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Well, by the time this newsletter is published, most everyone will have their boats put away for the winter, and we will all be focused on our off-season activities. It is time to pay attention to the school year, the home projects that have waited all summer, and marking the calendar for when we get to start preparing the boats for another season!

Our haul-out went very well this fall, finishing before lunchtime on Sunday. Other than some delays in getting bottom's washed, the process went as smoothly as we could have asked. Many thanks go out to all who participated to make this a successful weekend.

You may recall at the fall meeting that we announced a \$1 per foot increase on the storage rate for this coming winter. You may have also noticed the rate on your bill was the same as last year. While we communicated the change well to the membership, I did a poor job of ensuring the bookkeeper knew about the change (he was not able to make the fall meeting). Please expect to see an additional \$1 per foot on your next bill (dues at the beginning of the year) to cover the difference.

I want to take just a few words to thank the membership, and specifically the Clark family and the 2008 Board of Directors for all of your support during this past year. Just as important, I know my service on this Board the past four years, and certainly my office this past season would not have been possible without my families support. TYC is a sound organization of valuable resources with a very bright future. Thank you for the opportunity. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve all of you.

Michael Algase

TYC Commodore 2009



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Rear Commodore



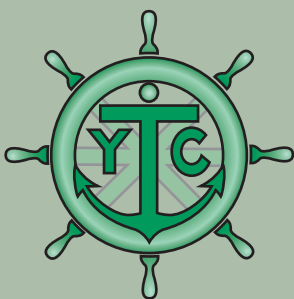
Another election season is upon us and I am thrilled by the participation this year. As always we have a great selection of members interested in serving on the next year's Board. It is a tough decision this year, so please take the time to read the candidates enclosed introductions. Each and ever member running this year will be an asset to our club. Feel free to contact the candidates if you have questions or concerns.

I am looking forward to 2010 which will be my final (sixth year) serving on the Board. The Board and the Club Members have made several tough decisions, completed more renovations and had some amazing social events and club cruises this year. As a Board member next year, it will be my goal to work with the entire Board and increase

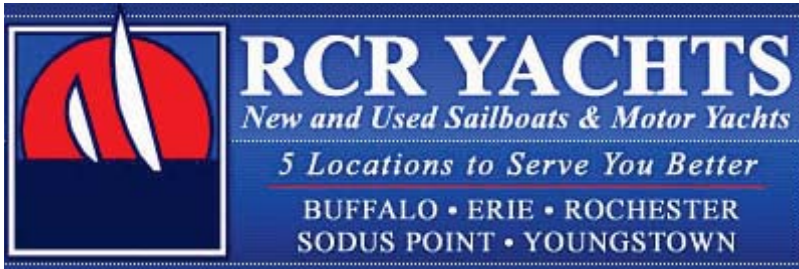
our membership. Empty slips equals lost revenue potential.

Finally, a special thanks to Mike Algase, Pattie Glaser, Greg Sutton and Jim Krakowiak, who is running again for 2010, for all their hard work. It is a huge understatement, but your efforts is what makes TYC the place it is today.

Bill Fleming - Rear Commodore



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NEW MEMBER APPLICANT

Michael & Mary Seitz
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Secretary



The secretary of the TYC Board does not usually have any exciting news to report. I am sure you would not be enthralled with the intricacies of good note taking at the meetings. But I do have something exciting to report as a note of general interest. Next year on July 3, 2010, fellow Board member Bill Fleming and I will be part of a crew to race from San Francisco, California to Kaneohe, Hawaii in the 2010 Pacific Cup, which is a bi-annual race. Many of you remembered that I completed this race in July 2006. Bill was always inquisitive about this race and when I finally asked my ship's captain Kit Wiegman from Alameda, CA if he needed another crew the answer was affirmative. So TYC will be well represented in this premier off-shore event, which by the way is 2033 miles as the crow flies. And for those of you not up on your ocean geography, there are no hotels in the middle of the Pacific! That means our Islander 36 foot

sloop goes 24/7. Last time we completed the trip in 15 days. How does this happen? Great crew and a great schedule of working and relaxing. We will be joined by the captain and crew Dan Primus and Bruce Pon who also completed the trip with me in 2006. Both are accomplished sailors and racers. Bruce is also a mechanic which is always a good thing. Bill and I will be setting up a website to keep you informed of our great adventure and will plan a mid-winter presentation of life on the Pacific for those who might be interested. Keep us in your thoughts over the cold winter as we prepare for the warm waters of the south Pacific! Aloha!



