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 2021 Cross Bearings

| 01/08 Fri | Fireside Friday6:00pm |
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| 01/12 Tues | SSC Board meeting7:00pm |
| 01/15 Fri | Fireside Friday6:00pm SSC Board meeting7:00pm Fireside Friday6:00pm |
| 01/19 Tues | Communication Committee mtg 7:00pm |
| 01/20 Wed | Chili Cook-off registration deadline |
| 01/22 Fri | Fireside Friday6:00pm |
| 01/26 Tues | Islands Race/Leukemia Cup meeting7:00pm |
| 01/29 Fri | Fireside Friday6:00pm |
| 01/30 Sat | SJSI Chili Cook-off5:00pm |
| 02/02 Tues | SJSI, Inc board meeting7:00pm |
| 02/05 Fri | Fireside Friday6:00pm |
| 02/09 Tues | SSC Board meeting |
| 02/12 Fri | Fireside Friday6:00pm |
| 02/19 Fri | Fireside Friday |
| 02/26 Fri | Fireside Friday6:00pm |
| 02/23 Tues | Islands Race/Leukemia Cup meeting7:00pm |
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For more info, go to **www.sanduskysailingclub.com.** Go to "community" then drop down to "event calendar."

Message from Comm BlutarskiCommodore Andy Davis

Hello to all. I'm happy to say 2020 is now behind us. Looking back, given the challenges, I'm very proud of the resilience of our club and membership. Considering the circumstances (COVID and the significant impact it had on social events), it is obvious the trajectory remains correctly placed. I again wanted to thank PC Matt Bedee for all his efforts during 2020, and I look forward to 2021 with excitement as I firmly believe our continued efforts will pay off, ensuring the club continues to be positioned to thrive.

2021 *Budget:* The board and members who joined the budget meeting approved the 2021 budget. Key points include a very modest increase in dues, aligned with inflation and other operational cost increases during 2020. Again, this increase is very modest, and we are consistently looking at expenses as the first step in ensuring our financial house is in order. From an income perspective, we anticipate operating 2021 with some social events, which were few and far between in 2020. These events provide key income to the club as you all know, and while continuing to adhere to State guidance, we firmly believe 2021 will allow us to align back to a more "normal" schedule of activity.

Events: As the calendar continues to evolve for 2021, at this point we look forward to several events, including ISCA Nationals as well as the Leukemia Cup. There are also other events which we will outline shortly in an upcoming *Cross Bearings*. The goal is to provide an opportunity for those who wish to race coupled with a safe social environment.

Additionally, the Juniors are planning some events which should also be enjoyable to partake in.

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. I would like to ask each and every one of you to consider this request: Please do your best to bring a new member into the club. Crew, Senior, Junior, any member is beneficial and broadens the reach of the club. I am respectfully asking for everyone's support in achieving this goal.

Fireside Fridays are resuming starting on Jan. 8. If you want to see complete CHAOS, I will be manning the pizza ovens on the 8th. Might be fun to just sit and watch me sweat to keep up with the orders.

The Event Calendar will be updated to reflect any and all "offseason" events over the next week or so.

Ice Costs: The price of ice will increase during 2021. The fact is that we have been selling ice at a loss for many years and we need to at least break even to ensure we are fiscally responsible. The cost will be commensurate with market prices in Sandusky. As an FYI, the ice coolers have been repaired, so the bags will actually be a full sized bag, vs a half melted bag of slush and water.

Given this is the January version of Cross Bearings, I really do not have a whole lot to report. That said, I look forward to seeing everyone over the winter in preparation for a superb sailing season. Thanks to everyone for your continued support of the finest volunteer club on the Great Lakes.

Happy NEW YEAR: 2021 will be awesome.

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 <u>Andy-Davis@idexx.com</u> or 262-2020-1372. You may also contact the SSC Board at <u>SSCBoard@</u> <u>sanduskysailingclub.com</u>.

Sandusky Vice VC Wes Blazer

I hope everyone had Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are one month closer to getting boats back in the water.

The work around the basin and clubhouse has slowed for the winter. See PC Jackson's article from the Sadler Sailing Basin Committee.

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

View from the Rear RC Hank Boissoneault

Happy New Year and Good Riddance 2020!

In December we voted as a board to continue hosting club social events in a safe manner. So, we cheered The Ohio State Buckeyes to a win in the Big 10 Championship game. It was a fun afternoon of college football, PC Matt Bedee's now famous pizzas and sitting by the fire.

We also continued the tradition of Fireside Fridays. If you haven't had a chance to try one of Matt's pizzas, please mark it on your calendar for the upcoming year. They are perfectly cooked in Sandusky's very own Peerless Stove pizza ovens. They have a unique fireside taste that you just have to try. The dates of the upcoming Fireside Fridays are Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29. The oven and bar are open by 6:00pm.

