



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.

March 2012 Cross Bearings

03/01 Sat	SSC dues are due	12:00am
03/05 Mon	Sadler Basin Committee meeting	7:00pm
03/06 Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
03/07 Wed	Jr Sailors Board meeting	7:00pm
03/11 Sun	Daylight Saving Time	12:00am
03/24 Sat	SJRT Spaghetti Dinner/Reverse Raffle/ Auction Fundraiser	5:00pm
03/25 Sun	Opti Nationals meeting	1:00pm
03/30-04/01	I-LYA Spring meeting in Perrysburg	
03/31 Sat	Dealine for Sadler dock payments	1:00pm
04/02 Mon	Sadler Basin Committee meeting	7:00pm
04/10 Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
04/14 Sat	Micro Brew/Swap Meet Party	6:00pm
04/26 Sat	Spring Workday	8:30am
04/26 Sat	Spring General Meeting	1:00pm

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

Commodore's CommentsJohn Hartung

USODA National Championships - If my math is correct, as of March 1, we're only 142 days from the first day of the 2012 USODA National Championships which will be hosted by SSC. PC Mike Austin and his committee have been busy all winter dealing with the planning aspects of this event and at this time, it looks like everything is shaping up nicely.

During the week of July 21-29, the club and Sandusky Bay will be teeming with activity, and I hope all of our members will have the chance to experience this unique event both as spectators and helpers. As I mentioned last month (and will be continuing to do until July 29), PC Austin and his team will need a lot of local help to pull this regatta off successfully. I hope that if asked to help, each of you will volunteer some time. And, I assure you, if you simply step forward and tell Mike that you're ready to help, he'll not be offended.

3rd annual Micro-Brew and Gear Sale/Swap Party - My lovely wife Roberta has agreed to help me host the annual "brew" party that is scheduled for April 14 beginning at 6:00pm. We'll have a good line-up of ales and lagers to titillate your taste buds and I'm hoping to include a number of craft beers from the neighboring state of Michigan. Like last year, we'll have the grill fired up for burgers and brats for your dining pleasure. And don't forget to bring your old winches, jam cleats, dock lines, clutches, ground tackle, spinnaker poles, etc., so you can turn your spare junk into \$\$\$ (or maybe just do a swap). See the enclosed flier.

Club Constitution - Due to the merger of the Sadler Sailing Basin, Inc. into the Sandusky Sailing Club, a number of changes are required in our constitution to reflect the current state of our organization. Additionally, now that all of us are plugged into the internet, there are some changes that have been suggested

that would allow us to use available technologies to better and more easily conduct club business. I have asked PCs Mike Muhn, Dean Riedy, Bill Semans and Eric Winkel to help me review the present document and to suggest any changes that will best serve our organizational needs in the future. You'll be hearing more about this and, of course, you'll have the final vote on any suggested changes/amendments.

The March SSC Board meeting has been moved up to Tuesday, March 6, at 7:00pm. (we weren't going to have a quorum if we held the meeting on March 13). As always, this meeting will be open to all SSC members.

On a personal note, I wish to thank all of you who sent cards of condolence or attended my mother's funeral. Your kind words and support have truly been appreciated by my family as we've gone through this trying period in our lives.

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



Bill and Gene Brandle at the original Clubhouse and dock circa 1957. Gene might look familiar. He's the skipper of Interlake #1 in the painting in the Commodore's room.

Vice vice Baby!!VC Sjoerd-Jan VanderHorst

February was a balmy month at the club. We had a great Caribbean Party on the 25th. Thanks to all the helpers that volunteered to make it a success. Thank you to my wife, Kathy, who worked countless hours preparing and cooking prior to Saturday to make sure everyone was well fed and had a great time.

House and grounds - If you haven't noticed any progress on the painting inside the clubhouse, don't worry, your eyes are not failing you. We discovered that all the paneling was coated with silicone, making it impossible to paint unless we replace the wood or sand it down to bare fiberboard, which is not a task we can take on at this time with the sailing season fast approaching. We have decided to focus on other items to keep the club looking its best. Doug and Carol Leavens are taking on the task of covering the window cornice boxes, which will help reduce some noise and make the windows more attractive. Also, we are currently collecting bids to cover the northwest side of the pavilion with a windscreen for those windy rainy nights, so we can better use our pavilion for outdoor club functions. This will be an extension of the cover we have on the north side towards the bay and will extend around to the side of the Battery Park parking lot.

