

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.

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December 2020 Cross Bearings

12/11 Fri Fireside Friday.....6:00pm
12/18 Fri Fireside Friday.....6:00pm
12/25 Fri **NO Fireside Friday**

2021

01/01 Fri **NO Fireside Friday**
01/08 Fri Fireside Friday..... 6:00pm
01/15 Fri Fireside Friday..... 6:00pm
01/22 Fri Fireside Friday..... 6:00pm
01/29 Fri Fireside Friday..... 6:00pm

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

Message from Comm BlutarSKI

..... **Commodore Andy Davis**

Hello to all. As this is my first **Cross Bearings** as Commodore BlutarSKI, I want to highlight some key areas of focus for 2021 from my perspective:

The Bridge / Board: As you all are aware, we have a superb bridge (with the exception of yours truly) with Matt Bedee as Past Commodore, Wes Blazer as Vice Commodore, and Hank Boissoneault as Rear Commodore. We continue to be set for ongoing growth and success. I can assure you that your Bridge, and the entire SSC Board are poised to continue the trajectory set in motion. This is truly an exciting time.

COVID-19: However, while this is an exciting time, it is also a time for resilience and reflection.

Resilience: Psychologists define resilience as the process of adapting well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats, or significant sources of stress. I've used this word on a number of my sales team calls this year as I felt it was the most appropriate term to describe what I was witnessing within my team, as well as at the Sailing Club. In early March, the year changed, and it continues to evolve globally, and in some cases in very unsettling ways.

But the character of SSC, already strong, grew as we collectively navigated through the uncertainty. We faced test after test, guided by a clear set of values, long and short term goals, and operating principles. I couldn't be prouder of our collective effort. Although there is nothing special that happens when Dec. 31 turns to Jan. 1, there is symbolic value in flipping the calendar to a new year. The 2020 calendar year is one many will not forget as we served our members and colleagues to the very best of our abilities.

That said, we will continue to evaluate the environment to ensure we support the values of the club while ensuring the "SOCIAL" strengths of the club remain intact. This is an evolving situation.... And through constant discussion, we will remain diligent in our decisions while balancing safety.

Ongoing club improvements: If you have not been down to the club lately, I would invite you to take a look at the dock re-decking completed within the past 30 days. It truly looks fabulous. While this is one of the first steps in the "Dock Project," it continues to show investment in the club. Thanks to everyone involved in this project.

Membership: This is the cornerstone of a healthy club. We've continued to grow over the past few years, a great sign of things to come. We grow because of the members we have, everyone's willingness to jump in and help out, and the kind interactions we have with each other. This is going to be a cornerstone of a successful 2021 and beyond.

Fireside Fridays: At the December Board meeting, the board approved continuing Fireside Fridays. That said, we will reinstate Fireside Fridays beginning Dec. 11. There will be no Fireside Fridays on Christmas Day as well as New Years Day. We will resume them following New Years Day.

SSC has gift certificates! They can be purchased at the Dairy Bar. Great idea for stocking stuffers.

I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season.

Stay tuned to email blasts regarding the constantly changing scenario, as well as Dairy Bar updates. Thanks to everyone, and I look forward to providing updates following the December Board meeting.

If you have any concerns or there is something that you believe will make our club better, please don't hesitate to contact me at Andy-Davis@idexx.com or 262-2020-1372. You may also contact the SSC Board at SSCBoard@sanduskysailingclub.com.



2020-21 Change of Watch. (left to right) RC Hank Boissoneault, VC Wes Blazer, Comm. Andy Davis and the guy with the big smile is Immediate PC Matt Bedee.

Sandusky Vice VC Wes Blazer

Hello everybody, the Christmas season is upon us; it feels like time is flying by and the boats will be back in the water in no time. I hope everyone is staying safe and sound this winter. I just want to recap some of the projects we have going this winter. As always, the Sadler Basin Committee Board and the Sailing Club Board have been busy.

“A” dock and “B” dock are undergoing major upgrades. The wood on “A” dock has been replaced with new wood. This should improve grip when wet and the overall appearance of the dock. Also, the float at the end of “A” dock is being replaced. “B” dock will have the wood deck replaced as well as the uprights. There will also be new cleats added so each boat will have their own bow cleat. No longer will you have to untie your neighbor’s bow line to get at yours.