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Harbor Operations



Thanks again for having faith in me and electing me to the Board this year as the Director of Harbor Operations. Due to a busy work schedule and several other outside commitments I will not be running for the Board again this year. It was a great experience and I hope I didn't disappoint anyone. I look forward to running again sometime in the future

once I free up some spare time.

The club has again purchased treated lumber to begin building and replacement of four additional docks this coming winter and spring, for the Island and mainland dock areas. We will continue to work with the Clarks to get this work completed before next season. Dock I-00/01 also needs to be torn down, assessed and rebuilt, so if you're looking to put in some time or just need a project, feel free to give me a call. I have also put together a list of other minor repairs (with your input) that I hope the new DHO can get to them over the winter and spring of next year so keep an eye out for emails over the winter when we get enough ice in the harbor to tackle some of these tasks. Also as part of my short tenure, I put together some standard operating procedures for the DHO position which I think will make the job easier and more consistent for future members to manage. Thanks again for all your support and see you all in the spring.

Greg Sutton

Director of Harbor Operations

Vice Commodore



Time to say goodbye. I want to take time in my last article to say thank you to the special people that helped make my four years on the board successful. I know I'll forget someone so I won't name everyone. You know who you are and you are very dear to me.

I hope every member runs for the Board at least one term. It's a great way to meet members, learn how many people it takes to run this club, and appreciate the workings of TYC. Thank you all again.

Pattie Glaser

Vice Commodore

Director of Operations



I want to first thank everyone for their help throughout this season, from the opening of the clubhouse, grounds cleanup and maintenance all year long, stocking supplies, performing quick (and some not-so-quick) repairs as they came up, the various improvement projects undertaken and finally the club closedown as we complete the year 2009.

It's a huge job that always goes so well with everyone lending a hand.

I also want to extend special thanks to the team of Stewards that worked for TYC in 2009. Their efforts in total really harmonized the daily routine for club needs this year. Each member should have had the opportunity to complete their 10 hours' work requirement this year, however, if some still have a need to fulfill hours, please contact me for some miscellaneous assignments still left to do. As a reminder, once the boats are out, PLEASE remove all of your dock sideboards that may have been installed this past year. There should be nothing protruding below water level from your dock because the winter ice can severely cause dock movement and damage. Also, the winter winds can deal a severe amount of damage to dock boxes or anything left loose/untied around the club grounds. Please fasten down/cover/remove any light-weight articles around your space.

Finally, the water systems and power has been turned off. The clubhouse will be officially 'closed' for any use. If you do enter the building, be sure to relock all of the outside doors.

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

ELECTION ISSUE - MEET THE CANDIDATES

PATIENCE TINKY



I write this to let you know I am seeking a seat on the Board, and most of all to share with you why.

Let me first begin with how my past and present experiences have helped to prepare me for this. Having been a member now for four years I can see that being able to have a vision, putting it into a plan, then rolling up your sleeves to make it happen are critical. My work and board experience in the past has helped to refine these skills. I have won design awards, created and led a Home Owners Association, held several manager positions in the retail space and was on the Officer's Club Board.

All positions required creativity, project planning and management, resourcefulness, managing people, commitment and plain old hard work.

I believe one of the biggest attributes I would bring as a Board Member are my skills in design, event planning and membership growth.

