



SANDUSKY SAILING CLUB

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The object of the Sandusky Sailing Club shall be the promotion and encouragement of sailing and seamanship, and of a sportsmanlike attitude toward racing and competition. The Club is organized to encourage small boat sailing and racing among those who may not be able to afford large annual dues and assessments.

January 2012 Cross Bearings

02/04-05	Sandusky's Arctic Ice Festival	10:00am
02/14 Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
02/25 Sat	Caribbean Party	6:00pm
03/05 Mon	Sadler Basin Committee meeting	7:00pm
03/11 Sun	Daylight Saving Time	12:00am
03/13 Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
03/24 Sat	SJRT Spaghetti Dinner/Reverse Raffle/ Auction Fundraiser	5:00pm

Check the online calendar on our web site for more info:
www.sanduskysailingclub.org.

Commodore's Comments.....John Hartung

USODA National Championships - In case you haven't heard, SSC will host the 2012 USODA National Championships during the week of July 21-29. This is a tremendous honor for our club. The Optimist class is the largest racing class of sailboats in the world; this is the boat that started the careers of many of the world's best skippers. This event is expected to draw 400 to 500 junior sailors from across the United States and several foreign countries. A number of our own juniors will also have the opportunity to participate in this major regatta, which is being chaired by PC Mike Austin.

Mike and his committee have been working diligently during the fall and winter with the USODA National Committee to lay the groundwork for this event. As you can imagine, the logistics to put on a regatta of this magnitude are mind-boggling. Besides needing to coordinate the on-water activities of three separate events (Team Racing Championship, Girls' Championship and Open Championship), there are also little matters to consider such as; How do you feed and house 400-500 kids and their parents over the course of eight days? Where do these people park their cars and trailers? Where are all of these Optis to be stored during the week and where will all of the sailing judges' boats be moored? Where do we place the clothing and gear vendors that normally follow these events? And, what about restrooms? Suffice it to say, Mike and his committee have their work cut out for them. They have a big responsibility to both the Opti National Committee and to SSC to make sure this national regatta comes off smoothly and in a manner that reflects proudly on both organizations. Also, I think it goes without saying that the membership of SSC has a big stake in this as well.

There is no doubt that we will all experience some inconveniences during the time that the Opti folks are with us. With our Race Committee tied up for a week, several of our regular series races may need to be cancelled. There will be problems with parking and building access and maybe even boat access. Let's face it, both before and during this activity, there will be a lot of people milling around the club and grounds and a lot of gear taking up space in the parking areas and the

bulkheads. Mike and his crew are keenly aware of these concerns and are doing their best to address them and to minimize the impact on our membership. But, with the size of the event and the size of our buildings and grounds, I'm sure that there will be some bumps along the way. Let's just keep in mind that a regatta like this does not come along very frequently. We will all need to pull together to make sure this works for both the Opti kids and parents as well as for our club.

I'm looking forward to July! It's going to be a very busy and exciting month. It will be a time for many of us to experience and participate in a very unique sailing event. Mike and I invite you to be more than a spectator. In the next few months, we will no doubt be calling on a number of you to help with event logistics. Trust me, you'll be hearing a lot more about the Opti Nationals in the weeks ahead. And one final note: SSC stands to realize a hefty monetary profit if this regatta goes off as planned. I believe that is referred to as "sweetening the pot."

Arctic Ice Festival - Bah! Humbug! What a lousy year for our ice boaters! Last year we had boats on the ice on Dec. 19. This year it seems as though winter has passed us by. Well, there's always hope for February. And along that line, don't forget that Sandusky's annual Arctic Ice Festival will be held on Feb. 4 and 5 from 10am-4pm each day. This is a great family event and most activities take place within easy walking distance of the SSC clubhouse. Events include ice carving, ice harvesting, ice fishing and ice diving demonstrations, ice boat races, Underground Railroad trolley tours, soup cook-off and more (weather permitting). The festival is conducted by the City of Sandusky Recreation Department, the Maritime Museum, the Erie County Senior Center and SSC.



