

# Niagara Sailing Club

3619 East River Road  
Grand Island, NY 14072

May 2023



# The Jib



*From Commodore Judy Tucker*



We held an incredibly important April board meeting and we established and passed an operating budget for the club for this year (first one in YEARS). We also thoroughly reviewed our bylaws and constitution. The by-law changes will be adopted by the board at our May meeting. I will be working with Ziey this week to redline the changes to the constitution. Per our by-laws, constitution changes are recommended to the general membership at the general membership meetings and these changes need to be voted on twice by membership before the changes can go into effect. So, please plan on attending our two GM meetings this year (Spring and Fall), Friday May 12 at 6:30 and Saturday October 14th at 6:30 (unless we plan the October GMM a bit sooner). We are coming back as a responsibly organized and well-run little club! Consider throwing your hat in the ring for a board position to help run the NSC in the future. Now is a great time to consider it. Nothing says you have to go through the "Chairs" of Flag Officers. Every level of board involvement benefits the organization. We vote in new board members at the Fall GMM.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Adult Learn to Sail**  
Thursdays 7pm

**Kentucky Derby Party**  
Saturday, May 6th  
5pm

**BOD Meeting**  
Monday May 8th  
7pm

**Happy Hour / General  
Membership Meeting**  
Friday May 12th  
6:30pm

**Opening Day  
Flag Raising**  
Monday, May 29th  
11am

## OFFICERS

### Commodore:

Judy Tucker

### Vice Commodore:

Pat Soos

### Rear Commodore:

Brian Atkinson

### Fleet Captain:

Mike Wiedl

### Secretary:

Ross Kaiser

### Treasurer:

PC Scott Henderson

## Board of Directors

PC Tony Albano

PC Scott Henderson

PC Jack Dally

Judy Tucker

Pat Soos

Brian Atkinson

Ross Kaiser

Tim Courtney

Nick DiMatteo

Mike Wiedl

Jim Linenfelser

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### ***Continued From Commodore Judy Tucker***

Unfortunately, I won't be at the Kentucky Derby Party because I will be attending the Buffalo Launch Club's Commodore Ball. Speaking of Commodore Balls... Important calendar change! Please note that our own **Commodore Ball has been changed from September 9th to September 16th** and will be held at Ellden's Grill & Banquet in the River Oaks Golf Club (Whitehaven & East River Road). After much discussion, we decided that holding the event at NSC would be very rewarding and gratifying but would require "all hands-on deck" in planning, clubhouse set up (inside and outside), dinner set up, hosting, dancing set up, dishwashing, and next day tear down and cleaning. Simply just too much work for a well-deserved evening that should be pleasant and enjoyable for all of us. Patrick and I will take those people up on the offers we have received for planning the Commodore Ball at NSC so far, and we will likely be reaching out to others for additional assistance as well.

Hats off to members who are really rolling up their sleeves and getting involved. And to those tried-and-true members who we can continually depend upon. And, to my incredible board of directors and Flag Officers! This is going to be a great year for NSC!



***From Vice Commodore Pat Soos***

The Spring and Summer seasons are heating up! We have 10 Private and Club events booked for the month of May alone. Parties are one of the most important revenue streams to the club, so please attend as many events as you can. I have a feeling the June calendar will book fast so please contact me as soon as possible to lock in summer dates. The most accurate calendar is the Google one on our webpage.

Reminder- you cannot reserve the NSC on Saturdays or Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day without Board approval. There have only been two approved for this summer and the going rate for those events is \$800.

The pool is set to open at the end of May, and I just want to remind the members and guests that all beverages (alcohol and sodas) must be purchased from the club bar that are brought poolside or on NSC grounds.

For the boaters we are looking at potentially storing bags of ice in the lower level freezer and charging \$3.00 per bag.

Last note – there is now a Facebook site called “Niagara River Yacht Club Association” that lists activities going on at our reciprocal clubs.

Cheers!

### ***From Rear Commodore Brian Atkinson***



What a busy April, we have lots of projects that are either in progress or have finished up. I want to thank everyone who has joined one of my committees for the grounds, playground and pool. This makes the club work and is a great way to meet members.

The three larger projects, north side terrace steps (phase 1), memorial tree removal and downspout re-direct have been finished. A huge shout out to Jim Linenfelser for coordinating the work that needed to be done on the terrace and tree removal. Steve and Ray did a great job spearheading the drain re-direct, thanks to everyone involved with the work!

We have added two security cameras to the club. One is inside covering the main room, the other is outside under the deck. These cameras are for **security purposes only**, they are not accessible via the internet or local network. The only time the recording will be reviewed is via a request to the BOD. We anticipate adding two more that will cover the parking lot and basin.

