



Fellow boaters,

During this special time of year, it gives me great pleasure to reflect on the Tahoe Yacht Club Foundation community impact. Our mission has always been clear, to support Lake Tahoe maritime endeavors. Our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary show this year demonstrated just that, one of the most successful *Concours* on record! We proudly vetted and donated to existing, and many new grantees. Some include Great Basin Institute, High Fives, Tahoe Crew, Tahoe Community Sailing, North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, etc.

I'm humbled to be elected as the new Tahoe Yacht Club Foundation President. I will continue to rely on former TYCF Presidents Ward Sproat and Doug Ball, who will graciously remain on the board during this time of transition. These legacy gentlemen have helped me navigate the nuances of operating a 501 (c) (3) organization with purpose and compliance. I want to thank outgoing Director Manoj Kashyap, and family, for his tremendous contributions. I'm confident he will resurface on the TYCF Board of Directors after finishing his accomplished career in Mumbai at PwC. I'm pleased to announce Janice Lemak has been unanimously appointed the TYCF board, effective immediately. She has been involved with the Concours for years and brings both business acumen and volunteerism to the helm. Your current TYCF Board of Directors include-

- **Ross Arno, President**
- **Doug Ball, Treasurer**
- **Ward Sproat, Secretary**
- **Janice Lemak, Director**
- **Terry Fiest, Director**
- **Co-Chairs of the 2025 Concours: Ward Sproat & Janice Lemak**
- **Brian Robinson, Chief Judge**

I'm pleased to announce that TYCF has officially inked deals with both Obexer's and Liquid Blue, to continue forward with our 2025-2026 shows. For 2025, Gar Wood boats will be our "Marque" class encompassing our two-year deal with our partners. My sincere thanks to our sponsors and volunteers who continue to ensure the Lake Tahoe *Concours d'Elegance* Lake Tahoe is ranked as the premier boat show in North America. This is no small feat, the annual two-day show costs nearly half a million dollars to host. Your TYCF Board of Directors, Liquid Blue, and Obexer's, remains diligent in patron experience while returning funds to non-profit organizations in need.

The Tahoe Yacht Club Foundation remains the charitable arm of your beloved Yacht Club, and where possible, and in synergy, we support the centennial celebration of TYC. 100 years is a tremendous milestone, everyone should be proud and bring their best as we enter 2025. As generations change direction, it is imperative that we pay tribute to our historic watercraft, both plastic and wood.

Expect 2025 *Concours* push notifications beginning 2Q 2025. During this time, we will present opportunities for sponsors, volunteers, boat entries, and ancillary events. In the meantime, feel free to directly contact me with boat show suggestions – [arnoross01@gmail.com](mailto:arnoross01@gmail.com).

Wishing you and yours and joyous holiday season!

*Ross A. Arno*

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