An example of my skills and passion for event planning were the two Pirate Parties. The theme seemed to excite everyone, especially our children. As a result, the attendance was up 25% from last year. It was an event we can point to for membership drives and how we can pull off something unique and memorable. Most of all I hope everyone had a wonderful time, I certainly did!

I am a helper on the Flower Committee and am extremely involved in the redesign of some of our space at the club. I do redesign often for family, friends and customers and look forward to providing whatever expertise I can to the club on this project and any other ones that might be needed.

I could keep going, but I have learned in some cases less is more. But what I'd like to say is TYC is a big part of my life today. I enjoy our members, which I consider my friends, the environment, the camaraderie, and most of all the possibilities.

I would be honored to be able to serve you and further direct my energy, passion and commitment in a different capacity as a member of your Board. I hope you feel the same way too.

Patience Tinky

JAMES KRAKOWIAK



It has been my pleasure to serve TYC for the last two years as a member of the Board of Directors. I have been a member of TYC since 1991 and boating since 1977, 1st with power, and since 1991, sail.

Whether power or sail however, the enjoyment increases with being a member of TYC, located in one of the grandest harbors! Last year I retired after 40+ years with General Motors, have previously served on the TYC Board in the 90's, and am also a member and past commander of the Lockport Power Squadron.

I look back on the last (2) years of Board activity as extremely positive with what was accomplished as I carried out the duties for Harbor Operations and all Operations. The club has improved its dock replacement efforts, its grounds upkeep, its building maintenance

and generally has lifted the standards for how the facilities should appear as the 1st class club that it is.

TYC needs to continue to evolve, including renovations to the former ladies room area, rehabilitation of the mainland dock & wall areas, repairs to several island wall and dock sections, improving a membership level that sustains good financial stability for the club, and providing for the future participation of TYC with the Clark family, with whom we have enjoyed a 40+ year relationship.

I would again ask for your vote this year as I look forward toward the next 2 years to work on behalf of all the TYC families, making our club the one noted as a "best destination" and one of "best friendships".

Jim Krakowiak

THOMAS BEACHY

I first joined TYC in 1996. As a youngster my father and brother fished Lake Ontario and the Lower Niagara River. Our family of two sons and two daughters continued to enjoy boating throughout their school years.

I would be proud to serve on the TYC board of Directors to follow in the footsteps of the past leadership of the club. It will be my goal to keep us in the forefront as one of the top ports of call.

My experience as an Industrial Arts instructor included woodworking and fiberglass boat construction. Also, we trained students work ethics which helped them secure part time jobs and receive graduation credit for the hours of employment.

After retirement from teaching, I was elected to the position of Town of Porter Supervisor.

The Town Supervisor is the chief Executive Officer and head of administrative branch of town government. The supervisor is also the Chief Financial Officer. I was responsible for the preparation of the annual budget, and for the day to day operation of the Town. The years following my five years of town supervisor included the following:

- Niagara County Sherriff's Department as Traffic Safety Educator
- Member of two Kiwanis Clubs
- Member of "Niagara Community Action Program" Board of Directors
- Regional VP of the NYS Governors Traffic Safety Board
- Volunteer at the Buffalo Veterans Administration
- Teaching the Traffic Safety in Niagara County.

It is an honor to be considered for this opportunity and I would appreciate your vote.

Tom Beachy

Please use the enclosed addressed stamped envelope to return your ballot. Ballots must be returned by December 1st.

DAVID ADELIZI

Kandi and I have been members of the club for the last eight years. Our association with TYC has enabled us to meet friends, participate in new adventures, and learn about all that boating has to offer. For these reasons, we are thankful. I am submitting my name as a candidate for the board because I believe it is an opportunity to take a more active role in supporting a club that has provided us with such great and memorable experiences.

As a TYC member, I have participated in planning and assisting with dinner events, Thursday night sailboat racing both as crew and on the committee boat, and with the gin pole crews both in raising and lowering masts. Participation in these activities has offered me the good fortune to meet many members, learn about the history of the club and gain knowledge about current club operations.

