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A Newsletter for the Members and Guests of Tuscarora Yacht Club

## Happy 2009 Boating Season

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The season is now officially underway. Launch went very smoothly the last weekend of April. The last boat went in at 1:32 PM on Saturday, successfully launching approximately 76 boats in just about 12 working hours. Many thanks to all who contributed to the launch and cradle moving activity. This is the first time we have ever finished moving cradles so soon after the boats went in. Everyone's cooperative effort is what makes our club operate so efficiently!!

There was a great turnout at the Commodore's Ball this year. I want to thank all those who attended the gala. The setting at Sandy Beach Yacht Club overlooking the Niagara River was wonderful, and it was a fantastic way to start off the social season for the club. This was the first time we held it at this point in the season, and it sure felt as though the timing was appropriate. I was honored to spend time with our membership, and enjoy everyone's enthusiasm for the boating months ahead of us. Fine food, spirits, music and dancing made for a

memorable evening for me and the rest of my family. Special thanks go to Bob and Kennie Dubil for all the time they invested in planning the event and to Rose Synor and Kevin Doherty for the work invested in the centerpieces and decorations. You folks covered every detail, and made it a truly unique experience.

It was my honor to induct Ms. Darlene Chase into the Tuscarora Yacht Club Hall of Fame at the Commodore's Ball. Darlene has been the single motivating force behind the Sunshine committee, as well as the impetus for many Club Cruises. She is a source of Joy for all of us, and we thank her for her service to TYC. I also introduced three new Life Members to the ranks; welcome to Bernie and Tish Schiffman, Art and Ruth Worden, and Phil and Judy Brody. We look forward to many more years in your company!!

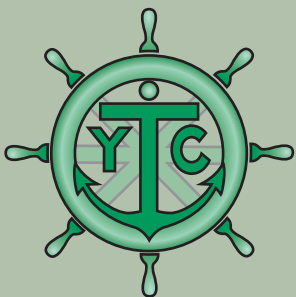
Memorial Day Weekend was filled with sunshine and good company also. Many folks managed to get out on the lake (some for shakedown trips), and some even made the first cruise of the season to other ports. It was great to see the weekend activity start to pick up as the weather made the turn toward summertime. The Ladies Tea was Saturday afternoon this weekend too. The clubhouse was almost as beautiful as the ladies occupying it. Once again, fine food, beverage, and company made for a very elegant and enjoyable time for those who attended.

Welcome to the 2009 boating season! We are located at slip I-15, and look forward to seeing everyone as the season gets into full swing. Our companionway is always open, so feel free to stop by and say hello.

Michael Algase  
TYC Commodore 2009

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## Fleet Captain



Many thanks to TYC members who participated on one or more work crews over launch weekend. I hope the list below is complete, but if I missed your name I apologize in advance and ask you to let me know.

A big Thank you to Commodore Michael Algase who once again co-ordinated crane and boom

truck operations. Also, we were fortunate to have Nick Waite return to operate the equipment. This team makes it run smoothly.

Among the many participants this year we had Ed Kelley, Pete Fleckenstein, Roger Maddigan, Dean Aschenbrenner, Tom Gray, Harry Bucholtz, Bill Panek, Dave Brown, Hank Visger, Jeff Schuster, Mike Tomaino, Mark Kaiser, Larry Chapman, Dave Kahl, Dan Schofield, Tom Bogner, Richard Kreger, Richard Long, Doug Klapper, Gene Haas, Al Blemele, Larry Kocher, Willie Hays, Dave MacLeod, Doug David, Shelly Richards, and Torsten Doering.

Thank you to Jeff Strothmann for leading the Gin Pole Crew. Participants included Brian Gaske, Bill Panek, Paul Roetling, Don Sipes, Bob Schmitt, Bill Guggemos, David Blum, Doug Klapper, and Ward Caldbick.

