Main & Jib Division II	Wily Wolf	Pat Lockwood & Crew



proposed spring 2004 by-law changes

Article #3 - Membership Section 1

(Currently Reads)

B. Social Membership:

- 3. Social member may maintain under the direction and control of the Junior Sailing Chairman and Fleet Captain, a boat for the purpose of the Junior Sail Program.

(Proposed)

Remove entire sentence

Article #3 – Membership Section 3

(Currently Reads)

.....Applicants' name will then be posted in the newsletter or clubhouse bulletin board and any objection must be filed within 14 days by any member in good standing to the Board of Directors.....

(Proposed)

.....*During the boating season, beginning with the day of the Spring Membership Meeting and ending with the final day of haul out, applications for membership will be posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. During all other times applications for membership will be posted in the Currents and/or the TYC web site, which ever is most timely. Members in good standing will then be given ten (10) days after posting to file any objections to the applicant(s) with the Board of Directors.*

Article #5 - Officers Section 2 – H

(Currently Reads)

Director of Harbor Operations – Shall be in charge of all waterfront activities. Shall supervise the Officer-of-the-Day (O.D.) and coordinate the repair of all docks by the owners and for the owners. Director of Harbor Operations will be available to aid the Director of Operations if the need arises.

(Proposed)

Director of Harbor Operations – Shall be in charge of all waterfront activities. Shall supervise the Officer-of-the-Day (O.D.) and coordinate the repair of all docks by and for the owners. The Director of Harbor Operations will assist the Director of Operations in his/her duties whenever needed or directed.

Article #7 - Elections Section 2

(Currently Reads)

Nominating committee shall select a slate of at least two (2) candidates for each vacancy of the Board.....

(Proposed)

Nominating committee shall select a slate of a least one (1) candidate for each vacancy on the Board.....



rear-commandore's report

This issue of Currents gives you some idea of the board's decision to initiate a work program. You can call such an idea many different names to make it sound "nice"; however, in essence, the bottom line is starting this year, all members are expected to contribute their time

and energy to keep the club running smoothly. We hope all members regard the program as one way of keeping costs at a reasonable level. These are trying times with the cost of fuel, taxes, etc., rising to levels unheard of just a few years ago. Your TYC Board is examining every option available to keep the cost of our favorite hobby affordable to all of our members. We realize there will be a few problems the first year in implementing a brand new program. Skip Hangen and I have been responsible for gathering information from other clubs to see how they operate their programs. This information has helped us in forming our policy. Please be aware that we are open to any and all suggestions that members may have to make this new program successful. My sincere wish is that you fellow members accept the board's plan in a cooperative manner to keep TYC's friendly family atmosphere intact. You may notice in this issue the appearance of some new advertisements. Please patronize our new sponsors and mention your seeing their advertisements in Currents.

Frank DeRusso

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ~ Spring Meeting Scheduled for April 24th at the Club House at 5:00 PM
- ~ Three Weeks to Launch!
- ~ WHYRA warm up race & Skipper's Meeting on May 20th

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