

# Niagara Sailing Club

3619 East River Road  
Grand Island, NY 14072

January 2020



## The Jib



*From Commodore Eric Pecoraro*



Happy New Year 2020

I would like to start off the year by stating how proud I am to represent the Niagara Sailing Club in the capacity of Commodore. We are all blessed to have a great board of directors and I am happy to announce that we are passionate and working hard to bring you a wonderful year on the water.

My first priority is to get the 2020 calendar of events published in a timely manner. I would love to hear from any member that would like to volunteer a little bit of their time to help with a social event at the club. Social events at the Niagara Sailing Club promote comradery through laughter and fun. Please take the time to participate in an event! If you have any questions on how to run an event at the club, please don't hesitate to call a board member. You will be amazed at how easy a social event is to run and the outcome is priceless. On a side note: social events generate financial support for our club and directly fund projects that keep our club running smoothly.

As the Commodore my duties include, but are not limited to:

- Schedule and preside over monthly board meetings
- General membership meetings – please come to the meetings as they are not only informative, but we have a wonderful time socially.
- NSC membership cards – We will sign and handout membership cards upon receipt that a member is in good standing. The cards will be handed out at a General membership meeting which will be announced in the JIB.
- Ensure the JIB is published monthly

### 2019 OFFICERS

**Commodore:**

Eric Pecoraro

**Vice Commodore:**

Levin Labin

**Rear Commodore:**

Jack Dally

**Fleet Captain:**

Judy Tucker

**Secretary:**

John Black

**Treasurer:**

Pattie Frentzel

### 2019 Board of Directors

PC Tony Albano

Judy Tucker

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Newlywed Game Party

Saturday Feb 8th

#### BOD Meeting

Monday Feb 10th  
7pm

#### Chocolate Party

Saturday Feb 15th

#### Chili Cook Off

Saturday Feb 29th

***Cont. From Commodore Eric Pecoraro***

- Name and award the “Club Service Award”
- Commodore’s Ball – This event is the social event of the year for our club and as for the NSC we do it like no other! We have reserved the 2020 Commodore’s Ball at River Oaks on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

I will request that you notify a flag officer for any type of wrongdoing, someone is hurt, or if something is in disrepair. We will be posting our contact information at the door of the club in the very near future. I would like very much to hear directly from you when it comes to the operations of our club. If you see something good, great or bad – let me know. I want to address any situation in a timely fashion with the best interest to all membership. My phone number will be posted at the club or you can email me at [pecoraromickey@aol.com](mailto:pecoraromickey@aol.com).

Looking forward to a wonderful year!



***From Vice Commodore Eric Pecoraro***

Good day everyone,

First, I want to thank PCPC Ziey for his years of service through the chairs as well as a congratulations to Eric as he begins his year as our Commodore.

Housekeeping items that I have as a priority this coming year will be the reorganization of the downstairs areas such as the men's shower room, lockers used by the club, office, tool and party storage areas. Please, if you have any items that are not secured in your locker, come get these items prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>. At that point I will be in the process of "cleaning out". Currently we have over 50 life jackets in the downstairs areas which most have been donated. We will not be keeping 90% of these. If you think you may have one in the mix, please come get it asap. We are not accepting any more PFD donations.

I will be looking for a few people to help with this process. If you are interested, please contact me to set up times to work.

Upstairs areas will include the kitchen and back bar area. The kitchen will be reorganized and streamlined as best as possible eliminating excess clutter and restocking/replacing some equipment so we can be more functional. The back-bar area will get reorganized and will have some hard copies of club documents to be more accessible like party sheets, club procedures for functions and special events, to name a few.

Thank you to PC Tony Albano, as he will continue to be our bar manager. There will be some updating of the products. I am asking the membership to email me with items they would like to see added to our bar. We constantly get requests for particular items. Some are doable, some are not. We will consider all requests but will not be able to accommodate every request. We must be mindful that we are not purchasing product that will end up sitting on the shelves untouched.

The spaghetti dinner to support the Junior Sailing Program is scheduled for March 7 at Sandy Beach Yacht Club and the tickets will be in soon. There will be two seatings, one at 5:45pm and one at 7pm. We are looking for donations for the raffles and for volunteers for that night. It is at SBYC this year as they have a bigger dining area. Takeout will be available. A flyer will be sent out for this event.

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***From Rear Commodore Jack Dally***

Well, the ground is hardly frozen yet and we are already planning for getting the club grounds ready for the 2020 season. I am looking forward to working with all of the members this year in my capacity as Rear Commodore. I will be looking at securing support for the maintenance of the grounds, parking lots, docks/waterfront and pool, so please reach out to me if you are invested in helping out in any of those areas.

One area I will be focusing on early in the year will be staying on top of the health of the new parking lot surface. If anyone notices any low-spots or pot-holes... please bring them to my attention ASAP.

I hope everyone has had a chance to get their fill of holiday events and family and are ready to start enjoying the new decade!

Happy New Year all.



## ***From Fleet Captain Judy Tucker***



Happy New Year everyone!

I will be serving as your Fleet Captain this year and I know I am stepping into some big and extremely knowledgeable shoes. I want to thank all of those who have recently acted as Fleet Captain in the past. I will heavily rely on your knowledge and skills and I will do everything in my power to make you proud. I'd like to thank those of you who have already offered to assist me in my new Fleet Captain duties! (Chuck III, Steve, Ray, Tony, Jack and Dana...)

