



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.

May 2012 Cross Bearings

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| 04/28 Sat | Spring Workday | 8:30am |
| 04/28 Sat | Spring General Meeting | 1:00pm |
| 05/01 Tues | Islands Race/Stein Hospice Cup meeting | 6:30pm |
| 05/02 Wed | SJRT Board meeting | 7:00pm |
| 05/07 Mon | Sadler Basin Committee meeting | 7:00pm |
| 05/08 Tues | SSC Board meeting | 7:00pm |
| 05/12 Sat | Club rental | 1:00pm |
| 05/20 Sun | Club rental | 3:00pm |
| 05/27 Sun | Lighthouse Inspection Tour | 2:00pm |
| 05/27 Sun | New Member party | 6:00pm |
| 05/28 Mon | Memorial Day activities | noon |
| 06/04 Mon | Sadler Basin Committee meeting | 7:00pm |
| 06/9-10 | One Design Regatta at SSC | |
| 06/11 Mon | Power Squadron rental | 2:00pm |
| 06/12 Tues | SSC Board meeting | 7:00pm |

Check the web site for more info: www.sanduskysailingclub.org.

Commodore's CommentsJohn Hartung

They're getting even closer! As of May 1, we're only 82 days from the first day of the 2012 USODA National Championships. I've bumped into several people (non-sailors) in the past few weeks who have asked me about the regatta, which tells me that PC Mike Austin and his committee are doing a good job in promoting the event. Mike tells me he still needs a lot of volunteers to pull the Championships off (both on- and off-the-water), so if you haven't scheduled some "volunteer time" yet, please do so today. This is a club event, and we need all hands on deck to make it a great success.

When you finish reading this newsletter, please go to the club website www.sanduskysailingclub.org, and under "Upcoming Events" on the home page, click on "2012 USODA National Championships." On the page that appears next, click on "Volunteer Opportunities." Once you get to the volunteer page, it should be pretty obvious what to do next. If you have questions about volunteering, contact John Wiggins at "movin_uout"@hotmail.com.

Race Committee Boats - Thanks to Phil Spicer, Tom Cassidy, John Eschels, PC Bob Speers, John Wiggins and Rich Champe for helping uncover the RC boats and placing the wooden frames in storage. Trustee Phil is busy working to get the boats in good mechanical shape for the racing season. Hopefully we can get the bottoms painted on workday.

Thank you Chuck and Carol Cable for your many years of laying bricks for SSC. For those of you who don't know, Chuck and Carol have been ordering and installing the commemorative bricks in the club's flag pole plaza. When it comes to helping out, Chuck and Carol have always stepped forward to offer their services. It's members like them who make SSC work.

3rd Annual Micro-Brew and Gear Sale/Swap Party - Although a bit lighter in attendance than last year, our annual "brew" party was a fun evening for the beer connoisseurs of SSC. My straw poll indicated that Lost Dog Ale from the Napa Smith Brewery was the best beer of the evening, so if you're ever in the market for a good American red ale, it's a good one to try. Thanks to PC Mike and Mary Kay Fleming, RC Mike Fishbaugh and Kara Smith, Tony and Sally Zehe and their sons, and my girlfriend, Roberta, for all of their help with the party.

Spring Workday and General Membership - Join us Saturday, April 28. Rain or shine, we'll have our annual spring workday in the morning, and after lunch, our general membership meeting. This will also give us an opportunity to introduce our new members to the SSC community.

O' Captain! My Captain! - As most of the cruising folks know, Mark and Vicki Swabley have stepped down from the helm of the Cruising Fleet, leaving some big shoes to fill. So, Walt Whitman and I are looking for someone to "captain" the fleet. In the interim, PC Jim Ziss has agreed to help get fleet activities going for this year, but we need a permanent replacement ASAP. This is a great opportunity to get involved with club activities and hopefully expand an already-strong fleet by developing new activities and cruising venues. Please contact Trustee Jay Austin or me if you have any questions about this position. And please join me in thanking Mark and Vicki Swabley for their outstanding service.

The Islands Race and Hospice Cup activities are scheduled for June 29 and 30. Steve France and his committee are working diligently to make this the biggest and best event ever and invite all SSC members to participate. See the attached flier and article in "For the good of the order." This is a fun weekend and I hope you'll join in on the activities. I also urge you to consider making a monetary pledge to our co-sponsors in this regatta, Stein Hospice. They are a wonderful group of professionals and volunteers who provide an incredible service under very difficult circumstances.

Want to learn about race management? - The Race Committee is looking for people to help on the RC boats this summer. This is a great opportunity to learn how races are conducted and to enjoy time on the water. If you like being part of a team, you'll find that it's a fun activity. If you're interested in becoming a full- or part-time RC member, please contact me (jphartung@bex.net) or RC Chair Jim Keane (sailgrit@bex.net).

The next monthly SSC Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8. As always, Board meetings are open to all SSC members.

I invite you to contact me by phone at 419-433-6151 or by email at jphartung@bex.net if you notice any club issues that require attention.

Vice vice Baby!!VC Sjoerd-Jan VanderHorst

Spring Workday, Saturday, April 28 at 8:30am - We hope to see all of you at the club for Spring Workday, rain or shine. We have a lot of little and big jobs that need to be completed before we can begin our summer activities. So, bring your rakes, shovels, blowers, hammers and anything else that may come in handy and join us. If anyone has a power washer that they are able to bring, please do. We will be pressure washing the new docks along the south wall of the basin. Coffee and breakfast pastries will await your morning arrival, and lunch will be provided. Along with assisting in Spring Workday at the club, we also need a few volunteers to meet at Deepwater Marina at 9:00am to help paint the bottoms of the Escorts. Check with Phil Spicer for a rain date if needed.

