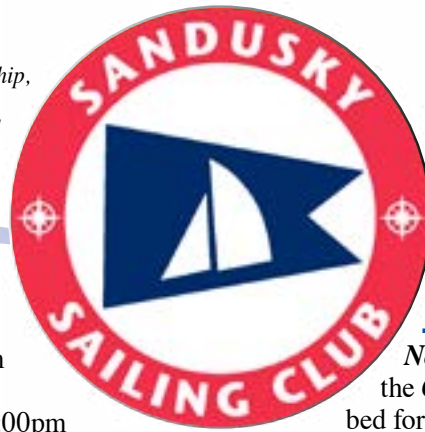


The object of the Sandusky Sailing Club shall be the promotion and encouragement of sailing and seamanship, and of a sportsmanlike attitude toward racing and competition. The Club is organized to encourage small boat sailing and racing among those who may not be able to afford large annual dues and assessments.



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November 2024 Cross Bearings

11/01	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
11/08	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
11/09	Sat	Annual SSC Awards Banquet	
11/11	Mon	Sadler Basin Committee mtg...	7:00pm
11/12	Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
11/15	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
11/15	Fri	Dock payments due - first of two	
11/19	Tues	SSC Regatta Committee meeting	7:00pm
11/22	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
11/26	Tues	Islands Race Committee meeting	7:00pm
11/29	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
12/01	Sun	Senoir membership status request due	
12/06	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
12/09	Mon	Sadler Basin Committee mtg.....	7:00pm
12/10	Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
12/13	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
12/14	Sat	Club rental	5:00pm
12/17	Tues	SSC Regatta Committee meeting	7:00pm
12/24	Tues	Islands Race Committee meeting	7:00pm

For more info, go to www.sanduskysailingclub.com.
Go to “community” then drop down to “event calendar.”

From the HelmComm. Jason Huffman

November is here, and we have completed the winter preparation for the club house. Looking back at the season it is hard to believe how quickly it went by, I hope to see everyone at the Awards banquet on Nov. 9.

Last month I completed my last board meeting and last general meeting as Commodore, an experience that I have thoroughly enjoyed. I would like to take a moment to thank all of the members that have volunteered this year, your effort is what makes SSC so special. I would also like to take a moment to thank Past Commodores Andy Davis, Wes Blazer, and Hank Boissoneault for all of the guidance when I had questions and doubts, as well as always being at the club to lend a hand when I was away!

Your 2025 SSC Bridge - Congratulations to our newly elected Rear Commodore Tim Ujvari, and first year trustees: Kathy Knox, Robbie Stone, and David Kocias.

I look forward to what next season will bring for SSC!

Fair Winds and Following Seas

— Outgoing Commodore Jason Huffman
huffman.jason@gmail.com

Russ Krock's *Uncivilized* is dwarfed by the locks on his way to Annapolis.

House and GroundsVC John Giordano

November is here and as you read this issue of the **Cross Bearings**, we will have put the club to bed for the winter. But as we take a brief break for the upcoming holidays and time with family, the club stays busy. Planning is already underway for the 2025 season as we host the Thistle Nationals and Interlake Nationals in late July and Early August. Additionally, we will have Fireside Friday activities as much as possible over the winter months.

Sadler has exciting plans for several updates to the Basin over the winter, but I'll defer you to their report for details. We are also essentially, as VC Tim has mentioned in the e-mails, on a waiting list for all docks 30ft and greater. So please ensure you get your dockage payments mailed on time and let us know as soon as possible if you plan to make changes. Now is the time we receive new dockage requests, and this information is imperative to be able to fill any openings.

Lastly, this is my last Cross Bearings as Vice Commodore. It's been a remarkable year with Optis being a highlight. But there were many more successful events and activities throughout the year. I'd most likely miss one, so I won't list





them all. None of this would have been possible without the many volunteers and support of the membership. So a big thank you to everyone who pitched in to make these events and this year the success that it has been.

I'd also like to personally thank the outgoing Trustees, Dave Kocias, Paul McAllister and John Stauffer. Your input and support is very much appreciated.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Past Commodore Hank Boissoneault, Commodore Jason Huffman and Rear Commodore Tim Willford. They've been a great team to work with and learn from. Thank you for your partnership and teamwork.

Looking forward to the next season and seeing you all at the Awards Banquet on Nov. 9.

As always, if you have ideas or suggestions, send me a note. VC John Giordano, 205-903-9257, BoilerJohn85@gmail.com

View from the RearRC Tim Willford
A Look Back at a Great Year and a Glimpse Ahead

As the year draws to a close, SSC can look back with pride on a season brimming with camaraderie, competition, and growth. Our tradition of Friday Night Feeds brought members together each week to share delicious, cozy meals hosted by our own volunteers, featuring everything from barbecue spreads to classic chili dogs. These gatherings were a constant reminder of our club's warm, welcoming spirit, especially as we transitioned into fall.

