



SANDUSKY SAILING CLUB

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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.

June 2018 Cross Bearings

06/02 Sat	SJRT Buckeye Lake at Alum Creek	9:00am
06/03 Sun	Sunday Funday-PHRF/JAM/Cruising ...	9:00am
06/03 Sun	Sunday morning race-one design	9:30am
06/04 Mon	Adaptive Adventures volunteer training....	5:00pm
06/04 Mon	Sadler Basin Committee meeting	7:00pm
06/05 Tues	Junior Sailors Inc. meeting	7:00pm
06/06 Wed	Wednesday night races	6:25pm
06/08-09	Mills Race Toledo YC	
06/09-10	SSC One-Design Regatta	
06/09 Sat	SJRT at Berlin SC	9:00am
06/10 Sun	NO Sunday morning race-one design	
06/12 Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
06/13 Wed	Wednesday night races	6:25pm
06/14-17	US Sailing Level 1 Class	TBA
06/15-18	Cruise to Leamington	
06/16 Sat	SJRT Erie YC	9:00am
06/17 Sun	Sunday Funday-PHRF/JAM/Cruising ...	9:00am
06/17 Sun	Sunday morning race-one design	9:30am
06/18-22	Learn to Sail Session 1	9:00am
06/19 Tues	SSC Communication Comm. meeting....	7:00pm
06/20 Wed	SJRT Edgewater YC	9:00am
06/20 Wed	Wednesday night races	6:25pm
06/21 Thur	Gentry clubhouse rental.....	4:00pm
06/23-24	Lightning Districts at SSC.....	9:00am
06/23-24	Cruise to Lorain	
06/24 Sun	NO Sunday morning race-one design	
06/25-29	Learn to Sail Session 2	9:00am
06/27 Wed	Wednesday night races	6:25pm
06/29 Fri	Islands Race/Hospice Cup dinner.....	6:00pm
06/30 Sat	Islands Race/Hospice Cup/Cruise	10:00am
07/02 Mon	Sadler Basin Committee meeting	7:00pm
07/03 Tues	Junior Sailors Inc. meeting	7:00pm
07/04 Wed	Charlton Cup Double-handed race	8:30pm
07/04 Wed	Commodore's Day brunch.....	noon
07/04 Wed	NO Wednesday night races	6:25pm
07/05 Thur	Centerboard Sandusky Bay race.....	TBA
07/07 Sat	Harbor Bay YC Stein Hospice race	TBA
07/07-9	SJRT Area E Qualifiers Rochester, NY	
07/08 Sun	Sunday morning race-one design	9:30am
07/09-13	Learn to Sail Session 3	9:00am
07/10 Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
07/11 Wed	Adaptive Adventures open house	10:00am
07/11 Wed	Wednesday night races	6:25pm
07/12-15	Sandusky Festival of Sail & Downtown Street Fair	
07/13-16	Cruising fleet's Cleveland Sail-away	
07/15 Sun	Sunday Funday-PHRF/JAM/Cruising ...	9:00am
07/15 Sun	Sunday morning race-one design	9:30am
07/15-19	SJRT Junior Bay Week	
07/21 Sat	Sandusky Bay Bicentennial Regatta	TBA
07/22 Sun	Sunday morning race-one design	9:30am
07/23-27	Learn to Sail Session 4	9:00am

07/25 Wed	Wednesday night races	6:25pm
07/28 Sat	SSC Junior Regatta	9:00am
07/29 Sun	Sunday Funday-PHRF/JAM/Cruising ...	9:00am
07/29 Sun	Sunday morning race-one design	9:30am
07/30-08/03	Learn to Sail Session 5	9:00am

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

Commodore's Comments..... Comm. Mark Gross

Summer weather is finally here and the sailing basin is filling up!

Steak Out Party - The Potential Member Open House was well received and we're hoping to get a few new members as a result. And the Steak Out Party was another success! We had a nice turnout, feasted on steak, and enjoyed great camaraderie. Thanks to PC Steve France for organizing these events.

Memorial Day Weekend - Summer officially kicked off with the Lighthouse Inspection Tour. This was followed by a really nice turnout for our annual Memorial Day service and the Blessing of the Fleet. The weather couldn't have been nicer and the potluck was great, as always. A big thank you to PC Monty Kaufman for organizing these SSC traditions, again.

SSC dues and dockage - Thank you to those members who have paid their 2018 dues and dockage. For those who have not done so, please contact Tim to make arrangements ASAP.

One-Design Regatta will take place on June 9-10. Check our website or contact Bernie Ashyk for more information and to volunteer.

Lightning Districts - Our club will host the Lightning Class District regatta June 23-24. Check our website for more info.

Sandusky Islands Race/Stein Hospice Cup - Brett Langolf and his committee have been busy organizing this year's Islands Race. Remember that this is a club event for all of our members. It starts with a big party on Friday evening, with live entertainment, followed by the race on Saturday. It is also our opportunity to support Stein Hospice and its local hospice programs. Whether you race, cruise, or just like to have fun, this event belongs on your calendar! The event will happen June 29-30. Check our website or touch base with Brett for more information.