Yearbook - We are wrapping up production of the yearbook - it should be available soon.

If you identify any house and grounds issues that need attention, please give me a shout. Email: sjvanderhorst@gmail.com, or call 440-617-9995.

More Rants from the Rear....RC Mike Fishbaugh

Micro Brew and Gear Swap Party - Thanks to Comm. John and Roberta Hartung for organizing and hosting the Micro Brew and Gear Swap Party on April 14. There was a great selection of micro brew beers to try out at the bar along with a selection of gear waiting to find a new home. Thanks to all who attended and made this event a great success. Hopefully we will see this gear soon at SSC on your boat!

Lighthouse Inspection Tour/New Members Dinner -

The Cruising Fleet will do their annual lighthouse inspection tour on Sunday, May 27. All are welcome to participate in this annual tradition. After the lighthouse inspection tour, all members are welcome and encouraged to attend the New Members Night dinner at 6:00pm. PC Monty and Suzie Kaufman have volunteered to host the event again this year. Please plan to attend and welcome our new members. It will be a great way to start the summer!

Memorial Day - Please mark your calendars for the Memorial Day service as PC Monty Kaufman will be leading our ceremony starting at noon on the flag plaza. Our annual potluck lunch will immediately follow. Please plan to attend and bring a dish to share.

Wednesday Night Burger Duty - The Wednesday Night Burger Duty schedule has been posted at the club. Please work with your fleet captains and crews to help out.

Wednesday Night Galley Schedule:

May - PHRF/T10

June - JAM

July - 11, 18 - Cruising Fleet

Aug - 1, 8 - Jr. Race Team

Aug - 15, 22, 29, Sept 5, 12 - Interlake

Sept - 19, 26, Oct 3 - PHRF/T10

More details on these up-coming events will be sent to your email inbox. Feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions at mfishbaugh@pathmaker.net

OperationsTim Kyle

Approved list of contractors - To protect SSC from liability and for everyone's safety, we have a policy much like other marinas, requiring contractors to register with us before they work on boats at Sadler. There will be a list of approved contractors on the Sadler bulletin board outside the clubhouse, so please check it - otherwise you could be liable for damages caused by an unregistered contractor. It's easy to get on our list: A contractor just needs to show me proof of Marina Operator's Liability and Worker's Compensation insurance.

We have three 30-foot docks available for sublease this summer. There are also two 26-foot docks available for permanent assignment. Contact me if you or someone you know is interested.

Hoists - Our hoists have been tuned up and are installed. They should be warmed up before use. It's tough on a hoist to snatch a load and lift it when it's cold. If you are the first one to use a hoist, please run it down and back up to warm up the motor and gearbox before lifting your boat. Also, please tie off the boom when you are finished with it to keep it from swinging freely when not in use.

Water system - There are two kinds of back flow connectors in use at the basin. The back flow is the brass piece that connects your hose to the water faucet. The original kind is a short fat connector and the new kind is longer and skinnier. If you plan to connect a hose with a sprayer and leave it connected, you need to have the new, long kind. We have a few in stock and will buy more as needed. In either case, all hoses and power cables must be secured so they are not in the water.

Gate cards will be required to enter the gate this year. Recently, somebody let themselves in and stole a pile of lumber that was purchased for a work day project. The push button that many non-members seem to know about has been disabled, so you'll need to use the new gold card that you should have received by now. If you require additional cards, they can be purchased at the Dairy Bar for \$3 each. Please remember that we are ALL responsible for the safety and security of ourselves as well as the club by keeping car doors and boats locked when few people are around.

Opti Nationals will be a very busy time at the club this year. We have arranged to provide dockage at the city marina for anybody wishing to get away from all the activity. Please let me know if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity as they have requested a head count prior to showing up.

The next meeting of the Sadler Basin Committee will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, May 1 at SSC.

Contact information - Any questions, comments or concerns relative to the clubhouse or basin operations are welcome. Contact me at timmo@sbcglobal.net or call 419-656-5881.

New Members

We have new members joining our Club this year! Please extend a warm welcome to them as you meet them this season:

Regular

Darrell and Dee Headley,

265 West Marina Parkway, Lorain, OH

Brendan and Codi Keenan,

13363 North Boone Road, Columbia Station, OH 44028

Winston Crausaz, 45635 Telegraph Road, Elyria, OH

Crew

Ryan Miles, 2058 Welsh Hills Road, Granville, OH 43023

John Underwood, 1350 Gordon Lane, McLean, VA 22102

Race GoverningTom Cassidy

The last meeting of the Race Governing Committee was very productive. The fleet captains contributed ideas that we feel will help to solve some issues that have occurred in the past and increase participation in racing overall.

The Champion of Champions will be chaired each year by the SSC board member who is in charge of regattas. The CofCs will be raced on the last two Wednesday nights of the racing season. This year that will be Sept. 26 and Oct. 3. It will be a four-race series; two each day. Racers will alternate between spinnaker and JAM within each day. The second Wednesday will be match races between the top two boats from the previous week. Tie breakers will be decided based on the results of all four races. Complete details will be in the SIs.