The Fleet Captain is responsible for all mooring and docking assignments – both in-water and ashore. This includes all storage lockers, trailers and the installation, removal, maintenance and storage of all jet ski floats. The Fleet Captain is responsible for race and safety equipment and making sure the club is ready to host the PC Chuck Meyer Jr., Memorial Junior Sailing Program the week of July 6<sup>th</sup>. Among these responsibilities is a goal of mine to get a comprehensive inventory of the boats and trailers in the back forty as well as a full inventory of the lockers in the basement. I will work closely with the Rear Commodore who is responsible for the operation of the club property and maintenance of docks and grounds outside of the clubhouse.

For those of you who will be mooring your vessel in the NSC basin this summer, attached is a newly updated Dock & Locker Assignment Request Form that I need you to complete and return to me by the end of January. Yellow indicates required fields that must be completed. This form needs to be submitted now but you have until May 1<sup>st</sup> to pay your mooring fees. Prior to placing your boat in the water, you must submit proof of insurance on your boat/jet ski AND trailer (should you anticipate storing your trailer at the club for the summer) directly to me. **This is a kind and gentle reminder that no one is authorized to put their boat in the basin without payment of NSC membership dues, mooring fees or without submitting proof of insurance.**

We hope to have a lot of fun on the water this year! With the newly established Upper Niagara Sailing Association (UNSA), a group of dedicated sailors from other clubs, we will continue the club's mission of promoting sailing and boating on the Niagara River.

I want to thank outgoing Commodore, Ziey Cownie, for his tutelage during my first year back on the Board of Directors. It was a great year. Congratulations to our current Commodore, Eric Pecoraro, on your election and I wish you an extremely successful year as Commodore of the Niagara Sailing Club!





## NIAGARA SAILING CLUB

### EVENT DATES 2020

<b>January</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Induction ceremony 1/4</li> <li>• BOD meeting 1/13</li> </ul>	<b>July</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Sailing 7/6-7/10</li> <li>• BOD meeting 7/13</li> </ul>
<b>February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newlywed game 2/8</li> <li>• BOD meeting 2/10</li> <li>• Chocolate Party 2/15</li> <li>• Chili cook off 2/29</li> </ul>	<b>August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tube Float 8/1</li> <li>• Scavenger Hunt - TBD</li> <li>• BOD meeting 8/10</li> <li>• Chicken and Rib 8/22</li> </ul>
<b>March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Patrick's Day Party 3/14</li> <li>• BOD meeting 3/9</li> <li>• NSC Trap Shooting event 3/20</li> <li>• Soup Fest 3/28</li> </ul>	<b>September</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commodores Ball 9/12</li> <li>• BOD meeting 9/14</li> <li>• GMM 9/25</li> <li>• Closing Party 9/26</li> </ul>
<b>April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOD meeting 4/13</li> <li>• Opening Work Party 4/25</li> <li>• GMM 4/24</li> </ul>	<b>October</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOD meeting 10/12 (Columbus day)</li> <li>• Halloween Party 10/30</li> </ul>
<b>May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kentucky Derby 5/2</li> <li>• BOD meeting 5/11</li> <li>• Memorial Day / Flag Raising Ceremony 5/25</li> </ul>	<b>November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOD meeting 11/9</li> <li>• BOD dinner 11/13</li> <li>• Buffalo Bills Game Party 11/22</li> <li>• World's Smallest Disco 11/28</li> </ul>
<b>June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full moon Party 6/5</li> <li>• BOD meeting 6/8</li> <li>• Father's Day cookout 6/21</li> </ul>	<b>December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December 12 - Christmas Party</li> </ul>



## **NSC Chili Cook Off!**

Bring a crock pot of chili  
or be a Judge



Saturday, February 29, 2020  
3:00 PM

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Do you have a prize-winning chili?  
Bring a crock pot of your best chili (and all accoutrements) and see if your peers think so too!  
Or, simply Judge!

**Three Prizes to be Awarded:**  
**Traditional Chili (Meat and Traditional Chili spice)**  
**Vegetarian/Vegan Chili**  
**Offbeat Chili**

Name your chili on a 3x5 card -- Use a descriptive and fun name!  
Identify which class your chili is entering  
-- Blind judging - do not put your name on the card! --

\$5pp at the door (this is a club fundraiser)

You will receive 3 tickets for voting -- must vote one in each class.  
If not bringing chili, please bring a dish to pass to compliment the chili --  
bread, butter, corn or beer breads!  
NSC will supply sampling bowls and spoons.

RSVP: to [niagarasailingclub@gmail.com](mailto:niagarasailingclub@gmail.com)  
Hosts: Jean Greinert &  
Fleet Captain Judy Tucker

**IMPORTANT: While we will never turn away latecomers, please RSVP early if you are bringing a chili so that we can set up tables and accommodate all crock pots with power.**

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### Sightings from the Crows Nest:



**PC PC Ziey Cownie receives the Blue Gavel flag again!**



**2020 Presentation of Officer Flags**

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### ***From the Treasurer Pattie Frentzel***

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