Commodore's Day - Pamela and I would like you to join us on July 4th for our annual Commodore's Day lunch at noon. We are looking forward to a fun day!

SSC has lost member, Mike Latham, who passed away on May 16 after a battle with cancer. Mike came to our Club through his partnership with Paula Smith, a member since 2009. Both Mike and Paula were long-time members of the Cleveland Amateur Boatbuilding and Boating Society. Mike recently completed the construction of First Light, a wood Ocean Pointer that was on display at the Mid-American Boat

Show in Cleveland this past January. A memorial gathering will take place on Wednesday, July 25, from 4:00-8:00pm at the Foundry- 1813 Columbus Road, Cleveland, OH 44113. Donations can be made to the Michael M Latham Memorial Fund c/o the Foundry or at www.clevelandfoundry.org/donate-today. Our condolences go out to Paula and the Latham family. Fair winds Mike.

Grill update - PC Bryan Huntley and Peerless Stove have once again contributed parts and labor to disassemble, clean, recondition, test and deliver our large burger grill to the club. This is a significant and generous donation and we all owe Bryan a big thank you for stepping up on behalf of our club!

Race Committee boats – As you probably know, we've had some delays in getting our committee boats ready for the 2018 race season. The longest winter in memory and continued inclement weather until very recently have conspired to keep the RC Boat Committee from completing all of the tasks they had planned, many of which are weather-dependent. The committee has done a yeoman job and these delays are beyond their control. The committee has made excellent progress in past couple weeks and expects all of the committee boats to be operating safely in short order. Thanks to the committee and additional volunteers for all of their work in preparing our boats. They are the lifeblood of our racing program and a point of pride for our club.

Liquor remises update - As I'm sure you aware, the Board approved an expansion of our liquor permit premises to encompass the yard surrounding the clubhouse. This was a result of concerns that our existing premises did not serve the needs of our club, both racing and cruising members effectively and that the rules were difficult to understand and were routinely ignored. As a result, our club was often at risk of being found in violation of state liquor laws; needless to say, this would have had a dramatic impact on our club, so we had to act. Your Board spent a significant amount of time and effort considering the options to come up with what it believed was a workable solution.

We discussed the changes at length at the general meeting on Spring Work Day. At that time, some members expressed concerns over how their use of the club grounds would be affected. We discussed some long-term improvements and changes that the board believed might satisfy those concerns. We asked for your patience this season as we work through the transition to the new premises and solicited ideas from the members who were present as to how we may be able to get through this season until we could implement some longer-term solutions.

One idea that came forward was to add picnic tables on the pavement in the corner of the northeast parking lot. Contrary to an apparently widespread rumor, that was not an idea of the leadership to exclude cruisers or any other members from the pavilion. Rather, it was an idea presented by some cruisers that they believed might work as a temporary solution for this season.

Over the Memorial Day weekend, several members of the Bridge received harsh criticism over the revised liquor permit premises and the transitional implementation plan. The primary concern that has been expressed to us is the inability of members to enjoy alcoholic beverages not purchased from

SSC in the pavilion. As the pavilion was to become a part of the permit premises, it would be illegal to bring outside alcohol into the pavilion.

We have heard your concerns. As a result, the Bridge is going to revisit the plan to see how we can modify it. Please understand that this does not mean that we intend to abandon the expansion of the premises, as the reasons for the expansion are as pressing today as they were when the Board approved it. We are looking at how we can modify our expanded premises so that a portion of the pavilion will remain outside the permit premises, allowing members to consume outside alcohol in that portion of the shelter.

It is quite clear that no idea we come with is likely to satisfy all of our members completely or satisfy the all of the needs of our club fully. But we believe that we have a workable plan that will come as close as possible to doing that, while allowing SSC to comply with the laws that govern the sale and consumption of alcohol on our grounds. We intend to work to obtain approval of our modified expansion as quickly as possible, so that all of the members of the club can benefit from it as soon as possible.

Until our expanded premises are approved, our existing permit premises remain in effect. This means that only closed containers can be sold from the outside window of the Dairy Bar. Once sold, the purchaser may open the container and consume the drink outside the building. But you **MAY NOT** take the drink into the building. Both open (on tap) and closed containers may be sold at the inside bar, but these drinks can only be consumed inside the building. You may **MAY NOT** take the drink outside the building. Outside alcohol (not purchased from SSC) may be consumed outside the building. But you **MAY NOT** bring outside alcohol into the building. Actually, all of these rules have been in existence for many years. While they may seem to be difficult to understand, we didn't make the state liquor regulations; we do have to live with them.

