



NIAGARA SAILING CLUB

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Director	Brian Atkinson
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Director	Mary Rak
Director	Todd Lee
Director	Tanya Beck
Bar Manager	Tony Albano

Upcoming Events

- BOD Meeting - 10/13
- New Member Orientation
9/26 @6PM
- Closing Work Day Party
Saturday, October 18 @9AM
- Chili Cook Off - Sunday,
October 26 @1PM

Commodore Tim Courtney

To all who attended and especially those who helped clean, set up and prepare for the Commodore Ball a very sincere Thank You. If you missed it, ask around. It was ummm. Let's just say Memorable !!!

I'd also like to plug our caterer Shango Bistro (on Main St in Buffalo across from UB). I'm still getting feedback on how fantastic the dinner was.

I won't reiterate the updates our Esteemed VC has included in his report. Suffice to say it's been a great summer at the Club and our pool has been a Godsend with the intense heat we've had. As the Board winds down 2025 and begins to look forward to 2026 I will be pushing hard for upgrades to our 2nd greatest asset (2nd only to our Million Dollar view) - the Pool. Speakers, Bigger and stronger umbrellas, more lounge chairs, new pool chairs AND yes a pool heater. A heater will extend the pool season at both ebds of the summer even if it's not needed in the middle of summer. Todd Lee (corn hole tourney) and PC Pat Soos both ran fantastic events advertised as pool heater fundraisers. And those two events alone get us close to fully funding the heater.

We are also looking for new blood on the Board. Please consider new ideas you have and or how you'd like things a bit differently at NSC. Being on the Board is a way to help accomplish this.

Summer's not over yet so still time to enjoy the pool.
So. Be Good. Do Good. God Bless. And
GO BILLS !!!



Vice Commodore Ziey Cownie PC

We have finally scheduled a date for a member orientation party and that will be on Friday, September 26 th starting at 6:00pm. Food will be supplied and I will have Member handbooks made up for everyone that would like a hard copy. I will send out a flyer with more information this week. Now that Labor Day is over, we were talking about doing something like a “First Friday” type of gatherings/Happy Hours to help everyone to get to know each other and give the newer members an opportunity to ask questions and get to know the dos and don’ts on the NSC, especially if you are unable to attend the orientation party. We would encourage all members to volunteer in hosting one of these, or any other party of your choice. It will help you to get to know others and them you.

Just a few things I would like to make very clear to all of the members.

1 – There are ONLY MEMBERS allowed behind the bar! No non-members and absolutely NO children not even to get snacks! This is extremely important because of our liquor license. If we lose our liquor license, that would be a very detrimental time for our club.

2 – There have been several occasions where people have come to the club after a weekend of activity, or after a private event/party and the clubhouse has not been as clean as it should be. I am going to create a checklist that will be part of the Private Event request form and the host will be responsible for making sure all procedures are followed and completed. It would also be greatly appreciated if you are at the club and notice that the floor needs sweeping, especially around the bar stools, if the tables/bar needs wiping down, if the floor needs a quick mopping, or if the rug needs vacuuming, please help out and take care of it. We do not have a cleaning service, so it is everyone’s responsibility to pitch in. It was suggested at our last Board meeting to form a cleaning committee to take care of other things like washing windows, mirrors, bathrooms, maybe once or twice a month to keep on top of it. Let me know if you would be interested in this.

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Vice Commodore Ziey Cownie PC continued

3 – If you have children that wear diapers, please don't leave dirty diapers in the bathroom garbage cans. At the very least, please dispose of them in the dumpster across the street, or take them home with you. I will get small garbage bags for the bathroom with the changing table. If the dumpster is locked, the combination for the lockbox on the fence next to the dumpster can be found in the coatroom. There is also a key for the dumpster on the whiteboard in the coatroom, but it is extremely important that it is returned immediately after using it.

4 – Lastly, if you are throwing out food, same as the diapers, please don't just toss it into the garbage cans inside the clubhouse, take it out to the dumpster. We don't want it sitting in there for potentially days.

If you are interested in renting the Clubhouse for a private event, text me at 716-343-1978 or email at ziey481@gmail.com.

Visit www.niagarasailingclub.com for more information.



