



CURRENTS

A Newsletter for the Members and Guests of Tuscarora Yacht Club

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*David MacLeod
Commodore*

ELECTION ISSUE

The year has gone by too quickly, but enjoy it we did! I had the pleasure of sitting with the Boards of several Clubs in Canada (Royal Canadian, and Whitby specifically) during August and getting their views of Tuscarora. The openness and welcoming nature of our Club is well known, but the ability to change of pace and truly relax when visitors tied up with us came across as a consistent message. Each group noted that they had stressful jobs when not boating and they really looked forward to “winding down” – our Club is the best at filling that need on the entire lake.

Our new construction is moving toward completion and Red is committed to getting it done this year. Granted, it is somewhat different than expected, but I think it has a very posi-

tive impact on the island and will definitely make life easier next season. Hopefully, the next phase of work on the Club House itself will begin during the late winter or early spring. Please keep an eye on your mailboxes for the Board elections – remember to get your ballots in on time.

OCTOBER 2006

BOARD MEMBERS
REPORTS

MEET THE
CANDIDATES

LOCK YOUR
LADDERS

JUST ASK WILLIE

RETURN BALLOTS
BY DECEMBER 1ST

COMMODORE'S
BALL RE-SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 18TH

secretary's report

For all of us that spent a week looking and dealing with fallen trees and piles of branches I felt quite good going up to TYC a week later to cover my boat and driving on roads where everything was clear. There was even a sail boater venturing out of the harbor.

In this issue you will find the seven candidates running for the four open positions on the 2007 TYC Board. As chair of the nominating committee I would like to thank each of them for making the decision to run. Since only four will get elected I hope that those that do not will make sure to run for the 2008 Board. You will shortly be receiving the ballot for your use in selecting the four candidates you think will best be suited to assume positions of leadership on the 2007 Board. Please make sure you cast your vote!

I have truly enjoyed being on the Board this year and look forward to 2007.

Doug David





Well this is the time of the year to bone up on all those new experiences and boating terms that you may have overheard around the lake this past season. I would like to help you all to understand some of the radio terms like MMSI, VHF, and DSC. These three

terms are being used more and more every year, so keep on reading and maybe you too can use these terms to impress your fellow boaters. First is the term "VHF" as it relates to the radio on your boat. VHF stands for "Very High Frequency". This radio is actually the same as most CB radios but uses a much higher frequency hence "VHF Radio". DSC is a new term associated with the newer VHF radios and it stands for "Digital Selective Calling". DSC is a feature that will allow you to use your VHF radio with enhanced features both for emergencies as well as routine conversation across the water. MMSI is a term used almost like a phone number and it stands for Maritime Mobile Service Identity. It is your unique number assigned specifically to you. These numbers can be obtained through Boat US on line as well as other places. Using this type of communication, boaters can call one another and instead of hailing them on specific channel the simply can "ring" the other person's radio. Boat U.S. provides a tutorial online at their web site and, again you can register for your MMSI number as well. Remember to add this number to the club roster so folks can call your new number. There is no charge for any of these new features. To view the tutorial and register for your MMSI number visit www.boatus.com/mmsi

I hope to talk with you next year using your new number and be sure to add that information for next years roster. You can send your MMSI number to Bill Fleming (bill@tycwilson.com) and he will be sure to get it in the upcoming roster.

WILLIE

rear commodore's report

Once again I would like to thank all the members of TYC for their support these past two years. It has been a pleasure to serve on the board of directors as your Rear Commodore. I will be a continuing to assist the 2007 board of directors. In this issue you will meet the candidates for next year's board. Please take the time to read each candidates article to assist with making your decision. Selecting members for the 2007 Board of Directors should not be taken lightly. It is very important for the future of TYC that we choose our board members wisely. If you have questions or would like to speak with a candidate directly please feel free to call them. Their information is listed in the 2006 roster.

