

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.



PO BOX 814  
SANDUSKY, OHIO 44871-0814  
[www.sanduskysailingclub.com](http://www.sanduskysailingclub.com)

## October 2020 Cross Bearings

10/03 Sat	The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Silent Auction .....	6:00pm
10/07 Wed	Winter Wednesday.....	5:00pm
10/10 Sat	SSC Fall General meeting.....	9:00am
10/10 Sat	SSC Fall Workday.....	after meeting
10/18 Sun	Club rental .....	10:00am-6:00pm
10/21 Wed	Winter Wednesday.....	5:00pm
10/24 Sat	Club rental .....	noon-7:00pm
11/01 Sun	Dock payments due	
11/04 Wed	Winter Wednesday.....	5:00pm
11/13 Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
11/14 Sat	SSC Awards/Appreciation Banquet at SYC	
11/18 Wed	Winter Wednesday.....	5:00pm
11/27 Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm

For more info, go to [www.sanduskysailingclub.com](http://www.sanduskysailingclub.com) and check out the SSC calendar.

## Mensajes del comodoro loco

### ..... Commodore Matt Bedee

**2021 Commodore has a great report this month**, so I will try not to steal any of his thunder. As PC Bryan Huntley pointed out to me, as commodore you start to keep track of how many more *Cross Bearings* articles you have left or in my case late to write. I am officially down to just November's after this one.

**October already?** It's the end of a very unique season and it has been a fine line balancing the many different approaches each of us may have during the pandemic. The club made it through the season extremely well and it was a group effort. It was also brought to my attention by PC John Hartung, after the last Sunday morning race, that I am the first commodore in SSC history to serve during a global pandemic. I did a little research and it could be true, since none of the other pandemics on the list since 1932 were as disruptive to every day life as what we are experiencing now.

**Fall General Meeting and Workday** is Oct. 10 starting at 9:00am with the Fall General Meeting. The past commodores have a slate of six (6) members running for three (3) 1st year trustee positions and a shocker for rear commodore. We will have the meeting outside so we can run ballots out to members who wish to stay in their car. The weather looks good, so we may hold it outside to allow for more social distancing.

**SSC Awards Banquet** is currently scheduled for Nov. 14. I'm working through the details with the Sandusky Yacht Club. Specifics will be sent out via email over the next week or so and will be in the November *Cross Bearings*. It's understandable that some will choose not to attend and that's okay. I will see what we can do to have a ZOOM setup for the Awards and Change of Watch Portions. 2019 and prior

award winners, you owe me your 2020 award recipients by Oct. 21.

**Dock Contracts** will be done via email this year to cut down on costs for the club; everyone has had to embrace doing things a bit different since mid-March. It worked well last year as a test, but the process will be more refined this year.

**Thank you in advance** for making this a very memorable commodore year, in more ways than one, and for the many members who stepped up to help with things as we went back to our roots of being a volunteer club. As past commodore, I plan to help organize the committees more than I did this year to support the committee chairs. Some of it will be getting the committee chairs to seek out volunteers for their committees, along with sending out a committee sign-up list after the holidays to allow members to indicate what committees they would like to join.

**If you have any concerns** or there is something that you believe will make our club better, please don't hesitate to contact me at [commodore@sanduskysailingclub.com](mailto:commodore@sanduskysailingclub.com) or 419-202-0044. You may also contact the SSC Board at [SSCBoard@sanduskysailingclub.com](mailto:SSCBoard@sanduskysailingclub.com).

## El Vicio Comodoro ..VC Blutarski (AKA Andy Davis)

**The Dairy Bar is open...** that's right folks, come and have a beverage. We have an updated assortment of craft beers, and a wider selection of spirits. Better wine by the glass also. This winter, the current schedule for Winter Wednesdays is the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Due to COVID, we are working through if we can do any food. We are also considering games. Stay tuned as we will send out an email blast once confirmed. (Maybe Euchre or something like that). Fireside Fridays will begin in November and will be held the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Our goal is to continue last year's winter activities with careful consideration of COVID rules.

