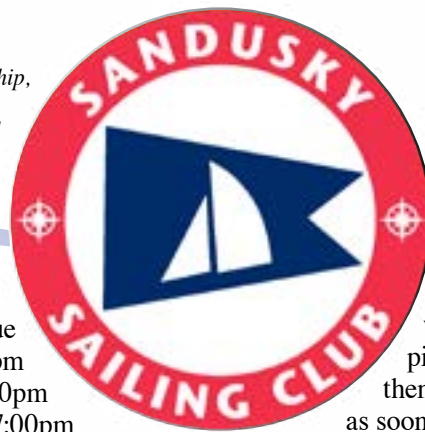


The object of the Sandusky Sailing Club shall be the promotion and encouragement of sailing and seamanship, and of a sportsmanlike attitude toward racing and competition. The Club is organized to encourage small boat sailing and racing among those who may not be able to afford large annual dues and assessments.



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## December 2024 Cross Bearings

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| 12/01 Sun  | Sr membership status request due           |
| 12/07 Sat  | SSC Christmas Party.....5:30pm             |
| 12/09 Mon  | Sadler Basin Comm mtg.....7:00pm           |
| 12/10 Tues | SSC Board meeting.....7:00pm               |
| 12/13 Fri  | Fireside Friday.....6:00pm                 |
| 12/14 Sat  | Winter Membership/Budget mtg ..... 9:30am  |
| 12/14 Sat  | Club rental .....5:00pm                    |
| 12/17 Tues | SSC Regatta Committee meeting ..... 7:00pm |
| 01/13 Mon  | Sadler Basin Comm mtg..... 7:00pm          |
| 01/14 Tues | SSC Board meeting ..... 7:00pm             |
| 01/21 Tues | SSC Regatta Committee meeting ..... 7:00pm |
| 01/28 Tues | Islands Race Committee meeting..... 7:00pm |

For more info, go to [www.sanduskysailingclub.com](http://www.sanduskysailingclub.com).  
Go to “community” then drop down to “event calendar.”

## From the Helm ..... Comm. John Giordano

**Happy Holidays!** It seems odd to be saying this but it is that time of year. Hopefully you all had a good Thanksgiving and are well on your way to getting ready for Christmas, New Years and your holidays of choice.

**I'd like to once again thank Past Commodore Jason Huffman** for his time and dedication to the club the last three years. Its been an adventure watching and learning from him. I'd also like to welcome our new RC Tim Ujvari to the Bridge. I'm looking forward to working with him and VC Tim Willford for the next year.

**I'd also like to acknowledge all the volunteers** during the last year. We brag on being a volunteer club and we couldn't do it without you. As a small token of our appreciation, we have a gift for you. If you are listed below and did not get your gift at the awards banquet, please pick it up at the Dairy Bar next time you're at the club.

**Speaking of the awards banquet**, PC Jason and Sarah put on a great party with over 100 members and guests in attendance. I'd like to acknowledge all the award winners and thank them for their time and service:

**Roger Van Fleet Crew Award:** ..... Maddy Henry  
**Outstanding Service Award:** ..... Donny Huntley  
**George Ward Sportsmanship Award:** ..... Jay Austin  
**Norm and Gloria Winkel Leadership Award:**... Marcia Giordano  
**Jack Springer Junior Sailor of the Year:**... Cassidy Montgomery  
**Lyman Trophy Award:** ..... Jake Thomas

Fleet and Qualifier awards were also presented:

**Cruiser of the Year:** ..... Mark and Lynda Waymouth  
**Founders Trophy:** ..... Larry Cadman  
**James H. Huntley Memorial Trophy:** ... PC Hank Boissoneault  
**Querida Cup:**.. PC Bryan Huntley and the crew of **InfraRed**

There were also quite a few qualifiers and flag winners. If you are one of those and have not picked up your awards at the banquet, we have them at the club. Please come by to pick those up as soon as possible.