Chili Cook-Off: In addition to Fireside Fridays, Sandusky Junior Sailors will host "The first annual Chili Cook-Off." It will be Saturday, Jan. 30 at 5:00pm at the Sandusky Sailing Club. Cooks must register by Jan. 20 to be entered in the contest. Awards going to the top three chili entries. So, dig out that old family recipe and bring your cooking talents down to the club. If you don't feel like cooking, bring a healthy appetite and come and enjoy a bowl or two and help us determine the winners. For more information, please contact Michelle @ 419 871-8080 or michelle@sailsandusky.org

Go Browns! I plan to have a playoff party as an impromptu event. Being a long time Browns fan, I will announce the party in an email. Could this be our year?

In February, we will continue with the Fireside Fridays with the addition of a Winter Fest party on Feb. 27. This is still in the early planning stages. However if old man winter sets in we may have an outdoor fire pit, ice skating and other outdoor activities. If you have any ideas or would like to help, please let me know.

RC Hank Boissoneault 419-357-1044 or <u>RearCommodore@</u> <u>SanduskySailingClub.com</u>

Treasury NewsBernie Ashyk/Dave Brink

Thanks to all for your dues and generosity in 2020. The 2021 dues statements, with instructions will be available via e-mail in early January. Thanks in advance for your prompt replies and continued support of our club.

Sadler Basin Committee PC Steve Jackson

The Sadler Basin Board is currently on winter hiatus. The major project this Spring will be replacing the wood boards and upgrading location and additional cleats on "B" dock. Construction should start when the weather breaks.

We are looking for volunteers, no experience necessary, for small basin maintenance projects this season. The time required should be less than four hours and projects go better with multiple members working together. Please make a comment in your yearly membership letter or contact any Basin Committee member or SSC officer who will direct you in the right location. Volunteering has always been a great asset to the success of Sandusky Sailing Club.

The Sadler Basin Committee can be contacted via email at <u>SadlerBoard@sanduskysailingclub.com</u>



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

Happy New Year! The vaccine is here! Hope is in the air that we will be able to resume face-to-face activities this sailing season.

Registration for our 2021 Youth and Adult season is open. Give Michelle Gilboy a call or email to discuss your options for the upcoming season. Book your classes soon so you don't have to worry about waiting lists. All COVID policies and procedures are still in place from last year, so class size is limited.

Our winter simulator programming is up and running. We have hosted a group of Sea Scouts and have interest from other Sea Scout groups. Sandusky City Schools are virtual learning at this time due to COVID. As a result, the City of Sandusky Parks and Recreation Dept. has put all of the scheduled winter programs on hold. We hope city programming can return in February. If you know any groups (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc...) looking for a winter activity, get them in contact with us. We would be happy to host their group.

Thank you to everyone who donated used sails to SJSI. An order from Sea Bags is on the way. It features bucket bags and many smaller items. Look for more details on our web page (<u>sailsandusky.org</u>). We'll be collecting sails for a spring pick up. Old sails may be dropped off at the Junior Barn.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was David Dunn.

He donated the proceeds back to SJSI. Thank you David for your donation and thank you to all who participated!

Dust off your cookbooks and get out your favorite family recipes. There is a chili cook-off scheduled for Jan. 30 at SSC. It starts at 5:00pm. Your registration must be processed by Michelle Gilboy by Jan. 20. There is no cost to register



your chili and it must be prepared in advance and delivered to SSC the night of the event, ready to be served. The cost will be \$5 for a tasting flight of all entered chilis. There will be bowls available for \$3 of any remaining chili after the samples have been served to everyone.

Vita Sandusky is hosting a Queen of Hearts Drawing.

The tickets are \$1 each and drawings are held every Friday at 7:30pm. Stop by and get your tickets and try your luck at finding the Queen of Hearts. Vita has offered this as a 50/50 fundraiser for the Sandusky Sailing Center. Thank you Vita for your continued support.

Please email Michelle Gilboy at <u>michelle@sailsandusky.org</u> or call her at 419-871-8080 to make drop-off arrangements for sails, get details on the fundraisers, registration for any of our upcoming programming, or with any questions you may have about our programs. Thank you for your continued support of our programs. Your support allows us to provide high quality programming to the youth and adults in our community.

SSC Iceboat Fleet Ryan Kyle

Greetings fellow iceboat enthusiasts! Since our last installment in the *Cross Bearings*, we have been greeted with a few mornings of skim ice on Sandusky Bay. Unfortunatley, there have not been temperatures to warrant any kind of "sailable" ice quite yet. Hopefully this will improve in the next few weeks and we can get out there before the end of January. I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the Sadler Sailing Basin Committee for providing the concrete anchors and their installation in the last month. The ramp and crane can now be installed for access to the ice.

Also, thank you to those of you who have sent in fleet dues. Just as a reminder, dues are \$20 and can be sent to SSC via check with a memo of "SSC Iceboat Fleet." These dues will help cover the cost of commissioning and decommissioning the ramp and crane each year. I strongly encourage anyone, who is a club member and takes interest in iceboating, to contribute to the fleet via dues. This will ensure that we can enjoy the luxury of having safe access to the ice during the winter season for years to come.