Cradle Crew Leader Pete Hubbell was assisted by Tom Beachy, Sam Libordi. Jim Varner, Rick Sindoni, Paul Wotka, Gary Baxter, Jim Miller, Dave McLuckie, Jeff Jordan, Richard Rosenberg, Pete Fleckenstein, Ron Goulah and Hank Visger.

Although we got a late start on Friday, both the Mainland and the Island parking lot were cleared by the time we finished under the lights at 9 PM. It was quite an effort. We finished in excellent time Saturday afternoon in breezy but good weather.

Mast work on Sunday went well. Again it was breezy, but from the opposite direction. Two comments about this operation. The function of the Boom Truck Crew is to step the masts, not to prepare the masts. A fair amount of expensive boom truck time was lost as the crew had to stop the operation perform prep work that should have been done by the owner. This costs the Club money and adds to a long work day for the crew. Next year, please attend to all the prep work ahead of time so this is not repeated.

This leads to the second point. It is a long day for the boom truck crew and it would be very helpful if we could have a few more volunteers on Sunday afternoon. Please consider volunteering for next year. Slip availability will be posted through the season – watch for it on the bulletin board.

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to another successful launch! Hope you have a great season – see you around the Club.

Bill Maloney  
Fleet Captain

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## Director of Operations



I want to immediately thank everyone for their help, so far this season, with the opening of the clubhouse and cleanup of all the grounds following the spring launch of our boats. It's a huge job that always goes so well with everyone lending a hand.

Some specifics: water line leaks have been repaired (although there are a few more now awaiting repair), a new

pressurized water accumulator tank has been installed above the rest rooms, stone has been moved into place around the island wall areas, lumber and debris are cleared away, along with several of the old docks being cut up and all this moved to the burn pile, numerous 'minor' dock repairs are complete, and several electrical repairs (outlets/switches) have been taken care of. The really 'important' stuff including fuel, snacks/soda for the clubhouse are also being looked after!! All of this work is by no means a small effort. Thanks, again, to every member for the contribution of time and hard work.

Our stewards for 2009 are Samantha Ketch, Noelle Orlowski, Janelle Jordan, Shannon Algoe, Nick Halleran, Gay O'Keefe, and one new steward, just starting to learn this year, is Amanda Sardina. Please welcome all of them; Help them whenever you can assist, and be certain to coordinate with the steward staff during your scheduled "Officer of the Day" duty time.

Several members are beginning work to repair and re-paint (in the clubhouse color scheme) the TYC storage shed. If you are able to help, please contact Jack or Lee Brownschidle.

In the next week or so, there will be more stone moved where we still have low spots; Mulch will be delivered for the planting areas and around the trees. I don't want to forget to mention the flower committee work already underway with so many new flowers already in the ground.....thanks!!

We want to really clean up the look of the island as you approach crossing the bridge: the parking lot planting area and the entire look of the storage shed areas.

If you need ideas to fulfill each member's (10) hour work requirement this season, please see the stewards for the listing of jobs they maintain, or, contact me directly.

TYC is a "working club" and it shows by the efforts of so many members. It makes my job much easier to have the support of the entire membership of our Yacht Club.

Jim Krakowiak - Director of Operations 2009

## Secretary

The 2009 Reciprocal letters have gone out from TYC to many clubs around Lake Ontario, Erie and some nearby states. I have an excel file that I am updating of all club policies, and will give be sure to post it on the TYC website when I have completed it.

Shelley Richards - Secretary

## Treasurer



At the Spring meeting I represented a financial report summarizing the results of 2007, 2008 and the first quarter of 2009. I have extra copies so please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding finances or would like a copy. There is increased spending this time of year in gearing up and getting the club house, grounds and docks ready for

the bustling summer season. There has been much work done on the docks and around the club grounds by many helping hands (thank you to all...you know who you are). You may recall from the Spring member meeting the 2009 budget was still in the process of being adopted by the Board. The Board approved the budget at the last Board meeting and we have done a great job keeping our expenses within budget while maintaining the safety and beauty of our club. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the clubs finances. You can contact me via e-mail at conhans@aol.com or stop by our slip at I-46 (I may have my "Accountant Off Duty" sign up though - just kidding). I was sad to hear of our boating neighbors the Brody's retirement from sailing and welcome them as life members of our club.

