

Niagara Sailing Club

3619 East River Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

February 2020



The Jib



From Commodore Eric Pecoraro



We are moving steady with a strong wind in our sails. February's calendar is full of events that will help those winter blues go away. Please come and enjoy the events that our fellow members have put together for all our enjoyment.

We have completed the Niagara Sailing Club calendar for 2020. This is a dynamic document that will be continually edited by the Vice Commodore (VC) and updated on the website google calendar. We will make every effort to inform the membership of our events by sending out an announcement and posting on Facebook.

The webpage for the Niagara Sailing Club has been given a makeover thanks to PC Cownie and FC Judy Tucker.

I would like to recognize the following members for their going above and beyond in the month of January:

- Laure Manuszewski for getting out the important announcements to the membership and for putting together the inner club booklets that represent the Niagara Sailing club (NSC) at the annual inner club meeting.
- VC Kevin Labin, Past Commodore (PC) Ray Dan Jumbo, PC Steve Webb, PC Ziey Cownie, and PC Tony Albano for their continued efforts in the organizing and maintenance of the club. There is still clean-up going on in the basement, regular maintenance being accomplished and updates to our clubs WiFi.
- Mary Cooke for taking the initiative to repair the Commodore's Flag.
- Fleet Captain Judy Tucker for going above and beyond the call of duty in the organization and attention to detail concerning boat storage and our moorings.

2019 OFFICERS

Commodore:

Eric Pecoraro

Vice Commodore:

Levin Labin

Rear Commodore:

Jack Dally

Fleet Captain:

Judy Tucker

Secretary:

John Black

Treasurer:

Pattie Frentzel

2020 Board of Directors

PC Tony Albano

PC Ziey Cownie

Eric Dotterbock

John Black

Lisa LaTrovato

Dennis Phillips

PC Randy Markarian

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chili Cook Off

Saturday Feb 29th

3pm

BOD Meeting

Monday Mar 9th

7pm

Clubhouse Cleaning Work Party

Saturday Mar 15th

9am to noon

St. Pats Party

Saturday Mar. 14th

Soup Fest Party

Saturday Mar. 28th

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Cont. From Commodore Eric Pecoraro

- Treasurer Pattie Frentzel for all the hours that she has put into the financial wellbeing of the NSC. The Treasurer's attention to detail is second to none.
- Lastly but is not to be looked upon as no small feat, extra special thanks to those members hosting events:
 - >Thank you PC Ziey Cownie and Cindy, Tim and Mary Courtney, Karen Soldwisch and Bob Ingersoll for hosting the Chocolate Party
 - >Fleet Captain Judy Tucker and Jean Greinert for hosting the Chili Cook Off

I recognize these people for many reasons, but most importantly, every member needs to know how much these fellow members do for us. Every time I walk around the club, inside and out, I realize someone had to clean, fix a light switch, and make sure the members have a wonderful experience. I challenge every one of the members to take the time to do something for your club.

This month I will be working with the Board of Directors to put in place a budget for the year. This will include operating costs, savings, future planning, and general improvements. My goal is to ensure that we maintain and adhere to a comprehensive budget that will ensure the success of the NSC for years to follow.

I will remind all members to notify a flag officer for any type of wrongdoing, if someone gets hurt, or if something is in disrepair.

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.

Spring is right around the corner!



From Vice Commodore Kevin Labin**IN HOUSE UPDATE:**

Thank you to everyone who showed up for the last Clubhouse cleaning party.

We accomplished quite a bit that day, the kitchen cupboards and drawers were cleaned and organized, dusting of the ceiling and fans in the dining room, windows washed (inside only) sliding door tracks cleaned out, back bar room organized, and much more.

Downstairs we will continue to purge old life jackets and organize lockers that are being used without a rental agreement in place with the Fleet Captain. If there is anything you feel you might have left unsecured, please come and get it as it will not be around much longer. We have excessive amounts of personal items that are cluttering many areas. We want to make good and better use of the limited space we have.

March 15 will be the next scheduled Clubhouse cleaning party. 9 am – 12pm

Documents: For your convenience I will be putting in the back bar area a few binders with club documents. These are available online in the website, but a hard copy will be there for you as well. This will include the Officers Manual, Constitution, By Laws in one binder and Membership applications, House and ground rules, Club Event Report, Expense Reimbursement, Private Club use Agreement in another.

Also, there will be in the back bar area a list of tasks that need to be done. More info to follow on that.

RENTALS:

Please contact me with your request for booking a specific date.

Small Groups:

Small groups can be put on the calendar without a rental fee for under 20 people, however, you do not have exclusive rights to the club during that time frame you are there. Club members may be present and utilizing the facility.

REMINDER: When hosting a small group or private party, ONLY a Club Member or significant other is allowed behind the bar. Guests should not be behind the bar, if you do not have a club member to tend the bar please contact me to schedule someone.

Also please remind all guests to sign in.

WIFI update: 2 antennas were mounted outside that will enhance your streaming pleasure. This will be a stronger signal inside the club house and will extend to the lawn and into the pool area.