Each fleet captain will regularly post the standings of the leading three boats in their fleet. That way skippers will have advance notice of their ranking and can line up crew.

We plan to use J24s in a round robin format.

The Swanbeck Race is scheduled for July 27. Because this falls within the week of the Opti Nationals (July 22-29), the club has arranged free dockage at the Sandusky Municipal Marina for any member not wanting to get "trapped" in the Opti traffic. The race will start from there, so anybody who is racing should definitely move their boat to SMM. Contact Club Manager Tim Kyle if you are planning to do so.

Casual Races - SSC is scheduling three casual races on June 15, July 6 and Aug. 17. The purpose of these races is to encourage and introduce non-racing members to our side of the sport. Members of the Race Governing Committee have volunteered to go on each boat as coaches to help crews with starts and mark roundings. These races are for NON-RACERS ONLY. These races will be called the Champagne Series.

Race Committee Crews - We are going to initiate a program to provide crews for the Race Committee boats. Each boat will have its crew assigned on a random basis. In exchange for volunteering, the participating boat will be awarded first place for that race. Each boat will be assigned once until all the fleet has participated in rotation. No boat can participate more than once a season. This system has been used successfully at a number of clubs nationwide. An experienced member of the RC (present or past) will be in charge of each boat. We will be acting as crew only.

Learn to Sail 2012PC Mike Austin

It's time to firm up your plans to participate in the 2012 season of Learn to Sail. Registrations are coming in!

We will start the first session on the June 11 and run through Aug. 3.

All sessions will be one week long with the fees set at \$80 per session per camper. Signing up for multiple sessions is certainly encouraged.

All sessions are for children 7 years of age and older with beginner-to-intermediate level experience. Session V will include an advanced class. The Program Director and US Sailing Certified Instructors will assess student ability and assign students into a beginner group and an intermediate group according to skill level and ability. Beginner instruction will focus on water safety skills, rigging and derigging boats, nautical terms, knots, and elementary sailing skills. In the intermediate class, the emphasis will be on building the child's confidence in boat handling skills, including skippering the boat, sail trim, the sailing and racing "rules of the road" and an introduction to racing. Students are invited and encouraged to participate in as many sessions as possible. Registration for each class will be limited to 25 students and will be accepted on a first come, first served basis except in Session IV where pre-registration is required.

Life jackets will be worn at all times when on or near the water. A swimming test will be given by the instructors on the first day of class. All students must know how to swim with and without a life jacket.

You can see how many class slots are available in each session on the website. The 2012 schedule includes five full weeks of classes that will offer both AM and PM sessions. Because of our abbreviated 2012 schedule and the fact that we have reached out to the City of Sandusky Recreation Department, campers should sign up early to reserve slots.

Check the SSC website for helpful hints and registration. Plan early and reserve your weeks to avoid disappointment!

| Session Name | Level of Experience | Session Dates | Session Times |
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| Session I AM | Beginner / Intermediate | June 11 - June 15 | 9 am to Noon |
| Session I PM | Beginner / Intermediate | June 11 - June 15 | 1 pm to 4 pm |
| Session II AM | Beginner / Intermediate | June 18 - June 22 | 9 am to Noon |
| Session II PM | Beginner / Intermediate | June 18 - June 22 | 1 pm to 4 pm |
| Session III AM | Beginner / Intermediate | June 25 - June 29 | 9 am to Noon |
| Session III PM | Beginner / Intermediate | June 25 - June 29 | 1 pm to 4 pm |
| Session IV AM | Beginner / Intermediate | July 9 - July 13 | 9 am to Noon |
| Session IV PM | Beginner / Intermediate | July 9 - July 13 | 1 pm to 4 pm |
| Session V AM | Beginner / Intermediate | July 30 - Aug 3 | 9 am to Noon |
| Session V PM | Beginner / Intermediate | July 30 - Aug 3 | 1 pm to 4 pm |

The 2012 USODA National Championships Presented by: Sandusky Learn to Sail

We have had great feedback from the home office (USODA), as well as the quality reports given by our regatta managers and positive comments that followed our meeting,

I am very pleased with our progress to this point. With the scope of this event, being detail-oriented is crucial to our success and I really believe we are on the right track. My intention is not to sugar coat the reality of what is going on here: We have a lot of work to do! I see my charge as staying one step in front of each challenge to make sure it doesn't become an obstacle. As we are all starting to understand the big picture, it's now on the committee to sift through hundreds of details and make countless decisions on best practices that will ensure our visitors are safe and have an enjoyable stay while in the region.

At this point we still have many needs to help us pull this thing off. One of the biggest challenges is securing additional boats to help with our race management. We have had a couple members step up to offer their powerboats, but it would be great to see a couple sailboats helping with race management as well.

Why couldn't we use sailboats as finish boats? The answer to that question is that we absolutely could use members' sailboats to help with race management. Let us know if you are willing to help us with that. Additionally, our boat needs are not limited to race committee: We have to provide RIBS (Rigid Inflatable Dingys) for our coaches and judges. This will help us with

safety and ensure fair racing during the week. Again, if you own a RIB and can donate it for the week, let us know. Finally, utilizing our volunteers in the most efficient manner possible will be of utmost importance. To that end, please go to the website (www.optinationals2012.com) and click on the Volunteer Tab. You can tell us what dates and times you are available and exactly what you would like to help with. This information will then be processed by our Volunteer Coordinator, John Wiggins.

