

Niagara Sailing Club

3619 East River Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

May 2021

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From Commodore Kevin Labin



It may go without saying it has been a whirlwind over the last few weeks. I have several updates as to the direction of the rebuild, but first I want to thank the Officers and BOD for the countless hours that have been put in to get the building demolition done and prepare for the next stage in the rebuilding process. Thank

you to the membership for being patient and putting your trust into the BOD to navigate through this process. We are faced with many challenges and obstacles and we are diligently working on meeting our goal.

As part of the rebuilding process, it is my responsibility to appoint members for a committee as written in the constitution.

The Building Project Committee appointees are: Pat Soos, PC Scott Henderson, PC Eric Pecoraro, Mike Wiedl and PC Ray Dan Jumbo.

"Mission Statement"
Club Rebuild Committee

The Niagara Sailing Club, established in 1934 suffered a devastating fire that destroyed our clubhouse. We plan to rebuild on our existing location by May 31, 2022. We aspire to quickly rebuild to provide our members and our community a beautiful setting for activities such as the Junior Sailing Program and Club activities for decades to come.

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Commodore:

Kevin Labin

Vice Commodore:

Jack Dally

Rear Commodore:

Judy Tucker

Fleet Captain:

Lisa LaTrovato

Secretary:

John Black

Treasurer:

Pattie Frentzel

2020 Board of Directors

PC Tony Albano

PC Ziey Cownie

Eric Dotterbock

John Black

Lisa LaTrovato

Pattie Frentzel

Tim Courtney

Nick DiMatteo

UPCOMING EVENTS

Opening Day Work Party—to schedule

Kentucky Derby Party

**Saturday May 1st
5-9pm**

**BOD Meeting
Monday May 10th
7pm**

Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ

**Friday May 14th
4-7pm**

**Memorial Day Flag Raising Ceremony
Monday May 31st**

Continued—From Commodore Kevin Labin

Your input is key in giving direction to the committee. You should have already received the emailed “survey monkey”. PLEASE take the time to complete this to give us your feedback. There will be several opportunities for everyone to help. Before we have a grand opening of the new clubhouse, we will need the involvement of all members. No rebuild task is unimportant. We are currently working on several key tasks to get the property functional for the summer which include: electric, water, suitable restroom accommodations with hand washing station, structure to house a bar, dock repairs, mooring buoys and hardware, to name a few.

We have rescheduled the General Membership Meeting to Thursday, May 6th at the Inner Harbor Yacht Club in Tonawanda.



From Vice Commodore Jack Dally

We are actively underway with getting things set up to support club activities this coming season and doing our best to assure we can support as many “normal events” and typical activities at or associated with the club. As mentioned at our General Membership Meeting, we will try to keep most of our scheduled club events on the Calendar but watch carefully for updates to dates and locations. Some events may be held at one of the many local clubs who have generously offered their facilities.

That said, the Kentucky Derby party scheduled for Saturday May 1st WILL take place but will be hosted at the Sandy Beach Yacht Club (SBYC). Due to covid related capacity restrictions we will need to have reservations for this event in advance so we can assure we do not go over our allowed capacity limit. Please reach out to Ziey Cownie (ziey481@gmail.com) ASAP if you are interested in attending the event.

Please watch your email for updates on the club calendar and other club events as things are changing quickly. The calendar can be accessed via the niagarasailingclub.com website or the following link:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?src=niagarasailingclub@gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York&pli=1

We are also in the process of getting the club property ready for use for the season by getting power and water service re-established on the grounds. This is a requirement so we can operate the pool and support events in the coming months.

As we move into these unprecedented times for our club, we are all being challenged with many new issues to deal with as well as new perspectives of what the club is to us and what it will be in the future.

We are a club of members, and we all have responsibilities as members to contribute to the club as a condition of membership and to abide by the constitution and bylaws of the club. We should all feel we have a chance to have our voices heard and be able to contribute to the success of the club. To help facilitate and organize all of the input and contributions of the membership, we are utilizing our Constitution and Bylaw requirements.