From Rear Commodore Jack Dally

Hang in there everyone... the Groundhog may or may not know when the last snow will fall... but we know it's going to be an earlier spring than last year!! No ice in the lake spells warmer waters sooner, no doubt our hearty water skiers will want their boats in early.

We are busy planning for the activities to come this spring and summer, and will be looking for many volunteers to help with a wide range of projects and maintenance, so please plan to be an active participant at the club this year and you will be rewarded with a great deal of friendship, appreciation and a good feeling in your heart!

So far, the parking lot is holding up well with multiple plowings across its surface... please let me know if you see any issues developing, as we will want to stay on top of it!

We will be looking to put our garbage collection service out to bid in the coming weeks, so if you have any good experiences with a commercial service, and you would recommend them to the club, please let me know.

I will be forming committees in the near future to help lead the activities around several key areas:

- Pool maintenance/operation
- Gardens and landscaping
- Dock repairs (we have some significant damage from this winter's storms)
- Exterior building maintenance

If you are interested in helping me coordinate any of these areas (or just being part of the team this year), please reach out to me!!

I have been traveling for work quite a bit since the beginning of the year, so I've missed seeing many of you at recent functions. I hope that by Mid-March I'll be home for a while and can get back into participating in all the fun around the club. Hang in there all... spring will be here soon!!

Fair Winds, Calm Seas.



From Fleet Captain Judy Tucker



Help spread the word! NSC has 4 mooring opportunities available (membership required) for power boats on our downstream dock. With mooring and the cost of club membership combined approximately \$675, this is an incredible opportunity for potential new members with boats.

With the assistance of Steve Webb and Ray Dan Jumbo, I inventoried the NSC property of all boats, jet skis, empty trailers and other various and sundry items stored in our property. We now have a comprehensive list of all items. We are storing 64 boats and jet skis at present. This count does not include the trailers that these vessels are residing on. Many of the boats are member-owned and used seasonally. The vast majority are not, though, nor have these items been maintained in any way for years. In the end, these unused items become a nuisance, a waste of resources, a liability and an expense to the club.

If you know of anyone who is no longer a club member and who has a boat on our property, please give that person a heads up, or email me at jtucker0211@gmail.com so that I can reach out. We, of course, will give that former member a window of opportunity to remove their boat off club property before we assume ownership and determine what to do with it.

As soon as the ground clears a bit, we will inventory-tag all club-owned or abandoned boats and trailers. Those items that we identify as club-owned, or abandoned, that are no longer sea-worthy or just plain junk, will be tagged by an orange tag and identified as "Trash". We will try and get these to-be-junked items in one area of the back-forty during the summer and we will decide what we will do with those items. We might just organize a chain saw demo party. Watch for a party flyer!

Needless to say, please keep me (or future Fleet Captains) fully informed of any boats or other items coming or going from club property.

Pattie and I inventoried winter storage and have since sent out invoices to club members who are currently storing their boats in the back forty. Your prompt payment of those storage fees will be appreciated.

We also have lockers available in the club basement if any club member would like to rent one for storage of life jackets, tubes, pool toys, etc. Just let me know. Locker Rentals are \$25 or \$35 (larger wooden lockers) for the year.

I appreciate all club basin users who returned the Summer 2020 Dock/Locker Request Form to me. If you have not returned this form to me, and plan on mooring your boat/jet ski in our basin, please take a minute to do that soon.

Thanks!

From Bar Manager PC Tony Albano

The Bar is a major benefit available to all NSC club members and generates a substantial amount of money for the club. Not many clubs allow members to use the bar without a bartender on duty. The accuracy and honesty of all members using the bar is essential to helping the club stay profitable. In the past few months the club has not collected the proper amount of money for the quantity of what has been re-stocked. Some specific problems have been identified. The dollar amount for premium beer is not consistently being marked on chits. Hayburners are \$4.00 and the All Day IPAs are \$3.00. Also, for some reason the Labatts Blue stock is not matching the chits and cash that is being collected. It is imperative that all NSC club members accurately account and pay for what they take and follow the club rules when using the bar. When you use the club for small gatherings or meetings, please purchase all beverages including sodas from the NSC bar. Bringing your own drinks and coolers to the club is discouraged. The cost of our drinks at NSC is generally lower than any other place in the Buffalo area.

Please support NSC! Use the bar and use it honestly and accurately.

Thanks

From PC Ziey Cownie

Hello 2020 NSC Members!

We have a few new things going on at the Club that I would like you to be aware of. First, after many, many complaints about the WiFi service and connection difficulties, I replaced the wireless router with a “new” one. It is much more reliable and seems to work well so far. The new name (SSID) is “NSC-WiFi “ and the new password is [REDACTED]

This is a temporary solution until I can coordinate with Brian Atkinson to complete the full installation of the upgraded system that has 2 outdoor antennas, one mounted on each the East and South sides of the building. Once this is done, there should be much better wireless coverage that will include the pool and side yard areas.

