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.

December 2018 Cross Bearings

12/02 Sun	Race Committee Boat work day #2noon
	work day #2noon
12/03 Mon	Sadler Basin Committee
	meeting7:00pm
12/04 Tues	Junior Sailors Inc. meeting7:00pm
12/15 Sat	SSC Board meeting-budget meeting 9:00am
12/16 Sun	Race Committee Boat work day #3noon
12/18 Tues	Communication Committee meeting7:00pm
01/08 Tues	SSC Board meeting7:00pm
01/13 Sun	Race Committee Boat work day #4noon
01/27 Sun	Race Committee Boat work day #5noon

For more info go to: www.sanduskysailingclub.com. and check out the SSC calendar.

Commodore's CommentsComm. John Schwartz

Thank you to everyone who has been so generous to me over my year as Rear and this past year as Vice Commodore. I look forward to serving SSC with the current board and in general just being around MUCH MORE this year.

Hal Henry - My first duty is to recognize Hal Henry's contribution to the Sandusky Sailing Club. Hal passed away Nov. 26 this year. Hal was a good sailor and a great guy. He was not only a member of SSC, but an active trustee on the board. I am grateful to have known him.

I am looking forward to my year as commodore. I know that this is typically a time when the new commodore says something inspirational, but I think it is only fair to let everyone know that there will be some pretty significant debates as we wrestle with strategic long range planning issues. We all will be frustrated at times, but it's important to remember that even when we disagree, we have more in common than not.

With that in mind, I want to be sure to give PC Mark Gross credit for plowing through the whole liquor premise question last year. Negotiating most compromises is a thankless chore. For those of you who have been dissatisfied with the alcohol premise resolution(s) -- or frustrated by recent Springer Wharf dockage increase -- or whatever -- please email me at john@firelandslocal.com. Full disclosure: 99% of the time I will only be able to collect information and bring it to the board for discussion there. I do promise to listen carefully and that the Board will discuss your issue and let you know the resolution. There are no easy answers. I know (because many of you have spoken with me 1:1 over the past two years) that there is considerable disagreement about how we do what we do with the Sandusky Sailing Club.

I am putting 2019 committees together this month. I'm not a big "committee" guy. I like to deal with an issue, work through it, and move on. Time is short and the list is long.

However, SSC is at a pivotal point in our history/future. One of the things that PC's Steve France and Mark Gross have shown me is how disproportional SSC's demographics are.

Many of our most active members are also our older members. One of the best things about our club is the active historical perspective. However, our club needs a critical mass of active, supporting members, and we seem to be approaching a tipping point of too few members to support our current operations. We will need to work through whether we scale back club operations to fit our budget (and how), or whether we successfully increase our membership (and how).

From last year's survey, it was clear that the vast majority of members like SSC's amenities and our functions pretty much as they are -- maybe with a few tweaks. If that is true, then our marching orders are to figure out how we support today's SSC. The membership was pretty clear that higher dues would not be popular. This means that I need your help figuring out how we can make our club better for each of us that are already paying dues -- AND attractive to new members who will be paying full dues long after the rest of us have moved on to reduced senior memberships. In any enterprise there are two parts of a math problem: money you have vs. money you spend. I invite you to participate in this year's committee work because these committees will be the people sorting out the inputs in that equation. Everybody wins a little and loses a little in a good compromise. I encourage you to participate. Your opinions and insights are valid and valuable -- but are not constructive unless your voice is represented in the group working through the issues.

The December SSC Board meeting will be Saturday, Dec. 15, at 9am. I will have coffee and light fare set up around 7:30. I look forward to seeing a good turnout. Thanks!

If you want to contact me, feel free to contact me at **john@ firelandslocal.com** or at 419-706-5137.



Hats off to Don and Eilene Guy for all the years they dedicated to SSC's trophies and awards. 2018 SSC Awards and Appreciation Banquet
Good times
Good food





New year and new role – As Commodore John Schwartz did at this time last year, I attended my first Sadler Committee meeting and it was a very enlightening experience. We are lucky to have PC Monty Kaufman, PC Mike Muhn, PC Steve Jackson, Art Averell, and a 5th member that will be appointed in the coming month. I look forward to working with this group and undertaking major repairs to Springer's Wharf.