**Christmas Party:** Please mark your calendars for the club Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 5:30.

**Winter Membership and Budget meeting** will be Saturday, Dec. 14 at 9:30am. Please plan to attend.

**Lastly, for the next few months things will be relatively quiet** at the clubhouse. However, this is actually one of the busiest times of year. Many activities are going on behind the scenes to plan for Thistle Nationals, Interlake Nationals, Fireside Fridays/Friday night feeds and a few other “special” activities. For these events to be a success we will need all your assistance. If you're able to serve a dinner, help with a regatta or with minor repairs around the club, please consider volunteering and reach out to me, RC Tim W or VC Tim U.

**Happy Holidays and looking forward to what promises to be a busy and fun 2025.**

— Commodore John Giordano,  
205-903-9257, [BoilerJohn85@gmail.com](mailto:BoilerJohn85@gmail.com)

## House and Grounds ..... VC Tim Willford

**With a deep breath and a huge smile**, I'm thrilled to step into my new role as Vice Commodore. After a whirlwind year overseeing the galley, entertainment, and education (and let's be honest, I couldn't have done it without all of you!), I'm passing that torch and diving headfirst into the house and grounds with the same excitement and drive.

**Big changes are coming!** 2025 is shaping up to be a game-changer for the clubhouse. While a small committee is still finalizing plans, let's just say you'll want to keep your eyes on this space. Big, bold, and better than ever is the vibe we're aiming for. Special thanks to Larry Cadman, Trustee Dave Kocias, and Mike Balla for taking this venture forward.

**Yearbook Committee:** Full speed ahead. Our Yearbook Committee has been hard at work getting this annual labor of love back on the rails. The yearbook is a cornerstone of our club's identity, a snapshot of our past, present, and future, and the team is doing an incredible job of making it shine. If you'd like to advertise your business or get involved in this important project, don't hesitate to reach out to PC Skip Oliver or Trustee Kathy Knox. Let's work together to make the 2025 edition one for the books!

**RC fleet success:** One of the highlights this fall has been the launch of our new RC DragonFlite 95 fleet. This isn't just a hobby—it's become a vibrant, competitive, and FUN addition to our racing calendar. Seeing this fleet thrive proves the spirit of SSC racing is alive and well.

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**Rising Stars: Junior Race Team.** Speaking of racing, I couldn't be more excited about what's ahead for our Junior Race Team. This group is growing stronger, and we're planning some fantastic initiatives to ensure these young sailors continue to flourish. They're the future of our club, and we're here to champion them every step of the way. Helping to lead these efforts are PC Hank a.k.a "Uncle Hank," Donny Huntley, Phil and Sarah Montgomery, Bret and Katie Langoff, and PC Mike Fishbaugh. Keep it up, crew!

**An All-Volunteer Club: Let's keep it strong!**

Finally, let's talk about what makes SSC truly special: YOU. We're an all-volunteer club, built on the hard work, dedication, and heart of every member who steps up to serve. It's the lifeblood of our community, and we need to rally around this idea now and in the future. Whether it's racing, hosting events, or keeping the grounds pristine, every contribution matters.

**So here's my pitch:** Let's keep that momentum going. Let's show up, get involved, and make 2025 a year we'll never forget. Together, we'll sail into this next chapter stronger than ever.

**View from the Rear .....RC Tim Ujvari**

**Hello fellow members.** I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve on the Sandusky Sailing Club Bridge. A number of entertainment events and educational sessions are currently being considered for 2025. With the support of our membership, volunteer history, safety, competition and sailing adventures are but a few educational sessions that will be on tap.

I'm sure there are many members that have great ideas for activities and/or would be available to help. Please do not hesitate to contact me. (330) 696-3161

**Our annual Christmas party is scheduled for Dec. 7.**

Activities will begin at 5:30pm with dinner beginning at 6:00pm. Santa will make a brief appearance for the children (parents - please bring a gift for to put in Santa's bag so he can give it to your child), white elephant gift exchange and of course an ugly Christmas sweater contest is in order.