Over the past seventeen years I have been employed in an administrative capacity at the central office of a local school district. Job duties have included developing and implementing organizational goals, managing budgets, developing organizational documents, and facilitating group activities. I have also served on the boards of several Western New York organizations as well as on the planning committee for two of the largest athletic events in the world. I believe all of the above experiences would be of value as a board member.

In closing, I am privileged to be associated with TYC and would be honored to serve as board member. Thank you for your consideration. Best wishes for the winter months,

Dave Adelizi

DAVID KAHL



My name is Dave Kahl and I'm excited to be running for a seat on the TYC Board. I have been a member of TYC since 2003, but have been boating all my life. Born in Niagara Falls, I worked at Pierce Marine in Youngstown in my teens and got my Captain's license in order to pilot the passenger ferry between Youngstown and Niagara-on-the-Lake. My father was an avid boater and served several years on the Board at the Youngstown Yacht Club, becoming Commodore in 1983.

I believe I can be an asset to our Club as a Board Member. After obtaining my degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Detroit, I worked my entire career for a "Fortune 100" company, holding management positions in Engineering, Sales and Marketing. I have served on several Boards over the years, most recently as President of the Board for the Villa Condominiums in Youngstown. Being retired now affords me the opportunity to put in extra hours at TYC and essentially living aboard during the summer makes me very accessible. There have been many positive changes to our Club in the years I've been a member and I would like to do my part in assuring our continued success. I respectfully request your support and vote in the coming elections.

Dave Kahl

EILEEN HASSETT



My husband, Martin Casstevens, and I joined TYC in 2001 after sailing Hobiecats for 10 years on lake Erie. We made the jump to monohulls and we currently own an Ericson 32 foot sailboat named Soliton. We enjoy spending our evenings and weekends sailing out of Wilson Harbor and visiting regional ports of call.

I am proud to be a member of TYC and enjoy the boating and friendships we have created. Our club is known as a desired destination on Lake Ontario because of the friendliness of our members, the beautiful harbor and the up to date facilities of our club house. As I have spent time getting to know other club members, I am most impressed that TYC has second and third generation members. This is a sign of a organization that is vibrant. If elected to the TYC Board, I would work hard to carry on the traditions of TYC and prepare it for a

bright future.

I am an Associate Dean at the University at Buffalo's School of Engineering. My experience managing budgets and people, and facilitating groups will assist me on the TYC Board of Directors. TYC has been privileged to have talented and hard working Board members in the past. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute in the same fashion.

Eileen Hassett

JEFFREY STROTHMANN



Hello, for those of you who may not know me, my name is Jeffrey Strothmann. My wife Bethann and I have been members of TYC since 1997. I am presently a stay at home dad for my two kids Justin and Lauryn, and run a radio repair business on the side. I feel that the people of TYC make this a great place and we are glad to call the club our second home. As we spend every possible weekend at the club, I have found myself involved in a whole host of projects and repairs to help keep things running smoothly. I have also been in charge of the jin pole crew during launch and haul-out for the past 7 or 8 years. I am running for the board because I want to continue to contribute to our club and to make TYC the best place to be on the lake. As a member of the board I plan to use my past experiences around the club and my mechanical talents to keep TYC running in a direction that will continue the

fine family atmosphere we have all come to love.

Jeff Strothmann

Fleet Captain



It's hard to believe that the 2009 boating season has come to an end. Seems like launch was just a few weeks ago. However, it's true, just about everything is wrapped up and put away – waiting for next season.

Haul out this year was a little more challenging than some years in that we were not able to place any boats

on the Mainland area, in order to allow for some much needed reconstruction work over the winter. I would like to thank everyone for your patience and understanding as we had to make some location and schedule adjustments. It seems to have worked out well, with a few hitches here and there that we will try hard to improve on for next year.

Very big Thank You's are in order for our crew leaders and all the enthusiastic volunteers who year after year make it all happen.

