



SANDUSKY SAILING CLUB

PO BOX 814 • SANDUSKY, OHIO 44871-0814 • www.sanduskysailingclub.org

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.

March 2014 Cross Bearings

03/03 Mon	Sadler Basin Committee meeting	7:00pm
03/06 Thurs	Islands Race/Hospice Cup meeting	7:00pm
03/08 Sat	Fundraiser and Spaghetti Dinner to support our Junior Sailors	6:00pm
03/11 Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
03/15 Sat	St. Patrick's Day Party at SSC	6:00pm
04/01 Tues	Special meeting to vote all SSC funds go to VC Pete Grant (April Fools!)	2:22am
04/04-05	I-LYA Spring Meeting at Westlake Holiday Inn	
04/05 Sat	Weather Seminar at SSC	8:00am
04/07 Mon	Sadler Basin Committee meeting	7:00pm
04/08 Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
04/12 Sat	SSC Micro Brew/Swap Meet Party	6:00pm
04/19 Sat	US Sailing One-Day Race Management Seminar	
04/26 Sat	SSC Spring General Meeting	9:00am
04/26 Sat	SSC Spring Workday	after meeting

Check the web site for more info: www.sanduskysailingclub.org.

Commodore's CommentsMike Fishbaugh

Where is spring? This winter certainly has been one for the record books, but despite the continuing cold weather and snow, it has been great to see so many members at SSC! Thanks to Tim Kyle for keeping the lot cleared of snow this winter. If you haven't stopped by SSC either on a Wednesday or for a weekend event, please join us.

New SSC website - Sandusky Sailing Club has a new website online, <http://www.sanduskysailingclub.com>. This new website has been designed to be a useful tool for our membership by providing an online members area, easy methods for online registration and payment of events, while providing our membership access to more information online. As we continue the building process of this site, please let me know if there are any features or information that you would like to see added. Also, any web savvy member who would like to find out more about helping with the ongoing maintenance of this site, please contact me.

SSC Constitution changes - On Tuesday, Feb. 11, SSC held a special meeting of the membership to review proposed changes to the SSC Constitution as they were presented and discussed in December. Since we were a few members short of a quorum at the meeting, we did not vote that night. At the Spring General Meeting on April 26, we will vote on the proposed changes to the Constitution. This is an important update to our governing document, so please take time to read it before voting. It is posted on the website at <http://www.sanduskysailingclub.com>.

One-Day Race Management Seminar - Sandusky Sailing Club will be hosting a US Sailing One-Day Race Management Seminar on April 19. Anyone interested in becoming a certified club race officer should consider attending this one-day class, which will be taught by Steve Harris, Commodore of I-LYA. For more information or to register, please visit our website, and click on the One-Day Race Management Seminar link.

I-LYA Spring Meeting - Mark your calendars for the 2014 I-LYA Spring meeting, which will be held at the Westlake Holiday Inn on April 4-5. This meeting will include symposium topics along with a great opportunity to chat with fellow boaters. For more information visit www.i-lya.org.

SSC events - Please plan to join us at the Junior Fundraiser on March 8 and the St. Patty's Day Party on March 15. Also, remember to mark your calendar for our Spring Workday and General Meeting on April 26.

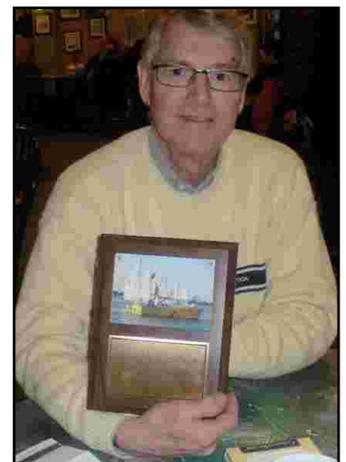
If you have any SSC issues that you would like to discuss or address, please contact me at 419-656-0807 or mfishbaugh@pathmaker.net

Vice Vice Baby!!.....VC Pete Grant

Spring Workday - While it may not feel like spring quite yet, the season will certainly be here soon. Make certain to mark your calendars for our Spring Work Day, which will be held on Saturday, April 26 after the General Meeting. We are currently reviewing the project list for workday, so if you have any suggestions or ideas on projects we should tackle, please forward that information to me at pgrant@bex.net or 330-416-2884.

