



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.

January 2017 Cross Bearings

01/03	Tues	Junior Sailing Inc meeting.....	7:00pm
01/04	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
01/10	Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
01/11	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
01/12-16		Cleveland Boat Show at the IX Center	
01/18	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
01/20	Fri	Friday Forum: Singlehanded Sailing...	7:00pm
01/25	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
01/28	Sat	Beer Tasting/Chinese New Year party	7:00pm
02/01	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
02/07	Tues	Junior Sailing Inc meeting.....	7:00pm
02/08	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
02/11	Sat	Valentine's Day/Wine Tasting party	7:00pm
02/14	Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
02/15	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
02/17	Fri	Friday Forum: The Interlake History ..	7:00pm
02/22	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm

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

Commodore's Comments.....Comm. Wendy Kaufman

Happy New Year – Leo, Mic, Max and I would like to wish all of you a healthy and happy New Year! We also hope you had a wonderful Christmas season and added many wonderful memories to your life's reflection gallery. Remember to write down your vehicle odometer readings for your tax records, change your smoke detector batteries if required and check those fire extinguishers. (I usually locate and check ours before Christmas cookie baking season....just in case!)

Annual budget meeting – On Tuesday, Dec. 13, we held the annual budget meeting. The Board agreed on a modest 3.0% increase for 2017 and the budget was voted on and approved. As always, many thanks to Dave Brink and Bernie Ashyk for keeping an eye on all the numbers and keeping the club on course.

"Sponsor a Window" challenge update – We have 14 more windows to go! Window conversion kits will update our clubhouse windows to operate as "tilt-in's" and upgrade their efficiency beyond the need for ugly, cumbersome storm windows. I would like to challenge each of you to "Sponsor a Window." Each window conversion cost is \$350 and the first one is already installed so.... join up with friends, gather your crew, challenge others to help us get all these windows converted BEFORE spring workday. "Sponsor a Window" forms are available in the clubhouse and will be available on our website soon. Please consider this worthwhile "upgrade" contribution today. A huge thank you to Adaptive Adventures for the first conversion purchase.



Flying Scot Nationals – We will be hosting the Flying Scot Nationals this June 25-29. Mark your calendars and plan appropriately. We will need volunteers. Plus, there will be some disruption to club access and activities. Details to come.

New member welcomes

Ron & Vickie Fantozi have sailed for many years out of the Alum Creek Yacht Club, near their home in Columbus, Ohio. Both are certified sailing instructors and have taken leadership roles at Alum Creek YC over the years. They plan to keep their Hunter 23 at Alum Creek and will move their Hunter 40 next summer from Port Clinton to Sadler, where they plan to do a lot of cruising. They have two grown children, a daughter in Houston and a son in Cleveland. From what I understand, both children are sailors but have not caught the bug the way Ron and Vickie have. Ron said he and Vickie are too far away to participate in the Wednesday night racing program, but maybe we can collar them for some weekend races. They may also be interested in our cruising fleet. Ron said they would be happy to volunteer around the club in the summer. Be sure to introduce yourself when you see them aboard their Hunter docked at Sadler SW17 next summer.

Jeremy and Jessica Pifer live in Monroeville, Ohio with their seven-year-old daughter and four-year-old son. They are new regular members but have not yet bought a sailboat. Jeremy has expressed interest in crewing on a racing boat, possibly on Jake Thomas' T10. Because Jake also lives in Monroeville, perhaps they can share a ride to the club for Wednesday night races. He'd also like to crew on cruising boats and is interested in being around folks who know what they are doing so that he can develop his sailing skills before taking the plunge and buying that first boat. I'm confident we can keep him constructively occupied this coming summer. VC Mark Gross sponsored the Pifers under the Member Get-A-Member program and long-time friendships with other members, including Jake Thomas and Ken and Meg Anderson also encouraged the Pifers to join, so when you see Jeremy and Jessica around the club this summer, invite them aboard for a sail.

PC Park and Nancy McRitchie have rejoined the club. Be sure to welcome them back into the fold after a brief time away.

Last, but not least – I again want to express our deepest sympathies to Chris and the entire Mallot family on the passing of Brian. He will be greatly missed.

I would like to extend heartfelt compassion to all of you that are recovering from or are in the midst of surgeries and illnesses. May we all be surrounded by love and good care through these times in our lives.

As always, please feel free to contact me anytime. As your commodore, I look forward to serving you and hope that you will join our board meetings the second Tuesday of each month. Comm. Wendy Kaufman. Text or call 419-656-9566 (cell) or email me at willowwalkers@aol.com

Vice Vice Baby!!VC Mark Gross

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and nice time ringing in the New Year! Unfortunately, the weather has not cooperated to provide us with ice on the bay. I know all the ice boaters are hopeful that winter will arrive soon!

House and grounds – We will continue to utilize the project board in the clubhouse. If you have any ideas for improvements to the club's house and grounds, or are aware of any issues that need attention, please contact me.