If you have any questions or concerns or would simply like accurate information about what is happening, I would encourage you to contact a member of the Bridge (PC Wendy, VC John, RC Matt, or me) directly and we would be happy to discuss this with you. I want to assure you that we and the Board are interested in serving the entire membership of the Sandusky Sailing Club the best we can.

If you have any concerns or there is anything that you believe will make our club better, please don't hesitate to contact me at mgross@grosslaw.net or 419-357-6747.

Sailing Vice VC John Schwartz

2018 yearbook - Well, it's happened again: PC Eric Winkel has carried another vice commodore across the yearbook finish line. Thank you to everyone that sent in the great pictures. There will be a copy with each member's name on the cover in the clubhouse in a few weeks.

The club looks good. Thanks to everyone who helped again this spring. If anyone is still looking to do something, we need some weeding and heavy mulch spreading in the playground area. Give me a date and I'll have mulch delivered right in front of the playground!

SSC 2018 Race, Cruising & Activity Schedule

Date	Day	Event Description	PHRF	T-10	JAM	Ctrboard	Juniors	Cruising Fleet
April	21	Sat	Spring Work Day & Meeting					
May	16	Wed		1,1	W1	1,1	W1,1	
	19	Sat	New Member Party & Open House					
	20	Sun					S1,1	
	23	Wed		1,2	W2	1,2	W1,2	
	27	Sun		FUN	FUN	FUN	S1,2	Lighthouse Inspect.
	28	Mon	No races. Enjoy and appreciate Memorial Day activities.					
	30	Wed		1,3	W3	1,3	W1,3	
June	2	Sat	Feeder race to NCYC					Alum Creek
	3	Sun		FUN	FUN	FUN	S1,3	FUN
	6	Wed		1,4	W4	1,4	W1,4	
	8-9	Fri-Sat	(Mills Race)	A1	A1	A1		
	9	Sat	One Design Regatta **					Berlin
	10	Sun	One Design Regatta **				No Race	
	13	Wed		1,5	W5	1,5	W1,5	
	15-17	Fri-Sun						Leamington
	16	Sat						Erie
	17	Sun		FUN	FUN	FUN	S1,4	FUN
	20	Wed		1,6	W6	1,6	W1,6	Edgewater
	23	Sat	Lightning Districts					Lorain
	24	Sun	Lightning Districts				No Race	Lorain
	29	Fri	SSC Islands Race - Hospice Fundraiser Party					
	30	Sat	Sandusky Islands Race & Hospice Cup**	A2	A2	A2		Islands Race/Cruise
	27	Wed					W1,7	
July	1	Sun		FUN	FUN	FUN	S1,5	FUN
	4	Wed	Commodores' Day Brunch, Charlton Cup **					
	4	Wed	NO EVENING RACES					
	5	Thur	Centerboard Sandusky Bay Race				Long Dist	
	7	Sat	(HBYC Bay Race) **	A3	A3	A3		
	7-9	Sat-Mon	(Area E Qualifiers Bemis, Sears, Smythe)					Rochester
	8	Sun					S1,6	
	11	Wed		2,1	W7	2,1	W1,8	
	13-16	Fri-Mon						Cleveland Sail-away
	15-19	Sun-Thu	(I-LYA Junior Bay Regatta)					PIB
	15	Sun		FUN	FUN	FUN	S1,7	FUN
	18	Wed		2,2	W8	2,2	W1,9	
	20	Fri	Sandusky Bay Regatta Regist. & Welcome					
	21	Sat	Sandusky Bay Bicentennial Regatta **					
	22	Sun					S1,8	
	25	Wed		2,3	W9	2,3	W2,1	
	28	Sat	SJRT Junior Regatta					SSC
	29	Sun		FUN	FUN	FUN	S2,1	FUN
Aug	1	Wed		2,4	W10	2,4	W2,2	
	2	Thur	Deepwater/Steeplechase **	A4	A4	A4		
	2-5	Thu-Sun	(I-LYA Senior Regatta)	A5	A5	A5		
	2	Thur	Centerboard Sandusky Bay Race				Long Dist	
	4	Sat						CYC
	5	Sun		FUN	FUN	FUN	S2,2	FUN
	8	Wed		2,5	W11	2,5	W2,3	
	11	Sat						Hoover
	12	Sun					S2,3	
	15	Wed		3,1	W12	3,1	W2,4	Erie Cruise
	19	Sun		FUN	FUN	FUN	S2,4	FUN
	22	Wed		3,2	W13	3,2	W2,5	
	25	Sat	Moonlight Race Around Kelleys Island**					
	26	Sun					S2,5	
	29	Wed		3,3	W14	3,3	W2,6	
Sept	1	Sat	Funday Pursuit Race to PCYC**	A6	A6	A6		Funday to PCYC
	2	Sun	(Green Island Race)	A7	A7	A7	S2,6	
	5	Wed		3,4	W15	3,4	W2,7	
	8,9	Sat-Sun	J24 Great Lakes Championship					
	9	Sun	NO CLUB RACING (J24 Champs)					
	12	Wed		3,5	W16	3,5		
	16	Sun					S2,7	
	19	Wed	One Start	FUN	FUN	FUN	FUN	
	22	Sat	(NCYC Fall Bay)	A8	A8	A8		
	23	Sun	(NCYC Fall Bay)				S2,8	
	29	Sat	(PCYC Snow Flurries)	A9	A9	A9		
	30	Sun	(PCYC Snow Flurries)				S2,9	
Oct	13	Sat	Fall Work Day & Meeting					
Nov	3	Sat	Awards Banquet					