House and Grounds - A new job that requires some travel has made staying on top of clubhouse improvements a challenge. Many thanks to Bernie Ashyk for recommending a company that refurbishes bathroom partitions and does an excellent job for a reasonable price. I plan to meet with the contractor and get a bid for the work in the next week or two and hopefully have it done before sailing season is in full swing.

On another subject, I think the new lights we installed on the ceiling fans seem to be working out well, adding just the right amount of light for special gatherings. Thanks to Tim Kyle for installing the light kits.



Phil Spicer received his SSC Service Award in January. Thanks Phil for all you do for our club!

Yearbook - Many thanks to PC John Hartung and Comm. Mike Fishbaugh for their continued support in this undertaking. Also I would like to thank PC Roger Fair for taking about 17 photos at the special meeting on Feb. 12. I think we only need a one or two more photos for the yearbook.

**If I have reached out to you and asked for an article or information, please respond as soon as possible. It will ease the burden of compiling all the information.*

Volunteer Highlight - This month I want to highlight Don and Eilene Guy and the many years they have volunteered their services at the club. At the fall banquets, if you have ever wondered who does all the heavy lifting and making sure all the awards are in proper order and all the engraving is just right, in addition to all the flags, it is Don.

Also every month rain or shine (or snow lately) the Cross Bearings comes out and brings you up to date on the club "goings on." A rough draft of the Cross Bearings always makes its way across Eilene's desk and gets a good "going over" to make sure the I's are dotted and the T's are crossed. I asked both Don and Eilene to share how they began their involvement with the awards and Cross Bearings and here are their thoughts. Be sure to thank them the next time you see them.

Don writes: After a Wednesday-night race a few years after I joined SSC in 1980, PC Doug Wieber and PC Mike Muhn walked up and put their hands on my shoulders. Mike asked what I was doing. I said, "Nothing." Thus began my involvement with trophies and awards. Mike later told me I would not be asked to go through the chairs if I was "busy." I've been busy ever since my "conscriptation." Fortunately, Doug started me off with good advice, often while walking the mail route on my street, and a small inventory of trophies for regattas. So for the first few years, I just ordered and updated trophies and awards for the fall banquet. Then, I inherited the role of ordering flags after John Gherke "retired."

Several volunteers regularly help with trophies. Eilene helps pick up, polish, and set out trophies and awards. More importantly, she helps verify each person's name is correct on the lists given to the engravers. PC Eric Winkel creates most of the artwork used on trophies, flags, and awards.

The cycle of ordering and engraving begins anew each year, and once regatta chairs, fleet captains, and club officers decide what they want, the process usually goes smoothly. However, those decisions often come at the last minute. Despite this, the job is rewarding and is one way that I can contribute to SSC and its success.

Eilene writes: The Cross Bearings is one tool the Sandusky Sailing Club has to communicate year round with members near and far. Several years ago I noticed that misspelled names, wrong dates and other "oops" mistakes were showing up in the monthly newsletter - which didn't make our club look very ship-shape. For 25 years as a newspaper editor, I enjoyed making writers' work look as good as it could, so I mentioned to Eric Winkel that if he wanted someone to give the Cross Bearings an extra look before launch each month, I'd be willing. Over the years, I've been asked to proofread SSC yearbooks and banquet programs, club governing documents and a manual for the Learn to Sail staff. When it comes to volunteering, I've always felt that everyone has a particular skill he or she can contribute to the greater good; I hope my wordsmithing helps our club shine.

