

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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November 2019 Cross Bearings

11/01	Fri	Fireside Friday (bar open)..	6:00pm
11/02	Sat	SSC bar open.....	5:00pm
11/04	Mon	Sadler Basin Committee meeting..	7:00pm
11/05	Tues	SJSI Board meeting.....	7:00pm
11/06	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:30pm
11/08	Fri	Fireside Friday (bar open).....	6:00pm
11/09	Sat	SSC Awards Banquet at SYC	5:30pm
11/10	Sun	Adaptive Sailing fundraiser	4:00pm
11/12	Tues	SSC Board meeting.	7:00pm
11/13	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:30pm
11/15	Fri	Fireside Friday (bar open).....	6:00pm
11/16	Sat	SSC bar open.	5:00pm
11/19	Tues	Communications Committee meeting	7:00pm
11/20	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:30pm
11/22	Fri	Fireside Friday (bar open).....	6:00pm
11/23	Sat	SSC bar open.	5:00pm
11/29	Fri	Fireside Friday (bar open).....	6:00pm
11/30	Sat	Turkey Bowl	TBA
12/02	Mon	Sadler Basin Committee meeting	7:00pm
12/03	Tues	SJSI Board meeting	7:00pm
12/10	Tues	SSC Board meeting.....	7:00pm
12/17	Tues	Communications Committee meeting	7:00pm
12/25	Wed	Merry Christmas	
12/28	Sat	Club rental	10:00am

For more info, go to www.sanduskysailingclub.com. and check out the SSC calendar.

Commodore's Comments..... Comm. John Schwartz

I look forward to seeing most of you on Saturday, Nov. 9, at SYC for the Sandusky Sailing Club's annual Awards and Change of Watch Ceremony. I've enjoyed being commodore even though 2019 definitely included some challenges. I appreciate the support that I've gotten from so many members not just this year but for the past three years.

As I look forward to 2020 under Commodore Bedee's leadership, I'm eager to see what unfolds. Matt, Andy, Mark and I have remarked a few times at how so many members have stepped up this year to help with special events and special projects -- or just to take the trash out because it was full. I've written quite a bit about how worried I am about the increased median age of our club -- and that our most active volunteers are often some of our older members. We still have quite a bit of work to do to recruit more and younger members, but there are reasons to be optimistic. First is the energy that Matt and Andy have brought to the clubhouse this year, not just one or two programs per month, but literally every Friday night and Sunday morning. By now, I'm pretty sure that we're all pretty familiar with Matt's prowess with the pizza oven -- but I'm sure that many of you aren't yet familiar

with Andy's Sunday morning Bloody Mary Bar. We're going to have to start investing in counter-weighted cups to keep them from tipping over. One week he had an entire slider (bun & all) on a stick on top of the drink. They've made sure that it's worth people's time to visit the club.

It's been great to have a number of younger members in leadership positions on the board. I'm confident that if we keep building on this energy and just comfortable fun, the members will come. It's always been high value and a great price, but I'm not sure that I've had as much fun simply hanging out at SSC as I have this year.

A second reason to be optimistic is that Learn to Sail had a solid year with quite a bit higher attendance than for a few years prior. Also, while the Sandusky Junior Race Team is small, it largely consists of six Opti sailors. That's a great sign.

Somewhat related, I've heard rumors of potential new small keelboat sailors planning to make SSC their home port. SSC's history is a lot about a passion for sailing, especially on small boats. Jay, Danny, and all the regatta chairs have done a really nice job this year making sure that our club was relevant to other small boat classes.

Banquet - As I write this, I'm working out the final details of dinner and program for the Awards Ceremony. In a week and a half I will be SSC's most recent Past Commodore. It's bittersweet. Thank you all for making 2019 a great year.

If you want to contact me, feel free to reach me at Commodore@SanduskySailingClub.com or 419-706-5137.

VC Matt Bedee strikes a "the king of the world" pose as he gets towed in from the Junior Regatta.



