

Niagara Sailing Club

3619 East River Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

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The Jib



From Commodore PC Ziey Cownie



Happy 2019 to all of the membership, Board of Directors and Officers of the Niagara Sailing Club! As we start this new year, I, as your Commodore, (again!) would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous upcoming year in 2019!

I would like to thank my two new Flag Officers, Rear Commodore Kevin Labin and new Board member, Fleet Captain Jack Dally for stepping up and taking on these roles for the upcoming season. I know how difficult it is to commit to the challenges of going through the chairs, but I can assure you all I am very confident that we have an amazing crew that will take control and fulfill their duties with dedication and enthusiasm! I would also like to welcome newly elected Board member, Judy Tucker. Knowing Judy for as long as I have and have worked with her on the Board in the past, I guarantee you she will be an invaluable addition to the Board of Directors for the next 3 years and hopefully beyond. I would also like to thank the two members who have retired after many years of service on the Board, Lori Soos and PC Chuck Meyer III. We always strive to have diversity, fresh faces and new ideas on our Board and both of them brought this to the table. Chuck and his family have a long history with the NSC and we all know how important the Club, sailing and especially the Jr Sailing program was to Chuck's dad, PC Chuck Meyer Jr.. Chuck III has played an instrumental role volunteering to be our Fleet Captain for several consecutive years and is an important part in the Jr Sailing program every year. I know his dad is proud of everything he has done for this club and I thank him for his dedicated service.

There are a couple of pet peeve projects that I am going to be taking on this year for my own personal gratification. First, I want to get our NSC roster up-to-date with all members' current email addresses, home addresses and phone numbers so that we can be assured that we can keep every member and their significant other(s) included on all correspondences, events and parties that will be coming up this year. Once I get that put together with what I have, I will send out a mass email to all of the members with the information so that you will be able to review and update anything. You can email any updates back to me individually with any changes you want done.

2019 OFFICERS

Commodore:

PC John (Ziey) Cownie

Vice Commodore:

Eric Pecoraro

Rear Commodore:

Kevin Labin

Fleet Captain:

Jack Dally

Secretary:

John Black

Treasurer:

Pattie Frentzel

2019 Board of Directors

PC Tony Albano

Judy Tucker

PC Dana Holler

John Black

PC Scott Henderson

Dennis Phillips

PC Randy Markarian

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chili Cook Off
Saturday Feb. 9th
1pm

BOD Meeting
Monday Feb. 11th
7pm

From Commodore Ziey Cownie

I will do a final draft and then make up some paperback roster booklets for every member to have and refer to. Secondly, I am also going to completely revamp the 50/50 Split Club list and I will take sole ownership of it from here on out - forever! Since I am in charge of issuing and deactivating the key FOBs, it only makes sense. The way I am going to do it is the people that have been Active Members the longest, will have the lowest number, like a badge of honor. That number will be your official NSC member number forever. When that person resigns, or passes away, that number will be retired and never used again. I had done this way many years ago, but somehow it was all redone alphabetically and it has been rather neglected for some time now. There are always people, rightfully so, that don't think they have a number in the pot, so I am going to be sure that every member and their significant other has one and it will always be updated as members come and go. I am also going to revive the BOD Teams. What this means is each Board member will get a group of about 5 Active Members that they will be responsible for staying in touch with in this upcoming year. PC John Dickinson incorporated this many years ago and it really helped members stay connected as to what was going on at our club. I hope that this will give a more personal connection between the Board and the members, especially the newer ones and encourage them to come to more events and get the "warm and fuzzy" feeling about being a member here. We want everyone to feel welcome and comfortable coming to functions and getting to know each and every member better.

Lastly, I want to let everyone know that the club will be running a meat raffle on Saturday, May 18th. This will be a big fundraiser for the club and the goal is to get about 300+ people to attend and participate! We will also need about 20-30 people to help out being runners, selling tickets, etc. PLEASE save the date (it's on the NSC Calendar online) and try to get a table of 8 to commit. If we get it right, we could make several thousand dollars for the club. More details will come in the next couple of months, but I wanted to get it out there now. I am going to put this out to the other clubs as well, so hopefully we can get a huge turnout. Please let me know if you are willing to help out in any way.

I am super excited to be your Commodore this year and am looking forward to a GREAT 2019 season!



From Vice Commodore Eric Pecoraro



As the Vice Commodore I will be ensuring the clubhouse is maintained and club rentals managed. I will also spearhead a few projects around the club as I believe it is all our responsibility to always improve upon the facilities and grounds of the Sailing Club.

The NSC board recently purchased banquet style chairs for the club. The next step is the removal and upgrade of the interior carpeting of the clubhouse. If you would like to assist and/or would like to take on a project, please bring it to the boards attention.

A few projects on the table that we will be looking at this year will include the following;

- Exterior sail storage room doors
- New swings for the swing set
- Pool equipment (hose, vacuum, nets and filters)
- Staining the deck around the club
- Replacing the fence by the road

If you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

I can be reached at pecoraromickey@aol.com

I hope to see you soon.