2017 yearbook – If you have articles or photos documenting our parties, races, sailaways, or other adventures from last season, please send them to me by e-mail. If you are interested in advertising in the yearbook, please contact me. Also, as you complete your annual dues statement, please consider becoming a yearbook patron. Finally, if you would like to help put the yearbook together, please let me know.

Contact me at mgross@grosslaw.net or 419-357-6747.

The View from the RearRC John Schwartz

We have six events scheduled over the next three months. The parties are pretty self-explanatory, but we've made a few tweaks. I could really use help with decorating and party activity planning for the January and February parties. Text or call me at 419-706-5137 if you are willing.

The Friday Forum came out of the popular talk given by Skip Dieball in Nov. – and the request that SSC offer casual Friday events that might allow more people to attend. I've asked the presenters for each of the Forums to be prepared to talk for about 45 minutes including questions. I've got some tentative plans for the March Forum, but I wanted to see if anyone had something specific to suggest. The parties are for adults, but I'd like the Friday Forums to be family-friendly events that offer something of interest to young and old.

Save these SSC dates – watch your email for more information!

Friday Forum – On Friday, Jan. 20, 7pm-9pm Rob Burger and Lease Schock will present *Singlehanded long distance racing and the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society*.

Beer Tasting and Chinese New Year Party – On Saturday, Jan. 28, 7pm-10pm join SSC for a beer tasting, heavy Chinese hors d'oeuvres, and to officially welcome in 2017, the year of the rooster! Watch your email for more information. I STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO DECORATE THE CLUB FRIDAY 1/27!

Valentine's Day Formal and Wine Tasting – On Saturday, Feb. 11, 7pm-10pm join SSC for a wine tasting, live music and Valentine's Day formal activities. Watch your email for more information. I NEED HELP WITH PLANNING ACTIVITIES FITTING THE VALENTINE THEME!

Friday Forum – On Friday, Feb. 17, 7pm-9pm PC Mike Muhn and PC Pete Grant will present *Sandusky Sailing Club and the Interlake sailboat design history*.

Friday Forum – On Friday, March 10, 7pm-9pm. Topic: TBD Presenters: TBD

Annual St. Patrick's Day Party – On Saturday, March 18, Jay and Beth Austin are once again hosting our annual St. Patrick's Day party!

Contact me - Please feel free to contact me at john@christielane.com or 419-602-0383.



The Knee Deep crew was proud to earn Green Island Race flag.

OperationsTim Kyle

Winter Wednesdays are back in full swing. Stop by any time after 5:00pm for a cold beer, hot food and the world's best fireplace. It's a great way to break up the long, cold winter routine. If you would like to host a meal, please let me know. Variety is always welcome!

The next 2017 meeting of the Sadler Basin Committee will be Monday, April 3 at 7:00pm. Even though we don't officially meet during the winter, we continue to work on improving our basin. If you have ideas or questions, do not hesitate contact one of the Sadler Sailing Basin committee members.

For questions or concerns about the marina or clubhouse, contact me at timmo@sbcglobal.net or call 419-656-5881.

Membership PC Steve France

Member Get-A-Member update – Since we debuted this program in October, your club has welcomed seven new regular members (three under the Member Get-A-Member program) plus one regular member reinstatement. Last year, through the same period, we added just one new member.

After seeing our final profit and loss statement for 2016 and our projected budget for 2017, I was reminded how important this member development program is. SSC lost money last year, and is projected to show only a slight profit in 2017. SSC has never had to go to its members for an assessment as some other boating clubs have due to declining membership. Membership health is an important club responsibility and our Member Get-A-Member program is a great way for you, our members, to share in that effort.

The program is delightfully uncomplicated. If you are principally responsible for bringing in a new regular member and that responsibility is acknowledged by the board, you are eligible for a \$100 award. There is no limit to the number

of new members you can recruit. Your award(s) will be presented and you will be recognized at our Awards and Appreciation Banquet in November.

Cleveland Boat Show – SSC is exhibiting both an Interlake and an Opti at the Cleveland Boat Show being held at the I-X Center adjacent to the Cleveland Airport, Jan 12-16. Boat Show hours are as follows:

Thursday, Jan 12: Noon-9:00pm (shifts 12-3, 3-6, 6-9)
Friday, Jan 13: Noon-9:00pm (shifts 12-3, 3-6, 6-9)
Saturday, Jan 14: 11:00am-9:00pm (shifts 11-3, 3-6, 6-9)
Sunday, Jan 15: 11:00pm-6:00pm (shifts 11-3, 3-6)
Monday, Jan 16: 11:00am-5:00pm (shift 11-2)

This is to boost awareness of SSC and to attract new members.

If you would like to support our Club by working in our booth for one or more of the shifts, send an email listing the date and time you can help to stevefrance@ameritech.net. I'll add it to the sheet and periodically send you updates.

Thanks in advance for your support of SSC in this important Cleveland Boat Show initiative. – PC Steve France

Adaptive Sailing AdventuresLarry Knauer

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the 2016 Adaptive Adventures Sailing program a great success. This would not have been possible without your generous support of time and money. The success of the Galveston trip this past October has led to a large donation to the national Adaptive Adventures organization to fund a similar trip in 2017. It is our plan to bring that trip to Ohio for the 200th anniversary of Sandusky in July 2018. We are starting the planning that will coincide with the time the Tall Ships are in the bay for the celebration. Thank you again for all you did to make the program a great success in 2016.