PC Fritz and Jenny Everson enjoy some Interlaking in Florida. They even picked up some local talent.

Wine Tasting Party - Thanks to RC Mike Fishbaugh, SSC member Jerry Ervin and his folks and the Brinker/Witter galley crew for hosting a wonderful Wine Tasting Party. This may have been the largest turnout yet for the annual event which always pulls a crowd. The wines were exceptional as were the tasty treats coming from the galley. I don't believe that anyone was whining (I can't resist a good play on words) about not being able to find good food and drink that night. On tap for Feb. 25 is the Caribbean Party, so let's limber up for the limbo!

SSC Board meetings are always held on the second Tuesday of each month, and are open to all SSC members. I'm not sure that anyone would find them exciting, but each and every one of you is welcomed to attend. If anyone has an item to place on the meeting agenda, please let me know at least a week ahead of the meeting.

I invite you to contact me at 419-433-6151 or by email at jphartung@bex.net if you identify club issues that need attention.

Vice vice Baby!!.....VC Sjoerd-Jan VanderHorst Clubhouse news - Building on the momentum from last year's clubhouse facelift, we are planning to paint the trim and paneling in the clubhouse beginning this month. If anyone is interested in grabbing a brush and lending a hand, let me know.

I am still collecting pictures for this year's yearbook. If you have any photos you would like to have included, please forward them to sjvanderhorst@gmail.com.

Regattas - Although it's winter, our members are working hard already for a busy summer. PC Mike Austin is working non-stop with his team on the Opti Nationals and Jim Ward has already begun planning for our One Design Regatta. The 2012 One Design regatta will also be the venue for Thistle Districts. The districts typically bring 30 boats, so it should be a great addition to our regatta. We look forward to showcasing our club. Please contact Jim Ward if you are able to help.

For any House and Grounds issues that need attention, please contact me at sjvanderhorst@gmail.com.

More Rants from the Rear.....RC Mike Fishbaugh Thanks to all who joined us at our seventh annual Wine Tasting Party on Saturday, Jan. 21. Jerry Ervin once again graciously volunteered and helped with the wine tasting. He brought an assortment of his fantastic products for everyone to try. Thanks to Jim and Donna Brinker, Jeff and Stacey Witter, Jack Brinker and PC Jeff and Susan Smith for their great homemade food selections at the party along with all their time in setup and decoration of the club.

The Sandusky's Arctic Ice Fest is on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 4-5. Stop in the clubhouse to warm up.

The SSC Caribbean Island Party will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 6:00pm. For those of us not lucky enough to be chartering in the BVI this winter, we're bringing a little of the islands again this year to SSC. Wear your favorite island attire and join in the Caribbean vibe. There will be island tunes and a steel drum band (the University of Akron Steel Drum Band), boat drinks

(painkillers at the Dairy Bar along with your usual favorites), Cheeseburgers in Paradise and other island fare, and beach games for some friendly competition. For those joining us from farther away, we have secured discounted rooms at the Quality Inn. Please contact their group reservation line at 800-654-3364 and mention the Sandusky Sailing Club to receive the discounted rate. Space is limited, so please call soon. Look for an email with more details on the event coming out soon! Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly for food.

Come support our Junior Race Team on March 24. They'll have their annual fundraiser dinner and silent auction. See more details on the attached flier.

More details on these up-coming events will be sent to your email inbox. Feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions at mfishbaugh@pathmaker.net

Operations.....Tim Kyle
This mild winter has sure put a damper on iceboating! IF Mother Nature should bless us with good ice this winter, please be sure to lift the ramp off the ice at the end of each day. This unstable weather is a sure way to get it stuck or damaged.

Winter Wednesdays continue to be a hit. Come on down and enjoy a warm fire and a cold beverage. We even had hot wings the other night. You never know who might be here. This is a also great way for new members to get acquainted with the club.