**Hear ye, hear ye... Sandusky Islands Race/Leukemia Cup 2020 final update.** After careful consideration and a close review of the COVID Rules, we decided to hold the Sandusky Islands Race/Leukemia Cup Regatta on Aug. 29. In summary, we created LOTS'O'PIZZAS on Friday Night, Saturday we had Snootie's BBQ catered in. SSC won the overall Yacht Club Challenge for the Leukemia Cup Regatta! This is a great thing folks... well done! SSC also won the top overall fundraising boat. The all-kids crew also won the Leukemia Regatta Junior Volunteer-of-the-Year Award and were inducted into the LCR Hall of Fame. They also were 2nd and 3rd Individual Overall Fundraisers. Congrats to the **More Kids On Sailboats** team, and everyone who participated. It truly was a great event. Thanks to everyone involved.

**HARBOR NORTH**  
**YOUR COMPLETE SAILING CENTER**  
 SINCE 1977 US SAILING CERTIFIED  
 YACHT SALES • BROKERAGE • SERVICE  
 MARINE STORE • SAILING CHARTERS  
 RACK STORAGE • DOCKAGE  
 LAKE ERIE'S OLDEST SAILING SCHOOL  
 419-433-6010 / 800-451-7245  
 400 HURON STREET, HURON, OHIO 44839  
 www.harbornorth.com • email: boating@harbornorth.com



**5K Rum update:** The first annual 5K Rum is in the books! We had participants from all over the state of Ohio join us to help make it a “SMASHING” success. We had 45 participants patronizing nine downtown Sandusky bars and restaurants on the 5K Rum route. Fun was had by all during the five hours spent out and about. The event was the talk of the town. Thank you to all the participants for coming out and supporting the event. Mark your calendars! The first weekend in October 2021 will be the second annual 5K Rum. It will be bigger and better than this year. One more exciting piece of feedback: Every single bar commented on how fun our crowd was, and there is already excitement around crew memberships to join in on the fun. From the back flips outside of Shore House, bayside beverages at Dockside, Dark and Stormies at VITA, unknown shots at Daly’s, and getting to know other pubs/taverns in town (Jax Bar, Tony’s, Landmark, and of course SYC) - it was a great event. There were awards *earned* and during the awards ceremony, there was a significant amount of laughter. Congrats to our overall winner, all the way from Ashland (see Pic). And in the coveted *#1 Drinker* event... I am proud to say that while the competition was fierce, I was able to represent SSC proudly by winning. I am retiring from the field, so winning that award next year needs to be handled by someone else. LOL

**Basin and Grounds Update:**

**Stefanie Williams:** For those of you who do not know Stefanie, she cleans the club and you will see her from time to time throughout the summer (and for the winter folks, she is around in the winter also). Stefanie has been very flexible for us, trying to adjust her schedule to accommodate our social needs. Additionally, she has been concentrating on the bathrooms. I have been told many times over the past couple months how much better the bathrooms are...HATS OFF TO STEFANIE. That said, if you get a chance while at the club, and you see Stefanie, say hello, thank her for her impact on the club. She is a great lady who continues to adapt to support the club’s needs.

**Clubhouse investment and upgrade:** We continue to invest in the clubhouse, and during August we brought the clubhouse up to code by adding an internal backflow preventer. This ensures our incoming water is safe while ensuring we eliminate the chance of backflow into the city water supply. Thanks to Bernie and Matt, among others, for their support in ensuring this effort went off without a hitch.

**Sadler planning:** At the past Sadler Basin Committee meeting, there were exciting discussions around the direction of our club. Stay tuned as there will be updates forthcoming. It’s exciting folks.

**Social distancing and “reopening of the club:”** Over the past several weeks, it’s clear that the club is a great place to be. We have seen a large number of folks and I am very grateful for that. Please continue to be mindful of those who are at a heightened risk. We’ve done a good job of embracing social distancing and for those who prefer to wear masks, by all means, wear a mask.

**2020 started off with many challenges:** Water leak, forecasted highest water in decades, new docks, COVID-19, etc. I am happy to say that given all the change and challenge thus far, at the end of the day everyone who has been involved in driving progress has been wonderful. Thank you everyone, and I am sure I speak for Matt and Wes also, it does take a village, and I am glad my home address is SSC.