Sadler has done a great job keeping up with the high water issues we have all had to deal with over the last couple seasons while still being able to upgrade the marina.

This winter we are going to take a look at the organization of the dry dock area near the launch ramp. Typically it was a lightly used area by our members. However this year we sold more dry sail spots for large boats than we had in the past and a few issues arose. We will look at getting anchors to tie the boats down and organizing the layout of each dry sail spot so we don’t have an issue with boats being blocked in.

In closing, I would like to thank PC Matt Bedee for all of the work he has done as a member of the Board and chef on Friday nights. He has put everything he has into this and it shows. So, if you see him around the club, take a second and thank him for his work.

Please feel free to email me questions, comments, or suggestions at ViceCommodore@SanduskySailingClub.com or on my cell at 386-416-9034.

View from the Rear RC Hank Boissoneault

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the club for its trust in electing me to the Bridge. As I reflect on the many years I have spent at the club, I am reminded of all the wonderful people and memories I have experienced throughout the years. As a young sailor, the club sent me throughout the Midwest and even to California for sailing events. I was always grateful for the club’s investment and I am excited to finally give back.

Change of Watch - Prior to Thanksgiving, we were able to hold the “Change of Watch” ceremony safely outdoors.



It started with a small gathering of club members and friends and ended with a legendary ride on Sandusky Bay in VC Wes Blazer’s restored Lyman. It was the perfect ending to the boating season and possibly a new “Change of Watch” tradition.

As we enter the holiday season, I would like to wish all our members safe and happy holidays. The current status for club activities would best be described as “cautiously on hold.” The traditional holiday parties are currently canceled as we work through the latest surge in COVID-19 numbers. It appears to be hitting much closer to home this time around, and for that reason we are erring on the side of caution until after the first of the year. The Board will be discussing options for bringing back club activities as we move through the early part of the winter season.

2021 sailing season - The Board and its committees are busy planning the upcoming sailing season. There is a sense of optimism that we will be able to plan and execute a safe and successful sailing season. With what we have learned from the past season, and with good safety practices in place, we look forward to providing a summer full of cruising and racing events.

If you have any thoughts or ideas on fun club activities and are willing to help out with a function or two, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I want to keep the club’s momentum going. Thank you.

RC Hank Boissoneault 419-357-1044 or RearCommodore@SanduskySailingClub.com

Sadler Basin Committee PC Steve Jackson

Take a walk down completed “A” Dock. The wood replacement project went well and is a great improvement. “B” Dock will be handled this winter or early spring depending on weather conditions. The storage dock by the Junior clubhouse has been hauled away. The dock wasn’t salvageable and we had to cut our losses. Springer docks have been hauled out and stored on the asphalt by the Sadler storage shed. This should protect the docks from winter storms when the docks are not being used. We will be inspecting/checking the docks over this winter and doing necessary bolt/screw tightening and other small repairs.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy winter.

The Sadler Basin Committee can be contacted via email at SadlerBoard@sanduskysailingclub.com

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Sandusky Junior Sailors, Inc...Suzanne Hartley/ Mic Kaufman / Michelle Gilboy

Did you know Sandusky Junior Sailors has a new website? Take a minute to stop by sailsandusky.org and check it out. This website is a one stop shopping experience for everything involved with SJSI programming and events.

SJSI is continuing to partner with the City of Sandusky Recreation Department to offer various sailing programs. We have recently started expanding the programs offered to the community. In addition to the four-day Winter Break Camp that will be held Dec. 21-22/28-29 for kids grades K-8, we will be offering Snow Sailing this winter on the first Tuesday of January, February and March 2021. We'll have both sailing simulators in use for these events as well as additional STEM activities. We've worked out details with the city to keep registration low and COVID compliant by dividing the sessions into small groups of children at staggered times with sanitizing taking place during, in between and after each session.

Vita sponsored a Wine Tasting Nov. 11 as a fundraiser for SJSI. The event was successful with wonderful Upstate New York wines and expertly paired food. Thank you for your continued support of SJSI.

Virtual Raffle - Take a chance! SJSI is staging its first virtual 50/50 Raffle Dec. 1-15. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Michelle Gilboy at 440-871-8080 or by visiting the "Event" page of our website at sailsandusky.org.