Pete Hubbell and his crew got the cradles in place. Thanks to Ron Goulah, Todd Lawson, Bryan Brown, Chris Finitz, Dave McLuckie, and Bud Campbell.

On mast weekend, the Boom Truck Crew was led by Michael Algase and included Dave McLeod, Larry Kocher, Tom Bogner, Willie Hayes, Torsten Doering, Todd Lawson, and Mike Sparkes.

The Gin Pole Crew, under the leadership of Jeff Strothmann, consisted of Dean Aschenbrenner, Henry Peters, Doug Klapper, Dave Adelizi, Bryan Brown, Eon Verrall, Bill Panek, Paul Roetling, Don Sipes and Bob Schmidt.

NANCY VANVOORHEES



I have been a member of TYC for 6 years; Our family has been here at TYC since the 70's. We cruise as far away as the Thousand Islands, and see how other clubs work. I have chaired launch weekend meals and helped out with both launch and haul-out. I also served as a code consultant for the clubhouse renovation project. I have served in both elected and appointed positions during my two decades with the Hamburg Volunteer Fire Department. I've also served on the board for the Town of Hamburg Fire Chiefs Association.

The key to serving on any board is organization and communication. I believe that I can bring those attributes to the board of TYC. I am employed by New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control as a Fire Protection Specialist and conduct annual fire code compliance inspections at area colleges and universities. I also conduct fire safety training

sessions for students and staff.

Nancy Van Voorhees

On haulout weekend, the crane Crew was led by Michael Algase again and on both weekends we were fortunate to have Nick Waite operating the crane. These two guys are a great team. From Friday evening to Sunday morning the following folks contributed their time and effort to this Crew. Dean Aschenbrenner, Hank Visger, Skip Hangen, Jeff Schuster, Paul Reid, Jack Fletcher, Jack Koch, Larry Chapman, Dave Brown, Ignaty Gusakov, Bill Panek, Bill Guggemos, and Dave McLeod all contributed. Also, John Siuta, Richard Krieger, Doug Klapper, Ward Caldbick, Eon Verrall, Gene Haas, Rick Podgers, Dan House, and Roger Maddigan, Brian Jacobs and Richard Rosenberg all pitched in.

The Kitchen Crew was very ably organized and led by Carol Goulah and Jan Klapper. We were all very grateful for the breakfasts and lunches provided by these two and their crew consisting of Bev Wilson, Jill Bebee, Fran Roetling, and Rosalie Panek. Also on this Crew were Judy Hotchkin, Diane Siuta, Nancy Van Voorhees, Karen Guggemos, Katie Reid, Suzanne Buckholtz, Linda Kelly and Darlene Chase.

If I missed anyone in these acknowledgments, I am sorry – please let me know.

Please remember over the Winter to lock up your ladders in order to help prevent unwanted visitors on our vessels.

Keep warm, have a safe winter and think Spring – only 6 months.

Bill Maloney
Fleet Captain

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Treasurer



As the season close, we mark the close of the third quarter of our club's fiscal year. Financially speaking we should be a little ahead of last year in our "bottom line", although it is a little too early to tell. Thank you to those that helped keep our pop and snacks well stocked (sales up 21 %), Kathy for running another successful year at our ship's store and all the volunteers at our social events. We had many successful social events this year (both financially and socially), including another successful Pirate Party (a good time had by all) which netted a profit of approximately \$400 for the club. Thanks to Patience and volunteers for a job well done (including the well-received "Hassett" clam stand – delicious!!). Don't forget to cast your vote for this year's Board elections. We have a great slate of candidates that need your vote. As always, please feel free to call me (or email me at conhans@aol.com) if you have any questions about the club's finances. Links to Board members email addresses are available on our club's website (just click on "Contact Us", drag down to Board of Directors and click on hyperlink below Board members name you want to contact – a rather new feature on our website courtesy of our tech savvy Rear Commodore Mr. Fleming).

Karen Burhans
Treasurer



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