Yearbook - We are currently gathering sponsors for the yearbook. If you are interested in supporting the club by placing an ad in our annual yearbook that is distributed to the entire club membership, please email me at sjvanderhorst@gmail.com and I'll forward you the form. I encourage club members to support the advertisers in the yearbook with your patronage!

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

More Rants from the Rear.....RC Mike Fishbaugh

Caribbean Island Party - For those of us not in the Caribbean sailing on a chartered boat this February, we were able to escape again this year at our Caribbean Island Party. With tropical plants everywhere, great Caribbean fare and live music from the renowned University of Akron Steel Drum Band, many were able to get away for the evening. Many thanks to VC Sjoerd and Kathy VanderHorst, PC Mike and Sue Austin, Kara Smith and Lisa Kowalski for their time in making this event successful; Tim Kyle and Sjoerd for keeping the bar running and, as always, the many people who pitched in with the cleanup afterwards.

SJRT Spaghetti Dinner/Fundraiser - Come support our Junior Race Team on March 24 at their annual fundraiser dinner and silent auction. This is a great way to support our Juniors and help kick-off their season. Reverse raffle tickets are now on sale.

The 3rd annual Micro Brew/Gear Swap Party will be Saturday April 14! Come and enjoy a great sampling of micro brew beers while browsing a great selection of sailing gear. The start of our sailing season is nearly here, so dust off that gear in your garage that you haven't been using and bring it to swap for some new-to-you gear that will improve your 2012 sailing season.

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

OperationsTim Kyle

Final dock payments are due March 31. Please take a moment to send your payment along with the second copy of the contract to avoid the \$25 late fee. At this time, we have two 26' docks available for permanent assignment and two 30' docks available for sublet. If you might be interested in any of these opportunities, please contact me ASAP to make arrangements.

The Sadler Basin Committee has approved the final stages of dock replacement on the south wall. The old docks and Thistle floats will be replaced with very nice used docks from The Dock of the Bay Marina. This will dramatically improve the look and function of this area. This project should be completed in June with no disruption to normal activity at the club.

Dock boards and risers are maintained by the club, but horizontal batter boards and other custom improvements are the responsibility of each berth holder. If you plan any improvements or custom "tweaks" to your dock this year, please come down early and inspect your dock for any repairs that need to be made (dock boards or loose risers) and report them to me ASAP.

Trees - The warm winter has made it difficult for the tree crew to get equipment on the grounds to dramatically trim and remove some of the large trees around the club. Arrangements have been made to get this completed this month. This will have a huge impact on the health of the remaining trees and prevent the large, dead limbs from littering the grounds when we get a blow.

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. Contact me at timmo@sbcglobal.net or call 419-656-5881.



SSC
Caribbean-style!

Great food.



Great music.



Great friends.



**Notes from the SecretaryCarol Peter
—Dues were due by March 1—**

If you haven't already, please review your statement and submit your payment by immediately. 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!

USODA Nationals.....PC Mike Austin

As we move closer to the season we all revel in, we are moving that much closer to the 2012 USODA National Championships. That said, planning continues in all areas including regatta promotion, site preparation, safety services coordination and race management. In addition, securing sponsors that are both aligned with the USODA and non-aligned regional/local support is paramount. Helping to educate the regional/local community on the scope and importance of this event is crucial to our success. Spreading the word and reaching out to civic leaders and local business is very important to achieving the goals we have set. We are approaching this undertaking as a team. As a club member you are a very important part of this team. We have a tremendous amount of talent within the 330 members of the Sandusky Sailing Club. This is the time to step up and share your professional prowess and do what you do best to help us show the other 49 states and a good part of the world what we are capable of in lil' ole Sandusky, Ohio! Join us on March 25 at 1:00pm for our next informational meeting. We will get an update from each of our managers and communicate our present needs. We encourage your attendance.

Learn to Sail 2012PC Mike Austin

Planning is under way for the five-week summer schedule of Learn to Sail. We will start the first session on the June 11 and run through the Aug. 3. Because the 4th of July holiday falls on a Wednesday, we will reserve portions of that week for special group instruction. Additionally, we will suspend LTS the week leading up to Opti Nationals to prepare the venue. LTS will resume the week after Nationals and end on Friday, Aug. 3. All sessions will be one week long with the fees set at \$80 per session per camper. Signing up for multiple sessions is certainly encouraged. Registration will go live on the website in March. Please plan early and book your week to avoid the last minute rush!