Chili Cook-off - SAVE THE DATE! Jan. 30 will be the first annual SJSI Chili Cook-off. Get out your cookbooks and favorite family recipes and be ready to WOW us with your cooking. Prizes will be awarded for top three voted chili entries. Stay tuned for updates about this event in your email and on our website.

SJSI has the following boats and motors for sale:

Boston Whaler Harpoon	Catalina 22
Hunter 216	Mercury 4Hp
Interlake/trailer (2)	Thistle/trailer 3380
Rebel 18	Catalina 27
Carver 28	Force 5

If you are interested in any of these boats/motors contact Michelle at 419-871-8080 or michelle@sailsandusky.org for more details or to make an appointment to see them.

SSC Iceboat Fleet Ryan Kyle

As the temperatures begin to fall, and the soft-water boats are put away for the winter season, it's time to begin thinking ICE and dust off those ice boats for the upcoming ice boating season. In recent years, SSC has done a great job supporting ice boating in the winter by opening the club on weekends when we have good ice, with a small crowd of people participating. Because this relationship between SSC and ice boating has formed, we decided it was time to formulate a new fleet; the SSC Iceboat Fleet.

Last winter, PC Bryan Huntley and I began brainstorming a way to formally involve the club in ice boating and decided that because there is so much club-member activity and interest in ice boating, we should form a fleet to support it,

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much like the Cruising, JAM, PHRF, Multihull and Interlake Fleets that are active today. Although the Sandusky Ice Yacht Club exists, and will continue to remain active, the SSC Iceboat Fleet will support ice boating on Sandusky Bay by ensuring there is access to the ice via Springer's Wharf and the historic iceboat ramp.

In the 1980's, the Sandusky ice boating scene was being harbored at the foot of Ogontz St. The group decided that the shore access, although practical, was not ideal for holding larger iceboat regattas and weekend activity. A select group of SSC Past Commodores and SIYC members combined resources and came up with the idea to construct a ramp off of Springer's Wharf that would act as a safe access point to the frozen Sandusky Bay. The ramp was then constructed and was donated to the Sadler Sailing Basin and would act as one of the best access points to ice boating on the North Coast. Since then, the ramp has been used for access to the ice by iceboat enthusiasts from all over the world. In fact, in both 1984 and 2004, the DN North American Championships were

held on Sandusky Bay, using the ramp and Springer's Wharf as the launch site.

The SSC Iceboat Fleet will focus on continuing the tradition of ice boating on Sandusky Bay by providing access to a frozen Sandusky Bay via the iceboat ramp on Springer's Wharf. We are looking for people that have an iceboat, or are interested in ice boating to become members of the fleet. Our fleet dues are \$20 and can be made payable to Sandusky Sailing Club. Please include a memo on



the check; "Iceboat Fleet." Also, look for the option to join the iceboat fleet via the SSC membership renewal form. Money collected for iceboat fleet dues will help offset the cost of maintaining and erecting/dismantling the ramp and crane on Springer's Wharf each year.

As fleet captain, I look forward to seeing everyone on the ice this winter. Whether you have an old iceboat hanging in the rafters, or a world class skeeter in an enclosed trailer, we encourage everyone to bring their boats down when there is ice and set them up for a day of fun. For any questions regarding the SSC Iceboat Fleet, please contact Ryan Kyle at ryan.kyle@thesailinginc.com.

Sailing Stuff for Sale or to Buy

Tartan 10 #329 (Patrimpas) for sale. Equipment includes several class measured and registered racing sails, VHF radio, AM/FM/Bluetooth stereo with external marine speakers, aluminum winter frame and canvas winter cover, lots of spare parts. Upgraded running rigging and several racing modifications. Asking \$10,000. <https://sailboatlistings.com/view/83454> Contact Aud Jucaitis at 216-970-3263 or aud.jucaitis@outlook.com

Flag Pole Plaza Commemorative Brick

For \$100 you get two lines of print with 15 letters/spaces per line including periods and commas.

Contact PC John Hartung at 419-433-6151 or email jphartung@bex.net for more details or to place your order.

Paddle boards and inflatable docks for sale. Contact Larry Knauer at ldknauer@gmail.com for more information.

Harken MK IV unit 1 furler for sale. Brand new. Priced to sell! Brad Balmert at bradb1384@yahoo.com or 440-670-5065

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

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

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 - 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 \$13,500. Racing sails are available for extra \$\$\$. Contact Rory Carpenter at 734-660-1517.



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