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## April 2026 Cross Bearings

04/01	Wed	SJRT meeting.....	8:00am
04/03	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
04/07	Tues	SJSI meeting.....	7:00pm
04/07	Tues	Cruising Fleet meeting.....	7:00pm
04/10	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
04/13	Mon	Sadler Basin Committee mtg.....	7:00pm
04/14	Tues	SSC Board meeting .....	7:00pm
04/17	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
04/24	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
04/25	Sat	High School Regatta	
05/02	Sat	Spring Meeting and Workday.....	9:00am
05/05	Tues	SJSI meeting .....	7:00pm
05/05	Tues	Cruising Fleet meeting .....	7:00pm
05/06	Wed	SJRT meeting .....	7:00pm
05/11	Mon	Sadler Basin Committee mtg.....	7:00pm
05/12	Tues	SSC Board meeting .....	7:00pm
05/16	Sat	Kim Thomas Retirement Party .....	6:00pm

For more info, go to [www.sanduskysailingclub.com](http://www.sanduskysailingclub.com).  
Go to “community” then drop down to “event calendar.”

## From the Helm ..... Comm. Tim Willford *Alright... it's happening.*

You can feel it. The days are longer, the sun actually has some warmth to it, and suddenly everyone is talking about bottom paint, launch dates, and whether it's too early to take the cover off (it isn't... probably). The energy around SSC is building, and it's awesome to see the club starting to come back to life.

**High School Sailing** - One of the first big moments of the season is coming up fast — the High School Sailing Regatta on April 25. This is a huge deal for SSC. We've been working hard to rebuild and grow youth sailing, and now we're hosting the next generation right here on our waters. These sailors bring a ton of energy, tight racing, and honestly just a really fun vibe to the club. If you're around that day, come down and check it out. Cheer from shore, help out, or just soak it in — it's the future of sailing and it's happening at SSC!

**Spring Meeting and Workday** - Then we roll right into one of the most important days of the spring: Saturday, May 2 — Spring Meeting and Workday.

The Spring Meeting is where we get everyone aligned, share what's coming up, and set the tone for what's shaping up to be a really exciting season. Immediately after that, we jump into Workday — and this is where the transformation happens. Docks go in, things get cleaned up, equipment gets sorted, and the club flips from winter mode to full-on sailing mode.

It's also one of those classic SSC days: a little bit of work, a lot of laughs, and that shared feeling that we're about to get boats back on the water.

Every year I'm reminded that what makes SSC special isn't just the racing or the events — it's the people showing up,

pitching in, and building the season together. The momentum is already here, and it will only grow. **We're close. Really close.**

**Bill Kellner** - Before closing, I also want to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of our fellow member, Bill Kellner. Bill was a valued part of the Sandusky Sailing Club community, and his presence will be missed both on the docks and around the clubhouse. Our club is built on friendships and shared experiences, and moments like this remind us how meaningful those connections truly are.

Please keep Judy and their family in your thoughts as they navigate this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Bill's name are suggested to St. Xavier Annual Fund, Sandusky Junior Sailors, or mCore LLC, Mobile Cardiac Overview and Risk Evaluation Screenings with a focus on providing mobile cardiac risk assessments for Ohio student athletes ages 12-22 years to identify the risk for sudden cardiac arrest brought on by undiagnosed cardiomyopathy. The family will receive friends Wednesday, April 8, 2026 from 9:00am until the funeral service at 11:00am at Busch Funeral Home, 163 Avon Belden Rd., Avon Lake, OH 44012. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery, Lorain, OH. [www.buschcares.com](http://www.buschcares.com) 440-933-3202

See you at the club. — **Commodore “Toledo” Tim Willford**

## First Mate Pippa's Log

### *April report from your outdoor beagle*

Hi SSC fwens! It me, Pippa. Girl Beagle. First Mate. Official morale officer. Reporting for April *Cross Bearings* with my snoot pointed toward sunshine and my tail already in summer mode.

The weather is getting nicer, the grass is smellier, and I am officially transitioning back to Outdoor Beagle Operations. That means sun naps, dock patrol, and maximum sailing readiness. My beans are ready. My ears are ready. My zoomies are definitely ready.

April makes me extra happy because March was the month I met my Main Hooman... your Commodore. That's when I joined the crew, and ever since I've been training for my very important duties: greeting members, supervising snacks, and providing morale wiggles.

