

Niagara Sailing Club

3619 East River Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

The Jib

October 2013



From Commodore PC Ray Dan-Jumbo

Hello, everyone!

I just want to thank everyone who came out to the Closing Day Work party. We had a great showing and managed to get everything accomplished that we needed to. The awning will come down in the next week or so, when we know it is dry enough to put away.

Thanks to all of you who voted in the board elections. Even though there were only four running for four positions; at least you showed you cared and gave support.

This is the problem we are facing at the moment. We need to have more members involved in the running of the club. For those of you who were not at the General Membership meeting last week, the proposed amendments to the Constitution were reviewed. Unfortunately I was out of town and could not attend, but I sent a letter to the board and proposed that we modify the membership criteria and redefine **active membership** to a **family membership**:

“The membership at the Niagara Sailing Club is to be considered a family membership and as such, either the member or his/her spouse shall have voting rights. This will give each family one vote. This also means that the member or spouse has the right to run for the board and hold an elected office.”

What this does is give us a greater number of people available to run for the board. Give us your thoughts on this suggestion. The next General Membership meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 8th beginning promptly at 6:30pm.

We will be taking down the flag pole in the next few weeks for maintenance and painting; it has been about 10 years since this was last done.

Also, if anyone knows of a company we could use to fix the holes in the pool liner, please let a board member know.

Finally, we will be setting an upcoming Saturday or Sunday aside to clean and organize the basement. Right now it looks like a tornado has gone through it.

Other than that, let's hope we can squeeze a few more boating days in before the boats have to come out!

See you at the Club!

2013 OFFICERS

Commodore:

PC Ray Dan -Jumbo

Vice Commodore:

Adam Masters

Rear Commodore:

PC Tony Albano

Fleet Captain:

Stephen Rodgers

Secretary:

Scott Henderson

Treasurer:

PC Steve Webb

2013 Board of Directors

PC John (Ziey) Cownie

PC Chuck Meyer III

Bryan Kaiser

Greg Pratt

Chris Neuhaus

Dave Wilkinson

UPCOMING

EVENTS

Saturday, October 26

Halloween Party
7:00pm

Saturday, November 2

Chili Cook Off
6:00pm

Friday, November 8

General Membership
Meeting
* PLEASE ATTEND *
6:30pm

Saturday, December 7

Christmas Party
6:00pm

The Entertainment Committee:

Sue Dobmeier
suedobmeier@yahoo.com

Chris and Jill Neuhaus
jilliann78@yahoo.com

Lisa McCarthy
lmcc@roadrunner.com

Bob Richards
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From Rear Commodore PC Tony Albano

Thank you to all that helped on the closing work party. The rain prevented us from completing the full list. We will still need to close the pool, take down the awning, trim trees and disassemble the flag pole. Be on the look out for an additional work party to finish the job.

- - Rear Commodore
PC Tony Albano



From Fleet Captain Steve Rogers

**The sooner we
learn to be jointly
responsible,
the easier
the sailing will be.**

~Ella Maillart

From Treasurer PC Steve Webb

Hello, club members!

Please try and pay up all outstanding chit, membership and fee money by the end of the year, December 31, 2013. That is only 2 months away!

Thanks! everyone

PC Steve Webb, Treasurer

From Fleet Captain Steve Rogers

We had a pretty good turnout at the General Membership Meeting, just over 35 people showed up for the reading of the changes in the constitution. Most of the changes were minor, and just a matter of keeping up with the times. Monetary obligations such as dues, bar chits, and rentals were discussed in length and some of the suggestions brought up by the membership will be discussed at the next General Membership Meeting which is scheduled for Friday, November 8. Your attendance is strongly encouraged for the final vote on the new constitution. In summary, changes/suggestions were:

1. That each family have one vote, but that both the member and the spouse can run for elected office.
2. Upon the death of a member, the spouse can, at their choosing, become a full member, with all the rights associated with full membership by agreeing to pay the dues and all other financial obligations they acquire.
3. The proper procedure for the application for a new member will be inserted in the constitution.
4. Delinquency regarding financial responsibilities will be addressed, simply stating that all financial obligations' be paid monthly, at minimum quarterly, and all financial obligations are to be paid by the end of the fiscal year 12/31.

That pretty much sums up the discussions and the changes to the constitution. Please remember that to pass these changes, only present members are able to cast a vote, and 75% of them will be required to pass the new changes.

From The Chartroom ...**New Members:**

Gerald Robinson

Sponsors : Dick Crawford & Eric Pecararo

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