Codes: * *Separate registration required. Separate sailing instructions. () = Not a **JAM-B** **JAM A** **Buffer** **PHRF** **Interlakes**

Aux. Course 1st Warning

Wednesday Evening (After Sept. 1) Not earlier than
 Sunday Morning 0900 for PHRF/JAM Sunday Funday

1855	1900	1910	1930
1825	1830	1840	1845
900	900	900	0930

3/18/2018

Survey results - 75 members responded to the second survey that I sent out last month. Thank you. There were some pretty consistent opinions. 50% of respondents were active racers of either keelboats or one-designs. While 77% (ish) of respondents would like to make some modest updates to the bathrooms and clubhouse, 81% of those respondents felt that SSC's current dues structure is right where it needs to be. 89% of people responded that they like the galley just the way it is. Most members appreciate the dairy bar as a club amenity and many would like to have posted hours. However, there was very little support this year to make large improvements to the bar area or to expand bar hours beyond weekends and special events. Speaking of events, the vast majority of respondents felt that RC Matt Bedee's schedule of one larger social event each month plus one more casual forum type event was just the right number of club functions. 60% supported the SSC Board's decision to set the premises around the outside of the clubhouse. The majority of people do not want to see anything built outside of the boundary area at this time.

So, my takeaway so far is that while there are many small differences in individual opinions, there does seem to be agreement that members appreciate the affordable, casual culture of SSC. That being said, people clearly would like to see cosmetic and ventilation improvements to the bathrooms and maybe to the main clubhouse. As Vice Commodore, the physical building is part of my responsibility this year, so I appreciate the time so many of you took to help guide me. I'm working on Springer's Wharf resurfacing quotes right now and then will work on some bathroom AC and/or exhaust fan quotes next. The carpet in the Commodore's Room is looking pretty tired too and I'd like to pull that out and replace it with a wood-grain vinyl plank.

Finally, a number of people indicated that they might be willing to serve on the SSC board-- either as a trustee or as an officer. That is great. For better or worse, SSC's leadership structure is set up so that one person goes off the board every year-- and one person has to come on. The downside is that the officers are constantly learning a new job (and never really mastering the last one). The upside is that it can bring fresh ideas that hopefully represent the larger club-- male and female. If anyone is at all interested, please feel free to chat up PC Steve France, Comm. Mark Gross, RC Matt Bedee, or me. Trust me, we'd LOVE to talk to you (about that anyway).

I look forward to seeing you all around the club. I would definitely encourage you to make a point to attend some of RC Bedee's functions this year. He's much more of a food planner than I was. Should be a real culinary upgrade in the galley!

Keep the ideas coming either by email at john@firelandslocal.com or at 419-706-5137.

The View from the RearRC Matt Bedee

I've been traveling a lot for work in May and I want to first thank everyone for their help with events. If you haven't had a chance to come to the club to enjoy a Friday Forum and a pizza, you have to at some point this summer. We've had a blast with the pizzas and the Peerless Oven has been making it too easy.

Memorial Day weekend was a great weekend at the club with pretty good weather. Thank you to PC Monty and Suzie Kaufman for their help once again in leading a fine tribute at the flag plaza. Also a huge thank you to all the members who joined us for the potluck following the service.

Credit cards are now accepted at the Dairy Bar. Yes, you read that correctly! The Dairy Bar is now able to take credit cards, Apple Pay, and Google Pay.

Dairy Bar hours will be more consistent on Friday/Saturday nights this summer. To support that, we're working a plan to have food available on Fridays and possibly on Saturdays. Look for an email blast when plans are finalized. There may be nights that will be GYOM or Grill Your Own Meat, when the club will provide the food and you can grill meat to your version of perfection.

Also, keep the Dairy Bar in mind when you're looking to stock your cooler for a weekend on the water and stop at the bar for a refreshing beverage while picking up a 12 pack or two of your favorite libation.

