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.

March 2021 Cross Bearings

03/01 Mon	Dock payments due (part 2 of 2) Membership payments due Sadler Basin Comm. mtg7:00pm
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03/01 Mon	Sadler Basin Comm. mtg7:00pm
03/02 Tues	SJS, Inc board meeting7:00pm
03/05 Fri	Fireside Friday6:00pm
03/09 Tues	SSC Board meeting7:00pm
03/12 Fri	Fireside Friday6:00pm
03/16 Tues	Communication Committee mtg7:00pm
03/19 Fri	Fireside Friday6:00pm
03/23 Tues	Islands Race/Leukemia Cup meeting 7:00pm
03/26 Fri	Fireside Friday6:00pm
04/02 Fri	Fireside Friday6:00pm
04/05 Mon	Sadler Basin Committee meeting 7:00pm
04/06 Tues	SJS, Inc board meeting7:00pm
04/09 Fri	Fireside Friday6:00pm
04/13 Tues	SSC Board meeting7:00pm
04/16 Fri	Fireside Friday6:00pm
04/17 Sat	Spring general meeting9:00am
04/17 Sat	Spring workday
04/20 Tues	Communication Committee mtg7:00pm
04/23 Fri	Fireside Friday6:00pm
04/27 Tues	Islands Race/Leukemia Cup meeting7:00pm
04/30 Fri	Fireside Friday6:00pm

For more info, go to **www.sanduskysailingclub.com**. Go to "community" then drop down to "event calendar."

Message from Comm BlutarskiCommodore Andy Davis

I hope this early March finds you well and healthy, as we have much sailing to do this summer. Please take the time to review my comments below as there are some important data points everyone should be aware of.

Downtown Sandusky Master Plan - As the locals are likely aware, the City of Sandusky continues to invest in downtown and has developed a Master Plan which includes several significant strategic initiatives along the entire bayshore. There needs to be understanding that the board has, over the past several years, discussed our position within the community as well as the current lease in force between the City of Sandusky and Sandusky Sailing Club.

First and foremost, this lease is a legal binding agreement, and is very strong in terms of the mutual commitment between both parties. The point here is that our lease is in force for many years; therefore the city's plans for the future take our rightful lease and term into their plans.

Second, we have met with City Manager, Eric Wobser, Director of Community Development, Jonathan Holody, as well as the Manager of Battery Park to discuss our relationship moving forward. This discussion included, but was not limited to, signage and traffic flow within Battery Park, parking needs for larger events outside our domain,

and tree trimming/upkeep of the entry drive.

I believe the conversation was grounded in partnership, and was very positive. Additionally, were the past several years, we have been in touch with

over the past several years, we have been in touch with members of the Steering Committee regarding the direction of the city in terms of investment and strategy.

Finally, we are, as time allows, attending the City meetings to ensure that we continue to understand timing of investment as well as any future impact to Battery Park, ensuring our rights continue to be protected. I am very confident the city sees SSC as an important partner regarding our most precious collective resource, Sandusky Bay and waterfront.

If you have concerns or questions, please feel free to join a Board Meeting and let's discuss it as this topic has been top of mind since I joined the board as a trustee in 2017, and was a discussion point prior to my joining SSC. It is also important to ensure that the Board speaks on behalf of SSC in this realm, so please be cognizant that our effectiveness will be negatively impacted by the "rumor mill" without an understanding of what we have been doing and planning over the past many years as well as current discussions.

I think this is a great time to leverage what the club offers to the city (Learn to Sail, significant regattas and commensurate income to the city from visitors, fundraisers which have a positive impact on local businesses, Adaptive Sailing, veterans' interaction and supporting their requests, Spring Break Simulator effort, iceboating, and being a good partner with the city). The time is now as we continue to emerge from 2020 to ensure our handprint is on the City of Sandusky. More to come on this.



Excited for the season yet?!



Spring Break support of local kids - This year it is on the calendar to host community children during their Spring Break - March 29-April 1, 10:00am-2pm. We need at least one (two would be ideal) instructor(s) daily to assist young sailors in the simulators. If anyone would be interested in volunteering to help us out during this event we would be most grateful. PC Matt and I are offering FREE pizza on a Fireside Friday to volunteers agreeing to help. We will teach them how to operate the simulators. We need to have people committed within the next week so we can move forward with planning and training. If you have any questions, or are willing to volunteer, please contact Michelle Gilboy directly at 419-871-8080 or via email at michelle@sailsandusky.org.

