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A Newsletter for the Members and Guests of Tuscarora Yacht Club

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The National Weather Service reports that the summer of 2004 was the coldest and rainiest in over a decade. It certainly hasn't dampened the spirits of all of the TYC membership. I've seen a lot of people using the club and enjoying the camaraderie of fellow members.

Thank you to all members who have done their parts and participated in the TYC work program. The club and grounds look great! A lot has been done to improve our facility, the latest being a new roof put on by Mr. Clark. For the members who have participated, all the comments are positive, such as, "This plan has been needed for many years at TYC." To clear up any confusion on this new club program, the following guidelines were set in place at the spring meeting and in at least two issues of the Currents:

- Five hours of service to TYC per member or family member per year (not including Officer of the Day duties)
- Hours of service written on index cards in the stewards' office (stewards, a board member, or Dick and Kathy Platt can record hours)
- Jobs posted on the bulletin board, lists for

work crews occasionally posted, volunteers are needed to run parties, ask the stewards or a board member if they need help

•Rear Commodore and Director of Harbor Operations oversee program and are available if you need hours (I heard complaints about a recent event that was canceled, but no one volunteered to run the event that could have given several member their work hours.)

•Value of work equals \$20.00 per hour. Members will be fined the amount not worked and billed accordingly for hours not worked by the close of the clubhouse after haul out.

As with any new program, it takes a little while to work out the bugs. The program was outlined in an issue of Currents that was mailed out just prior to the spring meeting. The program was fully discussed at the spring meeting and written up again in Currents. There still is much work to be done before we say good-bye to another boating season. Sign up for your hours of work and enjoy the time spent with the other members of the club.



The proposed by-law changes are included in this issue of Currents (see page 3). They will be voted on at the fall meeting. As I mentioned previously, some changes to the by-laws would be necessary to accommodate the changes in our lease arrangements. Your volunteer board puts a lot of time and effort into running your club and making an enjoyable experience for everyone. Please support our efforts.

Mark Farrell



vice-commodore's report

This damp and hazy boating season has taken some interesting turns. In spite of one very successful cruise from 50 PT Yacht Club, we have seen our visitation drop off significantly and National YC canceled its cruise to Wilson due to the stronger measures being taken at the border. What is the message and what can we (TYC) do? Primarily, we can be even better hosts than ever. This may take the form of offering a ride to the videophone or simply helping people as they arrive. The welcoming atmosphere at our club may make the reporting process seem worthwhile, and it will certainly reflect on our members when we arrive on the other side. As mentioned above, the 50 PT cruise was very successful, and it was a pity that none of our members could take advantage of the reciprocal nature of the event. 50 PT is a lovely place, but getting a slip has always been a challenge. Lori Raudnask, the 50 PT Commodore, has asked that we set up next year's cruise now so that the maximum number from each club can enjoy the other's facilities. Anyone expressing interest should contact me as soon as possible to fix a date for 2005. The "alternate" dock party on August 14th was a great success due to the efforts of members led by Bob and Donna Schmidt. Upcoming events include the autumn meeting and the blues party, which has become a "can't miss event" for the entire club on September 18. Everyone should also monitor the bulletin board for impromptu parties that have been scheduled by members simply wanting to get together. They have typically fallen on Friday nights and have helped stretch the season by creating three-day weekends.

Dave MacLeod



Future TYC'ers enjoying a marathon BINGO tournament.



treasurer's report

I am happy to report that Peter Fleckenstein has volunteered to take over the duty as club bookkeeper from Jack and MaryEllen Fletcher, who have held the position for the past several years. We welcome Peter aboard and bid a fond farewell with a salute for a job well done to the Fletchers. As you know, the fall meeting is approaching far too rapidly. I encourage all members to be in attendance so that they can gain an understanding of our financial position as of the middle of this September. It is very important for all members to know how all moneys generated by the club are spent and what changes we will have to make in our fee structure to keep TYC afloat for another year. I hope to see all of you there.

George Deck



Seems like yesterday...where has summer gone?



rear commodore's report

Congratulations! We are all aware of how people involved in any kind of organization resist changes. However, I am pleased to report that the majority of our TYC membership has cooperated fully with your board's request to initiate a work program to keep our club functioning with minimum expense to each member. As this is written, over 74 members have followed the instructions of how to receive credit for work hours. There is still time for the rest of you to earn your credit hours. Duties to be performed are still posted in the clubhouse. Seeing Past Commodores Robert Stone, Merle Wilson and Dan Murphy painting the bridge and Chuck Palame painting the outside of the clubhouse provides inspiration to others to make the clubhouse and grounds look super and to cut costs. Anyone not sure of what still needs to be done for credit, please give me a call at 631-5872.