Want to help promote our event? Go to the website (Regatta Info link) and check out our regatta apparel. Coral Reef Sailing Apparel (a major event sponsor) has linked to our site and is offering regatta merchandise complete with our event logo.

Everything from hats to tech shirts to jackets and bags is available. A percentage of their total sale will go directly to the bottom line of the regatta. This is a great way to support the event.

Along with Coral Reef, I would also like to thank KO Sailing, The Art'dpartment, Janotta and Herner, Mclaughlin Boat Works, Sandusky Harbor, Subway, Thompson/Hine and the City of Sandusky for stepping up as major sponsors of the Nationals.

Finally, as stated at the top of this section, The Sandusky Junior Sailors, Inc. will appear on all regatta promotional material, banners and printings as the Title Sponsor of the 2012 USODA National Championships. Thank you!

PC Mike Austin

LIVE IT IN 3-D
HEAR IT IN SURROUND SOUND
SMELL IT IN AROMASCOPE

Join us July 22 through 29
for great sailing, entertainment, and camaraderie. Sandusky Sailing Club, located on the south shore of Lake Erie in Sandusky, Ohio, will host the 2012 USODA National Championships.

We will begin the festivities with **Team Racing** on July 22 through 24.

The **Girls' National Championship** will follow on July 25.

To wrap up the event, the **Open National Championship** will be held July 26 through 29.

We will see you this summer for the Opti Nationals on
"America's Rockin' Roller Coast!"

www.optinationals2012.com

* 3-D glasses are not required for the event, but sunglasses are recommended!

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For the Good of the Order

Aids to Navigation in the Bay - Last year the Division of Watercraft ended its long standing practice of putting out white buoys to mark the shallow water around the Bay Point Bar. As you know, these aids were very useful to Sandusky Bay boaters, especially boats visiting from other areas. If you'd like to see those buoys out again, contact the Division of Watercraft at:

Rodger M. Norcross, Chief of ODOW
2045 Morse Road, Building A, Columbus, OH 43229-6693
Toll-free from within Ohio only: 1-877-4BOATER or call
614-265-6480 or email: watercraft@dnr.state.oh.us

Regatta and event chairs - Flags, trophies, or other awards need to be ordered at least four weeks prior to your regatta or event. Please contact Don Guy at 419-202-2948 or donguy@aol.com.

The Lighthouse Inspection Tour will be on Sunday, May, 27 this year. We will have a short skippers meeting at 1:30pm in the clubhouse and then leave the dock at 2:00. On our way out to the Sandusky Pierhead Light, we will check out the buoys and range lights. Then we can mosey over to Marblehead Lighthouse. Our return back to SSC will be in time for a 6:00 dinner. We will fire up the grill and enjoy a kick off to the 2012 sailing season. Let's get those boats ready. If your boat is not ready to sail, you are welcome to join us for dinner. PC Monty and Suzie Kaufman

Sandusky Islands Race/Stein Hospice Cup (June 29-30) - Hopefully, those holiday lights aren't buried too deeply in the attic..... because you just might want to dig them out, toss them in the trunk and haul them down to the club on Friday, June 29. That's when we kick-off the Islands Race/Stein Hospice Cup weekend with our first "Friday Night Lights" decorate the boats celebration. It will be a festive addition to a great evening that also includes a rib dinner from Grandma's Backyard BBQ, music by popular local band, Mr. Sho and games for the kids. So put the dates on your calendar. Bring the troopers. Invite friends. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated boats, including a fused glass sailboat pendent, compliments of Kyle Kreations.

On Saturday, the Stein Hospice 5K race starts early at Battery Park. On-the-water events include a single-handed docking contest later in the morning, the Stein Hospice Treasure Hunt on the Bay in the afternoon and, of course, the 57th running of the Sandusky Islands Race/Stein Hospice Cup. We serve a continental breakfast for runners, cruisers, racers, family and friends. So plan to begin your morning with breakfast from 7:00 to 9:00 at the club, then join all the others for a fun-filled day on the water. Once you have your boat back in the slip, head to the clubhouse where Stein Hospice will host the Saturday evening meal. Tim Kyle will make sure your favorite beverage is ready and properly chilled.

Keep in mind that one of our primary goals for this weekend is to support Stein Hospice. Your participation helps. We are looking for sponsors for boats that race in the regatta and donations to support this important community service.

This is going to be a big weekend at the club. If you can

volunteer, or plan on being at the club this weekend and are willing to help out in any way, I encourage you to get in touch via email at stevefrance@ameritech.net, or 330-524-6516.

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you under our own version of "Friday Night Lights."

Steve France, Chair 2012 Sandusky Islands Race

Too many random boardings? Michigan may have an answer. Reports of overzealous boardings of boats, particularly by Coast Guard personnel in western Lake Erie, aren't new. Indeed, over the years boaters and dealers alike have been critical of the Coast Guard randomly stopping boaters for time-consuming boardings that result in more animosity than boating safety.

Ken Alvey, president of the Lake Erie Marine Trades Association and a former chief of the Ohio Division of Watercraft, whose officers also stop and board boats, isn't any stranger to the problem. "Every agency wants to keep boating safe, but in my experience the effort to do a good job can go over the top," he says. "So we'd talk it out and try to reset a necessary and acceptable balance." Talking it out is what happened earlier this week as Alvey met with representatives of the Coast Guard and ODOW. Additional meetings between the dealers and the agencies are forthcoming.