Rear Commodore Keith Conover

As summer winds down - it's great to reflect on the improvements made to the club this season: the new lower stream dock and an upgrade and revamp of the upper stream dock. A huge thank you again to Dana Holler for his over the top efforts on these repairs and to refinishing the property line fence to pool. Dana was given The Member Service Award at the Commodore's Ball for all his hard work and dedication to club improvements.

As the summer season ends, the pool is scheduled to be closed by the end of September. Plans for a pool heater have been approved and tentatively the pool will be opened early May 2026 to have this finished before warm weather starts.

The closing day work party is scheduled for Saturday October 18th about 9 am. Project for the day is to get sailboats organized across street with other fleet boats. The storage garage is going to be cleaned out and a dumpster rented to get rid of unnecessary wood and garbage. We are hoping to be able to clean out other stuff from basement to store in garage to be able to access sails and other equipment etc better downstairs.

Our winter maintenance people have been contacted to plow and shovel for this coming winter.



Fleet Captain Kathryn Erickson

Hello members! As we approach fall time and weather changes, please make sure your boats and jet skis are properly connected and all lines are in good shape. There is plenty of time left for sailing and boating and with fewer boats on the river its a great time of the year. SBYC is hosting their traditional year end Haul Out Regatta on Sept 26-28. Racing and a poker run for motor boaters is on the schedule. Message me if you need more info. Enjoy a few photos from the 2025 Board Boat Regatta.



Treasurer PC Scott Henderson

Please address your chits promptly, as there are some sizeable amounts due. Remember chits need to be paid down quarterly; the club extends you credit toward your bar bill, but it is your responsibility to make timely payments. Anyone who carries a chit amount past September runs the risk of having your chit privileges suspended (as well as cancellation of any pending clubhouse rentals and other club benefits).

Thank you again for your attention to this and Go Bills!

Scott

Don't forget, you can also send payment by PayPal to:
nscpayments@gmail.com or by clicking on the link on the NSC website.

Any PRIVATE PARTY bar amounts you have should be paid separately with a check/PayPal when your party is finished; they do NOT get added to your monthly chit.



From the Chart Room

Per the NSC Constitution, if any current member has comments or objections to the candidates, they should forward those to the board of directors for review and discussion at the next BOD meeting.

New Member Candidates

No new candidates at this time.

New Members

Christopher Fulco

Brian Anken



From the Chart Room

The Plug is getting a **MAKEOVER**

Please send your business card to Karen Moll at KAREN.L.MOLL@GMAIL.COM if you would like your business card to be featured.

Even if your card has been in The Plug in the past, please re-send. Thanks!

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NSC's Chili Cook Off!

*Bring a crock pot of chili
or be a Judge*



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025
1:00 PM (Bills v. Carolina Kick Off)**

RSVP: to niagarasailingclub@gmail.com

Bring a crock pot of your best chili (and all accoutrements) and a ladle!

Or simply Judge!

Three Classes of Chilis to be Awarded:

**Traditional Chili (Meat and Traditional Chili spice)
Vegetarian/Meatless Chili
Offbeat Chili**

You will receive a 3x5 card for your chili's name

Identify which class your chili is entering

\$5 per person at the door (unless you are entering a chili, in which case, no entry fee)
CASH BAR

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, etc.
NSC will supply sampling bowls and spoons.

If you are bringing a chili, please RSVP! to niagarasailingclub@gmail.com

IMPORTANT: please RSVP early if you are bringing a chili so that we can set up tables and accommodate all crock pots with power.

**CONTACT JUDY TUCKER (JTUCKER0211@GMAIL.COM) IF YOU WISH TO ASSIST
WITH GUEST CHECK-IN/SET UP/TEAR DOWN/BARTENDING/CO-HOSTING AS
PART OF YOUR ANNUAL WORK/EVENT HOSTING COMMITMENT.**

Soon
'tis the season

TO BE JOLLY

SAVE THE DATE

Toys for Tots

Family Christmas Party and Toy Collection

Details coming soon...

