



# NIAGARA SAILING CLUB

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### Upcoming Events

- BOD Meeting - 11/10
- Halloween Party 11/1 - 7PM
- Qigong class - 11/3 - 7PM
- 1st Friday Happy Hour - 11/7 5PM
- Gobbler Gallop 11/27 - 9AM



## Commodore Tim Courtney

It looks like fall has finally arrived. We completed some good work at the Work Party last weekend. We moved the boats to the back lot and pulled the boat ramps out of the water. We also did a major clearing out of the Back Garage. This will allow us to move storage items out of the basement. A Big Thank you to those who came out to help.

As a reminder, All members are required to put in a minimum of 8 hours work each year or you will be assessed a \$100 fee. We still have much to do, including running electricity to the LightHouse and the upper dock. You don't need to be an electrician. We need folks to do some digging and help fish wire. Additionally we will be moving all the china to the lower level to allow for installation of our second oven. Please be on the lookout for a call for workers as we are going to try and complete this before the end of the year.

We also have some fall events coming up so look for info on these as well.

Lastly, each year we hold Gobbler Walk on Thanksgiving morning. This event is tied to us as a Club giving back to our Community. This year besides helping the Food Pantry, we will identify a local family in need. Once we find our family we will advertise specific needs for each family member. In addition, we will have a barrel in the clubhouse to collect food items. Please please help us out with this very worthwhile cause.

Happy Fall Everyone!



## Vice Commodore Ziey Cownie PC

Well, 2025 is winding down and the activity around the clubhouse and grounds has really slowed down, but we hope to still have fun things planned in the next weeks and months.

As per VC Partick Soos's suggestion, I have put "First Friday" Happy Hours on the calendar for every month up until June 2026 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 were 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.

We had a really good turnout for the Member Orientation on September 26th and I feel that there was a lot of good information shared with everyone. For those of you that could not make it, we will plan on having more of these in the future and more often. I printed out some member handbooks for those that attended and if you are interested in an electronic copy, email me and I will send one out to you.

We had a very productive Closing work Day on October 18th and had a pretty good turnout. Of course, there are always the core group of dedicated members that show up to work hard to get the grounds and waterfront ready for the winter and it was nice to see some different faces there. We thank everyone who showed up and did a lot of heavy lifting.

This year we had a record number of Private Club rentals of 43! There are a few more on the calendar for 2025, and we are projecting that will bring in more than \$25,000 of revenue this year which is amazing!

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

Visit [www.niagarasailingclub.com](http://www.niagarasailingclub.com) for more information.



## Rear Commodore Keith Conover

Fall is upon us. Thank you for those that made the time to come and participate in the Closing Work party. The pool has been covered and closed for the winter. Next spring we can look forward to a pool heater to extend the season. The grounds are in good shape and ready for the change of seasons.

Enjoy and Go Bills!



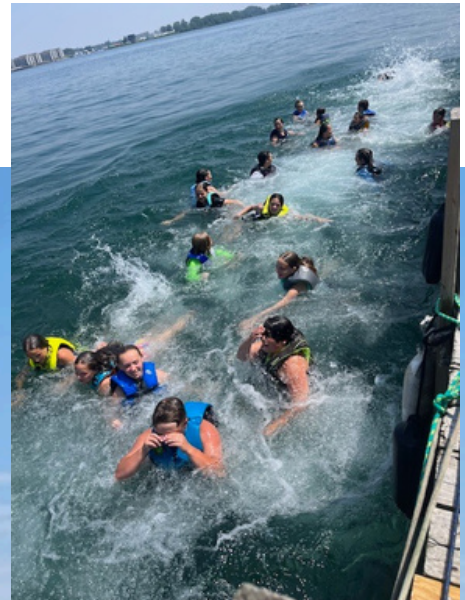


## Fleet Captain Kathryn Erickson

Greetings from the Fleet Deck. Reminder that storing your boat/jetski or trailer in the back lot requires you have that request filled out on your mooring application. Please let me know if anything has changed regarding your plans for winter storage.

The NSC has been the lucky recipients of a few new (to us) boats for our sailing program thanks to generous donors. Two lasers that are in excellent shape have been added to the fleet.

Junior Sailing is scheduled for next year on July 6-10. Registration will be open in February next year on our website. A few photos for inspiration from our 2025 season.



## Treasurer PC Scott Henderson

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

**How to Pay** - the club accepts checks and PayPal (nscpayments@gmail.com), as well as cash - but we are highly discouraging the use of cash for numerous reasons, mainly the inability to "track" it (verification) and the potential for abuse when using it (theft). So, please adhere to the following:

- Checks - either mail to the club (attn: treasurer) or put in an envelope with your name and reason for payment and place in the club safe behind the bar.
- PayPal - send payments to the club (link on our website or email from above); note, there is NO need to email, text or call me when using PayPal, as it sends you and I both a simultaneous notification of payment.
- Cash - this is important...put any cash in an envelope (DO NOT just place loose cash in the safe) CLEARLY marked with your name and payment instructions. Be sure to include how much cash you've included...don't trust that your money will be applied correctly without it!