June's Friday Forum - PC Mike Muhn will be showing a video presentation produced in 2007 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of SSC, as well as a means to inform the Sandusky City Commission at that time who, how and why the property occupied by SSC and Sadler Sailing Basin has been developed since 1932. The video is approximately one hour and 33 minutes long and covers the following:

- Purpose: The Birth of Sandusky Sailing Club
- Competition: The Racing Fleets at SSC
- Inspiration: SSC Clubhouse Expansion 1949
- Vision: The First Steps in Developing the Sludge Basin
- Adversity & Resourcefulness: Sadler Sailing Basin-'63
- Accomplishment: Sadler Sailing Basin, Late '60's-Present
- Commitment: SSC's New Clubhouse
- Education: Sandusky Learn to Sail
- Passion: Sandusky Junior Race Team
- Community: Washington Street Pier & Springer's Wharf
- Reflection: SSC Flag Pole and Memorial Plaza
- Dedication: SSC Race Committee
- Volunteerism: Summary

This will be a very educational Friday Forum and a great look at where SSC started to where it is today. The presentation will add perspective to many of the issues confronting SSC today. After the presentation, we will look at getting it added to the SSC Website and possibly YouTube.



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Friday Forums will be announced through the summer and fall as schedules allow with club planned activities. I've asked several of last year's presenters to do encores this summer for the benefit of anyone who missed them in 2017. If you have ideas for Friday Forums, please contact me.

There may be potlucks also over the course of the year since we do not charge for the Friday Forums. Keep in mind, if we have a fee for a presenter, we will ask for a \$5-\$10 donation to cover the cost. With our typical attendance, that will allow us to break even.

Regatta chairs and volunteers - A huge thank you for your time and effort in planning these regattas that are a great income stream for the club. Many sailing class associations know the Sandusky Sailing Club as a site for quality regattas. That is evident when you look at the Regattas page on the SSC website <http://www.sanduskysailingclub.com/regattas>.

SSC event calendar will be kept up to date more than in the past and will be a resource the club will use more for planning events. Please bookmark the Club Calendar in your browser to allow you to access it quickly from your computer or mobile device. Also look on the right side of the website for the upcoming events at a glance.

2018 is Sandusky's Bicentennial year and there will be events throughout the year. More information can be found at www.sandusky2018.com. The Festival of Sail, July 12-15, will feature the Tall Ships returning to Sandusky. Adaptive Adventures, part of SJSI, will host a dinner cruise, so watch for more information to come in the Adaptive Adventures report in upcoming *Cross Bearings*.

Contact me - Please feel free to contact me at matt.bedee@theaustin.com or 419-202-0044.

Operations Tim Kyle

New gate cards (BLUE) have been sent out and the card readers have been updated, so you can throw away your green 2017 cards.

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 inspect your dock for any repairs that need to be made (dock boards or loose risers) and report them to me ASAP. This winter and spring have been hard on the docks and every effort will be made to make necessary repairs in a timely manner.



Friends for life! Past and present SSC Junior Race Team members gathered at a graduation party for Aydan Coulter. Many are now going into their junior (+) year in college, yet they still hang out together.

We have several 26- and 30-foot docks available at this time. It would be a great time to invite a sailing friend to join or to request reassignment if there is something available that would be more desirable to you. Contact me for availability.

The next scheduled Sadler Basin Committee meeting is Monday, June 4 at 7:00pm.

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

Learn to Sail.... Mic Kaufman / Suzanne Hartley

The team is getting ready for the 2018 season. A brochure is being prepared as well as a display for the Erie County Chamber event at the Sandusky Yacht Club. Boats are being prepared and staff is working on curriculum and certification.

A presentation was made to the Kiwanis Club and one is scheduled for the Huron Public Library in early June.

Remember, Sandusky Junior Sailors is a nonprofit and the program relies on donations to keep sailing affordable to those who want to give it a try.

Registration for Jr. Sail is OPEN! Go to www.sanduskysailingclub.com/lts-youth-program

Regatta Committee..... Jay Austin

We have a busy June coming up on the regatta front. Please contact Bernie Ashyk if you're available to help with the One Design Regatta on June 9-10. We anticipate about 15 Interlakes and a handful of Thistles. After an open weekend, SSC will host the Lightning District Championships on June 23-24. PC Surge VanderHorst, Jack Mueller, and I are co-chairing this event. We are hoping for 20-30 Lightnings from around our region. I will be looking for help on the grounds and on the water with Race Committee. If you are interested, please let me know. Lastly, the Islands Race caps off a challenging June. We will race through the islands and finish at Middle Bass. Brett Langolf and crew have been busy organizing the club's showcase event. Give him a call!

With a slow start to the season and a RC fleet on the mend, it's all hands on deck to continue our tradition of excellent sailboat racing at SSC. Please don't hesitate to come down to the club and volunteer. After all, that's what we're all about!