Also, I wanted to make the formal announcement that the new NSC website is now up and running and waiting for you to see! Please visit www.niagarasailingclub.com to check it out and give us your feedback, criticism and ideas on how to improve anything that you see. There will obviously be a lot of tweaking to do over the next several weeks and maybe months, so anything you suggest is greatly appreciated! Judy Tucker and I will be taking charge of the maintenance, upkeep and management of the new site and we will be adding, deleting and modifying content as needed.

There is a Member Login Section and the Password to that is the same as the old site: [REDACTED] In there you will have access to all of the club documents including the Constitution, By-Laws, Club Rental Agreement, Reimbursement Form just to mention a few.

Inside the Members Login section, you will also notice a Members Directory button. The password to access Member contact information in a .pdf form is

[REDACTED] We wanted to give that information an addition layer of security because it is everyone’s personal contact information. If you find that there is any incorrect or outdated information for you, let me know and I will update it. I sent out tons of emails over the past year about this, but it may not have reached everyone.

There is a Photo Gallery that is still a work in progress. We have tons of albums from the old website, but we wanted to keep the size down, so we probably will only have the last year or two of photos in there to view. Because there could potentially be some sensitive pictures of parties that is also password protected with

[REDACTED]
Please look at it, let us know what you think and I am looking forward to being your Past Commodore for the second time! Together, we can keep the Niagara Sailing Club 2020 great!

-PCx2 Ziey

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
Hosts: Jean Greinert &
Fleet Captain Judy Tucker

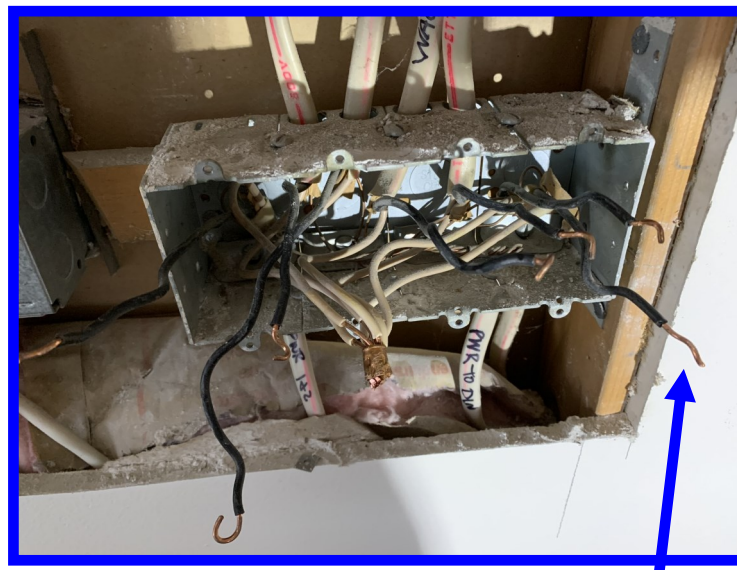
IMPORTANT: While we will never turn away latecomers, please RSVP early if you are bringing a chili so that we can set up tables and accommodate all crock pots with power.

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Sightings from the Crows Nest:



Strange glow coming from under the front of the bar ???



WOW a new decorative light has been installed for the bar!!! To turn it on just touch the two black wires together. LOL just kidding !! The switch to turn it on is located behind the bar.



From the Treasurer Pattie Frentzel

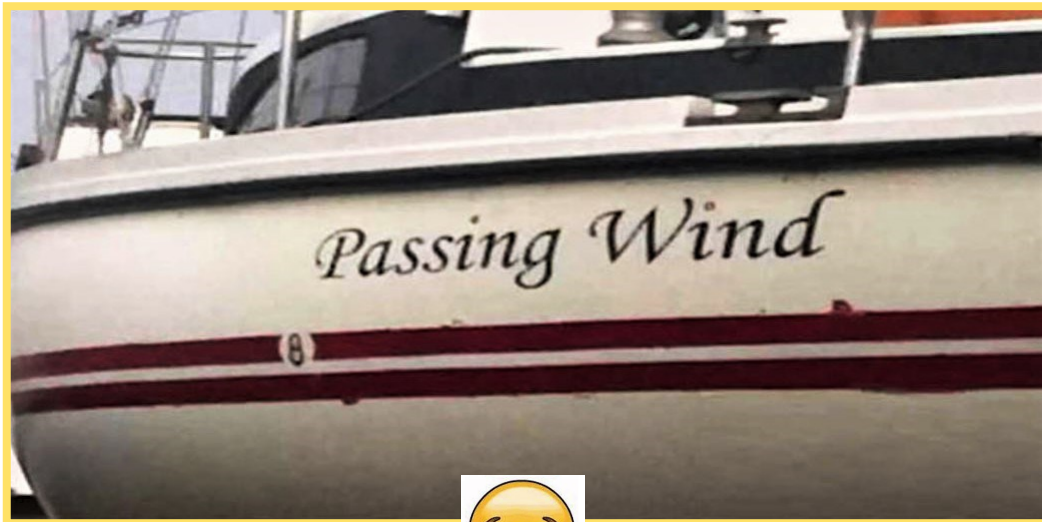
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