Continued - From Vice Commodore

Rest assured your Officers and Board of Directors are working very hard to meet the obligations the membership has entrusted to us and help assure we leverage all of our abilities to rise to the occasion to support us in this very challenging time.

As our Constitution and Bylaws dictate, the Officers have the responsibility to manage the many operational and committee activities which allow our club to run with order and fiscal responsibility. Per our responsibilities the board of directors and officers are meeting more frequently than ever. We are establishing official committees which will report to the Commodore and Board of Directors. Please know that we value everyone's input and desires to contribute. Hopefully, we understand that all of us have some ideas and are as we want to contribute to but not everything can fit into our plans. Your help in certain areas may not be needed at this moment but we will need all your help at some point in time. Please be patient and understanding with your Officers, Board Members and Committee members, as we are all working as hard as we can for the overall best interests of the club.

Please keep informed by reading all of the communications which come from our club emails and watch for your opportunity to help along the way!

If you have ANY event you want to host or help with this year, please reach out to me your Vice Commodore and work with me to get it on the calendar. The best way we can all help each other during this challenging time is to help with assuring we all keep one another in the loop on activities and events. Even though I do not have a clubhouse to manage at this moment, I remain responsible to coordinate all the activities. Please keep me posted and reach out to me if you would like to help for any event.

Here is to brighter days ahead!

Phone Jack Dally at (650) 274-5170

From Rear Commadore Judy Tucker

We had a great turn out at the post-demo clean-up party. At one point I counted 30 attendees. You can check out the pictures of attendees on our Facebook page. Thank you to all who attended... or wished they could attend!

We put up new fencing around the clubhouse foundation, cleared, swept and vacuumed the fire debris and soot from the pool area, began to dismantle what is left of the chimney and bricks, built a fire pit, graded the lawn as much as manually possible, put the decorative boat back in place after the water main was dug out, and cleaned up round the flagpole and by the boat ramps. Thanks to Chuck Meyer for offering to get the boat ramps ready for this upcoming season.

Our immediate focus will be on the pool and getting pool parts and supplies. We are hopeful to have a fully functional pool this summer for the enjoyment of our membership. A standard portolet, an extra large portolet (with room for changing in/out of bathing suits) and a hand washing station will be arriving in May. We hope to have an electrical power feed and running water back up and operational very soon.

The lawn will be tended to as soon as we get past any potential frosts. A few yards of dirt and rapid grow grass seed will be laid down in the next week to 10 days. Once the grass has had the opportunity to take hold, we can get a tent up and picnic tables in place.

The work party originally scheduled for 4/24 will soon be rescheduled to another weekend.

Here is to a great summer at the pool!



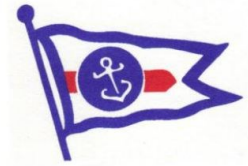
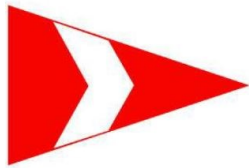
From Fleet Captain Lisa LaTrovato

The days are getting longer and the weather is ticking upward. Boating season is around the corner! Thank you to everyone who has submitted their dock forms. Many still owe me proof of insurance and I will be following up with those folks shortly.

I am also helping to coordinate fundraising efforts for our rebuild. Please share out our Go Fund Me Page to your social networks: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/NSC-rebuild-fund> We have received such wonderful support from our local sailing community and fellow clubs in financial support and knowledge. We are truly blessed to live in Western New York. We will be having a message sent out to all clubs across the country thanks to Steve Tisak from the LaSalle Yacht Club and the Blue Gavel this week telling our story and asking for support.

Thank you to all of those who have stepped forward to volunteer their time to help lead club events that will help support the club for years to come.





The Niagara Sailing Club Presents

147th Kentucky Derby Run for the Roses hosted by our gracious friends at

Sandy Beach Yacht Club!

1851 Winter Rd, Grand Island, NY 14072

Due to the COVID Capacity Restrictions (100 max), this is an RSVP event!!

Only people that have RSVP'd are guaranteed entry into the Clubhouse!!