The problem is complaints about random boardings are already ringing with the boating season just starting there. For example, a father and son were aboard Rocky Piacentino's demo Regulator drift fishing in a group of 20-25 boats at 9:50am when the Coast Guard randomly singled them out for boarding. Piacentino, owner of Catawba Moorings, reported that while boarding, a Coast Guard person lost footing and crashed into the canvas enclosure, ripping it up. The boarding took an hour and 10 minutes and at the end, the Coast Guard said they didn't even have a damage report form so Piacentino would have to go to the Coast Guard station to get one.

Similarly, Ted Patrick, owner of Lake & Bay Yachts Sales, has already been randomly stopped and boarded twice in the last two weeks. The second time, Patrick and the Coast Guard person recognized each other from the first boarding. Still, Patrick had to produce his driver's license. The Coast Guard demands everyone on the boat show a driver's license or I.D, unlike a comparable auto stop on land where everyone in the car isn't required to show I.D. "But I suppose I should be used to it," chuckles Patrick. "Last summer I was boarded three times and stopped a fourth."

It's not just dealers who are complaining. Patrick tells of a customer who was boarded as he left the West Harbor. After the boarding, the customer went on to nearby Kelley's Island for dinner. Upon returning from dinner, it was a two-fer night . . . the customer was boarded at the harbor entrance again! John Schroeder at Happy Days Boating Company echoes the other dealers. "I can't tell you how many times I've been held up on a demo ride for a Coast Guard boarding in the Portage River," he says. "Often prospects are visibly shaken when armed men suddenly climb aboard. They don't understand what's happening. It shouldn't be that way."

For the Good of the Order (continued)

"Boaters say they're alienated by it all," says Piacentino. "They see the Coast Guard waiting outside the harbor to randomly board boats and some say they'd rather stay at the dock than go through the hassle. This shouldn't be happening."

Fortunately, for Piacentino, at least one thing worked out well . . . that customer did buy a new Regulator. Moreover, hoping to avoid future hassles, he even took his new boat to the Coast Guard Station for a boarding. He was given a yellow boarding report form and told: "If you're stopped and hold up this yellow report, it may keep you from being boarded again. But there's no guarantee."

Should there be some guarantee? Absolutely! And, Michigan may be the first state to decide legislating a happy middle ground is the best way to go. With the leadership of the Michigan Boating Industries Association, H.B. 5110 sponsored by Rep. Richard LeBlanc was overwhelmingly passed by the Michigan legislature and signed by Gov. Rick Snyder on March 22. It specifies that a vessel displaying a safety check decal cannot be stopped unless an officer has a "reasonable and articulable suspicion" the vessel is committing a maritime law violation or is otherwise engaged in criminal activity. Now that makes sense. Everyone wants safe boating. Safety inspections are valuable. Common sense says boaters should get them. But, common sense also says a policy of random boardings, frequently an hour or more and multiple times for the same vessel, is unreasonable. It's a sad day when common sense has to be legislated, but kudos to MBIA for making it more enjoyable for Michigan boaters.

Norm Schultz

2012 Lightning Midwinters - Coral Reed YC (Miami, FL) by Jim Ward

Last summer I received a call from my good friend and veteran Lightning crew Jay Mueller asking if my wife Jayme and I had any interest in racing the Lightning Southern Circuit this year.

The idea of getting out of Ohio during the winter, and having the opportunity to sail in Georgia and Florida sounded awfully inviting. Although, I was quick to point out a few "somewhat minor" concerns. For example, we don't own a Lightning, we don't currently own a tow vehicle that could make it to Miami, and Jayme and I had concerns about limited vacation time. Jay assured me that none of these "minor" details would be an issue. So we decided it sounded like a great idea and signed on. Jay was right, and we were able to borrow a boat, a set of sails, and a tow vehicle for the event.

We arrived in Savannah and called Jay who was there waiting for us at the airport in classic "Mueller" style. Four people with a weeks' worth of gear (we arrive with a other team from Cleveland) then tried to squeeze into a truck which was already stuffed to the headliner with: sailing gear, a giant cooler, a 12-14 feet of foam, and enough boat parts to build our own Mayflower replica. We somehow sardined ourselves into the vehicle, and made our way to the hotel.

While setting up the boat in Miami, I asked Greg Fisher if he would be willing to provide some tuning and boat handling advice, as the Lightning is much different from any boat I have ever sailed before. Greg spent over an hour with me tuning our boat, showing me how to set up the mast, and offering boat

handling advice. In the meantime, Jo Ann and my wife got to know each other over a cocktail in the parking lot. The next day we went out and won the first race. We owe a huge thanks to Greg for our boat speed. It was one of those rare races where everything just seems to come together, good start at the pin, nice 10 degree header, and after a few tacks Jay nailed the layline call as we found a puff that took us all the way to the weather mark on a nice lift. We were fortunate to stay ahead of David Starck and Victor Lobos of Chile at the finish. We were amazed by the number of boats that sailed by and gave us thumbs up signs, words of encouragement, and one of the Chilean boats even bowed as we went by. It was a great feeling, and really shows the warmth of the class. We followed it up with a couple of consistent races, and to our surprise after day one we found ourselves in 3rd overall out of 40+ boats behind Greg Fisher and David Starck, and just ahead of Eric Oetgen and David Dellenbaugh - it's truly surreal to even type that we were amongst such company in the standings. We joked at dinner that it would be comical if we could have a great first race on Sunday, perhaps some other boats have a tough race, and be able to put ourselves in position to win going into the last race.

