

Niagara Sailing Club

3619 East River Road
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September 2019



The Jib



From Commodore PC Ziey Cownie



I hope everyone has had a great summer and even though September is upon us, I for one am hoping for some more nice weather coming up.

The pool has never been used more this year than I can remember! The “pool guys” seem to love the new robot pool vacuum, the water is crystal clear and the bottom is free of all debris! Thanks to the hard work of everyone, but particularly Mike Merletti for his daily trips to the pool on his bike to test and add chemicals when needed. Awesome job!

The Annual Tube Float was a smashing success and the biggest one ever! With the exception of a few people that didn't want to get wet on a tube float (I know, right??), everyone had such a fun time during and after. We had a nice picnic barbeque at the Club afterwards. Thank to everyone that chipped in to help and brought sides to pass.

The Scavenger Hunt was also a great day with a tremendous turnout! We had a total of 8 boats and about 50 participants! Congratulation to boat Dickinson, boat DeMatteo and boat Dally for their top 3 finishes! If I heard correctly, Brian Atkinson volunteered to gather clues for next year's event. We don't want any controversy surrounding the Scavenger Hunt and having someone else do the clues is a great way to mix it up and keep it fresh!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**NSC Commodores
Ball**

Sat Sept 7th

BOD Meeting

Mon Sept 9th 7pm

**General Membership
Meeting/BOD Elect**

and

HAPPY HOUR

Fri Sept 27th 6pm

**Closing Day Work
Party/BOD Elect**

Sat Sept 28th 9am

From Commodore Ziey Cownie

I arranged to have the parking lot rolled again as well as the “back 40” to try to get rid of the ruts that were there from trying to get boats out during the muddy spring that we had. Hopefully that will help next spring but we will need to have the boats stored differently to avoid that mess from happening again. I am definitely one of the guilty parties that contributed to the ruts back there as the mud is still on the bottom of my truck!

You all should have received your invitations to my Commodore’s Banquet for Saturday, September 7th at the Radisson on Grand Island. Please RSVP as soon as possible and I would love to see each and every one of you there. It would really mean a lot to me! I have booked Joyride with DeeAnn Tompkins and the horn section. Seriously, I appreciate everyone that has helped me this year and it would be great to celebrate this year with all of you.



From Vice Commodore Eric Pecoraro

Fellow members,

The Commodore's Ball is on September 7th. I would encourage all members to attend this wonderful event celebrating Commodore Cownie's devotion to the Niagara Sailing Club. Under his leadership so much has been done to improve our club. Please make a sincere effort to attend to show your appreciation for how much he has done for all of us.

Upcoming events;

We have a general members meeting scheduled for September 27th and the closing work party is scheduled for September 28th.

We will be having a chowder party on November 17th.

If you have any suggestions and/or if you would like to rent the clubhouse, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

I can be reached at pecoraromickey@aol.com



From Fleet Captain Jack Dally



The summer boating season is about to wind down but the club is still crank'n with on-the-water activity. We are getting ready for some fall sailing as NSC hosts this year's "Frost-Bite series". Watch for more information in the near future.

Tri-Club Regatta Update:

August 3rd and 4th NSC hosted the "Tri-Club Regatta" race for the "Bucket" trophy. This was a focus of the UNSA organization to resurrect a long-standing tradition of having a race between NSC, SBYC and LYC (ala "Tri-Club). A fun party was held on Saturday Aug 3rd during which the 3 Clubs were assigned the boats they would race on. NSC drew Club Boat One, SBYC "Into The Mystic" and LYC Lazarus. It was a fun race! Everyone had a chance, but the Bucket was ultimately won by the Lassalle Yacht Club on Lazarus skippered by Fritz Duzel. Congratulations to LYC!! NSC is ready to win the bucket back NEXT year!! Thanks go out to Mike Weidl (a past NSC member) for heading the Race Committee for the regatta. Thank you to all the participating clubs, and the NSC members who came out to enjoy the festivities and cheer on the crews.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES:

We are still getting boats out on Sundays to race on the Niagara. Typically, the races start at 1pm on Sundays with a skippers meeting at the NSC flag pole at noon. If you are interested, please reach out to Ray Dan Jumbo, Chuck Meyer, or myself.