**Please stay safe,** and I look forward to seeing all of you in the near future.

**Contact me** (Vice Commodore Blutarski, AKA Andy Davis) Please feel free to email me questions, comments, or suggestions at [ViceCommodore@SanduskySailingClub.com](mailto:ViceCommodore@SanduskySailingClub.com) or on my cell at 262-202-1372.

**View from the Rear ..... RC Wes Blazer**

**Fall workday** - Fall workday is Oct. 10. If you see a project that needs addressing, let me know so I can get it on my list. Otherwise, I’ll see you there with tools in hand.

**Contact me** – Please feel free to email me with questions, comments, or suggestions at [RearCommodore@SanduskySailingClub.com](mailto:RearCommodore@SanduskySailingClub.com) or on my cell at 386-416-9034.

**Sadler Basin Committee .....PC Steve Jackson**

**2021 dock rates** will remain the same as in 2020. Even with all the work the committee did and is planning.

**The board has completed many projects this season:**

- Seasonal prep work in the marina
- Chasing down a major water leak, then replacing the entire old water line
- New walking ramps for the high water conditions
- Shoveling and cleaning up debris from the high water



**Peter S. Grant**  
 REALTOR®  
 Cell: 419-368-8358  
 Office: 440-572-1200  
 petergrant@kw.com  
 www.kellerwilliams.com  
 www.FineFirelandsHomes.com  
 kw GREATER CLEVELAND  
 SOUTHWEST  
 KELLERWILLIAMS, REALTY  
 18318 Pearl Road, Strongsville, OH 44136  
 Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated





**MARK R. GROSS**  
ATTORNEY

MARK GROSS LAW LLC  
A Virtual Law Office

419.609.5000  
mgross@grosslaw.net  
www.grosslaw.net

MARK GROSS LAW

- Finishing all the new docks on Springer's Wharf
- Installing a prototype new 36' dock on "A" dock
- Checking basin for stray electrical current - finding none
- Electrical issues on boats
- Mulching the many flower and shrub beds
- Fire extinguisher redesign (reduced shoulder hitting)
- De-weeding and clean up milkweed area
- Interlake chain hoist repair
- Deck board replacements
- Dock board replacements
- Safety and information signage around the basin
- Many more than can be listed here

**Projects this winter include** removing all the deck boards and replacing with new on "A", "B", and Dry Sail docks. New 36' docks are currently pushed to the 2022/2023 season.

**Sadler Basin committee members:** Karl VanderHorst, Art Averell, PC Jim Ziss, PC Monty Kaufman, and PC Steve Jackson. Your Sadler Sailing Basin Committee has put in many hours. Please give them a thank you when you see them.

**The Sadler Basin Committee** can be contacted via email at [SadlerBoard@sanduskysailingclub.com](mailto:SadlerBoard@sanduskysailingclub.com)

**RC Boats ..... Terry Parker**

Racing will be done by the time you read this. *Escort I* and the *Grady-White* have made it through a shortened season and will be getting hauled and ready for winter. There are no major known projects for the off-season at this time. Routine items such as bottom painting and hull waxing, as well as mechanical issues are spring matters. Please stay tuned for further messages.

Contact me at [terryparker47@gmail.com](mailto:terryparker47@gmail.com) or 440-320-3100.

**Sandusky Junior Sailors, Inc...Suzanne Hartley / Mic Kaufman / Michelle Gilboy**

**Fall is in the air and we are wrapping up our 2020** on-the-water season. We had a record number of participants go through our program and we were able to maintain COVID compliance while teaching and sailing.

**Our partnership with Sandusky Parks and Recreation** is ever growing. We were happy to offer a five-session Junior Keelboat program during the month of September and we are

currently working on off-season simulator sailing programs to be able to serve our community year round.

**As part of our future expansion,** we are exploring various funding options to update coach boats, expand our Opti and Laser fleets, and ultimately get more people on the water.