**Use of Chits** - your club chit is a benefit for all members in good standing; if you are in arrears for any reason (dues, moorings, etc.) your chit privileges, along with club rentals and all other benefits can and will be suspended indefinitely. Please use and pay this way:

- Private Chit - remember to ALWAYS CLEARLY PRINT YOUR NAME AND DATE AT THE TOP and total your chit before leaving...then you can place it in the club safe (no envelope required, unless you are paying it off with cash, then include with instructions). Chits are calculated and distributed monthly; please make an effort to pay-down your chit when you can, and to pay it OFF entirely each quarter.
- Party Chit - if you rent the club, you will be issued a party chit that will be filled out (by you or a designated club bartender only); note that PARTY chits are separate from private chits, and are to be paid promptly at the end of your rental (they do NOT get added to your monthly chit). Payment can be made by check or PayPal (no cash please as these amounts can be large...if you receive cash at your event from participants using the bar, turn around and write us a check or PayPal).

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- Event Chit - this is a chit used by the organizer of a club event (Kentucky Derby, Steak & Cigar, etc.) and is used to expedite and simplify chit use when many members are present. If you have guests at an event and they want to pay separately, I suggest they pay you directly and you put everything on your chit. Otherwise, we've run "tabs" for guests, but it is the responsibility of the member to make sure they pay at the end of the night, or their amount will be added to your chit (we don't want to be chasing people we don't know).

**Using the Bar** - we are licensed by the NYSLA (state liquor authority); I am the authorized ABC officer (Alcohol Beverage Control), and thereby responsible for maintaining proper bar usage by our membership. In the event one or more of the following items are violated, we run the risk of having our license suspended or revoked, which would be a SEVERE impact to the NSC finances and operation. Therefore, please adhere to the following:

- ALL non-members (beyond you and your spouse/SO, including your family members) 21+ years of age MUST sign in upon entering or visiting the club grounds. This includes any friends you may bring to the club for an event, private party or just a casual visit.
- ONLY members (you and your spouse/SO) are allowed behind the bar at any given time, unless it's an outside bartender authorized by the club. Your friends, your adult children, *anyone* outside of the membership is NOT allowed behind the bar (even for pop/water/snacks).
- NO outside beverages, alcoholic or otherwise (including pop and water) are allowed to be brought in, other than an *unopened* bottle of wine, at which time you will pay an \$8 "corking fee" to consume it at the club (noted on your chit). There may be times when you make a beverage request for a private party; please consult with bar manager PC Tony Albano concerning specific requests (don't assume or just bring your own beverages to the club).

I know many of these items may seem somewhat restrictive, but they have been in place for over 90 years of club operation with minimal incidents. That said, any violations will be addressed immediately with the member and then reminded of both NSC policies and NYS law... your cooperation is very, very much appreciated.

Any questions about the above, please feel free to contact Scott Henderson at [nscpayments@gmail.com](mailto:nscpayments@gmail.com)



## 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

The winners of the **Board of Directors election** are Brian Atkinson, Jim Linenfelser, Brett Lombardo and Bryan Semski.

Also, the Board appointed Glenn Lasky and Steve Tisack to fill out the two vacant Board positions.



## From the Chart Room

# The Plug is getting a **MAKEOVER**

Please send your business card to Karen Moll at [KAREN.L.MOLL@GMAIL.COM](mailto: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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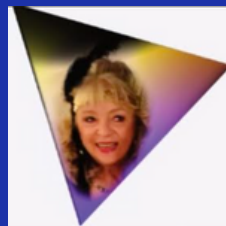
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# Your invited to a Halloween Party!

Saturday Nov. 1st. at 7pm  
at the NSC.

Cash bar, please bring a dish to  
pass. Prize for best costume. RSVP by  
10-29-25 to PC Steve Tisack at  
716-998-7938

# NIAGARA SAILING CLUB FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY & TOY DRIVE

SPREADING JOY, ONE TOY AT A TIME!



SATURDAY, DEC 6

12PM -3PM - 3619 E River

Join us at the club for a family Christmas party

- Crafts
- Face painting
- Karaoke
- Cookie decorating



**Cost:** Bring new unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots

Cash Bar available

**Drop Off & Make a Difference!** A box will be available at the club 11/7---12/7 to drop off new toys for those unable to attend the party!

**RSVP by 12/1 - Call or Text Karen 716-432-4688**

**Sarah - 651-208-1951**

