



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.

February 2016 Cross Bearings

01/30 Sat	Craft Beer Tasting Party	4:00pm
02/03 Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
02/09 Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
02/03 Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
02/10 Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
02/17 Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
02/20 Sat	11th annual Wine Tasting Party.....	6:00pm
02/24 Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
03/02 Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
03/03-07	Clubhouse will be closed - NO ENTRY	
03/07 Mon	Sadler Basin Committee meeting	7:00pm
03/08 Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
03/09 Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
03/12 Sat	Cruising Fleet potluck/meeting	5:00pm
03/16 Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
03/19 Sat	St. Patrick's Day Party	6:00pm
03/23 Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
03/30 Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm

For more info go to: www.sanduskysailingclub.com.

Commodore's Comments Comm. Steve France

Membership – Volunteer organizations, whether they be civic groups like a Kiwanis Club, a local historic society or a sailing club like ours, have several common responsibilities: delivering the services and activities members, and future members, want and being good citizens in their communities. So membership service is an important, continuing concern. PC John Hartung has stepped forward to lead an initiative focused on our membership. He will begin the first stage of this process by forming a diverse group of members – young and older, racers and cruisers, men and women, regular and crew. Their work will be to determine what our club can do to better serve and retain members and encourage new ones to join and become involved. You will hear more about this project from John in future Cross Bearing issues.

Awards Committee – For more than a year now, we've been trying to find a way to let Don and Eilene Guy retire as co-chairs of the awards committee. They have done a magnificent job for many years, but it's time to allow them to step back. I urge all our members to give this some thought. It's an interesting job and provides a great way for a member, or members, to get involved in an essential club activity, meet more folks in the club and interact with flag and award vendors. I encourage you to get in touch if you have any questions about the awards committee and what it entails.

Club Website – If you've gone to the SSC website recently, you've noticed that some of the information is out of date. We don't have a web master, can't afford to hire one and have relied on volunteers to add and change website information. Nearly all website updates have been done by PC Mike

Fishbaugh and we owe him a big thank you for shouldering most of this work for many years. Nevertheless, our website is an important tool to keep you informed about all the club's activities and we want to make it more useful and up-to-date. Mike has suggested forming a small group of members, maybe 3 or 4, who have the requisite skills to make changes to the website, and share the work among this team. We're in the process of getting this started, and you'll hear more next month.

The next board meeting of the Sandusky Sailing Club will be Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7:00pm. Meetings are open to all members in good standing.

If you have any SSC issues that need attention, I encourage you to contact me at stevefrance@ameritech.net.

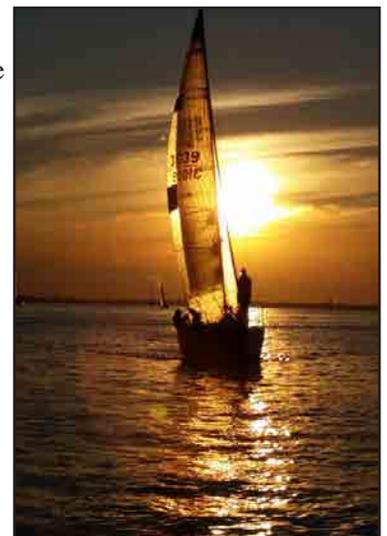
Vice Vice Baby!! VC Wendy Kaufman

Yearbook - The 2016 yearbook is in process. Thank you to Comm. Steve France (and PC John Hartung) for all your prep work and forwarding all those files to make my job easier in this busy time of year. Thank you also to those who have sent pictures/information for use in the yearbook. Anyone who still would like to offer photos of anything pertaining to SSC, there is still time to send them along to me at willowwalkers@aol.com. Also, please consider becoming a yearbook patron when you pay your dues.

For any House and Grounds issues that need attention, please contact me. As a volunteer based club, I am working to make it easy for everyone to be aware of any projects, big and small, that need to be addressed. Hopefully we can all work together and "show off" our club with renewed pride.