Rear support – As happens every year, a new Rear Commodore is elected and RC Andy Davis will surely appreciate the same support I had last year. I really enjoyed it and will work with Andy to continue the Friday Feeds with a rotation between pizzas and grilled options.

Clubhouse improvements – Clubhouse exterior doors will be a project I want to tackle this year along with working on plans to renovate the toilet/shower rooms. This is not to say it will happen this year, but I want to get a layout done to have in hand when it's financially an appropriate time.

Contact me – Please feel free to email me with questions, comments, or suggestions at mbedee@bex.net or call/text at 419-202-0044.

Views from the RearRC Andy Davis

My Vision – Thank you all for your trust in electing me as your Rear Commodore. My intent in 2018-2019 is to broaden the impact SSC has on our community. As a member of the Sandusky community, I intend to target folks who have never experienced what the gorgeous lakefront has to offer, specifically the enjoyment of Sailing. How do we accomplish this in the most effective way possible? Continue to make SSC a social meeting spot, support of new membership efforts (hoping everyone will get involved), reinstate Winter Wednesdays (to allow folks thinking about dipping their toes into the club to experience an enjoyable environment as well as addressing "sailing withdrawal" we all feel). I anticipate using the simulator, as it is a great technology all can enjoy and benefit from. I will be continuing the effort around a Winter Sailing League, ideally to begin in January.

There will also be other social events targeted to all members. In short, my vision is continuing to build SSC into the premier sailing venue on Lake Erie for all seasons. I see that vision as a journey, not a destination. The history at SSC is RICH, and I feel obligated to ensure the efforts put forth before me are leveraged to preserve the superb heritage, while supporting evolution into the future. Please join me in this mission.

Over the next couple of weeks I will be coordinating specifics around reviving Winter Wednesdays. Obviously, there will be communication around that effort. At the end of the day, each and every one of us owns the ongoing success and growth of SSC. I look forward to working with everyone to ensure our club's sails are trimmed and full.

Additionally, I will be looking at making some minor adjustments in the Wednesday night racing menu. I am not a five-star chef, but I have heard from many how great the deviled eggs and Roosevelt beans were one Wednesday last summer. Additionally, I will solidify my "Sauer Kraut" recipe for certain nights.

I have also been considering a holiday party prior to New Years. This is not a solid commitment yet, BUT, based on feedback, I will evaluate if that is a good option. Please be sure to let me know if you are interested.

Happy Holidays – I hope everyone had a joyous Thanksgiving. I often think of all the things I am thankful for, and one is the SSC and the people we have the opportunity to



spend time with. We truly are fortunate to have the club we have. I hope everyone has a great holiday season with family and friends.

Upcoming events – The 2019 social schedule is being constructed but I need your input. What do you think would be a great event? Is there interest in a holiday party, or something a little more low key? What have been the best events over the years that you look back on and say, "That event was a blast and I wish we did it again!" I need and would appreciate your feedback. Let's make 2019 the year we all look back upon and agree that it was a year of years....

Contact me – Please feel free to email me with questions, comments, or suggestions at andydavis@idexx.com or on my cell at 262-202-1372.

OperationsTim Kyle

The next scheduled Sadler Basin Committee meeting is Monday, Dec. 3 at 7:00pm.

Feel free to contact me with concerns about the marina or clubhouse, at manager@sanduskysailingclub.com or call 419-656-5881.

RC Boat Committee.....Terry Parker

Our first Winter Work Day was Sunday, Nov. 18 at the indoor storage facility. It was a great start on getting things launch-ready for next Spring! Thanks to Dearl Bailie, VC Matt Bedee, RC Andy Davis, PC John Hartung, Jim Keane, Ryan Kyle, Paul McAllister, PC Skip Oliver, Danny Olson, and Dave Regnet for pitching in! Bilge cleaning and prep for painting are underway on the two Escorts. The hulls will be audiogauged for thickness soon. Work has begun tearing into the roof on Escort III, which has considerable rot. Escort III's forward bilge needs to be evaluated for repair/re-welding. All items needing repair on the Grady have been removed, and she has received a fall cleaning.

NEXT SCHEDULED WORK DAY IS SUNDAY DEC. 2, 12-4pm. I have it on good authority that Carolynne Zettler is bringing a crockpot of homemade chili!