The playground/swing set is going to be available this year. We are strengthening the structure and adding an additional slide for stability. Long term we would like to purchase a better set. If you are interested in joining the playground committee and run a fundraiser, please reach out to me.

The pool may be opening prior to Memorial Day, depending on weather. More information will be forthcoming.

Lastly, we need to remove any unclaimed/unused boats and trailers in the back forty. We are going to rent a large dumpster and start chopping up boats that haven't been claimed. Many of these have been abandoned and we need the area cleared up. If you have a boat or anything in the back 40 and you are not paying storage, please reach out to me.

Look forward to seeing everyone on the river soon!



***From Fleet Captain Mike Wiedl***

I want to thank everyone involved in the various work parties including the tree removal and downspout installation. The docks are in and boats should be hitting the water soon. The Club is rapidly being made ready for the summer and looks great! Keep watching the Jib for ways you can help.



**Please contact Jim if you wish to purchase any of the remaining club furniture.**

**Jim Linenfelser 716-984-6011**

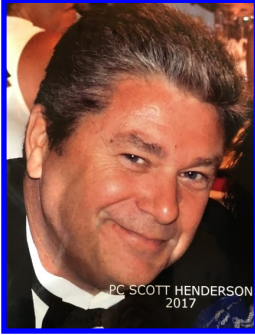
**Dining Tables \$400 ea.**

**Dining Chairs \$75 ea.**

**Pub/Cocktail Table \$250 ea.**



## From the Treasurer PC Scott Henderson



Hi everyone!

As we've had an influx of new members the last year, I thought I'd list the procedures for using/paying your **BAR CHIT** (this should also serve as a friendly reminder to our "seasoned" members ☺)

*When using a Bar Chit, please list the drinks consumed accordingly. At the end of the evening, I encourage you to simply put the chit in the safe behind the bar. There is no need to pay it off that day – you will be sent a monthly Chit List that shows what you owe. In the event you have to use cash (not recommended), you **MUST** put your chit **AND** the cash in an envelope together (provided next to the safe), **AND** write on it who you are, the date and the amount contained...please do NOT randomly put chits and cash separately in the safe (or "fold" your cash inside the chit); you are asking for problems trying to have the two reconciled correctly.*

*When hosting a **Private party**, you will be given a "**Party chit**" which shows all the drink types available for sale. You **MUST** fill this out and submit payment at the end of your event; again, please do not put cash in the safe without an envelope, and do not combine your party chit with additional random single chits from members – the party chit alone is to be used, no individual chits.*

*When hosting a **Club Event**, there will be a "**Master Chit**" sheet with members names listed – similar to the party chit, just mark down which drinks were served. When hosting a club event, it is the responsibility of those hosting to complete an event form along with the master chit list (forms provided by the bar committee).*

I know this all sounds a bit confusing, but it is an honor system that we have successfully used for decades – it works well when followed. Remember, you do NOT need to pay your chit at the end of the day; you will be sent a monthly Chit List that I encourage you to pay by **check or PayPal**. Using cash and cash in envelopes does not work well (you may think it's only a few dollars here and there, but multiply that by 10-50+ members...it's a bit of a nightmare trying to figure things out!).

Finally, your club chit is a privilege of NSC membership; if you do not pay down your chit quarterly, you will **LOSE** this privilege. Also, under no circumstances are **NON-members** allowed to carry a chit; if you invite friends/family to the club, you are encouraged to put their drinks on your own chit, and they can pay you directly (or you can offer to buy their drinks!). If they insist on paying themselves, they can do so directly to the bar, using the register/cashbox, but please do NOT put a chit in the safe with their name on it...I won't know who they are or if/how they paid. Our chit system, although completely manual, does allow for us to properly keep overall inventory of beverages; therefore, it is important that you follow the above rules. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you SO much for your cooperation!

**From the Chart room:**



**There are new candidates for membership in the club. 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**

**New member candidates:**

**James Maloney**

**Sponsors:**

**Brian Atkinson**

**Keith Conover**

**Todd (and Jamie) Lee**

**Sponsors:**

**Dave SanLorenzo**

**Eric Volk**



**From the Chart room:**



**Please welcome the following new  
Niagara Sailing Club members:**



**the Tim and Richelle Shea family**

**not pictured  
Gerard Glose**



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## Sightings from the Crows Nest:



## Tree Stump Removal



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## **Sightings from the Crows Nest:**



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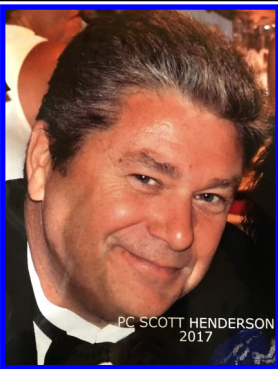


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***From the Treasurer PC Scott Henderson***

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