Awards - I have a long list of qualifiers, flags, and volunteer awards that weren't picked up at the banquet. Please check with me at the Dairy Bar if you think you are on that list and pick these up.

The next meeting of the Sadler Basin Committee will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, March 5 at SSC.

Contact information - Any questions, comments or concerns relative to the clubhouse or basin operations are welcome. You can contact me at timmo@sbcglobal.net or call 419-656-5881.



Members enjoy the clubhouse on the first day of 2012.

Notes from the SecretaryCarol Peter

Greetings - It is my pleasure to serve the SSC as Club Secretary for the 2012 year. My husband David and I have been members of the Club since 2002 and truly enjoy the friendships we have made with so many of the Club members. It was nice to meet some of you at the Wine Tasting Event in January.

Annual dues - Most recently you should have received your annual dues statement for membership in 2012. Please review your statement and the various programs that are also looking for additional support and submit it along with your payment by March 1. Please feel free to email me at dcapteo@yahoo.com or call me at 330-701-8545 with any questions or concerns. I will do my best to get back to you quickly with a response.

Hopefully, the remainder of our winter will remain mild and Spring Workday will be here before we know it! I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve the Club as Secretary this year.

USODA Nationals.....PC Mike Austin

Thanks to all who attended the "kick-off" meeting on Jan. 8 for the 2012 USODA National Championships. Those in attendance were able to get an overview of the planning that has taken place to this point. In addition, we were able to fill a couple very important organizational positions that will be key to our overall plan as we move toward the big event. I cannot stress enough the importance of this event not only for our club, but for the City of Sandusky and Erie County as well. We will have upwards of 400 families spending as many as 10 days in our region. To ensure that these folks leave eager to pass on the good word about Sandusky and the Sandusky Sailing Club it's going to take not only a gallant volunteer effort from our club but a joint effort from our neighbors and the community. To that end we have secured additional dock space and parking (Battery Park), as well as trailer storage and more parking (if needed) with our neighbors to our south (Shoreline Construction).

As for our own members, I will appeal to you loud and often between now and July. We have approximately 320 members. If each member gives one day, the numbers tell us we could have as many as 40 of our own members volunteering each day. These numbers don't even include family and friends who may be willing to help also.

Additionally, we are accepting monetary donations to help us with the "up-front" costs we know will be associated with this event. Please see your 2012 dues statement or our sponsorship information contained in this issue. So, please mark the dates of July 21-29, 2012. I promise that you will not regret spending this time at the club and it just might feel a little gratifying. For more information on volunteer opportunities, please check the Regatta website at www.2012optinationals.com, as well as Facebook and Twitter.

Little known facts about the Optimist:

1. Over 150,000 kids in 130 countries call the Opti their boat!
2. The Opti is not only the biggest class in the world but also the fastest growing.
3. 85% of winners in the last Olympic Games started in an Opti.

Sandusky Junior Race TeamDoug and Tami Blackburn, Rob and Becky Burger

The Race Team held its first meeting of the new year on Jan. 7 to discuss the fundraiser and to have some time to socialize. We have set the fundraiser for March 24 so please plan on attending. We will be having a Reverse Raffle and also the annual Silent Auction, so if you have any items lying around that you are no longer are using, contact Becky Burger.

Kids at SSC - I saw pictures of a lot of kids at the Kids' Christmas Party and I would really like to see them also participating in the Learn to Sail Program, so they can move on to the Race Team. Our team is built of kids... so we need as many as possible to become involved with our sailing programs at the club. If you have children or grandchildren that are at least 7 years old and want to learn the art of sailing and boat safety or already know how to sail but want to enjoy the camaraderie of competitive sailing, please let us know. We will be more than happy to teach or continue to teach the kids.

This year will be a great year with us hosting the US Opti Nationals here at the club and the younger kids will see some very good sailors around their age participating.