For any House and Grounds issues that need attention, please contact me at pgrant@bex.net or 330-416-2884.

Rants from the RearRC Steve France

The Little Sailors' Almanac says that Sandusky will begin a warming trend in March! So stow that bruised and battered old snow shovel and hustle on down to SSC, where things are definitely heating up.

SJRT Spaghetti Dinner and Fundraiser - Be sure to pencil this in for March 8. Your attendance and support for our Junior Race Team will provide a big lift for their upcoming season. A terrific spaghetti dinner, silent auction and a \$1,000 grand prize reverse raffle (many other smaller prizes as well) – the price of admission? Just a sawbuck. Dinner is at 6:00pm. Reverse raffle tickets are on sale now. Your raffle ticket includes dinner.

Silent auction items are needed. So exercise your creativity, then contact Becky Burger at 440-522-9044 or becky.burger@adelphia.net. (See attached flyer)

St. Patrick's Day Party - On Saturday, March 15, your Club becomes one of the best Irish Pubs in town as we get a two day head start on our celebration of St. Patty's Day. The best Irish beers will be on ice at the Dairy Bar. Bring along your appetite for Reubans, Irish potato soup, corned beef wrapped green onions and more – all for only \$10. Jay and Beth Austin are your hosts. (See attached flyer)

Advanced Wind Forecasting Workshop - Learn why the wind behaves the way it does from one of the area's foremost weather experts, Mark Thornton. Mark will share his knowledge on the basics of land and lake breezes, thunderstorms and the other dynamics that generate localized and short-terms changes in the wind. Then you'll learn how to use this information to your advantage on the water. The seminar is scheduled for Saturday, April 5, from 8:00am to 4:30pm and includes a light lunch. Early registration is strongly encouraged. Mark will send attendees some materials via email to review prior to the seminar. (See attached flyer for details and registration form)

Microbrew and Gear Swap Party - Dig out all your old sailboat gear that's been gathering dust in the garage and bring it down to the Club on Saturday, April 12. Once again, PC John Hartung orchestrates an excellent lineup of microbrews for our drinking pleasure. So come enjoy some unique brews and find that part or piece you've been searching for. (See attached flyer)

For any social or educational issues or ideas, please get in touch with me at stevefrance@ameritech.net or 330-524-6516.

OperationsTim Kyle

Final dock payments are due by March 31. Please take a moment to send your payment along with the second copy of the contract to avoid the late fee or possibly losing your spot. At this time, we have two 30' docks available for permanent assignment. If you are interested in a dock, please contact me ASAP to make arrangements.

Get your Reverse Raffle Tickets NOW!
Also, SJRT needs your silent auction items. Contact Becky Burger at 440-522-9044 or becky.burger@adelphia.net.

Electric upgrade - The Sadler Basin Committee has retained a certified electrical engineer with marina experience to evaluate and design the proper electrical system for the docks. This will be a large scale upgrade to eliminate issues currently being faced by many berth holders. Our hope is to have this done by mid-May.

Dock boards and risers are maintained by the club, but horizontal batter boards and other custom improvements are the responsibility of each berth holder. If you plan any improvements or custom "tweaks" to your dock this year, please come down early and inspect your dock for any repairs that need to be made (dock boards or loose risers) and report them to me ASAP. This winter has been hard on the docks and every effort will be made to make necessary repairs in a timely manner.

The next meetings of the Sadler Basin Committee will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, March 3 and Monday, April 7 at SSC.

Contact information - Any questions, comments or concerns relative to the clubhouse or basin operations are welcome. You can contact me at timmo@sbcglobal.net or call 419-656-5881.

From the TreasuryDave and Bernie

The 2014 dues statements - You should have received your dues statement in the mail. Your prompt attention will be appreciated. Please be generous with support of our various causes. If you have not contact Bernie Ashyk at bernstera@aol.com.