COVID - First, I want to take a few minutes to address a key topic that needs to be reiterated - not to frustrate folks - but to ensure we, as a responsible club, keep a sharp eye on this very key topic. It is very important to realize the understanding, effort and work put forth to continue to interpret the guidance provided by Health Officials, our Ohio Government, Liquor Control Board, etc. It really is a moving target, BUT one we take VERY SERIOUSLY. That said, I want to reiterate some key steps we all need to adhere to in order to keep the doors of the club open for those who wish to partake in any scheduled events.

- 1. As per the State of Ohio mandate, at any bar/restaurant you must wear a face mask when standing or walking within the confines of the establishment. Masks may be removed when seated (consuming a beverage, etc), but when the patron is going to stand up, a mask must be put back on.
- 2. Early during COVID, the Health Department paid a visit and we drew out table placements within the building and those were approved. It is important to keep those tables 6' apart to help maintain social distancing.
- 3. While our limit is approx. 420 people per the occupancy license, we now have notices determining no more than 100 may be in the building at any time, less than the 25% occupancy requested by the State of Ohio.
- 4. We have placed hand sanitizer around the club. Please feel free to use it. Additionally, we have changed the hand soap in the bathrooms to a highly anti-bacterial soap. Our contracted cleaning team member is sanitizing tables and the like when she is at the club. I would like to ask club members to please take a moment and wipe down your table when done. I will confirm there is the appropriate cleaning solution available. This is great for the next person who sits down.

5. The State of Ohio is now allowing "buffet style" dining, which requires utilizing hand sanitizer prior to getting your food, as well as moving in one direction while serving yourself. There are arrows on the floor. We are evaluating our buffet approach. There will be more info coming soon.

PLEASE help us ensure that we are following the rules within the club. It is so important not only for you, but equally as important for everyone else. I wanted to get this out there as I am sure some folks are not yet comfortable coming down to the club until it is more "open air." I do appreciate that. BUT rest assured, we are very conscientious as to the safety aspect of the club, and look forward to seeing you when you are comfortable. Thank you all.

Senior Membership status - Just as a reminder of the Senior Dues/Membership criteria, as there have been questions around this topic. In the SSC Bylaws, there is a section around Senior Dues Status. In summary it states the following:

- 1. A regular member who meets the following criteria shall qualify for Senior Member Status.
- a. A member must be sixty-five (65) years of age and be a Regular Member in Good Standing for a period of ten (10) consecutive years, as of the beginning of an annual dues period in question.
- b. Consecutive Years of membership shall be determined with reference of "Year Joined," Consecutive meaning: following one after the other in order or without interruption.
- 2. Once the criteria has been met in the current year, the member should email the Board in writing (or provide a written request) for approval of their Senior Membership Status, prior to December 1st of the current year. The Board will confirm qualification prior to the December Board Meeting (Budget Meeting), and at that point the dues will be subject to the discounted rate starting in the following year's Annual Dues cycle.



This photo was found in the old Junior sailing Clubhouse. Does anyone recognize the people in the photo? Not sure of the year.

- 3. If the December 1st deadline is missed, the member may request Senior Membership Status by December 1st of the following year. The December Board Meeting is the only meeting where Senior Membership Status will be approved for the following year's dues cycle.
- 4. Senior Membership Status is permanent as long as the member stays in Good Standing. If a member not in Good Standing is reinstated without paying missed dues to be considered current, they will be reinstated as a Regular Member.
 - 5. Examples:
- a. Member A turned 65 in 2021 and has been a member in good standing for 12 years. Member A will need to send a request for Senior Membership Status to the Board by December 1, 2021 for approval at the December 2021 Board Meeting. For the 2022 Dues Cycle, Member A will be considered a Senior Member.
- b. Member B turns 65 in 2022 and has been a member in good standing for 20 years. Member B will need to send a request for Senior Membership Status to the Board by December 1, 2022 for approval at the December 2022 Board Meeting. For the 2023 Dues Cycle, Member B will be considered a Senior Member.
- c. Member C turns 65 in 2021 and has been a member in good standing for 9 years. Member C will need to send a request for Senior Membership Status to the Board by December 1, 2022 for approval at the December 2022 Board Meeting. For the 2023 Dues Cycle, Member C will be considered a Senior Member.