**Do you have any old sails sitting around** that have been replaced or ripped during a race? Don't know what to do with them and want to reclaim some much needed storage space? Donate them to the Junior Program! We can take any old dacron sail off your hands. Through a partnership with Sea Bags, we are able to send them any old sails we have and they turn them into bags and return them to us to sell as fundraising opportunities.

**Thank you to Sandusky Sailing Club and Sandusky Yacht Club for sponsoring the first annual 5K RUM** and to Dockside, Jax Bar, Vita, Daly's, Tony's, Landmark, and Shore House for participating in this event. It was a great event and we look forward to future 5K Rum events.

**Thank you to Vita for hosting an Oktoberfest fundraiser** to support our Junior Race Team. We appreciate everything you do to help our sailors.

**Stay tuned for more details** and remember, tuition and fundraisers do not cover all the expenses of the SJSI programs.

**We appreciate your support as we actively work to expose more people to sailing.**



## For the good of the order

*Sandusky One Design Regatta held Sept. 26.*

This event was promoted to fulfill our needs to get in some One Design sailing to make up for all the Regattas that were cancelled or postponed due to the pandemic. Saturday's racing certainly lived up to all the promotion!

Many thanks to Jay Austin, Sandusky Sailing Club's Regatta Chair and doubled as the event's PRO, who initiated the idea to combine other classes with the previously scheduled Thistle Lake Erie District Championship. As a result of good advertising and support by SSC, 14 Thistles, 14 Interlakes, and 14 Lasers showed up Saturday morning. The conditions at the first warning signal were near 80°, sunshine, and southwest winds at 7-9 mph. They sailed in the Main Bay to avoid the small boat traffic and allow some extra starting and finishing room for the collection of 42 boats.

The winds were building as the first Thistle start was called back with a General Recall and the one-minute rule was in effect for the second start. The Interlake's start was all clear as the winds were building and approaching 15 mph. The Lasers started sailing towards a shorter windward mark. The Thistles were starting the 2nd race as the Interlakes

### James and Kellie Keane before the start of Race 1.



### Downwind in Race 1. Left to right, Jim Ward, Wes Blazer, Skip Dieball.



and Lasers were finishing the 1st, and so it went for Race 2 for the Interlakes as the wind piped to 20 mph prompting 8 boats to head for shore leaving 6 for the 3rd. The Thistles and Lasers toughed it out for Race 4 with winds still near 20 mph. Needless to say, the Race Committee was very busy.

There were a bunch of tired sailors after a blustery day on Sandusky Bay. Perhaps a couple of cold beverages were enjoyed after the boats were packed up and put away. Congrats and thanks to all the skippers and crews for making this a first-class sailing event.

Additional thanks to the busy Race Committee on Escort I consisting of PRO Jay Austin, Comm. Matt Bedee, PC Ruth Anne Van Fleet, and Bernie Ashyk. Registration help by Ryan Kyle. Mark Boat - Terry Parker, PC John Hartung. Pin Boat - Louie Palmer and PC Bill Semans, Safety Boats - Karl and Yanny VanderHorst, and Thistler Kyle Finnefrock. A special thanks to Louie Palmer for going the extra mile and sailing a young and very tired Laser sailor's boat back to the Club.

This was a good warm up for the Interlake Nationals at SSC in 2021.

Bernie Ashyk, Interlake Fleet No.1, Fleet Captain



All items are available for purchase at the Sandusky Sailing Club using cash, check or credit card.

Additional sizes are available and can be special ordered.

Questions and inquiries, please email Carolynne at [SSCGear@SanduskySailingClub.com](mailto:SSCGear@SanduskySailingClub.com)



**Lady's Sophisticated Polo** – Gentle Contour Silhouette, Sharp White Detailing, Very Flattering!!!  
Cool 100% Polyester, Moisture Wicking  
SSC Logo on Left Chest, SSC Flags on Right Upper Arm  
Sizes: Small to X-Large  
Price: \$32.50



**Women's Vintage T-Shirt** – Extra Sporty, ¾ Length Sleeves Silver Body with Soft Navy Detail, Curved Shirrtail Hem for Graceful Fit  
50/50 Cotton/Polyester  
SSC Flags on Left Chest, SSC Logo on Right Upper Arm  
Sizes: Small to X-Large  
Price: \$20.00