From the SecretaryJeff Witter

US Sailing Dues - Payment of your US Sailing dues will again be paid directly to US Sailing using the link on our club's website or using the following link: ussailingmvp.com/Sandusky.

Similar to 2013, the new program continues to offer discounts for your USSA membership: \$10 discount for individuals, \$5 for youths and \$15 for families. The new Member Value Partner (MVP) credits the sailing club for training expenses, materials and seminars. Be sure to use the link for the club to earn credits.

Cruising Fleet

2014 Cruising Fleet Upcoming Activities

May 24	Lighthouse Inspection	July 26	Cruise Week
June 14	Leamington	Aug. 02	Bay Week Anchor
June 21	Lorain	Aug. 09	Mystery Island
June 28	Hospice/Islands Race (Middle Bass Island)	Aug. 16	Mystery Island
July 05	Fleet Meeting	Aug. 23	Hog Wild
July 12	Huron	Aug. 30	Funday to Port Clinton
July 19	Cruise Week	Sept. 06	Heritage @ PIB
		Sept. 13	Pelee Island

For the Good of the Order

Wine Party - Big thank you's to Stacey Witter for all of her help and Carol Leavens for her wonderful desserts. We couldn't do it without them. — Donna Brinker.

Sandusky Islands Race/Stein Hospice Cup and Sail Away: June 27-28 - Courses have been established for the Islands Race and club Sail Away. Based upon rating, the PHRF Fleet will sail either a 28- or 32-mile course through the islands, finishing off the entrance to Middle Bass Island Marina. The JAM/Cruising Fleet course is 23 miles. Non-racing cruisers can make their way to MBI any way they choose. The courses will be posted on the "Islands Race" tab of our new website by mid-March, so check them out. The Islands Race and Club Sail

Away plans are being coordinated with our Cruising Fleet and all our cruising sailors are encouraged to participate in this fun club event.

— Steve France, Chair, 2014 Sandusky Islands Race

Meet Your

Sandusky Junior Race Team:

Meet our two incredible Laser sailors, Aydan Coulter and Nathan Zettler.

Aydan Coulter started sailing her Laser, sail number 188849, last year after racing her Opti on the Junior Race Team for five years. In addition to sailing in the many regattas in the Travelers Series, Aydan has also competed in two Opti Nationals, the Junior Olympics at Sandusky, and the Orange Bowl Regatta in Miami, Fla.

An 8th grader at Buckeye Junior High School in Medina, Aydan has been sailing for a total of seven years, one of which was during the Learn to Sail program. Aydan can now be seen volunteering for Learn To Sail as she has for the past two years.

Aydan's favorite regatta was the Orange Bowl Regatta (shocker) because it was her first time sailing in the ocean and she met wonderful friends from around the world.

When Aydan is not sailing, she enjoys tennis, track, and skiing. However, reading is her favorite past time. Being on the Scholar Roll for the past two years will help her in her aspirations of earning a degree in finance from Ohio University. Aydan's favorite sailing memory was earning a 3rd in a Laser race at Junior Bay Week with a mighty 85 pounds of determination.



Nathan Zettler also began sailing his Laser, sail number 69554, last season after manning his Opti for five years on the Junior Race Team. He learned his skills through the Learn to Sail program where her participated for two years. In addition to the Travelers Series regattas, Nathan also competed in Opti Nationals and the Junior Olympics. His favorite venue is Mentor Harbor because of the great launching facilities and clubhouse.

This 14-year-old 9th grader can be found playing football, tennis, soccer, and snow boarding when he is not sailing. He also enjoys reading and playing his guitar. Being active only consumes part of his time, as he is a straight A student at Edison High School in Milan. Dreams of being a marine biologist are not out of reach for this young man.

Nathan's favorite sailing memory is getting a 1st place in a Junior Olympics race and a 4th in a race at Junior Bay Week.