*I hope you have a wonderful holiday season.*

**Sandusky Junior Sailors, Inc..... Suzanne Hartley and Michelle Gilboy**

**The 2024 sailing season is over. Time to start thinking about next season.** What better way to spend a winter day thinking about boating than attending the Mid-America Boat Show. The show is Jan 16-19. Thursday noon-9pm, Friday and Saturday 10am-9pm, Sunday 10am-5pm. Admission is

\$20 (\$15 for Seniors.) Want free admission? Come help with the Sandusky Junior Sailors booth. If you are interested in volunteering, contact [suzanne@sailsandusky.org](mailto:suzanne@sailsandusky.org)

**Registration for 2025 Learn to Sail is now open.**

Dates and details at [sailsandusky.org](http://sailsandusky.org).

**Sailing stuff for sale**

**26 foot Grampian sailboat:** Good starter boat! 3 sails, roller furling, spinnaker, 9.8 Evinrude outboard motor, radio, Porta Potty, fully equipped, cradle. Good shape. Asking \$4,000/negotiable. Contact: Douglas F. Foss 440-292-5070 text: Grampian sailboat.

**Garmin GNX Wind system.** Masthead unit and display. Wireless to 50'. Needs 12 volt power cord. \$425. Call Ken Austin 330-608-8653

**1997 Com-Pac 27-2 sailboat with cradle.** Asking \$24,500. Call and leave a message at 330-612-7194 or [portandstarboard@ohio.net](mailto:portandstarboard@ohio.net). (Dock B-45).

**1989 Capital Yachts "Neptune 24" Sloop Rig Cruiser with Trailer.** Well maintained, with high quality rigging, and reconditioned sails. Shallow draft (2ft.) ballasted shoal keel with retractable wing keel (3.5 ft. down). Three Sails - Mainsail, 130% Jibsail, and Roller Furling 185% Genoa sail. Digital Depth Finder, Digital Knot Meter, VHF Radio, and Garmin GPS. 8 HP, Johnson Sail Master. Outboard Motor - 6 gallon fuel tank. Asking \$7,900, currently located on Catawba Island. CONTACT: Geoff Mendenhall at 419-341-5699, Email: [geoff@nikegeoff.com](mailto:geoff@nikegeoff.com)

**7/16 sta-set halyards.** Uncut 600ft of para sail line used for two seasons in good condition. \$200. Call Eric Arndt at 440-381-5661.

**Ariel - 1972 CAL 2-29 Sailboat** for sale. Great day sailor. Has been out in 35-40mph blows. Solid boat. 2-29 was an upgrade for the cruiser racer set. Has wheel steering. New rudder. Converted to all electric motor. It's great for instant reverse and instant power forward. Proven over the last 8 years. Batteries replaced last year. Four-year-old Bimini, replaced the plastic material with umbrella. 3-4 yr/old Main. Has older genoa 155 on Harken roller furling. Anderson Self Tailing winches. All lines run to the cockpit. Good for single handed sailing. Asking \$10,500. Call Randy Ramhoff @ 419-656-1908, [R.Ramjet@gmail.com](mailto:R.Ramjet@gmail.com)

**Paddle boards and inflatable docks** for sale. Contact Larry Knauer at [ldknauer@gmail.com](mailto:ldknauer@gmail.com) for more info.

**Harken MK IV unit 1 furler** for sale. Brand new. Priced to sell! Brad Balmert at [bradb1384@yahoo.com](mailto:bradb1384@yahoo.com) or 440-670-5065

**Interlake with trailer** - Two sets of sails. For info contact Richard Byrd at 216-533-6209 or [alphabyrd@gmail.com](mailto:alphabyrd@gmail.com)

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- Ugly Christmas sweater contest.



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