

Niagara Sailing Club

3619 East River Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

February/March 2021

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From Commodore Kevin Labin

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOD Meeting
Monday March 8th
7pm

Chili Cookoff
Saturday April 3rd

**General Membership
Meeting**
Friday April 23rd
6pm

**Opening Day Work
Party**
Saturday April 24th



We are just about over the “hump” of winter. As we prepare for spring, we want to keep in mind the safety of the membership and our guests. It has been a discussion of the board this past year about the downstream cement portion of the docks as to how structurally sound they are. We have reached

out to an independent engineer for a structural assessment of that section and it indicates that the sections of the lower docks are compromised. Currently we are soliciting quotes for repairs and/ replacement at this time. Buffalo Marine and Tim Sander are the companies we are working with for these quotes. There are a few options as to what we can do for a short-term fix as well as long term. We will have more info as these quotes come in and we sort through what is going to make the most sense for the club moving forward. There are a few more details on the assessment in the rear commodores report to follow.

COVID - We are running at 50% capacity and bar open until 11 pm, please contact Jack for your rental needs. We are hopeful that we will continue to expand what we are allowed to do as time moves on and be back to as close to normal by summertime.

2020 OFFICERS

Commodore:

Kevin Labin

Vice Commodore:

Jack Dally

Rear Commodore:

Judy Tucker

Fleet Captain:

Lisa LaTrovato

Secretary:

John Black

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Pattie Frentzel

2020 Board of Directors

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Continued—From Commodore Kevin Labin

We had a significant decrease in rental income last year due to COVID, as it stands now, we are heading in the right direction as restrictions are slowly being lifted. I encourage the membership to utilize this great facility we have for your entertaining needs. Feel free to extent this to your friends and circle of contacts as a non-member rental. Just a reminder if you are sponsoring a non-member you will need to be present at that function. If you cannot please reach out to Jack so he can assist in making sure we have a club member present. 523 -8770 Klabin26@gmail.com



From Vice Commodore Jack Dally

Winter is in full swing and so is the planning for this summer!

We may have many unknowns facing us, but this is not stopping us from setting up "Plans" for our year ahead and crossing our fingers that the Covid related restrictions will allow us to follow through on our plans (at least in some measure).

With that said, I have added our current "Plans" onto the Club Calendar (please go check it out). We are looking for members to sign-up and volunteer to help run/support these events. If you have an interest in helping out with a Party/Event, please reach out to me and we will get you signed up on something you'll enjoy and help make more fun for others!

We are operating under all current Covid related social distancing and capacity guidelines, but at this point in time it does allow us to host events (at half capacity) and rent out the clubhouse for private events. Please reach out to me if you have any interest in renting the club for a private event!

Look for announcements for some educational events being hosted at the club this winter. Some of the ideas in the works are:

- Boater Safety Classes (by Coast Guard Aux and other official entity)
- Basic Sailing Theory
- Gun Safety
- CPR Training

If you or someone you know would like to organize one of these or you have another one you would like to add to the list, please reach out to me.

Here is to a productive winter and an early spring

Cheers!



From Rear Commadore Judy Tucker

My first newsletter as Rear Commodore, more affectionately referred (at NSC anyway) as Rear "Commodorable"! I am excited to see what the year will bring.

We did a serious clearing out and organizing of the back-forty last year. If you get a chance, take a gander back there.

I am looking forward to learning many more things at NSC this year and putting my organizational skills to work on the grounds and docks. My first order of business is to re-evaluate our waste management contract and send it out to bid. I'd like to include a recycling component, but I am being told it is cost prohibitive. (I don't know about you, but I cringe a bit each time I throw a plastic fork or spoon, cup, water bottle or plastic (or glass) wine bottle into the regular trash.

A concerning item is the concrete portion of the downstream dock. The dock is nearing 50 years old. Safety of our club members and visitors is of utmost importance to the Club Officers and Board of Directors and with that in mind, in December, we had a professional engineer evaluate the downstream dock. The engineer concluded that overall condition of the dock suggests it is time to consider replacement of the dock and if that was not possible, offered various repair options. The Board is in the process of obtaining bids for this work. Due to the age and condition of the concrete part of the dock and its pilings, the Board is considering full replacement of the concrete part. We will have more information on this by the March board meeting.

If anyone has an interest in being on the grounds committee, please reach out to me. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Stay warm and healthy!