Come say hello to these two along with their teammates at the Spaghetti Dinner/Fundraiser on March 8. We still have reverse raffle tickets for sale; get them before they're gone. ([See flyer](#))



FUNDRAISING EVENT



Spaghetti Dinner

\$10 adults • \$5 kids under 12 • Cooked by SYC Chefs

Silent Auction

Tables Full of Great Items, Food, Trips & More!

Reverse Raffle

\$1,000 Grand Prize • Several Other Prizes
\$50/Ticket • Ticket Includes Dinner

Contact a Team Member's Parent for Ticket(s),
Becky Burger at 440-522-9044,
Eric Winkel at 419-621-6603
or John Sheppard at 614-761-0201

Winings cannot be donated back to the team.
They must be retained by the winner.

50-50 Raffles

All Night Long

Saturday, March 8, 2014

at the Sandusky Sailing Club

Cocktails at 5:00pm • Dinner at 6:00pm

*Support the Junior Race Team
and have a great time doing it!*



St. Patty's Day at the Sailing Club



When: Saturday March 15, 2014 @ 6:00pm

Cost for dinner will be \$10/person

“Make-your-own Reuben” Bar, Irish Potato Soup, Corned Beef wrapped Green Onions, and Bailey’s Fudge Brownies

The Dairy Bar will be serving all of your favorite Irish concoctions including Guinness, Bass Ale, GL Conway’s and an assortment of Irish whiskeys.

RSVP: Jay Austin at jaustin6@kent.edu

“Work is the curse of the drinking class” – Oscar Wilde



5th Annual Micro-brew/Gear Swap Party Saturday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m.

This is your chance to sample some great craft beers and make money at the same time.



The beer part of the party....

Sumptuous, hot open-faced sandwich dinners will be served from the galley and craft beers can be purchased for \$2.00 at the dairy bar (we'll have our regular beers available also).



The swap part of the party....

Bring the winches, jam cleats, spare dock lines, clutches, ground tackle, spinnaker poles, etc., that you have lying around your home and don't use anymore. Turn your junk into \$\$\$ or maybe swap it. Tag it with your name and a price and see what happens.



Beer doesn't solve any problems, but then again, neither does milk.





Advanced Wind Forecasting: A Workshop For Sailors Saturday April 5, 2014

Overview

No aspect of weather is more important to sailors than the wind. It dictates when it is safe to leave port and whether your journey will be fast or comfortable. On the race course, properly predicting the wind separates the winners from the losers.

This workshop is designed for sailors of all experience levels and interests. Accurately forecasting the wind promotes safer, more enjoyable outings and improves performance on the race course. Whether you are a day sailor, beer-can racer, long-distance cruiser or serious competitor, the skills learned during this workshop will enhance your understanding of the wind and improve your sailing experience.

What you can expect to learn at the workshop:

- Why the wind behaves the way it does
- How to translate the confusing symbols and meteorological short-hand on forecast graphics
- The basics of lake breezes, land breezes, thunderstorms, clouds and other dynamics that produce localized and short-term changes in the wind
- Ways to judge the likelihood, strength and duration of headers/lifts
- A methodology for observing the wind and using on-line resources to develop your own forecast
- Strategies for using your wind-forecasting knowledge to your advantage, whether you are a day sailor, cruiser or serious racer

The workshop combines traditional classroom instruction, case studies and several hands-on forecasting exercises to create an engaging learning experience.

Location: **Sandusky Sailing Club**

P.O. Box 814

Sandusky, OH 44870

When: **April 5, 2014**

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Fee: **Early Bird Registration** (before March 15, 2014):

Individual \$40; Couple \$75; Junior \$25

Registration After March 15, 2014:

Add \$10 to the above. Payment can be made at The Dairy Bar until March 15, 2014.

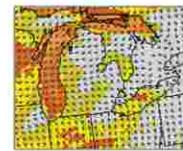
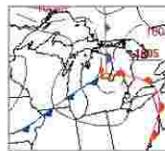
For additional information, please contact

Steve France (stevefrance@ameritech.net;

(330) 524-6516) or **Tim Kyle** (timmo@sbcglobal.net; (814) 250-0475).