El Vicio Comodoro VC Matt Bedee

Vice Commodore moving to Commodore - This is my last *Cross Bearings* as Vice Commodore and I have my first board meeting this month as Commodore. We welcome Wes Blazer as Rear Commodore and first year Trustees Bob Rody, Jason Huffman, and Danny Olson (last year he filled in for RC Andy Davis' second year). Jay Austin, John Wiggins, and Nikki Scozzarella return as second year Trustees. Thank you to Bernie Ashyk and Dave Brink for continuing as Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer and Steve Clark for serving one more year as Secretary. Leaving the Board this year are PC Brad Huntley and Hank Boissoneault; thank you for your time the last two years as Trustees.

Yearbook - There are yearbooks still at the Club and ready to be picked up. Each member's name is on the left binding of the cover, so please make sure you are grabbing the right one.

Fall workday and general meeting - Thanks for everyone's help at the fall workday.

Volunteerism - You will be seeing flag officers and trustees doing more with the changes at the club over the next couple months as we get committees formed during the off-season. Not being able to enjoy time at the club has been a complaint I have heard of many Past Commodores and I hope we can start to change things. All of us are paying good money to have SSC be our escape from the daily grind, either in a social capacity or physically, using our sailboats to escape occasionally. We want to keep business talk for club "business hours" to every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm and let Club Time be a Good Time for ALL.

Sadler Basin Committee - There are still 26ft and 30ft docks available for 2020, so it's a great time to talk friends into making the move to SSC from their current location. We are to the point that we have a waiting list for 35ft docks in 2020. 2020 dock contract second payments are due Dec. 15. The water line repairs have been made and then the waterlines were purged on workday. As a reminder, the Sadler Basin Committee meets at the club every first Monday of the month at 7pm and is open to berth holders to attend.

Bar time(s) - Friday night socializing through the off-season will continue as Fireside Fridays to accompany Winter Wednesdays. Food will be available on Wednesday and Friday nights, while Saturday Nights there is not currently a plan to provide food when the bar is open. We will be getting a small,

more portable popcorn machine for fresh popcorn when the bar is open. Several other ideas are being tossed around that we hope will be very positive for membership.

Credit cards - Keep in mind there is a \$10 minimum to use your credit card at the Dairy Bar. I have looked into getting an app for tabs and I think I will recommend a slightly more refined version of the Bar Tab System we have now vs an app. The cost for the Tab Service, at this time, can't be justified. We successfully used drink tickets at the J/24 District Regatta and it worked pretty well as we were serving members and non-members that weekend. The drink tickets were sold at the highest drink price we had and it will work pretty well for a regatta.

Gate operation - We will be without a gate this winter as it was hit recently by a vehicle. We are in the process of ordering signage to indicate private property, etc. along with looking at options to make the gate more reliable/smooth operating. My goal is to make sure the gate mechanism opens/closes completely and in a timely manner once a vehicle is clear of the safety field of the new sensor. As part of our lease, we are only required to provide access to Springer's Wharf via access from Battery Park, not through our property. As I mentioned in emails, we pay \$40k/year for the lease and we want to make sure we protect our asset.

Contact me - Please feel free to email questions, comments, or suggestions to mbedee@outlook.com or call/text me at 419-202-0044.

View from the RearRC Andy Davis

Another year is coming to an end, and I am looking forward to moving to Vice Commodore. Never fear, Cinda has agreed to help out with food and fresh baked goodies. Thanks Cinda. That said, this update will be short and sweet.

New beers - We have added a variety new beers which have

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Hog Wild crosses ahead of Solitude on a Wednesday night race.
Richard Kevern got some fantastic shots from the RC boat during the season.

been embraced by many. Of course we have the standards (Sailor beers) like Bud, Molson, Labatt, Corona, and a slew of others. What you may not know is we continue to massage the beer offerings to align with seasonal tastes. We rolled out Bitburger Pilsner and Erdinger Hefeweizen bottles, to compliment other fall classics like Warsteiner Octoberfest, and the other recent additions including Columbus Brewing, Lagunitas and Founders, among others. The variety we offer is superb, and the prices are fabulous. We just received Great Lakes Brewing Christmas Ale in bottles, a very hard one to get, but we got it! YUMMMM. Our beer selection continues to evolve, and we have some great seasonals. Come down and have one, or four. LOL

Draft beer - Did someone say draft beer? Yes, and we listened! We have added Great Lakes IPA Draft as well as Nosferatu (a superior product) to round out the draft offerings. Additionally, we just received Thirsty Dog 12 Days of Christmas Draft.