I have been sending the 2006 work hour totals via e-mail. If your name does not show at least five hours of work completed you will be billed January 1, 2007 at a cost of \$20.00 per hour. If you do not receive my e-mail, please contact me to confirm your hours. I have made numerous attempts to keep an accurate accounting of these hours and share them with a membership as often as possible. Because it is the end of the season I will not request that you drive to the clubhouse to fill out a green card. Instead you may contact me via e-mail or on the phone and let me know the hours you worked and I'll complete the green card for you. I know many of you have completed work but just neglected to file the green card. This green card is the only record I have of work being completed so it is important that they be kept as official paperwork of the yacht club.

I like to thank our commodore David MacLeod for his excellent leadership. I would also like to thank all the members who have helped to make TYC what it is today. - Bill Fleming



ERNIE PIPELES

Hello, my name is Ernie Pipiles. I am a retired machine repairman, live in Wilson, and have been a club member for nine years. I have enjoyed the club and to being part of the boating community for the past nine



years. I'd like the opportunity to give some of my time to the club, for what it has given me. I feel honored to be a nominee and if elected will work to uphold the rules and policies of the club. I'd like to thank the nominating committee for thinking I am capable of the job. I wish the other candidates good luck.

Thank You,
Ernie Pipiles

ROBERT HASSE



My wife and I have been boating for over 20 years and decided to join Tuscarora Yacht Club about 4 years ago. It didn't take us very long to decide to stay, as we immediately found everyone here to be friendly and welcoming us.

I believe, as a member, I could contribute more toward the Club's positive growth by running for a position on the Board of Directors. I derive great satisfaction from seeing a project through to its completion and, having the privilege of knowing the current TYC members with whom I would work, I am confident of our team's success in seeing TYC meet its goals. Your consideration of me for election to a position on the TYC Board would be greatly appreciated.

Bob Hasse

DAVID BROWN

I have been a member of TYC since 1994, but have been at the club since the late seventies and early eighties when my dad joined and served on the board. Many of you know my wife Beth, and our two sons Sean



and Conor. I had the privilege of serving on the board in 2000 under Commodore Linda Kelly and again in 2001 under Commodore Bill Guggemos. In my estimation two of our most notable accomplishments during that time were the installation of the four new docks at Haines, and the installation of our pump out facility. I would like to run for the board again to help give back to the club that has given my family and me so much over the years. This is a very exciting time to be a TYC member. The newly signed lease and the construction now underway bode well for the future of our club. I would appreciate your vote.

David Brown

BILL STERNER

My membership at TYC has been since 1983. I feel I can give good perspective of our club from the past, present and into the future. I would like to acknowledge what our members would like and continue to improve our club while making it enjoyable for all.

Our children have grown and it is past time to give back to TYC and its membership.

Bill Sterner
Morningside
H 28



ROGER MADDIGAN



My wife Linda and I have been members of TYC since March of 2002. We are sailboat owners and you can find us at our dock I-63. Since joining the club we have made many new friends and have really enjoyed the socials and sailing

out of Wilson harbor. As with any organization the fine qualities of the Club only happen as the result of the contributions of the members. Since joining I have worked on the crane crew for launch and haul out as well as numerous other tasks. This summer Linda & I chaired the Progressive Dinner which was a success in spite of the weather. I am retired and have the time to increase my commitment to the Club as a board member. I sense a new spirit in the Club with many opportunities to make our Club even better. I would appreciate your vote.

Roger Maddigan

JACK KARAT



I have had a sailboat in Wilson Harbor for the past thirty years. I served as treasurer of the Island Yacht Club for some of those years. However, the best of my boating years occurred during my membership in the Tuscarora

Yacht Club. As owner of Keystone Corporation, a metal finishing firm in Buffalo, New York, I look forward to bringing some of my business experience into service as director of the TYC. I feel an obligation to return many of the great experiences of membership in the TYC by serving as a director.

Jack A. Karat

TOM TRIPP



Karen and I joined TYC in 2000, when we purchased Windchime, from TYC members, the Maloneys. We came to look at the boat, and fell in love with the club, a great group of friend-

ly members, in perhaps the most beautiful harbor in Western New York. We bought the boat and applied for membership that day!

I have been a sailor since I purchased my first sailboat at 14 years old and have continued as a boater for most of my life, including both sailing and power boating. My profession, for over 35 years, has been the management of multi-million dollar construction projects throughout Western New York. I hope to help the club to maintain the fiscal responsibility, and the friendly atmosphere, for which it is well known.