Frank Del Russo



fleet captain's report

The allotted time for summer is almost over, even if the weather gods have not seen fit to provide appropriate conditions. This means that the long dreaded words HAUL OUT must be rendered once again. By the time you read this you may have already put your name on the posted lists to ensure that we allocate space for your mast and boat. The boom truck will operate on October 2 to remove masts and, Jeff Strothman's team will be available on the 2nd and 3rd at the gin poles to remove masts. Starting at 4:30 PM on Friday October 8 on the Mainland with the big crane, we will begin to haul boats. After the Mainland boats are on cradles, we will move to the Island and continue in a clockwise direction. We will work until dark and start again at 7 AM on Saturday and again at 7 AM on Sunday. Since it is impossible to predict exactly when the crew will get to your boat you are urged to stay in close touch with the club to see how things are going. You must be present when your mast or boat is being hauled or I must have a written note from you designating your assigned representative. For safety and liability reasons the owner or his representative must be present. In preparing your boat to be hauled, please have 50 ft minimum lines tied to both the bow and stern of your boat to allow the crew to guide your boat. Also please have the lift points for your boat clearly marked. Thanks for your cooperation. In summary:

- Now – sign up to have your mast and/or boat hauled and stored at TYC
- Now – sign up to work on one of the crews. I have laid out 4-6 hour shifts to spread the work and allow for variety for "switch hitters." Your labor is what makes us the lowest cost haul/store/launch game on the lake. 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.
- October 2 – 7 AM mast removal by boom truck.
- October 2 and 3 – 7 AM mast removal by gin pole.
- October 8 – 4:30 PM Boat haul with big crane on mainland
- October 9 and 10 – 7 AM Boat haul with big crane on Island.

Bills for haul out will go out shortly after October 10. You will note that the fees this year are slightly higher but still substantially below other alternatives. Again this year we will be sending out dock reservation slips with the haul bill to all docking members and dock request slips to all non docking members. Please see me in person and/or use this opportunity to communicate any desired changes in your slip requirements.

Bill Guggemos and Bob Stone have been very active in recruiting new members. However, each year 8-10 folks move or get out of boating. Therefore, in spite of recent additions, we anticipate that we will have open slips and filling them is critical to maintaining financial stability in the face of next year's contracted 5 % increase in lease payment. Please keep

TYC in mind when you discuss boating and docking opportunities with friends and acquaintances. Get possible names to Bill or Bob. 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.

Hank Hinckley



director of harbor operations

Well, the good news about the weather is that the water levels are still up there! As the season winds down, please keep me posted on repairs that need to be made when the ice forms. I'll need some help on some projects. If you are available, please drop me a note. I will be sending out notices for those who missed their OD duties. Please make sure to sign in when you are scheduled or arrange to have a steward fill your slot. Remember you have to pay them their going rate. Also if you have any ideas on building mast storage racks, I would like to hear from you. Thanks.

Skip Hangen



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PROPOSED FALL 2004 BY-LAW CHANGES

NEW BY-LAW

ARTICLE #11 – Financial Committee

There shall be a committee who shall be empowered on behalf of the “Club” to negotiate with the property owner/landlord all leases and in the event possible, to negotiate the possible purchase of all or part of what is commonly referred to as the “Tuscarora Yacht Club”. This committee shall consist of the following full members in good standing: the current Commodore, immediate Past Commodore (if so desirous), two (2) Board of Governors, and one (1) or as needed a member(s) designated by the current Commodore. The provisions of Article # 9 above shall apply in all instances.

ADDENDA

(Currently Reads)

8. The annual dues for membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors with the approval of the general membership. Dues are payable January 1st through 30th; fifteen (15) days after final notice from the Secretary, membership will be terminated. Final notice to be mailed no later than February 15th.

(Proposed)

8. The annual dues for membership shall be \$ 250.00. Dues are payable January 1st through January 30th; fifteen (15) days after final notice from the Secretary, membership will be terminated. Final notice to be mailed no later than February 15th.

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)

Article #3 – Membership

Section 3

...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, the TYC web site, and e-mailed to members. Members in good standing will then be given fourteen (14) days after posting to file any objections to the applicant(s) with the Board of Directors...

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 six (6) candidates for vacancies on the Board...

Indicates Change or New

NOTE: Changes to Addenda # 8 and Article # 7 Section # 2 will take effect January 1, 2005

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|---|
| SEPTEMBER | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 FALL MEETING (4:30) and Blues, Brew & Barbecue with Willie and the Reinhardt's (Food served @ 6:30PM, more info online) |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
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| OCTOBER | | | | | | 1 | 2 (7:00 AM) Masts Removed with boom truck & gin pole |
| 3 (7:00 AM) Masts Removed with gin pole only | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 (4:30 PM) Boat haul begins on mainland | 9 (7:00 AM) Boat haul begins on Island | |
| 10 (7:00 AM) Boat haul begins on Island | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |
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