I've already started my sailing season! I've been on boat rides helping the DF95 sailors race. I rode in the dinghy, watched the boats zoom-zoom, and carefully supervised buoy



placement. I sat very serious and official while observing the fleet, which clearly means I am now an Official Race Committee Pupper.

**There's lots coming up and I can't wait to see everyone:**

**April 25 – Kiddos Sailing:** I LOVE kiddos sailing. They bring energy, excitement, and excellent petting technique. I will be on site providing encouragement and proper dock greeting instruction.

**May 2 – Cleanup & Meeting:** This is very important. I will be there inspecting progress, supervising leaf piles, and ensuring the grounds are ready for summer adventures. Cleanup day = step one toward full sailing season.

**The days are getting longer,** the sun is getting warmer, and the lake is getting closer to splashy again. That means more boat rides, more racing, more dock time, and more chances for me to see all my SSC fwens.

I'm ready for another season of First Mate duties — tail high, ears flapping, and morale wiggles fully deployed.

**See you on the docks very soon!** — Pippa

### **Vice Commodore's Comments...VC Tim Ujvari**

**Don't be fooled on this April 1: Spring has sprung** and it's time to get those lingering spring commissioning items underway and completed as weather permits.

**The water service to the docks is scheduled** to be available later this month so, with dock lines in hand, get your slip ready for the 2026 sailing season.

**General Meeting and Spring Workday** - Take a look at the SSC calendar and you will note that the General Meeting and Spring Workday this year is Saturday May 2, so mark the date on your personal calendar.

**If you would like to volunteer for something specific** just pick up the phone and give me a call or for that matter someone on the Bridge or the Board. It's that easy.  
VC Tim Ujvari 330-696-3161.

### **From the Rear ..... RC Robbie Stone**

**I hope everyone is busy getting their boats ready** for spring. I'm actually writing this from *MaahjiRe*, motoring against the current—a very slow go. Fortunately for most of you, Lake Erie doesn't make you fight the river like this.

**April also means the return of our Friday Night Feeds.** This is one of my favorite SSC traditions, even on the weeks when I can't be there. It only works because our members are



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willing to share their culinary talents. If you've never hosted a Friday Night Feed, I know it can feel a little intimidating, but it's truly simple and low pressure.

Here's all you need to know:

- Pick a Friday.
- Pick a meal.
- Any flag officer can tell you how many people to plan for.
- Buy the food, and we'll reimburse you the night of — just bring your receipts to the bar.

After that, all you have to do is prepare your culinary creation for your friends at the clubhouse.

It's a great way to meet fellow members and be part of a longstanding SSC tradition. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me.

**See everyone soon at the club.**

### **Sadler Sailing Basin .....**

**Chairman - PC Bryan Huntley**

If you have not already done so, please get your payments in for 2026.

**The basin will be open soon.** Water should be on the next time you read this newsletter and boats will start going in. It's time!

**Dredging should start soon for the new pump-out** that should be ready by the end of June. If you know someone looking for a dock, we have them. See Doug's report.

**From the Dock Master - Doug Klein**

**Workday is May 2.** Please attend and help get the marina and clubhouse ready for the season.

**In-Water winter storage** - Deicers will probably be removed soon. Start thinking of where you want to store your boat for next winter. As we get more interest in winter storage we will start storing smaller boats on A dock again.

**All slip payments are past due now.** If someone else wants your slip, they can have it.....

**Signed contracts are due now.**

**Proof of insurance is due now.**

Please get them into the PO box or emailed to me at:

[firefotodk@gmail.com](mailto:firefotodk@gmail.com)

**Dock availability** - We currently have most sizes of slips available for rent in 2026. Spread the word about how great SSC is to help fill those empty docks. The waiting list has

## ANNUAL LEAMINGTON SAIL AWAY 2026

Ahoy SSC Sailors and Friends,

Despite the snow and cold, it's time to start making plans for summer cruising!  
We hope you'll join us!

**WHEN: Friday, June 12 - Sunday, June 14**

Shove-off Friday, June 12, following a 9AM skippers meeting. We have 15 slips reserved for the SSC 2026 Leamington Sail Away. Slips are \$2.35 CA/ft. plus tax. Departure from Leamington back to US is on Sunday morning, June 14, on your own or as a group. For more information on Leamington Municipal Marina and other useful information on Leamington and border crossings, see [Marina - Municipality of Leamington. www.learmington.ca/en/discover/Marina.aspx](http://www.learmington.ca/en/discover/Marina.aspx).