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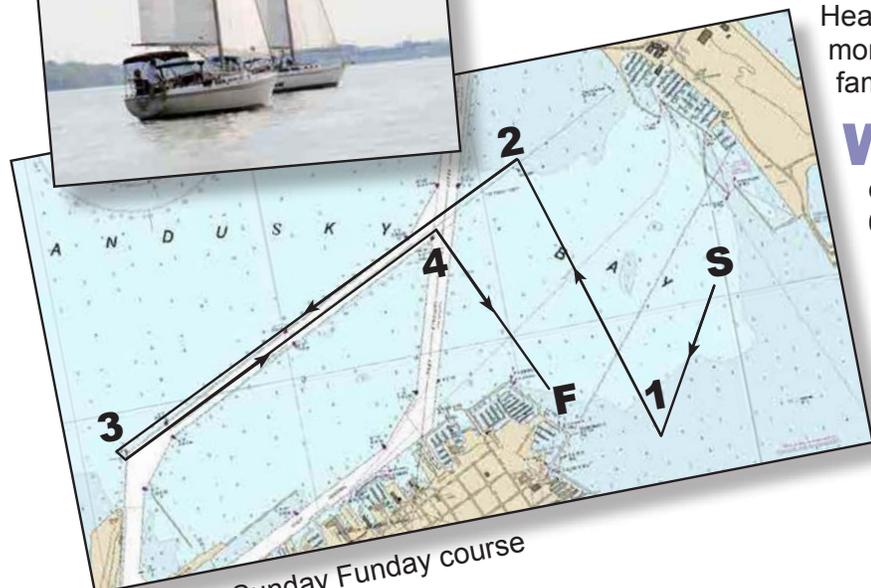


The Sandusky Sailing Club's

Sunday Funday

Come out on Sunday morning for the 2018 Sunday Funday Racing/Cruising Series.

- Racers can sharpen their skills.
- Non-racers can test the waters to see if they would like to learn more about racing.
- Cruisers can go for a nice sail around the bay with their fellow SSC members.



Sample Sunday Funday course

WHO: All SSC members and friends

WHAT: A quick sail around Sandusky Bay in a competitive or non-competitive format.

WHEN: Sunday morning start at 9:00. See the SSC 2018 Sailing Schedule for dates. Finish within a couple hours (time limit enforced). Head to the SSC Dairy Bar for libations and more fun. Tim might even be making his famous Bloody Marys!

WHERE: Start in the Eastern end of the Bay. Sail an approximately 6 mile course around Sandusky Bay. Finish off the Sailing Club.

WHY: Because we have sailboats that need to be sailed.

HOW: Costs nothing. Just come out and sail! If you don't have a boat - hook up with someone who does.

Questions? Contact PC Eric Winkel at 419-621-6603 or eric@artdpartment.com

Download the courses and Sailing instructions from <http://www.sanduskysailingclub.com/racing-programs> or pick them up in the Commodore's Room.

LEARN TO SAIL



Presented by Sandusky Junior Sailors, Inc.

All sessions are for Beginner/Intermediate sailors.

Session 1:

June 18 - June 22

Session 2:

June 25 - June 29

Session 3:

July 9 - July 13

Session 4:

July 23 - July 27

Session 5:

July 30 - August 3

Session Pricing

AM 9:00 - 12:00

\$130/SSC member

\$150/non-member

ALL DAY

\$250/SSC member

\$275/non-member

Please bring a lunch when attending all-day sessions.



Visit sanduskysailingclub.com to register or for more information



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Race Governing Terry Parker

Racing starts this month! We welcome sailors old and new to a fresh season. The schedule of races and regattas can be found on the club's website, both as a spreadsheet and (for regattas) as a special tab. Check out the new page with links to registrations, etc.

NOTE: There has been one change to the previously published schedule. Due to the Lightning Districts June 23-24, there will be no Sunday centerboard race that weekend. Accordingly, Sunday Series One has been shortened to eight races. Thanks to everyone who has helped get the schedule together.

Contact me at terryparker47@gmail.com or 440-320-3100.

Membership PC Steve France

Steak Out Party – The Steak Out was a lot of fun. As best we can tell, 63 members plus one dog and one two-year-old were on hand for the festivities. Most had at least one Lapu Lapu, our featured liquid libation. \$118 was raised at the nautical white elephant auction for the Junior Sailors. Thanks to those who brought auction items and those who bought them. Thanks also to those who helped out in the galley and with clean-up. All steaks were grilled to perfection and a good time was had by all.

Cruising Fleet..... Mark Swabley

2 + 3 = FUN - June Activities include two Sunday Morning Bay Cruises (3rd and 17th) and three weekend trips to Leamington (15th), Lorain International Festival (23rd), and the Islands (30th).

Sunday Morning Bay Cruises start at 9 to get out and back before it's time to head home. The dates coincide with the race fleet's fun races. Meet at 8:30 under the pavilion to discuss the weather and shuffle the deck to see who is sailing with whom.