As mentioned above, we will be racing sailboats this fall in the "Frost-bite" series from the NSC basin. The schedule will be posted soon but in general it will be on Sunday mornings starting in late October and running through the end of December. More details to come. Again, please reach out to me if you are interested in participating.

REMINDER:

A reminder about the STRONG CURRENT in the river this year! The water level is still higher and the current stronger than ever! Please be aware that in the club basin you will get dragged down to the lower dock much quicker than any season before! Also, the ramp by the hoist is slipperier than ever... BE CAREFUL!

See you all at the Commodores Ball!

Calm Seas and Fair Winds,

Sightings from the Crows Nest:



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Sightings from the Crows Nest:

A **hearty congratulations** and kudos to Fritz Dusel, Mike Zimmerman and John Taggart for making like lightning and leading the Tri-Club Shark race!!! Coming home to a fast and beautiful finish, it was an incredible race. The crew was on 'Lazarus', one of the three Sharks in the race. It was a thing of beauty...unless you were on the other boats I would imagine.

Fritz won the Bucket 40 years ago during the last Bucket race back in 1979 for NSC. He has also won the Bucket for Sandy Beach Yacht Club. This year marks the triumvirate victory as he brought it home to LaSalle. Fittingly, his crew yesterday consisted of a member (or former and future

member) from each club: Fritz: LaSalle, Mike Zimmerman: NSC, and John Taggart: SBYC. Very cool.

Coming in 2nd place was Rick Hensel, Charlie Oberscheimer, and Anderson on Meyer's Shark, 'Into the Mystic'. Bringing the race to conclusion was Ray Dan-Jumbo, Chuck Meyer and Kevin Labin on Club Boat One, or CS1, affectionately.

Thanks to Jack Dally for being our emcee and strategist for the weekend. Also, to Kathryn Erickson and Eva Erickson for heading up the chase boat, from which we had excellent seats watching the action up close, and big thanks to Mike Weidle and Larry Hensel for heading up Race Committee! Thank you to **everyone** who helped make this weekend such a fun success. Next year it will be LaSalle's turn to host the Tri-Club Bucket Race festivities.

On another note, I'd like to get an all-class Bridge-to-Bridge race on the calendar for an upcoming Sunday.

Thanks, everyone!
Rollin' on the river,
Your Mary



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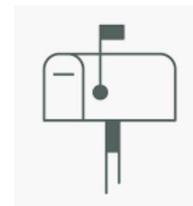
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Organize and mow the back woods boat/trailer storage area
Fix doors on outside Sail Storage Room
Clean, repair and store metal chairs
Organize basement tool room
Clean, repair, paint outdoor picnic tables
Pressure wash pool deck trex boards and stain
Clean area around outside utility sink – repair sink legs
Scrape and re-paint lower level of clubhouse facing river
Sort life jackets in basement – dispose of old and dirty life jackets
Properly store all wake boards and water skis in basement – all water skis and wake boards must have members name marked on them or they will be removed from the basement
Clean and organize white supply cabinet in basement – post list on door showing all inventoried items
Clean and organize basement
Clean and organize cabinets and shelves in kitchen
Clean (2) kitchen refrigerators – dispose of old food items
Clean and organize cabinet under women’s restroom sink
Replace missing commodore pictures on wall
Clean porch awning with biodegradable soap (boat soap or similar)
Downstream dock - replace warped and rotted walkway boards
Downstream dock - install support section that has a crack across the width
Cut up scrap wood and other debris and put in dumpster for disposal
Cut down 2 diseased ash trees and cut and clear various other small trees back property
Remove dead tree in front of clubhouse
Repair and stain fence on property line North of Clubhouse
Host a happy hour or party :)

If you have any questions on how to help please contact a BOD person.
NSC is a member run club. PLEASE do your part and help.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO WHO EVER PAINTED THE MAILBOX POLE!!





From the Treasurer Pattie Frentzel

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