Date: Saturday, December 6 @1:00 PM



SANDY BEACH



YACHT CLUB

END OF SUMMER *Haul Out Weekend*



**FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2025**

FRIDAY

SAUSAGE SIZZLE PARTY AND
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT WITH LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

SATURDAY

2 SAILING RACES
ENDLESS SUMMER CHILI COOK OFF PARTY
WITH LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

SUNDAY

1 SAILING RACE
BUFFALO BILLS GAME COOKOUT AND SAILING AWARDS
BREAKFAST BOTH MORNINGS, BONFIRE BOTH NIGHTS

FOR MORE INFO TEXT EYRICA WARD 716-472-7016 OR VISIT [FACEBOOK.COM/SBYCHAULOUT](https://www.facebook.com/sbychaulout)

SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB ANNUAL END OF SUMMER SEPTEMBER 26-28 *Haul Out*



OPEN TO SBYC MEMBERS, FAMILY, AND GUESTS AS WELL AS ALL PARTICIPATING YACHT CLUBS

Sausage Sizzle AND CORNHOLE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

4PM BAR OPENS & SIGN UP
4:30PM TOURNAMENT RULES MEETING
4:45PM HAND START FOR TOURNAMENT
6:30PM DINNER - SAUSAGE, PEPPERS & ONIONS, SIDE, SALAD, ROLLS & DESSERT
7:30PM LIVE MUSIC BY BEN PREACH

18 TEAMS LIMIT. NO SINGLES.
SINGLE ELIMINATION. BEST OF 3.
30 MINUTE MAX EACH ROUND.

\$15 DINNER
\$5 KIDS DINNER
\$20 PER TEAM CORNHOLE ENTRY

ENTRY WILL GO TO PRIZE MONEY AND PRIZES TO 1ST AND 2ND WINNERS.

SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP FOR DINNER

SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP FOR TOURNAMENT

Gold and Dezik
DONORS OF PRIZE MONEY

\$250 PRIZE MONEY DONATED BY GOLD AND DEZIK

CHILI COOK OFF

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

\$15
\$5 CHILD

4PM - BAR OPENS
6:30PM DINNER - CHILI AND TOPPINGS, CORNBREAD MUFFINS AND DESSERT
7:30PM - 10:30PM LIVE MUSIC
2 FREE MEAL TICKETS FOR EVERY CHILI ENTRY

LIVE MUSIC BY BEN PREACH
SCAN QR CODE ABOVE TO RSVP

SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB

Gameday Cookout

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

WATCH THE BUFFALO BILLS TAKE ON THE NEW ORLEANS SAINTS THROUGH OUT THE CLUB AT 12 PM

\$5 PER PERSON

11:30AM - BAR OPENS
LUNCH INCLUDES HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS, CHIPS & WEEKEND LEFTOVERS

SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP

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SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB ANNUAL
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

POKER RUN

\$5 CASH ENTRY PER PERSON

SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP FOR THE CHILI COOK OFF

CAN GO AS FAST OR AS SLOW AS YOU WANT
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY OR ALL YOUR FRIENDS OR BOTH
ALL VEHICLES ARE WELCOME
HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL WEEKEND
OPENED TO ALL YACHT CLUBS
STARTS AND ENDS AT 8PM
\$5 HAND LIME

\$5 HAMBURGER OR HOT DOG AND CHIPS TO START
\$15 CHILI COOK OFF AFTER
WITH LIVE MUSIC @ 6PM
SIGNUP MEETING AND LUNCH @ 12
START TIME @ 1:30
ALL HANDS MUST BE PRESENTED
BY 4PM TO DETERMINE WINNER
BRACELETS AVAILABLE SATURDAY
BEFORE MEETING

STAY AFTER FOR THE \$15 CHILI COOK OFF WITH LIVE MUSIC

Breakfast

\$5 EACH DAY PER PERSON

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

BAGELS, DONUTS, BANANAS
COFFEE AND JUICE

SANDY BEACH YACHT CLUB

Haul Out REGATTA

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2025

Come participate in the last regatta of the season before you Haul Out!

FRIDAY REGISTRATION STARTS THE EVENT WITH A SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT PARTY WITH LIVE MUSIC AND CASH BAR

SATURDAY NIGHT ENDLESS SUMMER CHILI COOK OFF PARTY WITH CASH BAR AND LIVE MUSIC

SUNDAY AWARDS FOLLOWING THE RACE WITH COOKOUT AND COMPLIMENTARY BEER & CASH BAR WHILE ENJOYING THE BUFFALO BILLS FOOTBALL GAME ON OUR TV'S

TWO RACES SATURDAY ONE RACE SUNDAY
BREAKFAST BOTH MORNINGS & BONFIRES BOTH NIGHTS

\$30 BOAT ENTRY FOR REGATTA
PLEASE TEXT EYRICA WARD 716-472-7016 TO REGISTER

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