Speaking of being safe, this is a reminder that there is NO such thing as "safe" ice. I would encourage anyone who ventures out on the ice to always use the buddy system and let someone on shore know that you plan to go out on the ice. As we begin to see better conditions for ice, there will be scouting sessions to evaluate the condition of the ice and whether or not it is suitable for sailing. Please use good judgment and understand the risk involved with venturing out on the frozen bay.

If you haven't already, pull down your iceboat from the rafters, wipe off the dust, sharpen your runners to be ready for the season when it suddenly begins. Until then, THINK ICE.

For any questions regarding the SSC Iceboat Fleet, please contact Ryan Kyle at **ryan.kyle@thesailinginc.com.**

For the Good of the Order

Dockage - A reminder that second payments are due on March 1, 2021. If you have not made any payment yet or will not be needing your dock in 2021, please email **Dockage@ sanduskysailingclub.com**.

Each day, the time of daylight is getting longer and we're getting closer to sailing again.

Coming soon! Our new and improved merchandise collection! Some of the items offered will be hats, rain jackets, Eddie Bauer soft shell jackets, rash guard shirts, duffle and boat bags, and more! All will be available with online ordering for your specific size and color preferences. And, introducing SSC BEAR WEAR for



our youngest sailors, from newborn to juniors!! Look for our online store to be opening soon!

Regatta Committee update - This is a busy time of year for the Regatta Committee. We recently met with the Race Governing group to put together a schedule for Summer 2021 and, boy, is it packed with some great events! Luckily, we were able to get all regattas back that were canceled or postponed in 2020. Here is a run down of what summer will look like on the regatta front:

June - Interlake Traveler Series Regatta

<u>July</u> - Area E Jr. Championships, Interlake Nationals, I-LYA Opti Championship, Deepwater/Steeplechase Race

<u>August</u> - Kelley's Island Full Moon Race, Sandusky Bay Portsmouth Race, Islands Race/LLS Cup

September - Funday, OD Regatta, and maybe a J/24 event

That makes for a busy summer of racing. As always, we're looking for club members who would like to chair an event or volunteer your time. I'd also like to add a plug for Race Committee volunteers who would like to learn more about helping with the on-water side of things.

SSC has a rich tradition of offering fine racing on Sandusky Bay. With some help and support, we can continue this into 2021, no matter what COVID-19 has in store for us!

Enjoy your winter and dream of sunny days ahead!

- Jay Austin, SSC Regatta Committee Chairman

News from ISCA Fleet No. 1. Fleet Captain, Bernie Ashyk

As you may have heard, SSC and the Interlake Fleet No. 1 has re-grouped after the year of the pandemic and will be hosting the 2021 Interlake National Championships. The Nationals will be from July 14-17. Planning meetings have started. Your assistance on one of the committees will be appreciated. You can volunteer by contacting Event Chair Danny Olson at <u>dannyolson2007@gmail.com</u>.

The 66th annual Sandusky Islands/Leukemia Cup Regatta

Once again, our club will partner with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to host the 66th annual Sandusky Islands/ Leukemia Cup Regatta.

I am excited to announce that the Northern Ohio Leukemia Cup Regatta is currently ranked #2 in the country and the Sandusky Sailing Club brought home the Yacht Club Challenge Trophy this year for our fundraising efforts! A special shout out goes to Brett and Katie Langolf for their involvement with *More Kids on Sailboats*, who were this year's top fundraising team!

The committee is already hard at work planning a fantastic 2021. Save the date for Friday, Aug. 27 and Saturday, Aug. 28. After hearing positive feedback, we will be starting and ending the race at the Sandusky Sailing Club again. Friday we will host a welcome party and boat registration. Saturday will start with the sailing races and will be followed by an "islands" themed Rock the Dock party, featuring live music and an awards ceremony.

We have committed to helping this cause by encouraging participant fundraising and engagement with all Lake Erie based clubs. Your support is helping a great cause, one that gives 79.5 cents of every dollar towards its mission and does its best to keep funds local for patient assistance and



Todd Mestrez sails on the Huron River in December 2020. He has sailed on Lake Erie at least once a month for a couple years.

research. In addition, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society helped advance 34 of the 39 blood cancer treatments approved by the FDA in 2017 and 2018. Since the beginning of 2019 the number has upped to 57 out of 66.

We hope you can join us at these events to help support this incredible mission. We are excited to raise funds and celebrate a wonderful summer on and off the water! Let's keep the Yacht Club Challenge Trophy here!

If you would like to help with our committee or fundraising, please let me know. More information can be found at **www.leukemiacup.org/noh**.

Commodore Andy Davis & the SI/LCR Committee

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

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 <u>email pgrant@bex.net</u>

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 <u>park@quikspray.com</u>

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.





Sandusky Sailing Club <u>Pizza Menu – Carryout Only</u>



Carryout Pizzas Available

| 12" Pizza w/ Any Toppings | \$10.00 |
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| 12" Garlic Cheese Sticks | \$5.00 |

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Extra Cheese Sauce (Regular) Sauce (Light)

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