Seminar Website:

<http://www.lakeeriewx.com/Seminars/SSC/SSCWind.html>



Online Forecasting Tools

Basic Marine Forecasting Seminars

Presentations

Case Study/Event Summaries

SSC Advanced Wind Forecasting: A Workshop For Sailors

Presented by Mark Thornton

Saturday, April 5, 2014 – 8:00am–4:30pm (includes lunch)

___ Individual - \$40.00

Name: _____ Email: _____

___ Couple - \$75.00

Name: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

___ Junior - \$25.00

Name: _____ Email: _____

Please complete and mail to: Sandusky Sailing Club, P.O. Box 814, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Registration after March 15, 2014, add \$10.00 to above rates

***Payment can also be made at the Dairy Bar until March 15, 2014

Registration and Additional Information Contact: Steve France (stevefrance@ameritech.net) 330-524-6516
or Tim Kyle (timmo@sbcglobal.net) 814-250-0475

Seminar website: www.lakeeriewx.com/Seminars/SSC

Sailing Stuff for Sale

In an effort to keep this list current, we are going to clean this column by running items for three months. After three months, 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.

El Toro sailing dinghy. Plywood with West System and epoxy 545 coating. Varnished rudder, centerboard and seats. Aluminum mast and boom. Sails in very good condition. \$750 Contact P/C Bryan Huntley 419-621-6328

1987 Hunter 28.5 - ORION. In great condition with many updates. Harken roller furling, newer sails. Easy to cruise and fun to race. \$14,900 ziegler@bex.net or 419-626-7029.

Sunfish sailboat - Yellow and orange with wooden board and rudder. Great shape. Will make a great beach boat or weekend dinghy. \$1,000 OBO. Contact Sjoerd VanderHorst at 440-241-6895 or svanderhorst@gmail.com.

T-10 Steele Cradle - Good condition that will serve you for many years. Adjustable pads. In Columbus, OH. Buyer must arrange to move with trailer. \$700 OBO. Contact Sjoerd VanderHorst at 440-241-6895 or svanderhorst@gmail.com.

Interlake 1081 for \$3,500. Contact Paul McAllister at pboarder@aol.com

Pair of Lewmar #16 two-speed chrome primary winches (not self-tailing) Original equipment on the Pearson 30' "TONIC." Have not been used since 1967. \$225. Janet Smith at 419-433-5766.

Thistle #3835 - Great Midwest, white hull, silver mast and boom. Ready to race, newer rudder and centerboard, aluminum tiller, large mesh bow bag, two mesh turtles configuration, standard Harken hardware, newer Spectra halyards. Good sail inventory. Good trailer, travel top, parking lot top with side flaps, bottom, rudder and centerboard covers. \$12,500. Email Jeremy.kaufman@tetratex.com, 913-638-3678. or PC Monty Kaufman at 419-502-7535.

DN Ice Boat - 1975'ish, \$600. Call Stu Sheard 440-289-2621.

11980 Hunter sailboat for \$10,000. It has new sails and is a diesel. In good working order. Contact Ina Brolis 419-541-7645 or travelina@me.com

Outboard motor bracket or engine lift. Page 622 in West Marine catalog. Originally sold for \$349.99. Good for up to 170# or 30 horsepower, all aluminum, WM-Bracket #3. Used one season. Price \$175. Contact Jim Krysiak, dock B-36 or email capt.jim7@oh.rr.com

993 Laser sailboat - Not used a lot. Trailer included. \$2500 Call Anne at 419-722-0323.

1984 Morgan 36 - Great racer/cruiser, 11' 6" beam. Bunch of extras. Docked at SYC. \$30,000. Call PC Ron Abbott at 419-625-0198, Bob Lazarony at 419-625-4803 or email paulalaz@aol.com.