Adaptive Adventures Sandusky Sailing 2016 summary
2016 was the first full year of operations for the Adaptive Adventures Sandusky Sailing program. It was a highly successful year that exceeded expectations thanks to the many volunteers, donors and participants.

We logged more than 220 participant and volunteer days over three open house events, eight Monday night introduction to sailing events, 13 Wednesday night race opportunities, and several by-appointment sailing events. In addition, the Adaptive Adventures sailboats and paddle boards were made available to the Sandusky Sailing Club Junior Learn to Sail program, the Center for Cultural Awareness day camp and the Maritime Museum day camp supporting more than 80 youth days on the water. Each participant day or youth day typically gave individuals at least an hour and a half on the water. In total, more than 450 hours of on-water time were provided and many more hours of fellowship. This all culminated in an opportunity for a few of the Sandusky participants (three participants and two volunteers) to attend a four-day national Adaptive Adventures Sailing event at the Sea Scout Base in Galveston, Texas with participants from Colorado, Wisconsin, Illinois, Texas and Ohio.

The open house events were opportunities for participants to come and spend the day at the Sandusky Sailing Club with sailing, paddle boarding, kayaking and pontoon boat trips from 10am-4pm with a wonderful lunch provided.

Many participants took advantage of trying several water sports during those days. The Monday night introduction to sailing events let participants spend quality one-on-one time with volunteer captains learning about sailing. As a result, several of the participants developed sufficient skills to take boats sailing on their own and take other participants out. On Wednesday race nights there were some opportunities to take the Adaptive Adventures boats out and refine their skills but more importantly, several of the Sandusky Sailing Club members took participants out on their own boats to experience the keel boat races and then participants were able to enjoy postrace fellowship with club members.

All of this would not have been possible without the more than 20 donors contributing about \$10,000 in cash donations and \$30,000 of in-kind equipment and materials. In addition to financial support, individual volunteers are critical to the success of the program. More than 24 volunteers provided on-water support, support to load and unload the boats, registration, meal preparations, and fund raising. We had volunteers from the Sandusky Sailing Club, Sierra Lobo, Freedom Boat Club, Sandusky Nazarene Church, Loco Yakshak Kayaks, Port Clinton Yacht Club, Hungry Heifer BBQ, New Day Rentals, Harbor North Marina, and many walk on volunteers. In addition to the volunteer support, many of these groups also contributed financially. Other financial support came from Kylee Creations, Bertsch Jewelers, Sandusky State Theater, That Fabulous Female, Captain John's Nautical Gifts, Daly's Pub, and Musician's Alley.

It was a pleasure to help bring smiles to so many faces. Thank you to so many that made this possible. We look forward to even more sailing in 2017. Look for our 2017 plans in next month's Cross Bearings.

For the Good of the Order

Flags and awards not picked up at the 2016 Fall Banquet may be picked up at the Dairy Bar. Please contact Tim Kyle when you visit SSC. If you have questions, please contact Don Guy at donguy@aol.com or 419-202-2948.

"Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and stay warm!" From Interlake Sailing Class Assoc. Fleet No. 1.



Erin Cremean and Harrison Pratt racing onboard Gargle Blaster.



We need carpet – If anyone is replacing carpeting, Sadler could use the old stuff. Pieces should be at least 6' x 12'. Leave the rolls under the porch roof of the Junior Building.

I-LYA news – Keep up with the latest news from the 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.

Sailing Stuff for Sale

1987 Hunter 31. Excellent condition. Several sets of sails which recently have been inspected and repaired. Yanmar 2GM20F 2 cyl. Diesel. Sale includes steel cradle and many extras. Ready to cruise or race. Asking \$25,000. Racing sails are available for extra \$\$\$. Contact Rory Carpenter at 734-660-1517.

2005 10' Brig R.I.B. with Johnson 6hp motor and trailer, \$2,000. Seat cushions, under-seat storage bags, custom cover, oars, foot pump, gas tank. Lightly used. Less than 50 hours on motor. Contact Terry Parker at 440-320-3100 or terryparker47@gmail.com

1987 Sabre 30 Mark III. One of few available on the Great Lakes. Excellent condition. Sails in great shape. New, upgraded diesel in 2006. Numerous recent improvements. Includes cradle. Ready to cruise or race. Asking \$39,900. Contact RC Mark Gross at 419-357-6747 or mrg@bex.net.

6' scaffolding. Used once. \$150. Call Steve Springer 419-366-0217.

Rigid Walker Bay dingy. 8 ft. Good condition. \$350. Call Betty 419-706-0911.

Honda 2.3, 4-stroke outboard motor. Never used. \$1,100 value. \$750 Call Betty 419-706-0911.

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) Newer 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. Contact PC Eric Winkel at 419-621-9823 or eric@artdpartment.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.