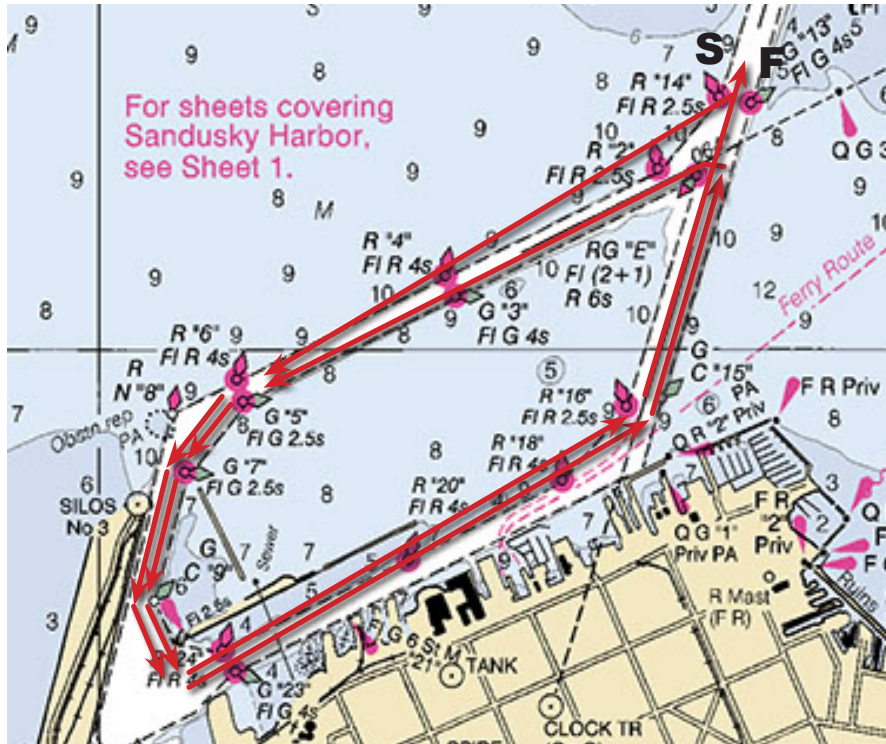
*See More Items Online!*

[www.SanduskySailingClub.com](http://www.SanduskySailingClub.com)



# Moseley Channel Challenge

- Start between buoys R“14” and G“13”. Sail the Moseley Channel trapazoid (twice around) either the RED or GREEN course. You must pass thru the sets of buoys as described in the course.
- Sail anytime you choose between May 1st and Oct 31st. Record your date and elapsed time. Email it to [eric@artdpartment.com](mailto:eric@artdpartment.com).
- Cost is \$20 for your first time turned in. Fastest corrected time wins. You can turn in more than one time. Turn them all in, we may come up with more prizes. Open all classes (i.e. PHRF, JAM, Multihull, Interlake, Cruising.)