Karen Burhans  
Treasurer

## Ship's Store Update

The Ship's Store is open on Saturday's from noon to 2 PM as well as at TYC social events. Stop by and check out our latest boating fashions. New items are due to arrive soon. If you are not able to find what you are looking for contact me and I will find it for you.

West Marine on Niagara St. has donated a supply of shopping bags. I would like to thank Richard Kreger for getting this donation.

Kathy Sipes - Ships Store Manager

Beginning June 1, 2009, all United States and Canadian citizens will be required to present a valid Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) travel document for entry into the United States by land or sea. This document will be required when requesting entry into the United States when traveling from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, or Bermuda.

The following documents qualify as approved WHTI travel documents.

For U.S. Citizens:

- A passport issued by the U.S. Government
- A passport card
- A valid trusted traveler program card (FAST, NEXUS, or SENTRI)
- An Enhanced State Driver's License (EDLs are currently being issued in New York)
- U.S. Military Identification with Military Travel Orders
- A U.S. Merchant Mariner Document
- Form I-872 American Indian Card

For Canadian Citizens:

- A passport issued by the Government of Canada
- A valid trusted traveler program card (FAST, NEXUS, or SENTRI)
- A Enhanced Provincial Driver's License
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Card

Native American Identification Cards:

•U.S. and Canadian children under the age of 16 will be able to present a birth certificate issued by a Federal, State, Court or Municipal Authority. Additionally U.S. and Canadian citizen children ages 18 and below who are traveling as part of an official group (i.e. sport, school, religious youth) will be able to present a birth certificate issued by Federal, State, Court or Municipal Authority. See the CBP website for more information about children traveling with a school or religious group, social organization, or sports team. A link to approved WHTI documents including costs, limitations and validity periods is included on this website ( [www.GetYouHome.gov](http://www.GetYouHome.gov)).

Dear TYC membership,

As many of you are aware, two employees of Sunset Bay Marina were seriously injured on Memorial Day. Derrick Kent and John Fallesen each sustained burns to over 20 - 30% of their bodies. Both were mercy-flighted to ECMC burn unit, and have both since been released. Their recovery will be prolonged, and their ability to work in the near future obviously hindered. To that end, I'd like to suggest that we the membership of TYC raise some funds to assist both gentlemen, and their families.

In the interest of timeliness, rather than plan and organize a fund raising event we thought we could poll the membership for donations. We would like to collect as much as possible between now and June 12th. If we each consider what we would spend for attending an organized event and just donate that amount, we could probably raise more money (no expenses to deduct with this approach), and have a little less work to do (no setup or cleanup required!!).

If you are interested in donating, please send your contribution to our treasurer Karen Burhans at her home address (more timely collection and deposit than using the club mailing address). Please make checks payable to Tuscarora Yacht Club, and we will coordinate the donations that come in on behalf of TYC. Please note that these contributions are not considered tax deductible due to the way TYC is chartered.

We will announce our progress for what has been raised at our Sail Past on June 13th. Anything that comes in after that date will be forwarded also. Postings on the club bulletin boards will keep you informed on the total donation.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. My check is in the mail!