Membership - This is the cornerstone of a healthy club. We have 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, and the kind interactions we have with each other. I ask each and every one of you to consider this request.... Please do your best to bring a new member into the club. Regular, Crew, Junior...any member is beneficial and broadens the reach of the club. I am respectfully asking for everyone's support in achieving this goal.

Sandusky Islands Leukemia Cup Regatta - Aug. 27 and 28. I am pleased to invite you to join us for our 2021 Sandusky Islands Leukemia Cup Regatta, currently ranked #2 in the country. That's right, IN THE COUNTRY! (Obviously we will follow all safety and socially distance protocols in place at the current time). SSC has again partnered with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for this event.



Friday, Aug. 27, we will have boat registration and a fabulous dinner, and of course a welcoming party.

Saturday, the race will start in the morning with all boats returning to SSC. Following the race, there will be an "Islands" themed ROCK THE DOCK party featuring dinner and live entertainment. Please put it on your calendar, as it will be one of the SIGNATURE EVENTS during the summer of 2021. See the attached flier for information on how to support teams and/or how to start donation pages.

You don't have to race to participate. Come down and enjoy the festivities, eat, drink, support your club, support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Be a part of something BIG.

Stay safe everyone and I hope to see you soon.

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.

Sandusky Vice VC Wes Blazer

The work around the basin and clubhouse is starting to pick up as Spring approaches. We are working on a project list for the Spring workday, April 17. If you think of a project, drop me a line.

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

February was filled with Fireside Fridays and ice boating on Sandusky Bay. It was nice to see the ramp back down on the ice and all the activity with ice boats. On Feb. 12 the Sandusky Ice Boating Club hosted Fireside Friday with great conversations of ice boating on Sandusky Bay once again. On Feb. 19 and 26, Commodore Andy Davis had Free Pizza Friday, testing out buffet style serving while complying to local and state rules. In addition to pizzas, the sailing simulators are being used for training and overall fun.

Coming in March we will continue with Fireside Fridays moving back to the more traditional individual pizzas served by PC Matt Bedee. In addition, we have moved the Winter Melt Down party from Feb. 27 to March 13. We are hoping to close out winter and start moving into spring. The Winter Melt Down is just a reason to get together and celebrate the fact that we have made it through the toughest part of the winter months. If you have ideas or would like to help out with this or any activities as we move through the months, please let me know

Sailing simulator seminar - During the last week in March, Sandusky Junior Sailors will host a sailing simulator seminar for some of the local schools. We are hoping to gain volunteers for this unique program to introduce local kids to the joys of sailing and the wonderful offerings we sometimes take for granted. If you are able to help out during the final week in March and beginning of April, please let us know. Who knows: You might even get a new crew member out of the simulator classes.

Come on down! As always, I would encourage you to come on down for a Fireside Friday and enjoy some of the lively conversations both based on sailing and life in general. Deanna and Matt have been providing such a fun atmosphere in a relaxing manner.

If you have a party idea and would be willing to host an event, I would appreciate the help and enthusiasm as we move into spring. RC Hank Boissoneault 419-357-1044 or RearCommodore@SanduskySailingClub.com

Two Cents from the Treasury Bernie Ashyk and Dave Brink

Thanks to all who have or will generously contribute to the various funds listed on your on-line, or printed dues statement! The club and SJSI appreciate your donations. Please be aware that your dues are/will be due on March 1 (depending on when you read this reminder.) Your dues are the lifeblood of the club and keep the day to day bills paid for all the things that keep the club open and safe.

Speaking of where the money comes from and where it goes, we are planning a brief seminar for the Spring Meeting to provide some interesting information about club finances and all the costs your dues take care of. Hopefully this can shed a little light on how our organization operates.