Sailing Stuff for Sale

1974 Pearson 10M - \$10,900, Fully equipped , 30HP Atomic 4 inboard engine, jackstands, dodger, bimini with cockpit enclosure, roomy, fast-sailing boat, a good platform for club racing or cruising. Will consider trading for boat on a trailer. Contact John Schwartz at dunbar.schwartz@gmail.com for details.

Tempo 5.3 quart oil change tank/pump complete for inboard engines. Only used once a year! New condition. \$35 or best offer. Call Chuck @440.238.3296

C&C 29 MKI, 1977, full race equipped, new sails, boat at Harbor North on the hard, asking \$16k. Great single handler/cruiser, atomic 4, furler, much more..... 614-327-4488 or rwpoorjr@yahoo.com

1980 Chrysler (Morgan) Super 27 is a racer/cruiser. PHRF-LE rating = 159, JAM = 169. Meticulously maintained and upgraded. Completely restored to "better than new" condition with AWLGRIP topsides and deck, mast, boom and spinnaker pole. Lots of sails, lines, instruments and gear included. Asking \$23,500. Located at SSC berth A9. Contact Jim Shufflin at 419-370-9053 or james.shufflin@kbibearing.com

16' Spinnaker pole: 3.5" diam. \$500 OBO. Call Paul at 419-862-3009.

Bristol 33'7" - Formerly "Margo" now "Tudo Bem." Many amenities. \$18,100 or reasonable offer. Contact Tom Quinn at w330-796-1721, h330-239-1859 or Tomquinn20@verizon.net.

Sandusky Learn to Sail has several boats for sale.

Catalina 27 - Asking \$6000 and accepting offers. Boat needs some cleaning but will make a great weekender. Also has a cradle.

2 Sunfish - 1980's vintage and very good shape. \$1000 each.

Hobie 14 in nice shape for \$500

We also have a small keelboat on a trailer that we are taking open offers on.

Contact VC Sjoerd VanderHorst at 440-617-9995 or sjvanderhorst@gmail.com if interested.

FUNDRAISING EVENT



Donations to the Sandusky Junior Race Team are not tax deductible.

Spaghetti Dinner

\$10 adults • \$5 kids under 12 • Cooked by SYC Chefs

Silent Auction

Tables Full of Great Items, Food, Trips & More!

Reverse Raffle

\$1,000 Grand Prize • Several Other Prizes
\$50/Ticket • Ticket Includes Dinner

Contact a Team Member's Parent for Ticket(s),
Becky Burger at 440-522-9044,
Eric Winkel at 419-621-6603
or John Sheppard at 614-760-9733

Winings cannot be donated back to the team.
They must be retained by the winner.