Please check in with me if you plan to participate! There is only so much space to work. I will advise respondents prior to that day on what to bring. **Terryparker47@gmail.com** or 440-320-3100. Thanks again, everyone!



Learn to Sail Mic Kaufman / Suzanne Hartley

Sailing grants - SJSI has completed one grant and is looking into a second grant from USGS. We'll be working on this grant as the year ends.

Representatives from The Foundry were here Sunday, Nov. 11 to share ideas and experience our new sailing simulator, which is up and operational. It will be available for members to try on Wednesdays in the new year. This experience is as close as you can get to the real thing.

The Cleveland Boat Show is coming in January. SJSI will be participating in a Sailing Center with the Sailing Club, Harbor North and The Foundry. SJSI will bring a Laser and an Opti. The Foundry will bring a 420. The Foundry has also offered staffing support. See you there!

Sea Bags are available for sale sail. Contact Suzanne, Mic or Michael. Remember that the Learn to Sail program needs your help continue to train the next generation of sailors.



Communications Committee.....RC Matt Bedee

This will be short and sweet this month. Web meetings are in full utilization and we had some minor hiccups in November, but we'll get them resolved for December. I have also purchased a wide angle camera to allow the whole room to be viewed during Zoom meetings. SSC Board meetings are on the SSC Event Calendar and include the Zoom meeting information.

More updates – There will be more updates over the winter, but we want you to know that SSC will be working with Lake Erie Shores & Islands this summer to promote the area, sailing, SSC and regattas. We'll work with local hotels to reserve blocks of rooms for SSC events.

Contact me - Please feel free to contact me at mbedee@bex.net or 419-202-0044.

For the Good of the Order

Interlake's Blue Velvet Award for the best crash of the year was annnounced and presented at the year-ending Interlake Party held at SSC Oct. 27. Brad Balmert received the award for "shrimping" his spinnaker after finishing the last race on the first day at the SSC One Design Regatta. The spinnaker

got fouled in his rudder, causing him to lose steerage of the boat resulting, in a confrontation with the rocks along Battery Park. For his efforts, Brad received a plaque to remind him that a spinnaker tangled in a rudder = Brad on the Rocks.



SSC photos for release - As a general policy, we will use photos supplied in the marketing of SSC. We will consider photos that are in good taste and we feel represent the image SSC wishes to portray. If you have any special requests to not use images of you or your boat, please email PC Eric Winkel at eric@artdpartment.com or a bridge/board member and we will do our best to adhere to your request.

SSC online calendar - Tim has been making a concerted effort to keep the SSC online calendar current, making it a more useful tool when you're trying to find out what's going on at your club. Go to www.SanduskySailingClub.com, then to "Communities," then to "Events Calendar." Click on the event to get more info, contacts, links, as well as any fliers available. Skippers, share this calendar with your crew so they know what's happening at SSC. If you have an event you would like listed, contact Tim at manager@sanduskysailingclub.com or call 419-656-5881.

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 <u>www.i-lya.org</u>.





Helly Hansen National Offshore One-Design (NOOD) 2017-2018 Championships in the British Virgin Islands A daily log reported by Brett and Katie Langolf

Late summer, it was another day back in the office. The reality was setting in - summer, sailing and racing were all about to wind down. Our conversations centered around possible snowfall predications in some Rocky Mountain ski town or lively family dinner conversations about what new sail we "need" this winter....then we got the call. Based on our performance at the Annapolis NOODs in the J/80 Fleet, we had been selected as the overall boat to represent Annapolis in the NOOD Championship regatta in the British Virgin Islands.

The conversation abruptly shifted from ski vacations to sailing.

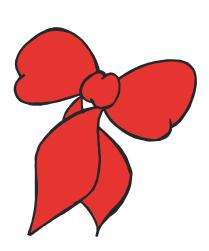
Skipper Tom Kopp and three crew – Brett Langolf, CJ Ruffing and Steve Young – regrouped and discussed how do we pull off a week in the Caribbean? Work hard, play hard... right? We first had to decide: Do we go for the experience, the camaraderie or to race? In the end we chose All of the Above! To make it happen we had to find the right balance. Since we qualified with a total crew of four and current discussions at *Sailing World* and Sunsail was to race 41 or 47 footers we knew more crew was necessary. We all decided to bring our favorite crew: our wives - Jennifer Kopp, Katie Langolf, Jane Ann Ruffing and Lanna Young. Perfect, a crew of eight was formed overnight! So, on to Tortola.