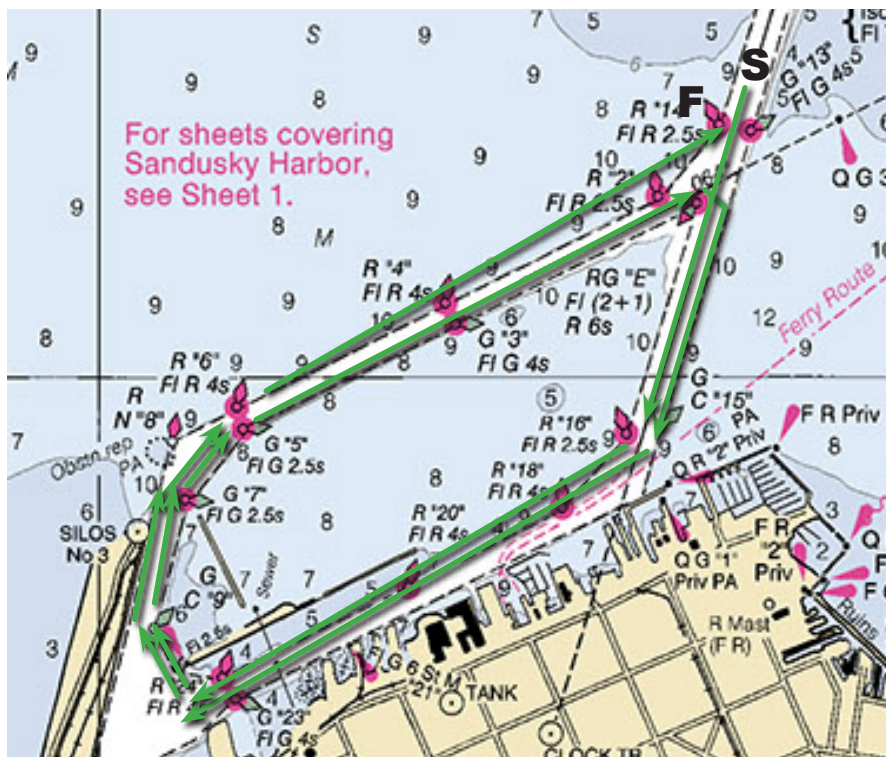
## RED COURSE:

**Start** between (R“14”/G“13”) pass between: (R“6”/G“5”), pass GC“7” to port, pass GC“9” to port, (R“24”/G“23”), (R“16”/GC“15”), round RG “E” to port, (R“6”/G“5”), pass GC“7” to port, pass GC“9” to port, (R“24”/G“23”), (R“16”/GC“15”),

**Finish** between (R“14”/G“13”)

Course distance: 7.00 NM

*NOTE: Freighters and ferries have right-of-way in the channel. Please respect their restricted movement. If you get the five quick blasts denoting collision course, you must retire from that race and start over.*



## GREEN COURSE:

**Start** between (R“14”/G“13”) pass between: (G“15”/R“16”), (G“23”/R“24”), pass GC“9” to starboard, pass GC“7” to starboard, (G“5”/R“6”), round RG “E” to starboard, (GC“15”/R“16”), (G“23”/R“24”), pass GC“9” to starboard, pass GC“7” to starboard, (G“5”/R“6”),

**Finish** between (G“13”/R“14”)

Course distance: 7.00 NM

*NOTE: Freighters and ferries have right-of-way in the channel. Please respect their restricted movement. If you get the five quick blasts denoting collision course, you must retire from that race and start over.*

## Results

### Sandusky One Design Regatta at SSC

#842, RC Wes Blazer and Paul McAllister - 1st in Interlakes.

*Moseley Channel Challenge* - So far only three times have been turned in. Get out there and SAIL! We are ending the season on Oct. 31.

JAM: *Solitude* - PC Eric Winkel

DOUBLE-HANDED: *Cracker Jack* - Dave Caracci

PHRF: *Bad B'Havior* - Gary and Eric Melssen

### Sailing Stuff for Sale or to Buy

*1986 Hunter 28.5* - 16 HP Yanmar diesel, wheel steering, new main 2010, 150 with sun screen, roller furling, dual batteries, whisker pole, two anchors and more. Documented. \$9,995. Mike Fleming 419-577-4209 Off season at Deepwater Marina.

*Tartan 10 #329 (Patrimpas)* for sale. Equipment includes several class measured and registered racing sails, VHF radio, AM/FM/Bluetooth stereo with external marine speakers, aluminum winter frame and canvas winter cover, lots of spare parts. Upgraded running rigging and several racing modifications. Asking \$10,000. <https://sailboatlistings.com/view/83454>  
Contact Aud Jucaitis at 216-970-3263 or [aud.jucaitis@outlook.com](mailto:aud.jucaitis@outlook.com)

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

*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 Sails* - Main and jib. Lightly used one season. \$1,000 or BO. Call Pete 419-366-8358 or [email\\_pgrant@bex.net](mailto:email_pgrant@bex.net)

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

*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](mailto: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 \$13,500. Racing sails are available for extra \$\$\$. Contact Rory Carpenter at 734-660-1517.