RSVP to ziey481@gmail.com

Experience the fastest two minutes in sports at the SBYC!

Saturday, May 1st, 5:00 – 9:00; Post Time 7:01pm

\$5.00 per person PLUS bring a dish/dessert to pass

CASH BAR ONLY so bring money \$\$\$\$

Mint Juleps Drink Special

Prize for best bonnet for the women

Fun race game for prizes, (NO experience or horse racing knowledge required!)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For collecting money at door, selling drink tickets and clean up PLEASE!!!



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NSC Chicken Dinner by Chiavetta's

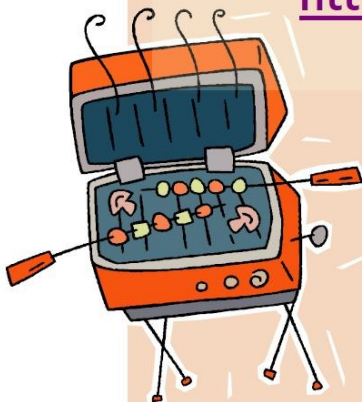
A Niagara Sailing Club Event!

**Friday, May 14th
4-7 pm**

or until sold out.

**\$14 Advanced Ticket Purchase
is Recommended:**

<https://givebutter.com/lxdHCe>



**Pick up at:
The Grand Island Rod & Gun Club
1083 Whitehaven Road
Grand Island, NY 14072**

**Your dinner includes a half chicken, two
sides, roll and delicious dessert!**



The poster features a background image of a sailing club building. In the top left corner is the Niagara Sailing Club logo, which is a circular emblem with a red flag and the text "NIAGARA SAILING CLUB", "FOUNDED 1918", and "GRAND ISLAND, NY". The main title "NIAGARA SAILING CLUB FIRE RELIEF RAFFLE" is in large, bold, white letters. Below the title, a text box states "All proceeds will go directly to the Niagara Sailing Club". On the left, a red cooler is filled with various alcoholic beverages, topped with a red bow. To the right of the cooler, there are three sections: "TICKETS" with a ticket icon and "\$10 per ticket", "PRIZES" with a medal icon and a description of prizes, and "DRAWING" with a calendar icon and the date "June 20th". At the bottom left, a note says "* Not actual prize picture". At the bottom, there is a section for "DIRECT DONATIONS" with a website link.

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FOUNDED 1918
GRAND ISLAND, NY

NIAGARA SAILING CLUB FIRE RELIEF RAFFLE

All proceeds will go directly to the Niagara Sailing Club

* Not actual prize picture

Tickets will be sold individually by club members.

TICKETS
\$10 per ticket

PRIZES
Tickets enter you to win a wheelbarrow or cooler full of booze, and other prizes

DRAWING
Winner will be chosen June 20th at the NSC

DIRECT DONATIONS
To donate directly please visit givebutter.com/d8uvTC



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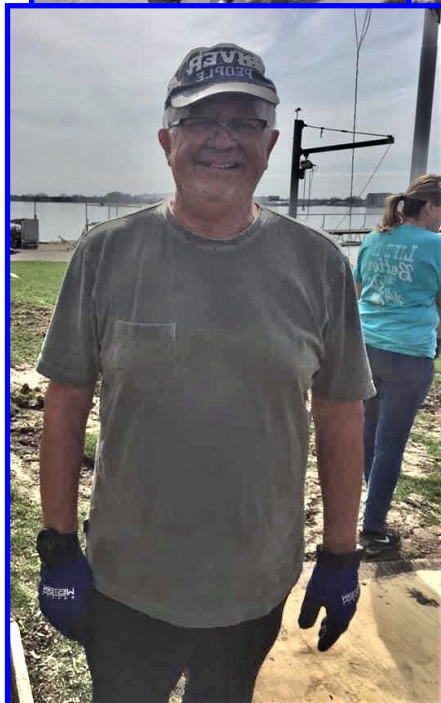
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Lando Calrissian

Star Wars character



From the Treasurer Pattie Frentzel

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