Racing and Event Highlights

The 2024 season brought a packed calendar of racing and special events. From the iconic Sandusky Islands Race to Bay Week and beyond, SSC members represented us on the water with both pride and skill. Our club hosted major regattas, including the Opti National Regatta and the Thistle Great Lakes event, putting SSC on the map as a premier racing destination. These events were complemented by SSC favorites like the Kelleys Island Night Race and our regular Wednesday and Sunday series, which brought together both seasoned sailors and new members alike. In a fun new twist, our DF95 fleet launched, bringing radio-controlled sailing excitement to Sunday mornings and culminating in the lively Turkey Bowl Regatta.

We'll be wrapping up the year with a spirited Halloween Party, where members will celebrate the season with costume contests and pumpkin carving, showing that our competitive spirit extends far beyond the water.

A Thank You to Our Volunteers

To the volunteers who kept everything running smoothly—from galley hosts to race committee members and everyone who rolled up their sleeves for event setup and workdays—SSC owes you a huge thank you. Your dedication, time, and energy fuel our club's success and keep our traditions alive.

Looking Ahead to Next Year

With dockage contracts already out for 2025, we're eagerly anticipating another packed year of sailing, gatherings, and growth. Next season will build on the strong foundation our members and volunteers have laid, as we welcome even more opportunities for races, social events, and community-building activities.

Thank you to everyone for making this season one to remember. Here's to more adventures, races, and community at SSC in 2025!

Two Cents form the Treasury.....
Bernie Ashyk and David Brink

Thanks to the membership for your dues and dockage payments in 2024. As you already know, the 2025 Dock Contracts have been emailed with your particular dock fee specified along with options of payment including a discount for early payment. Please check your in box for your Dock Contract. If you don't find it, check your Spam file as sometimes they end up there.

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

Fall is here and we are planning for the 2025 sailing season.

We are looking for full time and part time instructors for 2025. Contact Michelle (michelle@sailsandusky.org) or Suzanne (Suzanne@sailsandusky.org) if interested.

Old grants are being closed out and new ones written.

Registration for 2025 will be open on the website until the end of November.

Plans are underway for the Cleveland Boat Show in 2025. If you are interested in helping contact Michelle or Suzanne. The boat show is January 16-19.





For the Good of the Order

Best Brunch in Town. On Sunday morning Oct. 6, in anticipation of heavy weather for the last race of the season, PC Hank Boissoneault suggested on the previous Friday evening that an impromptu breakfast buffet to end the season and thank the Race Committee be prepared for all. A note was sent to alert the membership of the plan. As things turned out, the breezes were very strong, and Race 9 of the 2nd Sunday Series was abandon. PC Hank Boissoneault, PC John Schwartz, RC Tim Willford, and Phil Montgomery went to work in the galley and served a hungry crowd of 40 or more, including most of the Race Committee, a delicious bacon, sausage, hash browns, scrambled eggs, toast, and donut breakfast. The Interlake Fleet dues supported the cost of the meal. A small price to pay for the RC services rendered. Thanks guys!

Interlake Fleet No. 1 2024 Race Results: It was another good season of racing despite the sometimes contrary weather. Sometimes too much and sometimes too little, with too many races abandoned. Overall there was always tight competition throughout the four series sailed on Wednesday Nights and Sunday mornings. Congratulations to PC Hank Boissoneault and his very talented wife Kelly for taking the top honors for the overall season with the PC Wes Blazer/Paul McAllister team placing second and Phil Montgomery and his choice of family crew of Cassady, Sarah, Jude, and Eli placing third. The rest of the qualifying Fleet skipper standings for the overall are: 4th Chris Mallot, 5th Will Petersilge, 6th Maddie Grant, 7th Larry Cadman. We will be looking forward to the Annual Blue Velvet Awards celebration sometime in early February. — Bernie Ashyk, Fleet Captain



This year's One Design Regatta sailed on Sept. 14 and 15 had its fair share of competition, breeze, and fun to be had by all. After a long sail out to Sandusky's Main Bay, three races were completed on day one, and breeze built as time went on. Day two started out with light air, with the breeze filling in over the course of three more races.

Congratulations to our Interlake regatta winners, Will Petersilge and Paul McAllister hailing from Sandusky, Fleet #1. Gunnar Gode and Dan Wagner out of Hoover finished second, with myself and my dad, PC Pete Grant, also from Sandusky finishing third. I can say firsthand that the competition in this regatta was unmatched! 9 Interlakes participated.

This event, organized and managed by SSC's Jay Austin, also included a Thistle Regional sailed by 12 boats and a Jet 14 Nationals with 19 competitors including a handful of Sandusky Interlakers that made a guest appearance.

Thank you to Sandusky Sailing Club and the Race Committee for hosting a great event! A tasty rib and chicken Bar-B-Que dinner with all the sides was prepared by Frank Lord and his team on Saturday evening. To wrap up the weekend, a special thank you to Bernie Ashyk, Don and Eilene Guy, and Phil Montgomery for making sure no one left the regatta hungry on Sunday afternoon as they served a delicious lunch before the awards for the three fleets were presented.

Hope to see you all for another great regatta next year!

— Maddie Grant, SSC

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. (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

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

Paddle boards and inflatable docks for sale. Contact Larry Knauer at 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 or 440-670-5065

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

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