Sadler Basin Committee**PC Steve Jackson** *SPRING IS ON THE HORIZON!* The basin opens in April for our members' sailboats. Make sure your slip is paid up; contact PC Matt if not.

Dock work - As the weather improves, the dock contractor will continue the wood replacement and upgrades on B dock. Weather will determine how long this process will take.

Upgrading the dock lights is being evaluated.

Docks by the Junior Clubhouse had to be scrapped. Most of the dock floats were leaking and wood was rotting so we cut our losses.

Basin utilities - Weather and temperature will determine when the water system is flushed, and clean water is flowing thru the pipes. Electrical will be available upon your arrival.

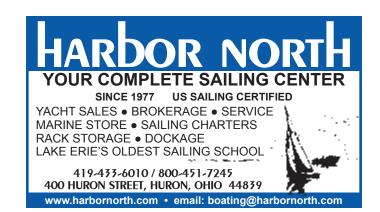
As always, we welcome suggestions from the SSC family of sailors. The Sadler Basin Committee can be contacted via email at SadlerBoard@sanduskysailingclub.com

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

Need a boat? We still have many available for sale. Email **michelle@sailsandusky.org** or call 419-871-8080 for more information.

Community Snow Sailing was active in February and March. These simulator sessions were hosted for community children. Great to get these kids back on the "water!"

More boats - Through a grant from ODNR, we will be adding another keelboat to our fleet. With the addition of this boat, we will be able to increase the number of people we can host during community sailing events as well as move forward with our program expansion goals.



Queen of Hearts drawing - Stop by Vita for coffee or a yummy snack and buy tickets for the Queen of Hearts drawing. The drawing is held every Friday at 7:30 with the last ticket sold at 7:00. The pot is currently over \$800 with \$400 going to the winer and \$400 going to SJSI. If you are present at Vita during the drawing and you find the Queen of Hearts, you will also be eligible for \$25 credit on your dinner at Vita.

Registration is open for all Learn to Sail Programs as well as Race Team and Adult Programs. Our Start Sailing class is scheduled for Thursday evenings in April/May (4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6). A full day Saturday session has also been scheduled for May 1. More details about our classes as well as links to registration materials can be found at sailsandusky.org.

Spring Break Camp - Thank you to everyone who volunteered to participate in our Spring Break Camp with the City of Sandusky. We truly appreciate your support and look forward to having everyone there helping the children.

We want your old sails - The ice boats have been out on the bay but soon those of us who enjoy liquid water will take their place on the bay. As you prepare for the new boating season, sort through those sails and donate your old sails to SJSI. The sails you donate are turned into sea bags which we sell

as a fundraiser. Visit our website sailsandusky. org for more information on the bags we currently have in stock.









The Sandusky Islands Leukemia Cup Regatta August 27th & 28th

Join us in our fundraising efforts for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society!

Why

Since 2017, 60 of the 70 FDA-approved treatments for blood cancer were developed with funding from The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). Many of these drugs are now being tested in clinical trials to fight other types of cancer (breast, brain, prostate, and many more) and even autoimmune conditions. On top of that, LLS works to keep money as local as possible, and in 2020 they invested \$600,000 into research and provided \$2.3 million in co-pay assistance to 900 families in Northern Ohio. Also, since April 1, 2020, \$144,500 has been given to 578 Northern Ohio families in COVID-19 financial assistance.

How

You do not have to own a boat or be a sailor to participate and fundraise! Our club is the top fundraising club in Northern Ohio and we want to keep it that way! Some of the LCRs most successful fundraisers are those who love being on the water (no matter the sport) and want to celebrate with their club during the event weekend. What's important

is that, regardless of your role, you have made a commitment to help The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Fundraising can be done in a multitude of ways – through sending letters, emails, soliciting sponsorships, gathering auction items and personal asks! The staff at LLS can help you to figure out the best plan of action and will help you to be successful with whatever way of fundraising you are comfortable with.

To get started: email <u>Caitlin.MacBride@lls.org</u> and let her know you want to join "Team SSC" in our fundraising efforts! From there, you will get a personalized fundraising page!

Thank you for your support and dedication to the cause!



RC Boats Terry Parker

Here's our Spring Worklist.