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:**

There will be a BYOW (wine) and shared appetizers dock party upon arrival of the fleet on Friday. Plan for Saturday morning mimosas. You're welcome to bring a shareable, handheld breakfast item for the table.

The remainder of the day is free to explore by foot, taxi, kayak or bicycle. We have reservations for dinner at Thirteen at the Inn [www.13attheinn.com](http://www.13attheinn.com). It's walking distance from the Marina, and they will provide individual checks. We enjoyed last year's dinner and they are excited to have us return. I will send the menu options and reservation time to those that register for Leamington Sail Away.

### **Information for Entry into Canada:**

1. See: [Border Crossing - Municipality of Leamington](#) on the Leamington Municipal Marina website or [Reporting requirements for private boat operators, www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage/pb-pp-eng.html](http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage/pb-pp-eng.html). This site is also helpful [Entering Canada by Boat | Pat's Boating in Canada](#).
2. You will need valid passports for all crew and your OH Registration Number when we arrive in Leamington. Only one person is permitted to go ashore to contact Canadian Customs at the phones provided at the Marina Office or call the Telephone Reporting Centre (TRC): **1-888-226-7277 from your boat.**
3. If you're bringing a pet to Canada see requirements at [Bringing animals to Canada: Importing and travelling with pets - inspection.canada.ca](#), <https://inspection.canada.ca/en/importing-food-plants-animals/pets>

### **Information for Re-entry to US:**

1. Register in advance for CBP ROAM™ free mobile app: <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/pleasure-boats/pleasure-boat-overview/roam>.
2. Private Vessel Decal: If your boat is 30' or more, you will be required to have a Private Vessel Decal to enter the States. <https://dtops.cbp.dhs.gov/main/#%20>.

**The deadline for Leamington Municipal Marina dock reservations is May 18, 2026.**  
Please email Sheryl Hoffman at [slhoffman33@gmail.com](mailto:slhoffman33@gmail.com) to reserve a slip.

### **Include the following information:**

1. First and Last Name / Name(s) of Crew
2. Boat Name
3. LOA
4. Beam
5. Street Address, City, State, Zip
6. Contact Information: Phone and Email
7. Number of people for dinner on Saturday - I'll send the menu options when I receive them.

been fulfilled for this season so it's now first come, first served. If you want to change your slip, contact me NOW!

**Please send emails** to Doug at: [firefotodk@gmail.com](mailto:firefotodk@gmail.com)  
Please don't call or text unless it's a real emergency.

### **Cruising Fleet..... RC Robbie Stone**

*As I write this, I'm on Day 10 aboard MaajhiRe*, still very much thinking like a sailor — even if the stick is down and I'm chugging my way up the Mississippi and now the Illinois. Motoring against the current isn't glamorous, but I'm pointed toward SSC and I'm on a boat, so life is good.

Huge thanks to Dave Kocias and Russ Krock for jumping aboard on short notice so I could take advantage of a weather window. It turned into seven straight days of pushing upriver, doing exactly what the internet insists a sailboat cannot do. This is why I love SSC and why I'm passionate about the Cruising Fleet. Dave and I had sailed together once, and Russ and I had never sailed together at all—yet the camaraderie and seamanship were instant. You don't get that kind of spirit from random staff at a marina.

A mass email is going out soon with the introduction to the newly revised Cruising Fleet — our mission statement and the plan for 2026. Give it a look, join the fleet, or just dip your toes in by coming to one of our events. Here's a quick look at what's on the horizon, with full details in next month's newsletter:

- May – Lighthouse Inspection
- June – Leamington
- July – Pelee Island
- August – Cleveland Guardians Game

Keep an eye out for the email with more details.  
I'm looking forward to cruising with you. — RC Rob Stone



### **Sailing stuff for sale**

**Two Opti's for sale.** Bought them from the club a decade ago when the old boats were being cleared out of the SSC boat barn to make room for new ones. They're old boats but in sail-ready condition. All new running rigging. Contact Jon Muzilla at 216-650-7148.

**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.

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

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

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

**SJSI is getting ready for the 2026 season.** Registration is open. Sign up now for the dates you want.

**SJSI is again accepting used sails.** Contact Suzanne to donate sails. [shartley@bex.net](mailto:shartley@bex.net) We are partnering with a new group ReSail located in Huron. We look forward to working with them.