The conditions that morning were similar to the first day with nice waves and the breeze in the 15-18 knot range. We had a great start in the first race, and ended up finishing second in a Chilean sandwich just ahead of defending World Champion Tito Gonzalez and a few boat lengths behind Felipe Robles and his team who sailed a great race leading the entire way. We looked back and saw Greg finish in a small pack of boats. We thought he either had an 8, 9, or 10? So we knew it would come down to who beat who in the last race. The last race was a lot of fun as we crossed the finish overlapped with the Fisher team, which allowed Greg, Jo Ann, and Jeff to deservingly win the Midwinter Championship. We ended up second overall, and I can truly say that was one of the most fun events I have ever sailed. The Lightning Midwinters is a tremendous group of sailors ranging from World Champions and past America's Cup tacticians to families racing in their 40th consecutive event. It was a great experience, we learned a lot, and we were proud to represent Sandusky Sailing Club. — Kind regards, Jim Ward

Results

Lightning Midwinters, Coral Reed YC in Miami

Jim and Jayme Ward with Jay Mueller - 2nd out of 40 boats.



Sailing Stuff for Sale

1972 Ericson 27 - 30hp A4, furling, 4 sails, tiller, auto pilot, teak interior w/ 6' headroom, galley w/pressurized c.w., enclosed head, cushions vgc, sleeps 4. barrier coat, new PCA bottom paint, steel cradle, upgrades. Dock B-17. Asking \$7,500. List and photos; bnixon1@columbus.rr.com or 937-271-1859.

1984 Morgan 36 - Great racer/cruiser, 11' 6" beam. Bunch of extras. Docked at SYC. \$30,000. Call PC Ron Abbott at 419-625-0198, Bob Lazarony at 419-625-4803 or email paulalaz@aol.com.

1980 Catalina 30 - Standard rig, shoal draft, Atomic 4, set up for cruising; Sails and canvas in great shape; New custom-built cradle, many improvements in last two years. Asking \$16,900. For more info or to see the boat, call or email Mark Gross 419-357-6747 or mrg@bex.net.

1974 Pearson 10M - \$10,900, Fully equipped, 30HP Atomic 4 inboard engine, jackstands, dodger, bimini with cockpit enclosure, roomy, fast-sailing boat, a good platform for club racing or cruising. Will consider trading for boat on a trailer. Contact John Schwartz at dunbar.schwartz@gmail.com for details.

C&C 29 MKI, 1977, full race equipped, new sails, boat at Harbor North on the hard. Reduced to \$10k. Great single handler/cruiser, atomic 4, furler, much more..... 614-327-4488 or rwpoorjr@yahoo.com

1980 Chrysler (Morgan) Super 27 is a racer/cruiser. PHRF-LE rating = 159, JAM = 169. Meticulously maintained and upgraded. Completely restored to "better than new" condition with AWLGRIP topsides and deck, mast, boom and spinnaker pole. Lots of sails, lines, instruments and gear included. Asking \$23,500. Located at SSC berth A9. Contact Jim Shufflin at 419-370-9053 or james.shufflin@kbibearing.com

16' Spinnaker pole: 3.5" diam. \$500 OBO. Call Paul at 419-862-3009.

Bristol 33'7" - Formerly "Margo" now "Tudo Bem." Many amenities. \$18,100 or reasonable offer. Contact Tom Quinn at w330-796-1721, h330-239-1859 or Tomquinn20@verizon.net.

Sandusky Learn to Sail has several boats for sale.

Catalina 27 - Asking \$6000 and accepting offers. Boat needs some cleaning but will make a great weekender. Also has a cradle.

2 Sunfish - 1980's vintage and very good shape. \$1000 each.

Hobie 14 in nice shape for \$500

We also have a small keelboat on a trailer that we are taking open offers on.

Contact VC Sjoerd VanderHorst at 440-617-9995 or sjvanderhorst@gmail.com if interested.

Flag Pole Plaza Commemorative Brick

Purchaser Information

Name _____

Address _____

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Complete this form and mail it along with a check for \$100 payable to Sandusky Sailing Club to:

Sandusky Sailing Club, PO Box 814, Sandusky, OH 44870

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TWO GREAT REGATTAS
One Fabulous Sailing Event!



STEIN HOSPICE CUP through



Info at www.steinhospice.org



We took the tradition of the Sandusky Islands Race with a boatload of trophies and sweetened the pot with the addition of the prestigious Stein Hospice Cup's Yellow Jacket, the Harry Boissoneault Trophy, and the honor of defending our region in the 2013 National Hospice Regatta. All this and you're helping those in need!