Clubhouse closing coming up - The SSC clubhouse will be closed from March 3-7. There will be NO ACCESS to the clubhouse during this time. Tim and his crew will be stripping and waxing the floors in the entire clubhouse and there can be no traffic on the floors during this process. We apologize for any inconvenience but are confident that the results will be worth it. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

InfraRed follows the trail of the setting sun on a Wednesday night race. Photo by Erin Cremean.



Please contact me with any brilliant ideas that you may have and I will try to incorporate them. VC Wendy Kaufman 419-656-9566(c), 419-433-3868(h), willowwalkers@aol.com.

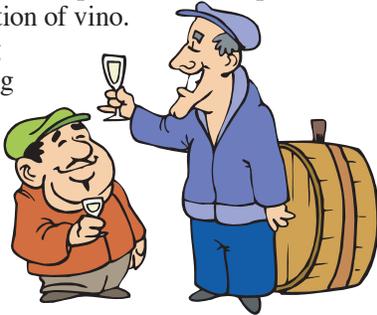
Rants from the Rear RC Mark Gross

New Year's Eve Party - More than 100 people helped us ring in 2016 at SSC's New Year's Eve Party. Thanks to PC Fritz and Jenny Everson plus Andy and Amy Sausser for putting together an awesome party. There was a fantastic variety of food and drink, music, dancing, and celebrating throughout the evening. Fun was definitely had by all.

Craft Beer Tasting - Take a break from the winter chill and enjoy a Craft Beer Tasting at SSC on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 4:00pm. Chuckie Bui of Mekong Vietnamese Cuisine will be our guide through a tasting of an excellent variety of craft beers. He will also serve a sampling of delicious food from the restaurant for your enjoyment. Spend the rest of the evening with your friends from SSC enjoying the beers that you sampled, which will be available for purchase at the Dairy Bar. The cost is \$25 per person, payable that evening, and will include beer samples, food, and your tasting glass. Members and guests are welcome.

Calling all winos! SSC's 11th annual Wine Tasting Party will take place on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 6pm at SSC. Tempt and test your palate with a fine selection of vino.

Jerry Ervin from Heidelberg Distributing is again bringing a variety of wines for our tasting (and purchasing) pleasure! Eat, drink and get educated by Jerry regarding each selection, and try pairing them with some delicious hors d'oeuvres.



The cost will be \$30 for heavy hors d'oeuvres and wine, \$20 for hors d'oeuvres only (no wine). RSVP to kathy.vanderhorst@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Cruising Fleet annual potluck - Gary and Jan Nye will host the Cruising Fleet's annual potluck on Saturday, March 12. Meet for drinks at 5:00pm and then share potluck dishes at 6. A discussion of summer cruising plans will follow, so bring your ideas.

St. Patrick's Day Party - Jay and Beth Austin will once again host our annual St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 19 at 6:00pm. Stay tuned for details.

SJRT Spaghetti Dinner and Fundraiser - The SJRT annual fundraiser will take place on Saturday, April 9 at 6:00pm. This year's event will once again take place at the Sandusky Yacht Club. Those of you who attended last year can attest what a great and well-attended event it was. Come out for a fun evening of sailing camaraderie and help your Junior Race Team get off to a great start in 2016. Details to come.

Winter Wednesdays at SSC - Remember to stop by your club and join us for Winter Wednesdays, beginning at 5:00pm every Wednesday through the rest of the offseason. Come enjoy the crackle of the fire, a selection of beverages at the Dairy Bar, and some great food prepared by Tim.

Upcoming events - Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions or ideas that you have for social or educational events at the sailing club. You can contact me at mrg@bex.net or 419-357-6747.

Operations Tim Kyle

The next meeting of the Sadler Basin Committee will begin at 7:00pm on Monday, March 7 at SSC.

Contact me with any questions or concerns about the clubhouse or basin at timmo@sbcglobal.net or call 419-656-5881.