To paraphrase a former president, each of us should ask: "not what can TYC do for me, but what I can do for TYC". I thank you for this opportunity to do more for our club.

Tom Tripp

vice commodore's report

I thought by now all the parties would be over with but mother nature had other ideas. *The Commodore' Ball has been rescheduled, it will be held at the same place, the Holiday Inn in Lockport on Saturday November 18th.* Cocktail starts at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7:30 PM. This is the last party of the year and the last chance to thank Commodore Dave MacLeod for a job well done. I have enjoyed being the Vice Commodore this year and thank everyone for their support and attendance at our social functions. I will see you all at the Commodore's Ball.

Bob Schmidt

fleet captain's report

Unfortunately, the season has come to an end. Mother nature was very kind to us though, and we had favorable weather for both masts and Haul-Out. Masts with the boom truck finished by ~1:15 PM that Saturday, and Haul out was complete by 2:30 Sunday afternoon. We placed 84 boats in Cradles / trailers by the time we were done, and considering the later-than-desired start on Friday afternoon, I'd say we did well.

Again, I'll start all my thank-you's with an apology – I did a better job of recording the names of the multitudes of people who assisted with all the activities this fall than I did in the spring, but invariably missed someone here, so if I you are one of the unlucky ones, please accept the apology in advance, and be sure to tell me. For Boom Truck mast stepping on September 30, we had Richard Long, Peter Winklestein, Todd Lawson, Hank Peters, Lee Brownschidle, David MacLeod, and Chris Guggemos. That team stepped 36 masts in just over 6 hours – a fantastic pace.

On the Gin Pole, we had Jeff Strothmann leading the way, with Bob Schmidt assisting on instructions for the crews. Saturday crews included Don Sipes, Richard Kreger, Larry Kocher, John Comesano, Peter DiSilvio, Ron Goulah, Pat O'Keefe, Paul Roetling, Jack Murty, Tom Tripp, and Dan Murphy. Thanks to all, and to Jeff and Bob for offering course instruction on using the Gin Pole. Students get to practice on their own masts in the spring – we appreciate the interest in learning how to use the equipment safely.

For Haul-Out on Friday, we had Paul Reid, Larry Chapman, Peter Fleckenstein, David MacLeod, David Kahl, Ed Kelly, Dean Aschenbrenner, Ron Goulah, and Dave McLuckie. Saturday, Dean, Larry and David MacLeod came back for more, and joining us were Robert Adams, Dick Tuyn, Roger Madigan, Dan Schofield, Richard Long, Ward Caldbick, Bill Maloney, Tom Tripp, Gerry Diffine, Peter Seger, Greg and Nick Sutton, and Bill Halliday. Sunday, the Suttons returned, and we also worked with Bill Guggemos, Ernie Pipiles, John Comesano, Doug David, and Bob Hasse. A great turnout

like this one for crews helps us all be more efficient, and keeps our equipment rental costs down. A great job was done by all of you. Thanks again!

Our operator, once again, was Nick Waite. Special thanks to Nick for returning to work with us. He's the kind of operator that makes us look good as a crew!

Good luck to all getting your boats safely stored for the winter. A gentle reminder to **please lock up ladders and help us all prevent unwanted visitors on our vessels.**

Keep warm, have a safe and warm winter, and think spring!! Only 6 months until we get them ready again!!

Michael Algase
Fleet Captain, I-15

director of operation's report

Mast's were removed on Saturday September 30th. Thanks to Donna Schmidt for cooking for the crew, while I was attending to a family emergency. Her kitchen staff was Dorothy Mallow and Gay O'Keefe.

Linda Kelly made the wonderful Roast beef dinner for Haul out .Her staff was Heidi Beatty, Sandy Chido, her granddaughter Felicia, Linda Maddigan, Fran Roetling, and Karen Long. Sunday helpers were Jon and Karen Patterson and Fran Roetling. Thank you everyone for all the help at haul out and this summer. If you still need hours for the year November 4nd at 9am I will be closing the clubhouse. Water and electric will be turned off, patio furniture and grills will be brought inside. Any help will be appreciated.

Pattie Glaser



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