

NIAGARA SAILING CLUB INC.
Founded 1934
Grand Island, New York

BY - LAWS

Amended To October 2017

CHAPTER I - ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Unfinished Business
4. Membership
5. Report of Officers - Submit written Report to Secretary
6. Report of Committees – Submit written Report to Secretary
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

CHAPTER II - AMENDING THE BY – LAWS

These By-laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, but such amendment shall be approved at the next Board of Directors meeting.

CHAPTER III - DUES, BAR CHIT, INITIATION, MOORING, LOCKER AND WORK FEES

The Dues, Initiation, Mooring, Locker and, not including applicable taxes, shall be as follows:

Class of Member	Annual Dues paid by March 31 st	*Late Dues paid by May 31 st	Initiation Fees	Locker Fees	**Opt-Out Fee if paid by March 31 st
Active	\$ 340.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 25/35/50	\$ 100.00
Active (after 7/1)	\$ 170.00	N/A	\$ 200.00		
Sustaining	\$ 170.00	\$ 195.00	N/A		
***Intermediate	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 100.00		
Non-Resident	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00	N/A		
Social	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00	N/A		
Lifetime	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00	N/A		

* Members who have not paid their dues by May 31st will receive a letter from the Board of Directors requesting immediate payment or risk suspension of privileges. **After May 31st, you will lose credit privileges at the bar and must settle your chit by the end of the night in cash.**

Chit (Bar) payments shall be paid down to at least \$100 balance per quarter, failure to pay may result in suspension of chit privileges, and ultimately cancellation of club membership if not paid in full by the end of the calendar year.

**** Opt Out Work Fee** – This is a member owned and operated club, and the members volunteer their own personal time to do all the maintenance and upkeep that is required on a regular basis. You can fulfill this obligation by running (and being elected) to the Board of Directors, being a committee member, hosting and running a party of your choice (with the assistance of other club members) or putting in at least 8 total hours of your time by attending any of the work parties that are scheduled throughout the year. If you feel that you unable to commit yourself to any of these options, you now have an option to Opt-Out by paying a fee of \$100 due by the March 31st deadline.

*** Intermediate member shall become an Active Member upon reaching age 24. If the age of 24 is reached after the date the annual dues are sent out, January 15th, then the member qualifies for the Intermediate dues for that year.

Mooring Fees – Must be paid prior to June 1st and submit a request for a slip to the Fleet Captain by 2/15

Parking Lot, Boat on Trailer: Sail/Power --	\$ 150.00	Board Boat --	\$ 60.00
River Side, Boat on Trailer: Sail/Power --	\$ 170.00	Weighted Mooring -	\$ 150.00
In-the-water: All Boats --	\$ 275.00		
Jet Ski Dock - Rent	\$ 300.00		
Own	\$ 175.00		
Member Summer Trailer Storage:	\$ 50.00		
Non-Member Summer Trailer Storage	\$ 200.00		

Winter Storage

With Mooring Fee	All Boats	\$ 50.00
Without Mooring Fee	All Boats	\$ 100.00

CHAPTER IV – MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors shall classify from application as to who shall be termed a sailor. In case this status changes, the Board of Directors shall re-classify. Also, all bonafide sailboat owners may be accepted even though the limit of one hundred (100) has been reached.

Application Process

- Application for membership is obtained from a Board member, or any member if necessary
- COMPLETED application is submitted to the Board with the following:
- Check for initiation fee (currently \$200)
- Executed application
- Executed sponsorship forms
- Once submitted to the Board, it will be voted for ACCEPTANCE for membership consideration
- Upon acceptance, prospective member info will be published in the JIB newsletter
- At the next Board meeting, the prospective member and at least ONE sponsor will be present
- Upon approval, new member dues will be paid in a timely fashion, at which time their club key FOB will be issued
- All new members and at least ONE sponsor will be required to host/volunteer/work at least ONE event in their first year to learn the bar and acclimate with the club policies and membership
- The membership committee will schedule an annual new member orientation at the beginning of each club season (typically in conjunction with GMM)

CHAPTER V - CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Capital expenditures not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) may be made with the approval of a Flag Officer. Capital expenditures exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) require the approval of the Board. Receipts must be submitted for reimbursement.

CHAPTER VI - PRIVATE USE OF THE CLUB/FEES

Any member over 21 years of age, who wishes to use the Clubhouse or grounds for a private party or who wishes to sponsor an organization to use the Clubhouse or grounds, which preclude the use of the Club by the general membership, must request permission of the Board of Directors for such use. All alcoholic beverages must be procured through the Vice Commodore. A donation for such use might be requested by the Board. Any member found not present at any time for a sponsored party risks membership termination. All guests MUST sign the guest book at every event.

Club Use Fee – Member:	\$ 125.00
Club Use Fee – Non-Member	\$ 200.00

CHAPTER VII – DELETED

CHAPTER VIII - BALLOTING FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Election Monitoring Committee shall post at the Club the names of the candidates nominated at the annual meeting and by the Nominating Committee, receive and record ballots for the election of Directors, and report the results to the Secretary. Polling of the ballots shall be received from:

1. Adjournment of the annual meeting to 11:00 PM the same day.
2. First Saturday following the annual meeting from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM at which time the ballots will be counted. Member or spouse will sign for the receipt of the official ballot on a form provided by the Election Monitoring Committee.