Escort I (our workhorse last summer)

Check bilge for rust, vacuum any debris, and evaluate interior barrier coat

Clean, scrape, prime, repaint window gutters Bottom paint will need light sanding and painting when outside in Spring

Check extinguishers and flares

PLEASE NOTE: Check your pockets, cases, if you operated *Escort I* last summer! Our primary ignition key is missing – we're using a backup key from key safe. This is a risky situation! If someone accidentally goes home with it in their pocket, we won't be able to operate.

Escort III (launching her as a supplemental boat this year)
Finish install of cabin ceiling boards and dome light
Re-install track for cockpit cover bolt rope (while inside)
Check bilge for rust, vacuum, and evaluate barrier coat.
Clean all interior surfaces
Clean/scrape/sand/repaint window gutters
Bottom paint pretty good – perhaps light sand and spot
paint once outsside
ODNR Sticker expired

Grady-White

Clean/wax hull
Bottom paint waterline (outside)
Clean interior
ODNR Sticker expired

Tune-ups, etc. and mechanical stuff will be handled by Gary Thomas. Ryan Kyle has offered help with minor canvas repairs. The rest is up to you!

I've had a few responses already, but we can use more volunteers! If you're willing to help, please let me know. We want to have our fleet launched and ready for the start of racing season!

terryparker47@gmail.com or voice/text 440-320-3100.



Bernie Ashyk's photo is proof that there was ice on the bay at some point this winter. For some strange reason, Ryan Kyle has no ice boating report. Hmmmm...

For the Good of the Order

Interlake Sailing Class Association's 2021 National Championship. Sandusky Sailing Club, birthplace of the Interlake, is proud to be hosting the "rescheduled" Nationals. This series of races will begin with measurement on July 14 and 15. The Women's and Junior racing will be on July 15, followed by the Championship and Challenger races on July 15, 16 and wrapping up on Saturday, July 17. SSC Trustee Danny Olson - dannyolson2007@gmail.com, is chairing this prestigious event. Danny will need our membership to help on various committees. Please keep these dates open and plan to lend a hand on shore or on the water. Further details for opportunities to volunteer will be forthcoming.

Dockage - Don't forget that dock payments were due March 1. Any 30ft, 35ft, or Springer's Wharf dock payments not received by March 1 will need to make arrangements for payment(s) prior to the docks being made available to members/non-members on the waiting list. Send an email to make arrangements to Dockage@sanduskysailingclub.com.

Membership - Memberships are also due March 1. Membership packets, with new key cards, will be going out in time for Spring Workday in April. All statements went out via email this year, so if you think you didn't get one, do a search for "SSC - 2021 Dues Statement" sent from mbedee@outlook.com. If you did not receive the dues statement via email, then you will need to make sure that your email is updated in your profile. It is always good to check your profile once in a while to make sure any updates are made. You can also pay your dues online by clicking the "Renew My Membership" link at the bottom of the homepage. Any membership questions or 2022 Senior Membership Status requests, please send to the Membership Committee at Membership@sanduskysailingclub.com.

Keycards needed - Hopefully by the time this *Cross Bearings* is published, the gate will be operating after some repairs and maintenance. Your RED keycard will be required as the gate will be kept closed.

Club calendar - The club calendar is kept up to date, so members can log into the website to see all the events on the calendar, which is mobile friendly. Certain events are not public and require members to log into the website to view. Important membership and dockage reminders are on the calendar, so login and check out the calendar. Club racing and regattas will be added to the calendar shortly; but the Regatta page has the updated dates for events this season.

All streaks must come to an end. USA had to loose the Americas Cup... The Browns had to finally have a winning season... and yes, Todd Mestrez's streak of 24 months of sailing at least once a month on Lake Erie has come to an end. He almost went out on Feb. 28, but there was too many large things floating down the Huron River. Way to go, Todd! Time to start a new streak.

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 newborns to juniors! Look for our online store to be opening soon!

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 <a href="mailto:email

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.

Summer SSC Gear "sneak peak"





Sandusky Sailing Club Pizza Menu – Carryout Only

\$10.00 \$5.00



Carryout Pizzas Available

12" Pizza w/ Any Toppings 12" Garlic Cheese Sticks

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