We arrived at the skipper's meeting with some of the current Who's Who of sailing, a TV personality, a former America's Cup sailor, Volvo Ocean boys, the star of Disney's Morning Light movie and our amazing *Sailing World* host Dave Reed. We knew instantly, we had made the right choice. To add to the karma, our boat was named *Makin' Memories* from Crowley, UK. And making memories was what we were about to do.

Pre-race prep was happening all around us. Competitors had divers cleaning their bottoms and mother ships loaded with rations, dishware and fresh water. We chose to keep our dishware... how else would we drink our Mount Gay, and a spatula is handy for removing barnacles from your bottom. In the end these decisions surely impacted our race finishes but we don't regret it for a minute as it also left us more \$ for Painkillers at the Soggy Dollar, fresh water showers on our transom and plenty to eat and drink aboard.

So in honor of our vessel, it's time to go make some memories... or erase some.

Flag Pole Plaza holiday gift! Commemorative Brick



Makes a great

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



TOP: Brett and Katie Langolf sail Makin' Memories in the BVI NOOD Regatta Championships.

RIGHT: Brett keeps the hammer down on an upwind leg.

Oct. 21, 2018 – Sunsail, Wickhams Cay II, Road Town, Tortola (18.426° N, 64.612° W) 82°F / 28°C, Wind 8-18 knots, Seas 1-4 feet.

Leg 0 - Motor to Cooper Island

Leg 1 - The Channel Islands Race

The first of our inter-island races kicked off with a circumnavigation of the BVI's smaller Channel Islands: Ginger, Cooper and Salt, all left to starboard. After our super aggressive OCS at start (I mean why not), we cleared ourselves for an upwind leg around the first island. Then we bent down to a deep run in 4 footers, all while checking out the massive mountain rock formations on shore. After an upwind finish off Salt Island it was time to fire up the transom BBQ.

Oct. 22, 2018 – The Baths National Park, Spring Bay, Virgin Gorda (18.432° N, 64.446° W) 81°F / 27°C, Wind 10-18 knots, Seas 1-2 feet

Leg 2 - The day started with an early departure to ensure we could explore The Baths before our 10:00 start. After an hour or so of wandering these unique geologic formations we snorkeled back to the boat for race two, The Baths to Leverick Bay. A close reach start provided us plenty of options for our course. We legged it out and went left to open water and clear breeze; the fleet played lighter air and shifts on the inside along the shore. That proved to be the difference maker. Oh well, we got to shore and drained the grocery store of champagne. Later that night we were awarded 1st Runner Up in the Mount Gay Rum Recipe contest. Finally, we wrapped up the night with some quick modifications to our makeshift spin pole, via a hacksaw borrowed from our waiter.

Oct. 23, 2018 – Leverick Bay Marina, Virgin Gorda (18.497° N, 64.388° W) 83°F / 28°C, Wind 6-8 knots, Seas 1-2 feet

Leg 3 - First things first: onto Channel 16 to pre-order our eight lobster dinners upon arrival at Anegada. Once that was done, we did a wind check for the upwind leg. The first mark

took us right past the rebuilding of Bitter End Yacht Club and then a reach/run out of the channel past Sir Richard Branson's Necker Island and finally a long broad reach to the northern most island in the BVIs, Anegada. Lower the swim platform and switch on the auto helm.

(To be continued in January's Cross Bearings)

Sailing Stuff for Sale or to Buy

Emergency raft, - \$300. Last certified 2012, expired 2014. Contact George Steinemann at 419-341-0639 or email gesteinemann@civista.bank

2006 Laser no trailer very good condition. \$1800. Contact PC John Heilman 419-656-5022 or me 419-656-2337.

Interlake Sails - Main and jib. Lightly used one season. \$1,000 or BO. Call Pete 419-366-8358 or email pgrant@bex.net

Scott's sailing stuff for sale--new & like new. This is just a partial list. Contact Scott for a full list. More new stuff next month.