50-50 Raffles

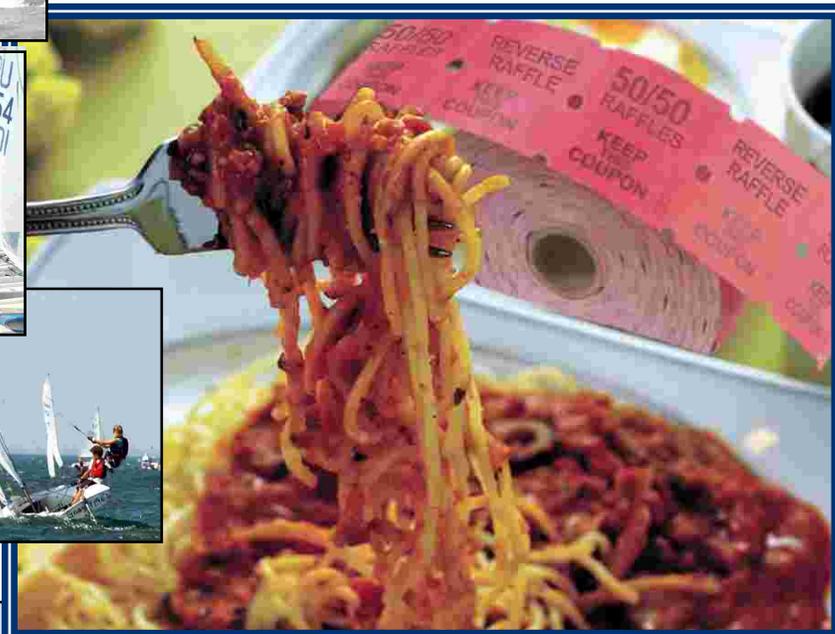
All Night Long

Saturday, March 24, 2012

at the Sandusky Sailing Club

Cocktails at 5:00pm • Dinner at 6:00pm

*Support the Junior Race Team
and have a great time doing it!*





Dear Sirs:

On July 21st- 28th, 2012 the Sandusky Sailing Club will host the 2012 USODA National Championships. We are expecting to draw approximately 400 to 500 junior sailors from across the United States and several foreign countries to participate in this week-long event! The Optimist Class is the largest sailboat fleet in the world and can lay claim to training countless Olympians.

On Friday, July 20, the festivities will kick off with opening ceremonies. Both local and nationally known personalities will help us kick-off this week of racing. Starting with three days of Team Racing on Saturday, the event will then move to the Women's National Championship on Wednesday, and then finish with the four day Open National Championship on Saturday. There will be equipment and merchandise displays from local and national vendors, planned social activities, banquets, and most importantly, a week of memorable sailing experiences for our young sailors.

We are asking you to consider becoming a sponsor for this worthwhile youth event. Your financial assistance will help ensure that we can provide the kind of quality sailing experience a National Championship deserves. Your contribution may be given recognition on our website, on regatta literature, at the venue, during competitor meetings, and at all award ceremonies. Please feel free to browse the site at your convenience, at www.sanduskysailingclub.org.

We hope you will consider becoming part of this prestigious event. Attached please find the levels of sponsorship available, and a Sponsorship Form. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (330) 351-0340 or e-mail to sailfast30@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your support,

Mike Austin
Event Chairman



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SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Title Sponsor

Title sponsorship is the highest level of exposure for your business with this event. Your company name will be featured with our regatta logo in a nationally distributed sailing magazine, and will appear in all print and video distributions made for this event. This includes: 2 advertisements in the class mailing of 10,000 OptiNews publications, all press releases, website advertising, a courtesy tent or booth on site, and the most prominent placement of any company advertising at the Sandusky Sailing Club.

Platinum Sponsor

\$3,000 cash value or \$4,000 merchandising and services support. Your business will receive prominent advertising space for your logo on our website, in press releases, with banner positions, on sponsor sheets and race packets. You may display banners at main gate and event headquarters. This may also include having your logo on race marks or shared on marks if there are multiple Platinum sponsors.

Gold Sponsor

\$1,500 cash value or up to \$3,000 merchandising and services support. Your business will receive prominent placement of company supplied banners and promotional literature, along with website acknowledgement.

Silver Sponsor

\$500 cash or \$1,500 services support. Your business may display a company logo on our website and be included in a "Patron Donor" banner we are having made especially for this event.

Bronze Sponsor

\$200 cash support. Your name will be included in the "Patron Donor" banner we are having made especially for this event.

For questions or comments regarding the above information, please contact:

Mike Austin
Event Chairman
(330) 882-6862



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SPONSOR CONTACT FORM

Sponsor Name: _____

Contact person, title: _____

Business address: _____

Contact phone: _____

Contact email: _____

Level of Sponsorship desired: _____

Please mail this form to the Sandusky Sail Club at PO Box 814, Sandusky, Ohio 44870.
Please include your check or money order. Alternately, you may contact Mike to make other arrangements.

We will be contacting you regarding displaying your business logo/merchandise in the most optimal fashion.

Thank you for your patronage!



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