From Fleet Captain Lisa LaTrovato

I know it may not feel like warm weather will ever get here, but we are under-way working on dock assignments for the 2021 Season. Over the past few weeks, I have reached out to all of those who have had a slip in the past. We have a great deal of interest in any open slips that may become available so if you think you may not be mooring at NSC this season let me know.

Please complete your forms and send them back to me quickly as possible. Forms can be e-mailed to tcblisa@gmail.com.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions. Looking forward to another great season on the water!





2021 Niagara Sailing Club Events Calendar

January 9	NSC Office Induction Ceremony
February 7 th	Super Bowl Party
February 12 th	Chocolate Party
February	Board of Directors Dinner
March 14 th	St. Patrick's Day Party
April 3 rd	Chili Cook Off
April 23 rd	General Membership Meeting
April 24 th	Opening Day Work Party
May 1 st	Kentucky Derby Party
May 16 th	Soup Fest
May 31 st	Memorial Day Picnic Lunch and Flag Raising
June 19 th	Summer Solstice – Camp out/Bonfire
June 20 th	Sausage Party (Father's Day)
July 4 th	4 th of July Fireworks
July 5 th -9 th	Jr. Sailing Week
July 13-15 th	Racing Program Days
July 17 th	Chicken & Rib Fest
August 5 th	Scotch, Steak & Cigar Dinner
August	Boating Scavenger Hunt
August	Tube Float
August	Silent Disco
September 4-5 th	Labor Day Weekend
September 10 th	NSC Commodore's Ball
October 1 st	GMM/Happy Hour/Elections
October 2 nd	Closing Day Work Party
October 23 rd	Trunk or Treat
October 30 th	Halloween Party
November 13 th	Board of Directors Dinner
December 18 th	Annual Christmas Party



Sightings from the Crows Nest:

January 2021 Officer Installation Induction Ceremony



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Sightings from the Crows Nest:

PC Jim Holler

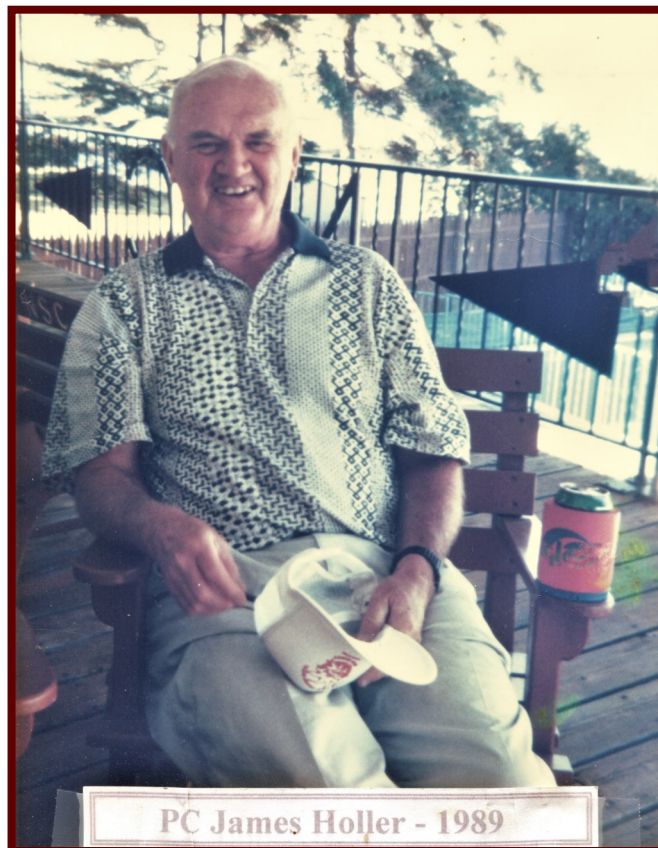
Holler, James A., January 17, 2021, of Tonawanda, Husband of the late Jean M. (nee Dickinson) Holler. Father of Daniel (Nicole) Holler, Diane (Hank) Kamens, Douglas (Suzanne) Holler, Doreen (James) LaFleur, Dana (Marci) Holler, Denise (Michael) Albano and the late David (survived by wife Barbara) Holler. Also survived by 12 grandchildren, 3 Great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

**The boating community has lost a great boater,
friend and mentor.**

Great Quote from Jim

“Work Hard, Play Hard and Always have something to look forward to. Stay Safe and Enjoy Life!”

Thanks Jim



PC James Holler - 1989

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From the Treasurer Pattie Frentzel

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