**Friday, June 29, 2012
 Islands Race/Stein Hospice Cup Party**

- ◆ Bar opens at 5:30pm.
- ◆ Rib Roast open 6:30-9:00pm
 Enjoy awesome BBQ Ribs
 Adults \$15 Children \$10
- ◆ Live entertainment
- ◆ Friday Night Lights -
 Decorate your vessel
 for fun prizes



**Sail a figure eight course
 through the scenic Lake Erie Islands**

- ◆ Approx. 38 NM for PHRF, T-10, and Multihull
- ◆ 30 NM for JAM, J24, Cruising Fleet, etc.
 A beautiful day sail around Kelleys Island.
- ◆ Shorten course provisions with on-the-course,
 mobile Race Committee
- ◆ PRO supervised management
- ◆ Register at the Sandusky Sailing Club (SSC)
 from 6:00-10:00pm on Friday
- ◆ Entry fee: \$75 & rating certificate
 (cruising class ratings can be assigned)
 Entry includes one Friday night dinner ticket
 \$5 discount for USSA members
 \$10 of your entry fee goes to Stein Hospice
- ◆ FREE dockage/rafting for participants at SSC
 before and after, based on availability.
- ◆ Pledging for a good cause - Be creative!
- ◆ Come early - Stay late.
 Enjoy all Sandusky has to offer

Saturday, June 30, 2012

- ◆ Continental breakfast
 for racers & runners at SSC 7:00-9:00am
- ◆ Islands Race first start 10:00am off Cedar Point Pierhead
- ◆ Hospice Regatta Run (5K) at Battery Park
- ◆ Fun boat-games while the racers are gone
- ◆ Great dinner at 7:00pm
- ◆ After race food & refreshments
- ◆ Awards ceremony after the race (late date - Sunday 10am)

The annual Harbor Bay YC "Race in the Bay"
 Go to www.harborbayyachtclub.org for details



SSC 2012 Race, Cruising & Activity Schedule

25 April 2012

| Date | Day | Event Description | PHRF | T-10 | JAM | Interlake Juniors | Cruising Fleet |
|----------|---------|---|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|---|
| April 28 | Sat | Spring Work Day & Meeting | | | | | |
| May 2 | Wed | | | | | | |
| 9 | Wed | | 1,1 | W1 | 1,1 | TU | |
| 13 | Sun | | | | | S1,1 | |
| 16 | Wed | | 1,2 | W2 | 1,2 | W1,1 | |
| 20 | Sun | | | | | S1,2 | |
| 23 | Wed | | 1,3 | W3 | 1,3 | W1,2 | |
| 26 | Sat | (VBC Bowl) | A1 | A1 | A1 | | |
| 27 | Sun | New Member Party | | | | S1,3 | Lighthouse Inspection Cruise |
| 28 | Mon | No races. Enjoy and appreciate Memorial Day activities. | | | | | |
| 30 | Wed | | 1,4 | W4 | 1,4 | W1,3 | |
| June 2 | Sat | Graduation Day Party | | | | | Eagle Creek (ECSC) |
| 3 | Sun | | | | | S1,4 | |
| 6 | Wed | | 1,5 | W5 | 1,5 | W1,4 N1 | |
| 8,9 | Fri-Sat | (Mills Race) | A2 | A2 | A2 | | Hoover (HSC) |
| 9 | Sat | Thistle Districts / Interlake Regatta | | | | | |
| 10 | Sun | Thistle Districts / Interlake Regatta | | | | No Race | |
| 13 | Wed | | 1,6 | W6 | 1,6 | W1,5 N2 | |
| 15 | Fri | Champagne Series 1 (T-Ten Lake Erie Championship @ EWYC) | | A3 | | | Champagne Series 1 Leamington - GLCC Weekend |
| 16 | Sat | (T-Ten Lake Erie Championship @ EWYC) | | A3 | | | North Cape (NCYC) Leamington - GLCC Weekend |
| 17 | Sun | (T-Ten Lake Erie Championship @ EWYC) | | A3 | | S1,5 | Leamington - GLCC Weekend |
| 20 | Wed | | 1,7 | W7 | 1,7 | W1,6 N3 | Edgewater (EWYC) |
| 23 | Sat | | | | | | Buckeye Lake BLYC) Lorain - International Festival |
| 24 | Sun | | | | | S1,6 | Lorain - International Festival |
| 27 | Wed | | 2,1 | W8 | 2,1 | W1,7 N4 | |
| 29 | Fri | Sandusky Islands Race Party | | | | | |
| 30 | Sat | Sandusky Islands Race & Hospice Cup** | A3 | A4 | A3 | | Mentor (MHYC) Hospice Scavenger Hunt |
| July 1 | Sun | | | | | S1,7 | |
| 4 | Wed | Commodores' Day Brunch, Charlton Cup | No Race | No Race | No Race | No Race | |
| 6 | Fri | Champagne Series 2 | | | | | Champagne Series 2 |
| 7 | Sat | | | | | | Port Clinton (PCYC) / Lorain Sail-in |
| 8 | Sun | | | | | S1,8 | Area E Semi (CLYC) Sunday Morning Coffee Club |
| 11 | Wed | | 2,2 | W9 | 2,2 | W2,1 N5 | |
| 13 | Fri | | | | | | Vermilion (VBC) |
| 14 | Sat | | | | | | Opti Midwest (EWYC) Mystery Island |
| 15 | Sun | | | | | S1,9 | Opti Midwest (EWYC) Mystery Island |
| 15-19 | Sun-Thu | (I-LYA Junior Bay Regatta) | | | | | Junior Bay Week |
| 18 | Wed | (Interlake Women's/Jr Nationals @ NCYC) | 2,3 | W10 | 2,3 | W2,2 N6 | |
| 19-21 | Thu-Sat | (Interlake Nationals @ NCYC) | | | | | |
| 22-29 | Sun-Sun | USODA National Championships | | | | | USODA Nationals |
| 22 | Sun | | | | | No Race | Cruise Week |
| 25 | Wed | | 2,4 | W11 | 2,4 | No Race | Cruise Week |
| 27 | Fri | Swanbeck Race to Huron** | A4 | A5 | A4 | | Night Sail to Huron |
| 28 | Sat | (Huron Invitational) | A5 | A6 | A5 | | Huron |
| 29 | Sun | | | | | No Race | |
| Aug 1 | Wed | | 2,5 | W12 | 2,5 | W2,3 | |
| 2 | Thu | (Deepwater (Jack Taylor) & Steeplechase) | A6 | A7 | A6 | | |
| 3-5 | Fri-Sun | (I-LYA New Bay Regatta) | A7 | A8 | A7 | | |
| 3 | Fri | | | | | | |
| 5 | Sun | | | | | S2,1 | |
| 6-7 | Mon-Tue | | | | | | Cirque de Sail |
| 8 | Wed | | 2,6 | W13 | 2,6 | W2,4 | |
| 7-12 | Wed-Sun | (T-10 NAC - EWYC) | | | | | |
| 10 | Fri | | | | | | |
| 11 | Sat | Sandusky Junior Traveler Series Regatta & Awards | | | | | Sandusky (SSC) |
| 12 | Sun | | | | | S2,2 | |
| 15 | Wed | | 3,1 | W14 | 3,1 | W2,5 | |
| 17 | Fri | Champagne Series 3 | | | | | Champagne Series 3 |
| 18 | Sat | J24 Great Lakes Championships | | | | | |
| 19 | Sun | J24 Great Lakes Championships | | | | S2,3 | |
| 22 | Wed | | 3,2 | W15 | 3,2 | W2,6 | |
| 24 | Fri | | | | | | |
| 26 | Sun | | | | | S2,4 | |
| 29 | Wed | | 3,3 | W16 | 3,3 | W2,7 | |
| Sept 1 | Sat | Robert Henry Memorial Funday to PCYC** | A8 | A9 | A8 | | Port Clinton |
| 2 | Sun | (Green Island Race) | A9 | A10 | A9 | S2,5 | Port Clinton |
| 5 | Wed | | 3,4 | W17 | 3,4 | W2,8 | |
| 8 | Sat | Hog Wild Regatta** | A10 | A11 | A10 | | PIB Historical Weekend |
| 9 | Sun | Hog Wild Regatta** | A10 | A11 | A10 | No Race | PIB Historical Weekend |
| 12 | Wed | | 3,5 | W18 | 3,5 | W2,9 | |
| 15 | Sat | | | | | | Scudders - Pelee |
| 16 | Sun | | | | | S2,6 | Scudders - Pelee |
| 19 | Wed | | 3,6 | W19 | 3,6 | | |
| 22-23 | Sat-Sun | (NCYC Fall Bay) | A11 | A12 | A11 | | |
| 23 | Sun | | | | | S2,7 | |
| 26 | Wed | Champion of Champions | CofC's | CofC's | CofC's | CofC's | |
| 29 | Sat | (PCYC Snow Flurries Regatta) | A12 | A13 | A12 | | |
| 30 | Sun | (PCYC Snow Flurries Regatta) | A12 | A13 | A12 | S2,8 | |
| Oct 3 | Wed | Champion of Champions | CofC's | CofC's | CofC's | CofC's | |
| Nov 3 | Sat | Awards Banquet | | | | | |