Leamington Sail-Away is Friday, June 15 through Sunday, June 18. This is a great way to start the cruising season and we welcome new members to join us for this trip. Skippers Sheryl Hoffman and John Wiggins will once again be coordinating the cruise and social activities, this year from Escapade. Dock fees are \$2/ft. plus tax (Canadian). We currently have 13 docks reserved. Plan on a Friday morning departure from SSC. There will be a BYOB and shared appetizers dock party upon arrival of the fleet. We've reserved the Marina Patio for the second annual BYOB (Bring Your Own Breakfast) potluck on Saturday morning. The remainder of the day is free to explore by foot, taxi, kayak or bicycle. We'll all gather at the Marina and head out by taxi for dinner somewhere in Leamington. We're checking Freddy's from last year, but open to suggestions. Our return sail is on Sunday. Last year a few of us stayed Sunday night and then went on to Pelee Monday morning where we enjoyed the winery and a wild thunderstorm from shore. We departed Tuesday morning. Any takers for this year? If so, please let Sheryl know.

Customs re-entry is at Cedar Point. Just a reminder:

Save the Date
 Friday, July 13th 2018

Enjoy a once in a lifetime dinner event aboard a Tall Ship in Sandusky Bay.

This event takes place during the Festival of Sail in celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Sandusky, Ohio.

All proceeds will benefit Adaptive Adventures a 501c3 nonprofit organization, whose mission is to provide progressive outdoor sport opportunities to improve quality of life for children, adults and veterans with physical disabilities and their families.



Passports are required for all skippers and crew members. If your boat is 30' or more, you will be required to have a Private Vessel Decal in order to re-enter the States. See more info at this link www.cbp.gov

If you would like to reserve a dock, please email Sheryl at slhoffman33@gmail.com ASAP!

Lorain International Festival (Saturday, June 23 – Sunday, June 24) We will sail to Lorain Sailing and Yacht Club and visit the International Festival. Meet at 9 under the pavilion for a skippers meeting and plan to leave the dock around 9:30. We'll either join up for dinner at the Marina or walk over to the Jackalope to eat and watch the sun set. On Sunday morning we will return to SSC.

Our Islands Cruise starts off with a huge party benefiting Stein Hospice on Friday evening, June 29. Then on Saturday, June 30, we will go cruise the Islands. You can participate in the formal cruising start (see big article and attachment) or just sail over at your leisure.

Shoot an email to mswabley@gmail.com if you have something that you would like to add to the schedule for July.

Communication Committee.....RC Matt Bedee

This Communications Committee Report will be short, but many will appreciate this update for several reasons—the launch of credit payments at the Dairy Bar and strong Wi-Fi in the clubhouse.

Stable Wi-Fi has finally been addressed in the clubhouse. To support the new credit card system, we had to install a new router and now you will see four SSC connections to choose from. Members have access to SSC_2.4GHz-guest / SSC_5GHz-guest connections and both use the password ssguest (all lower case). If you need a quality connection in the clubhouse to connect to work via VPN, I recommend SSC_5GHz-guest. I will be working with PC Mike Fishbaugh to get the existing hotspots up and running with the new router in order to keep the network secure for the credit card system. When I was working on the router, I had a good signal on Springer's Wharf from the pavilion hotspot. The hotspot by the restroom entrances has cable damage and needs to be fixed before it can be connected to the network.

Contact me – Please feel free to contact me at matt.bedee@theaustin.com or 419-202-0044.

For the Good of the Order

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.

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 www.i-lya.org.

Sunday Funday - Sailing instructions and courses are available in the Commodore's Room. Please take only one sheet so everyone can get a set and partake. You can also get them on the website at <http://www.sanduskysailingclub.com/racing-programs>



The 63rd Annual Sandusky Islands Race is not just for racers on the water. It's a time for SSC to open our doors to the community, Stein Hospice and other yacht clubs throughout the region. Please support our club and us for a great night of a BBQ, drinks and entertainment at the SSC clubhouse June 29 at 6:00pm. The next morning boats from across the region will compete to get their name engraved on the Islands Race and Hospice trophies. Look for more details to come. Please go to our club website, <http://www.sanduskysailingclub.com/islands>, to sign up for the race.

Escorts - In these days of fiberglass, you might wonder why SSC hasn't scrapped the Inland Seas Steel Clipper Escorts I and III, and replaced them with lower maintenance and more efficient fiberglass cruisers. So, I thought I'd tell a few stories in this and future *Cross Bearings* about their service to SSC.

T-Boned at Neuman's Buoy: One look at the topsides of Escort I shows that it has been hit many times by the pointy end of sailboats. The only repair needed was to use a heavy sledge hammer from the inside to pound out the dent, and to touch up the paint on the outside.

The ultimate of that situation was the following: One lovely summer Saturday afternoon, the Race Committee was using Neuman's Buoy as the pin end of the finish line for a sailboat race around the islands. We'd been there for hours, finished most of the racers, and were waiting for the slower boats. There was a lot of boat traffic returning from the islands - small and big power cruisers, crusing sailboats, and

The advertisement is a rectangular block with a dark background. On the left is a headshot of Peter S. Grant, a man with glasses and a suit. To the right of the photo, the text reads: "Peter S. Grant REALTOR®", "Cell: 419-366-8358", "Office: 440-572-1200", "petergrant@kw.com", "www.kellerwilliams.com", "www.FineFirelandsHomes.com". At the bottom, it features the "kw" logo for Keller Williams, "GREATER CLEVELAND SOUTHWEST", "KELLERWILLIAMS, REALTY", "18318 Pearl Road, Strongsville, OH 44136", and "Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated".

really big ferry boats (Emerald Empress, etc.). The wind was about 5-10 kts from the WNW, so Escort I was broadside to the traffic and wallowing in the boat wakes.