Wine? I want wine. We are going to try something a little different this winter. For those of you who really enjoy a smooth drinking Pinot Noir and a very solid Cabernet, we are experimenting with a couple options I am sure you will enjoy while around the fireplace. You have to stop by and give them a taste. I am a wine drinker, and these are very solid. Additionally we just received another variety of vino, so come down and give it a try.

Finally, I will be setting up a Dairy Bar Committee to help improve the aesthetics of the Dairy Bar, as well as ensuring our offerings meet what the members desire. This is a fun committee, and if we are not having fun, then we are doing something wrong. Of course there are many committees we will need help with, so please be open to supporting the club in any way you can by joining a committee. Thanks everyone; this is a great club.

End of year party - I am looking at having a party near the end of the year, or very early in January. Stay tuned as I will be a barn burner. I will be reaching out with updates shortly. Likely it will be a light meal, followed by some crazy karaoke and other music. Would be nice to reduce the inventory prior to year end, so I am looking to all of you for your help in that reduction.

Rear Commodore moving to Vice Commodore - I want to take a moment to thank everyone who was so supportive to my learning the Rear Commodore duties this year.

Again, showing the selflessness of our club, there are so many I want to thank, so how about this: Thank you all for your patience, understanding, guidance, willingness to help out, and above all, your heart for our club. I look forward to becoming Vice in the near future, and will do my level best to ensure our club continues to grow and prosper while never forgetting the history and those who have afforded us the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful thing. Thanks everyone.

Contact me – Please feel free to email me with questions, comments, or suggestions at RearCommodore@SanduskySailingClub.com or on my cell at 262-202-1372.

Sandusky Junior Sailors, Inc **Mic Kaufman / Suzanne Hartley**

End of the season - SJSI is putting the on-water portion of the program to bed for the winter. You can still experience sailing on the simulators at the Marketplace at the Cooke. This is a great free (space donated to us by H2 Properties and we staff with volunteers to operate the simulators) promotion of the club and sailing in general. Please spread the word. Go sail a boat and then throw some axes - what fun!

SJSI participated in the community Halloween event on Oct. 26 at the Marketplace.

SJSI will be at the Cleveland Boat Show in January. More on that and your opportunities to volunteer coming soon.

SJSI has accepted the donation of the Adaptive Adventure boats. Adaptive Adventures decided to terminate its sailing programs but allowed the Sandusky program to keep the Wind-Riders and the Corsair. The program will continue here as it has in the past as Adaptive Sailing.

The program recently purchased a Colgate 26 sailboat for the adaptive and community programs. This purchase was funded by the ODNr grant.

The Colgate 26, Windriders and several Interlakes will be available to rent for members and those who have taken the Adult Learn to Sail.

For sale: Paddle boards and inflatable docks are for sale. Contact Larry Knauer for more information.

Remember, tuition does not cover the expenses of the Learn to Sail program. You can make a contribution when you pay your SSC dues. Thank you for your past and future support.

Basin Business..... PC Monty Kaufman

The Sadler Board has been very busy the past month. We finally found a contractor who could and would cut and break up the concrete, find the leak in our water line and fix it. That was done Thursday before work day.

Friday I had the Sandusky Water Department check our Basin meter while every thing was charged. It was hardly moving. The water leak was fixed!

Saturday morning we drained those water lines, put antifreeze in and shut down the system for the year. We also tied up the electrical lines that dip down into the water so that ice will not pull them out of the boxes. All that is left is walking the docks after boats have left, looking for floats that are not floating well and moving the wooden Junior dock over to C dock for the winter.



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Thank you for being patient with us as we struggled to find the leak, locate a contractor that could fix it and test to see if we had any more leaks.

RC Boats Terry Parker

Help Wanted! Once again, we will be storing our three committee boats indoors for the winter months. We will again need volunteers to continue the process of catch-up and preventative maintenance on the boats. Nothing quite as sexy as tearing off a roof or patching holes in the bottom this year (we hope!) but lots of refinishing and repair tasks need to be done. The good news is that the bottom paint on *Escort III* and the *Grady-White* appear to be good for another season, and *Escort I* will only need some touch-up painting in the spring. So no Soylent Green on the people indoors this winter! We are again planning to schedule work days over the winter and are looking to develop a list of "go to" volunteers. The only alternative is to hire everything done (\$\$\$). Please contact me if you are willing to help! Thanks! Terryparker47@gmail.com or 440-320-3100

Adaptive Sailing.....Larry Knauer

Well, the season is coming to an end for 2019. It has been great fun getting partners out on the water from OVH and CLI this summer.