Codes: * *Separate registration required. Separate sailing instructions. TU - Tune up race. () Not an SSC event

Auxiliary Course First Warnings (hrs)

Wednesday Evening

After Sept 1

Sunday Morning

| | JAM-B | JAM A | Buffer | PHRF |
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| Not earlier than | 1825 | 1830 | | 1840 |

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Dear Sirs:

On July 21st- 28th, 2012 the Sandusky Sailing Club will host the 2012 USODA National Championships. We are expecting to draw approximately 400 to 500 junior sailors from across the United States and several foreign countries to participate in this week-long event! The Optimist Class is the largest sailboat fleet in the world and can lay claim to training countless Olympians.

On Friday, July 20, the festivities will kick off with opening ceremonies. Both local and nationally known personalities will help us kick-off this week of racing. Starting with three days of Team Racing on Saturday, the event will then move to the Women's National Championship on Wednesday, and then finish with the four day Open National Championship on Saturday. There will be equipment and merchandise displays from local and national vendors, planned social activities, banquets, and most importantly, a week of memorable sailing experiences for our young sailors.

We are asking you to consider becoming a sponsor for this worthwhile youth event. Your financial assistance will help ensure that we can provide the kind of quality sailing experience a National Championship deserves. Your contribution may be given recognition on our website, on regatta literature, at the venue, during competitor meetings, and at all award ceremonies. Please feel free to browse the site at your convenience, at www.sanduskysailingclub.org.

We hope you will consider becoming part of this prestigious event. Attached please find the levels of sponsorship available, and a Sponsorship Form. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (330) 351-0340 or e-mail to sailfast30@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your support,

Mike Austin
Event Chairman



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Title Sponsor

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Bronze Sponsor

\$200 cash support. Your name will be included in the "Patron Donor" banner we are having made especially for this event.

For questions or comments regarding the above information, please contact:

Mike Austin
Event Chairman
(330) 882-6862



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Sponsor Name: _____

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Level of Sponsorship desired: _____

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Please include your check or money order. Alternately, you may contact Mike to make other arrangements.

We will be contacting you regarding displaying your business logo/merchandise in the most optimal fashion.

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