The finishing crew was in the back, picking out our racers and recording their finishing times. I was at the helm, with a different sight angle of the approaching boats. I must admit that when no racing boat was approaching, I was reading. A 30-35' sailboat was heading our way, but as it got closer we concluded that it was a cruiser, since a large colorful beach umbrella was shading the cockpit and the sails were the cruising type. So, I went back to reading my book.

HEADS UP SAILBOAT --- LOOK OUT. MOVE, NOW! --- . I was alerted to trouble by the hollering from the crew in the back --- looked out the window --- saw the bow of the cruising sailboat about ten feet away and coming at Escort I --- and POW! --- the pointed bow of the cruising sailboat T-BONED Escort I amidships.

If Escort I had been made of fiberglass, the side would have been caved in, the cruising sailboat would have ridden up on Escort I, I would have been injured, and Escort I would have gone to the bottom. The crew would have been in the water, and SSC would have made the front page of the *Sandusky Register*.

But, instead, we waited while the skipper of the T-boning cruising sailboat anchored, dropped the sails, launched a dinghy and rowed over to check on us. We smiled, exchanged names, and told him that a sledge hammer and some paint would fix the damage to Escort I. His boat had no damage, due to the pointy bow of sailboats being designed to plow into big waves. Technically, we were not blameless since we were anchored in one of the highest boat traffic areas of Lake Erie.

The Inland Seas Steel Clippers are tough boats. For a great video of how they were used by the police in Chicago, see <https://www.facebook.com/48174464685/videos/1046179008272/>

Next month's story: Big Regional Class Championship --- Lots of sailors from miles away trailered their boats to SSC --- Big Wind --- Can't send them home without trying to set a race course --- we're the best racing organization on the Great Lakes --- . PC Bob Speers

The new and improved Kelleys Island Challenge -
2018 NOR: Around Kelleys Island any way you wish, any time you wish before Oct. 30, 2018.

Start and finish off the SSC entrance (line up the center of the basin opening with the white light standard). Stay east of the rockpile - R2 (Neuman's) Buoy - if you have half a brain.

Other than the island, the only mark on the course is Can G "1" just off the NE corner of Kelleys (NOT C "3" at the KI reef!). Pass outside of it.

Course is 22.5 nautical miles.

Race any time between May 1 and 6:00pm Oct. 30, 2018.

Take your own time.

If you want your results to "count," report them the same day to the SSC JAM email list and Skip at soliver@heidelberg.edu or Facebook, and send \$ 25 within one week to PC Skip Oliver, 1112 Wayne St., Sandusky, Ohio 44870.

At the end of the season, all funds collected will go to the winners' favorite charity, and will be reported in the *Cross Bearings* and elsewhere.

You can make more than one attempt per season for your \$25.

Additional prizes - both division winners get an extra \$50 donation to their charity; and single-handed gets a \$50 gift cert from West Marine; crewed gets a bottle of Prosecco (thanks to Phil Dufresne)

Two divisions (two winners) - crewed and single-handed.

2016 Winners - Single-handed, Steve Zorn, Hunter 30T
Crewed, PC Steve Jackson & Brad Balmert, Tarten Ten

2017 Winner - Singled-handed, Skip Oliver, S2 7.9

Bragging Rights

Miami to Key Largo Race, April 21. *Lunasea* was 1st in PHRF#2, and was 1st in PHRF Overall. Crew in circle from left to right was Peter Wendschuh, Freddie and Dorian Sambolin, Mike Catilano (taking the pic), PC Dean Riedy, and Capt. Mike Austin.



Sailing Stuff for Sale or to Buy

Interlake Hull #972. Yellow Hull, White seated deck. Deck replaced by CustomFlex. SS Centerboard, cut-down trunk with teak trim. All new foam floatation by CustomFlex. Carbon spinn 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.

Looking for a trailer to haul and store a Laser. Or, would be interested in a dolly to keep a Laser on drysail. Call Mark Gross at 419-357-6747.

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

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. 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 \$25,000. Racing sails are available for extra \$\$. Contact Rory Carpenter at 734-660-1517.

1987 Sabre 30 Mark III. Freshwater boat. One of few available on the Great Lakes. Excellent condition. Sails in good shape. New, upgraded diesel in 2006. Numerous recent improvements. Includes cradle. Ready to cruise or race. Asking \$29,900. Contact Comm. Mark Gross at 419-357-6747 or mgross@grosslaw.net