**SJSI will be at Erie MetroParks for Earth Day.** This event attracts over 4,000 people! We'll be there supporting our programs. — **See you around Sandusky Sailing Center!**

### **For the Good of the Order**

**Ship's Store** - All is ready. Just putting on the final touches. We'll send out a notice via email/text very soon. See what Carolyn has in store for you this season.



**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% Jib sail, 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](mailto:geoff@nikegeoff.com)

**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. 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. New Main. Older Genoa 155 on new Harken roller furling. Self Tailing winches. All lines run to the cockpit. Good for single handed sailing. Asking \$5,000. Call Randy Ramhoff @ 419-656-1908, [R.Ramjet@gmail.com](mailto:R.Ramjet@gmail.com)

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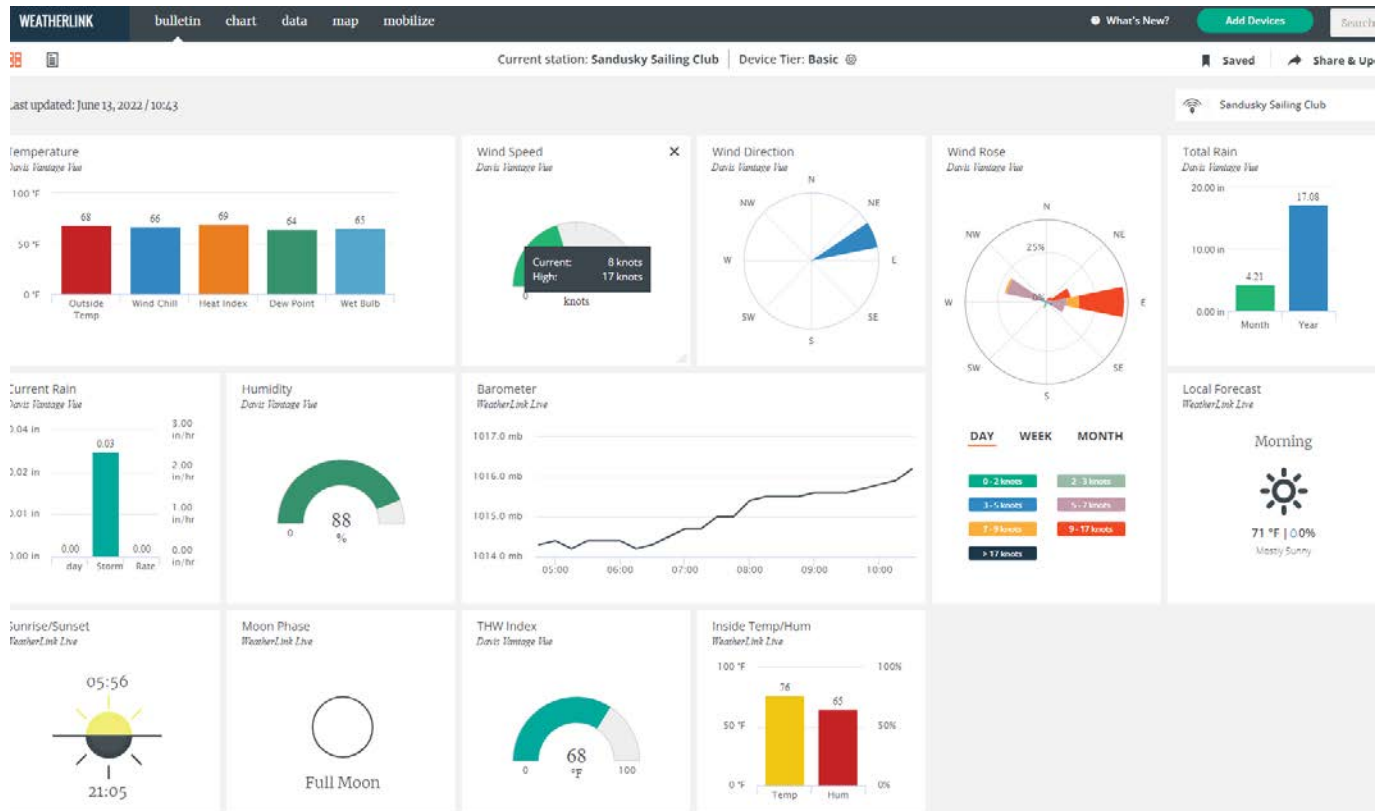
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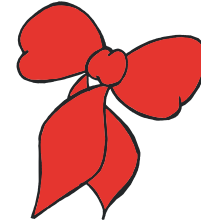
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