I want to thank our sponsors (Ohio Division of Natural Resources, Sierra Lobo, Norcross Insurance Agency, New Day Rentals and Eccl Aerospace Services) for their financial support making this program available to veterans and individuals with mobility limitations. Thank you to Freedom Boat Club for bringing the pontoon boat when possible and to The Loco Yak for bringing kayaks. These programs would not be possible without your support.

We transitioned to SJSI this summer to secure our permanent location at the Sandusky Sailing Club and appreciate their support. We thank Adaptive Adventures for seven years of a great sailing program and wish them well as they expand their services to Veterans Administration focused programs.

We will be partnering with H2 Properties and the City of Sandusky Rec. Dept this fall and winter to offer indoor sailing on the simulators in the Marketplace at the Cooke downtown. We will be having youth programs as well as open times for all to learn about sailing in a warm dry environment over the cold winter months. Whether it is keeping your racing skills sharp or learning the basics, this is a great way to enjoy sailing year round.





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Sailing Stuff for Sale or to Buy

PLEASE NOTE: We will do some house cleaning in this article for the next issue of the *Cross Bearings*. If you wish to continue your ad, send an email to eric@artdpartment.com so we know your item is still for sale.

Paddle boards and inflatable docks are for sale. Contact Larry Knauer at ldknauer@gmail.com for more information.

1982 S2 8.5 28' LOA. Updated electronics with STng (NMEA 2000) network including networked autohelm. Asking \$7,500. Sails: Quantum main sail 2018. Quantum genoa 2017. Quantum symmetrical spinnaker 2018. Older but lightly used cruising spinnaker. Contact Jason Huffman at huffman.jason@gmail.com.

Harken MK IV unit 1 furler for sale. Brand new. Priced to sell! Brad Balmert at bradb1384@yahoo.com or 440-670-5065

Emergency raft - \$300. Last certified 2012, expired 2014. Contact George Steinemann at 419-341-0639 or email gsteinemann@civista.bank

2006 Laser - No trailer, very good condition. \$1,800. Contact Patti Heilman at 419-656-2337.

Interlake Sails - Main and jib. Lightly used one season. \$1,000 or BO. Call Pete 419-366-8358 or email.pgrant@bex.net

Scott's sailing stuff for sale - New and like new. Contact Scott Kibler for a full list. 419-566-7781 or wskibler@embarqmail.com. Feel free to make offer or buy lots of stuff and get a better deal.

Interlake with trailer - Two sets of sails. For info contact Richard Byrd at 216-533-6209 or alphabyrd@gmail.com

Interlake Hull #972 - Yellow hull, white seated deck. Deck replaced by CustomFlex. SS centerboard, cut-down trunk with teak trim. All new foam floatation by CustomFlex. Carbon spin pole, CustomFlex rudder, most hardware and lines replaced. North main and jib, several other sets of sails and spinnakers. Trailer in great shape, bearing buddies and good tires. \$1,800 or make offer. Call Rich Wismer at 440-308-6834, rwismer972@gmail.com Located in North Ridgeville, near Lorain.

16' 1958 Lyman with 1961 35 HP Evinrude Lark outboard and trailer. New marine mahogany ply decks professionally installed this last winter. Transom, ribs and board are all good. \$3,000. Email john@firelandsllocal.com. Phone 419-706-5137.

J/24 for sale - 1979. Set up for single-handed, MORC or one-design. Good sails and rigging. Fair trailer. Boat is in good condition - bottom needs attention; it has been blasted and is ready for sanding and bottom paint. \$3,250. Contact PC Park McRitchie at park@quikspray.com

1987 Hunter 31 - Excellent condition. Several sets of sails recently inspected and repaired. Yanmar 2GM20F 2 cyl. diesel. Sale includes steel cradle and many extras. Ready to cruise or race. Asking \$17,000. Racing sails are available for extra \$\$\$. Contact Rory Carpenter at 734-660-1517.

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