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

Mark your calendars! Saturday, March 24 is the annual Jr. Race Team season fundraiser. The event will begin with cocktails starting at 5:00 followed by a spaghetti dinner at 6:00. We will have a silent auction, 50/50 drawings, and a reverse raffle. We are selling reverse raffle tickets now. If you would like to purchase one, please contact Doug Blackburn at 419-341-3256, PC Eric Winkel at 419-621-6603, Becky Burger at 440-522-9044 or any Jr. Race Team member. A few highlights for the silent auction are a 60" Sharp Aquos flat screen TV and a trip aboard a Great Lakes freighter. Hope to see you at the club for a fun evening of bidding, prizes and wonderful friends!

Reverse Raffle tickets - Get yours early.

Last year we were sold out and had none at the door!

Kids at SSC - I would really like to see all the SSC kids 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 who 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.

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HEAR IT IN SURROUND SOUND
SMELL IT IN AROMASCOPE

2012 USODA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Join us July 22-29
for great sailing,
entertainment,
and camaraderie.

P.O. Box 814 Sandusky, OH 44870 (419) 625-1963
e-mail: info@sanduskysailingclub.org www.optinationals2012.com

For the Good of the Order

I-LYA Spring Meeting will be held March 30-31 at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg. Call 888-874-2592 for reservations. For more information go to www.I-LYA.org.

GPS Update - Act Now! - Last summer, boaters sent a clear message to the Federal Communications Commission "Don't Mess with GPS!" As you may remember, a private company, LightSquared, received preliminary FCC approval to offer a new cellular broadband service. Tests showed this service could significantly interfere with GPS signals.

Thanks to over 18,000 boaters who submitted comments, along with many other GPS users, the FCC required additional testing in the fall. (Thank you all for your help!) Last week, these tests revealed that the LightSquared's network would indeed interfere with GPS and that there are no practical fixes. As a result, the FCC has proposed to withdraw LightSquared's approval. (<http://www.gps.gov/news/2012/02/lightsquared/>) Stand by for updates on this issue, which is critical to all users of GPS, on land, on the water and in the air.

Thank you for taking action to protect the integrity of the GPS system. Margaret Podlich, President, BoatU.S.

Wednesday nights - Don't forget, your friends and fellow sailors are getting together at the club on Wednesday nights after work. Join them for drinks, food and a warm fire.

SSC at St. Petersburg NOODs Regatta.
NOOD stands for National Offshore One Design.



PC Eric Winkel adjusts Cracker Jack's masthead fly between races.



RC Mike Fishbaugh and Kara Smith enjoy the sunshine.



Crews review the races at the party.



Dave Caracci and crew packs away Cracker Jack after the regatta.

Sailing Stuff for Sale

1980 Catalina 30 - Standard rig, shoal draft, Atomic 4, set up for cruising; Sails and canvas in great shape; New custom-built cradle, many improvements in last two years. Asking \$16,900. For more info or to see the boat, call or email Mark Gross 419-357-6747 or mrg@bex.net.

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, Reduced to \$10k. 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.

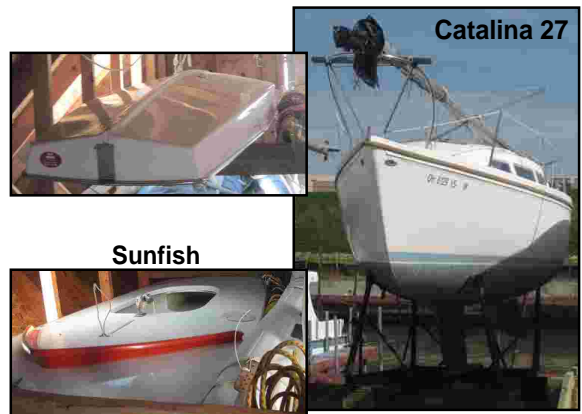
Catalina 27 - Asking \$6000 and accepting offers. Boat needs some cleaning but will make a great weekender. Also has a cradle.

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.



Catalina 27

Sunfish

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!*





Micro-brew & Gear Sale/Swap Party

Saturday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m.

This is your chance to sample some great micro-brewed beers and make money at the same time.



The beer part of the party...

Sumptuous burger and brat platters will be served from the galley and craft beers can be purchased for \$2.00 at the dairy bar (we'll have our regular beers available also).



The swap part of the party....

Bring the winches, jam cleats, spare dock lines, clutches, ground tackle, spinnaker poles, etc., that you have lying around your home and don't use anymore. Turn your junk into \$\$\$ or maybe swap it. Tag it with your name and a price and see what happens.



See you at the Club!





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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