From Rear Commodore Kevin Labin



2019 looks like its going to be a great year. I am excited to take on this new roll and be able to aid in moving the club forward as we the flag officers and the BOD have many new initiatives we will be working towards accomplishing. Thanks to Eric Pecoraro who has been “pool committed” for the past few years coordinating the pool efforts and working with the permits. This was a huge undertaking with the help of several officers, board members and from the general membership we are in great shape going into the spring. Time

for him to focus on his new duties and let us continue with the maintenance and care of the pool.

Things that will be at the top of the list of projects for me to accomplish (in no particular order):

- Stain deck – This is a carryover from last year’s goals

- Finish cleaning up the play area - making it safe and functional for the kiddos

- Replace front fence by street

- Make a plan for the future of the parking lot – fill in ruts and maintain and/or have it paved.

- Clean up the grounds from the upstream dock to the street

- Pool related items

- Board boat ramps – attend to any repairs and maintenance

Opening Day work party will be April 27 breakfast and coffee will be available, please mark your calendars for this day. List of opening day projects will be posted by the beginning of April.

Jr sailing update: We will be **hosting a Spaghetti dinner on Friday, March 22,** 2019. Proceeds will be going to the maintenance and repairs of the fleet that are necessary to ensure a safe sailing experience. Tickets will be available from me, fingers crossed by Feb 1. I am looking for donations for anyone and everyone for auction. I currently have 15 items that vary from gift certificates and baskets to Buffalo Bandits Tickets and Booze. I will be grateful for every donation we can acquire and we will also need volunteers that night to help with the following – bartending, selling raffle tickets, busser, expeditor, and managing people as they come in. Seating will be limited and there will be 2, possibly 3 seatings, on a first come first serve basis. Tables can be reserved for an extra donation; these details will be set and clarified when the tickets are ready for sale.



From Fleet Captain Jack Dally



Happy New Year everyone!

It is my pleasure to retrace my path through the office's chairs at NSC. I started as Fleet Captain back in 1982, but a business transfer sent me West the year I was to be Commodore. The complement of our fleet is a bit different today and I am very excited to serve all of our members and their boating adventures.

For any member intending to have a boat at the club this season, please get me your "NSC Dock/Locker Assignment Request Form" along with proof of insurance for your motorized vessel ASAP.

There will be an electronic version of the request form attached to this mailing of the jib, but feel free to contact me directly if you need a copy. We have several lockers (wood and metal) available, as well as a couple "in the water" slips and a JetSki float still available, so get your requests in as quickly as possible if you want to nab one (or two).

We will be doing some clean-up in the basement in the next few weeks for un-rented lockers, loose pool floats, towables, lifejackets, skis, etc. Anything not in your rented locker will be treated as "club property" and will be appropriated or disposed of. Please pull your personal stuff out of the club or get it into your locker by the end of February so we can get our house in order and get ready for an active season ahead.

The upcoming season will have many boating/water activities sponsored by the club and I am hopeful we can get as many of you involved in the fun and adventures as possible. Along these lines, we will also be having some "preseason" education seminars focused on sailing and water safety as well as promoting the activities at some of our neighbor clubs boating activities.

Over the fall (catalyzed by conversations at SBYC's Haul-Out regatta) a new organization was formed to promote sailing on our beautiful Niagara River. Mary Meyer took the lead at organizing the group currently called UNSA - Upper Niagara Sailing Association. This organization will be focused on promoting sailing activities and sailing education. The group consists of individuals eager to help fix up sailboats so there are more available to get folks out on the water this season and "racing"!! If you are interested in participating, the next meeting of UNSA will be held at NSC on 1/28 @6:30pm. Look for more details to come!

The Jr. Sailing program will be in full operation this year as well. Jr. Sailing week will be held the first week after 4th of July (July 8th to July 12th). Kevin Labin, along with support from UNSA, will be running a Spaghetti dinner Fund Raiser on March 22nd to raise funds to help maintain the fleet. The money raised will be used to fix up the board boats used in the Jr. Sailing, get our Sharks in shape for some real racing during Jr. Sailing and additional sailing activities through the season. Please plan on enjoying Spaghetti for dinner on 3/22 and telling ALL of your friends to get some too!

I am looking forward to a very active and fun boating season ahead!!

jack@transitions2.com



From The Treasure Pattie Frentzel

Congratulations to all new Officers, Board of Directors and Ziey for his command of the Club as the Commodore this year....and thanks to everyone for keeping up on their CHITS!

Good news, the invoices for the 2019 Membership Dues, Storage, Docks and Lockers are out! You'll also notice that any 2018 unpaid CHITS are included on the invoices.

You'll be able to pay your invoice very easily by going the Niagara Sailing Club's website and hit the **PayPal** button...but checks work too!

niagarasailingclub.com

If you have any questions, please contact me through the Club's payment email:

nscpayments@gmail.com

I'm always available by phone or text at: 716-773-8788



5th NSC Chili Cook Off!

Bring a crock pot of chili
or be a Judge



Saturday, February 9, 2019
1:00 PM

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

Three Class 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 OR
Judy Tucker jtucker0211@gmail.com (716) 471-3772
OR Jean Greinert at jmgraziani@aol.com 773-7465

**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:



Picture of the Month from Judy Tucker with Betty Christensen



NSC Waterfront

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From the Treasurer Pattie Frentzel

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