Michael Algase

Please forward donations to:  
Karen Burhans 248 Belmont Ave. Tonawanda, NY 14223

## Rear Commodore

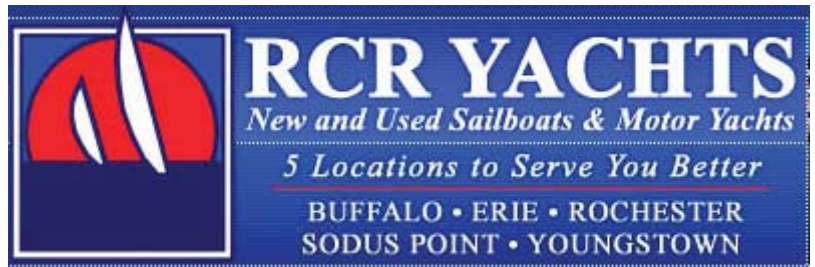


I have to praise our Commodore's Ball Committee for a job well done. The Ball was very well attended and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Our web site has been updated and is up and running. I still have more minor changes to complete and hope to have that done very soon. I have added a new form on the site where you can submit your work hours directly. The form is listed under the "contact us" page on the site. There is also a link to view your work hours to date. Additionally, there is a link to request a copy of 2009 Roster. Submit the request and I will e-mail you a link to download the file. Please be sure to visit the web site to add your name to receive e-mail notifications from the Club. I will add you to the list.

I would also like to welcome our newest TYC members, Chris Montag and Mark Snell. They are power boaters and will be assigned slip I-93. Be sure to welcome them to TYC.

Bill Fleming - Rear Commodore



## Vice Commodore



June is a busy month at TYC. Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> is Sail Past at 2:00 PM. Father Rob Wosniak from St. Brendan's will be blessing the fleet. Be sure to decorate your boats for Sail Past at 3:30 PM. Dinner will be at 5:30 PM. The Board of Directors will be preparing hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a dish to pass. Sign up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board for side dishes and desserts. We will also be doing a basket raffle after dinner. Please give your basket donations to me.

Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> is Tuscarora Youth Celebration, from 7:00 -9:00 PM in the clubhouse. Come join in the fun as we dance to some rock and roll oldies and your favorite artists from today like HMS, Camp Rock, Taylor Swift, Hanna Montana and the Jonas Brothers. You can learn some line dances and of course have good food. Weather permitting your evening will end gathered around the fire pit having

S'mores.

This is for any youth up to college age, and youth are welcome and encouraged to bring a guest. Grandparents should feel free to bring their grandchildren. Cost is \$4.00 per youth. Look for the flyers and sign up by June 13<sup>th</sup>, if you are coming. If you have any questions feel free to contact Beth Algase and Chris Fleming.

Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> is our Annual Father's Day Brunch from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. The price is \$8.00 per person. On June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Island Yacht Club from Toronto will be visiting our club. There are plans for TYC to visit Island Yacht Club the same weekend. Sign up sheets to go to IYC will be posted on the bulletin board. We still need a Chairperson for this event.

Thank you to Linda Kelly and Darlene Chase for their help at launch and to their helpers Fran McLuckie, Sandy Jordan, Pat Mounce, Irene Scott, Sandy Schofield, Carole Varner, Karen Guggemos, Karen Long, Anne Miller, Jan Klapper, Heidi Beatty, Suzanne Buckholtz, Roslie Panek and Carol Gulah. I know the crew enjoyed the meal.

Thank you to Denise David and Chris McLeod for the great jobs at the Tea and for the sandwiches and desserts. Finally I would like to thank Linda Maddigan and Denise David for this year's choices for the TYC Book Club. See you at Sail Past and don't forget baskets for the raffle.

Pattie Glaser - Vice Commodore



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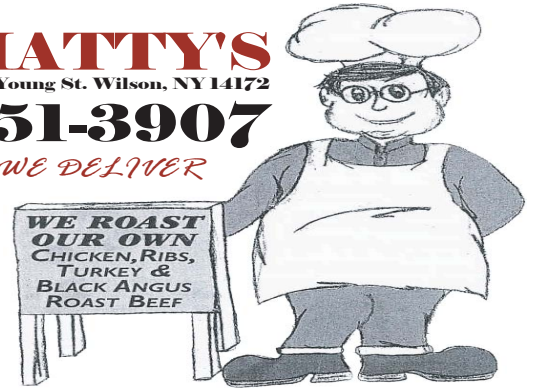
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