Junior Race Team Kristin Koliha

Hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season. Soon enough spring will be here and it will be time to start to think about SAILING! Becky and Rob Burger are passing the baton to other SJRT parents. Not that anyone could fill their shoes, but a few of us will try! Pamela Gross, Lease and Renee Schock, Matthew Bedee and I will all be taking on different roles to keep this team running smoothly. Please feel free to reach out any of us!

Junior Race Team Spaghetti Dinner/fundraiser will be held April 9 at SYC. This is an all hands on deck event! We will need lots of help with everything from set-up to 50/50 raffle sales. Jr. sailors will be expected to help as well. We will need help with securing donation items for the silent auction, wine/liquor for the baskets, lottery tickets etc. We will send out tickets for the reverse raffle and dinner tickets that will need to be sold.

I-LYA Jr. Traveler Series schedule will be posted within the SSC schedule. We have a busy season coming up! Of particular importance is the Sandusky Junior Regatta June 18. Again, we will need help from everyone to make this a success, so please put this date on the calendar. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions: Kristin Koliha at 440-258-3129 or kkoliha@gmail.com.

For the Good of the Order

A note from the Treasury - Secretary Jeff Witter has mailed dues statements to the membership. Let's get a check or Paypal payment in the works and get the "Pay SSC Dues" off your "To Do" List.

Thanks — Dave Brink and Bernie Ashyk

I-LYA news - Keep up with the latest news from Inter-Lake Yachting Association, the governing body of local clubs, by subscribing to the I-LYA newsletter or check out past newsletters at www.i-lya.org.

Winter results - Dave Caracci sailed on a Morgan 41 named **Obsession**. They finished first in PHRF D in the Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race. Way to go, Dave!

Sailing Stuff for Sale

In an effort to keep this list current, we run items for three months. After that, the owner can contact us to re-run an item. If we don't hear from the owner, we'll assume the item is sold and will remove it from the list.

Schock Wavelength 24. Draft 4.5', 6.0' beam. Comes with trailer and multiple sets of sails. For more info contact Suzanne Hartley at 419-433-3605 or shartley@bex.net.

Yamaha 9.9 4 stroke motor model (FT9.9ELK) It should be a 1985 model. Sips fuel, and has been winterized year in and out. Comes with a side mount control box and cables. Very reliable, runs great! I upgraded to a bigger motor. Always stored indoors in the off season. Best offer. Contact Todd Baker at medinatodd@yahoo.com.



T10 (1st&TEN) New sails, excellent condition. Quality trailer. Recored and ready to go. Not a fixer-upper. Stored inside during winter. Great racing record. PHRF or the super fun, one design T10 fleet. \$20,000. Buy now and get FREE indoor heated storage until you're ready to launch. Contact Eric Winkel at 419-621-9823 or eric@artdepartment.com.



45-watt solar panel, new in box. Harbor Freight advertised for around \$140; Sell for \$100. Everything you need except mounting. Contact Jack Kamer at 614-314-7445 or jkamer@columbus.rr.com.

Get 'em! Flaunt 'em! SSC T-shirts and hats



Hats unisex one size fits all – Khaki, blue, or white T- shirt
Unisex 100% cotton or UVA 50+ nylon/poly
\$20.00 each Order at the Dairy Bar
All proceeds support your SSC
Show your SSC pride and support the club at the same time.

We are starting a new program at the club to supply top quality clothing and gear with SSC identification. We are able to keep costs low while providing great products and all the funds go to support the club. Soon we'll be offering sweatshirts, jackets and lots of other items to round out your wardrobe.

As a start-up, there are hats and both cotton and UVA protective t-shirts. Order forms are available at the Dairy Bar.

Flag Pole Plaza Commemorative Brick

Purchaser Information

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Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Complete this form and mail it along with a check for \$100 payable to Sandusky Sailing Club to:

Sandusky Sailing Club
PO Box 814
Sandusky, OH 44870

Please print below exactly as you wish your brick to read.

Two lines of print with 15 letters/spaces per line including periods and commas.

Questions? Contact PC John Hartung at 419-433-6151 or email jphartung@bex.net