NEW Forespar 12" hatch with screen (in box) = \$25. New 8" screw down access hatches (2) = \$10ea. New 3" vents: 2 white, 2 black, 2 SS = \$2ea Various deck blocks, flat, standing, plate extenders, whole bag = \$10. Shower handset, sump box w/ pump = \$8. Older set dingy running lites -battery type = \$8. Hobie double-trapeze w/ bucket seats, hardware = \$10. 5' aluminum dock pole, extents to 10' = \$12. New deck mop = \$5. Collection of Practical Sailor mags. App 50+ paper box full = \$25 CONTACT INFO: Scott Kibler, 419-566-7781 or wskibler@embarqmail.com. Feel free to make offer or buy lots of stuff and get a better deal.

Interlake with trailer. Two sets of sails. For info contact Richard Byrd at 216-533-6209 or alphabyrd@gmail.com

1975 Cal 3-30 Pollinator - 30ft racer/cruiser. Roller furler. Sleeps six. Updated cushions and upholstery. Atom 4cyl. gas engine. New mainsail with large sail inventory. Cradle and winter cover. Many extras. Ready to race or cruise. Asking \$3,500. Inspect at SSC dock A17. Contact Daryl Deering at 419-656-5679 or daryldeering@hotmail.com.

Boat well available for a 28-30' boat. Located at the end of the channel in the Cove on Cove Park Blvd. \$300/mo. year round 614-579-2074 cell or txt.

Interlake Hull #972. Yellow hull, white seated deck. Deck replaced by CustomFlex. SS centerboard, cut-down trunk with teak trim. All new foam flotation by CustomFlex. Carbon spin pole, CustomFlex rudder, most hardware and lines replaced. North main and jib, several other sets of sails and spinnakers. Trailer in great shape, bearing buddies and good tires. \$1800 or make offer. Call Rich Wismer at 440-308-6834, rwismer972@gmail.com Located in North Ridgeville, near Lorain.

16' 1958 Lyman with 1961 35 HP Evinrude Lark outboard and trailer. New marine mahogany ply decks professionally installed this last winter. Transom, ribs and board are all good. \$3,000. Email john@firelandslocal.com. Phone 419-706-5137.

Aluminum spinnaker pole - Double-ended, 11' fixed length eye to eye, 3" dia. Upper bridle missing, lower bridle end requires reattachment. \$85. Delivery possible. Call Bill Nixon 614-481-7827, text 614-395-6563.

Seabiscuit, O'Day 34, \$25,900 - Well maintained boat, consistently improved and loved by current owners. Call or email Jim Priebe @ 440-781-9618 or jpsailinghorse@yahoo.com for a complete list of improvements and upgrades.

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

1987 Hunter 31. NEW PRICE 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 \$20,000. Racing sails are available for extra \$\$. Contact Rory Carpenter at 734-660-1517.



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 Vest – Crisp Winter White, Front Zippered Pocke Drawcords for Adjustable Hem Super Soft 100% Polyester

SSC Logo on Left Chest Sizes: Small to X-Large Price: \$29.00



Women's Vintage T-Shirt – Extra Sporty, ¾ Length Sleeves Silver Body with Soft Navy Detail, Curved Shirttail 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





Unisex Quarter Zip Sweatshirt - Soft and Cuddly 50/50 Cotton/Polyester, Won't Shrink

SSC Burgee on Left Chest, SSC Logo on Right Upper Arm

Sizes: Small to X-Large Price: \$32.00

Men's Khaki Classic Polo - 60/40 Cotton/Polyester Odor Fighting, Moisture Wicking, Shrink/Stain/Wrinkle Resistant

SSC Burgee on Left Chest, SSC Flags on Right Sleeve

Sizes: Small to X-Large Price: \$30.00

Duffle Bag – Heavy Duty Polyester with Adjustable Shoulder Strap, Top and Side Grip Handles, Front Zippered Pocket Red and Black with SSC Flags on Front Size: 22" x 11" x 10 1/2"

Price: \$25.00



Beach Tote - Outside Pocket and Velcro Closure at Top 100% Cotton Canvas

Red with Navy Bottom and Straps, SSC Logo on Front Size: 21 ½" x 15 ½" x 6 ½"

Price: \$20.00

- All Items are available for purchase at the Sandusky Sailing Club using Cash, Check, or Credit Card.
- Addition Sizes are available and can be special ordered.
- Questions and Inquiries, please email Carolynne at SSCGear@SanduskySailingClub.com.

