



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.

December 2017 Cross Bearings

- 12/02 Sat Private clubhouse rental
- 12/04 Mon NO Sadler Basin Committee meeting this month
- 12/05 Tues Junior Sailors Inc. meeting 7:00pm
- 12/12 Tues SSC Board meeting 7:00pm
- 12/15 Fri Second half dock payments due
- 12/16 Sat SSC budget meeting 9:00am
- 12/23 Sat Private clubhouse rental
- 01/01 Mon NO Sadler Basin Committee meeting this month
- 01/02 Tues Junior Sailors Inc. meeting 7:00pm
- 01/09 Tues SSC Board meeting 7:00pm

For more info go to: www.sanduskysailingclub.com.

Commodore's Comments Comm. Mark Gross

Thank you! – I would like to thank all of you who helped with the many tasks that were completed during my year as Vice Commodore. I am sure that incoming VC John Schwartz can count on the same excellent support that I received. I enjoyed the past year and look forward to serving you as your Commodore for the coming year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Awards Banquet – Thank you to PC Wendy and Leo Kaufman for another wonderful awards banquet. The Sandusky Yacht Club once again put out a nice spread for dinner in a warm and welcoming setting. The awards program went smoothly as we congratulated our award winners on the excellent year they had. It was nice to see the junior race team well represented as well. 2017 was certainly another memorable year at SSC!

Congratulations to our 2017 award winners!

Fleet Awards:

- Cruiser of the Year Award: Tim and Sue Ujvari
- Most Improved Interlaker: Chris Malott
- Founders Trophy: Brad Balmert
- James H. Huntley Memorial Trophy: Brad Balmert
- JAM 1st overall: Big Electric Cat, Mark Cummings
- Querida Cup: PC Bryan Huntley
- Charlton Cup: PC Bill Semans and Louie Palmer

SSC Club Awards:

- Roger Van Fleet Crew Award - Nikki Scozzarella
- Outstanding Service Award - PC Ruth Anne Van Fleet
- George Ward Sportsmanship Award - PC Monty Kaufman
- Jack Springer Junior Sailor of the Year - Maddie Grant
- Norm & Gloria Winkel Leadership Award - Mic Kaufman
- Lyman Memorial Award - Ryan Kyle

Change of Watch – Leaving the Board are Bob Sheppard and PC John Hartung; thank you both for your excellent service to the club. And, of course, thank you PC Wendy Kaufman for all of your work the past three years and all of the guidance that you have provided to me as I have come through the chairs. As I said at the banquet, you left big shoes to fill! I wish all three of you fair winds.

Congratulations and thank you to Matt Bedee for agreeing to serve as Rear Commodore for the coming year. Thank you, also, to Steve Clark for your willingness to continue in the role of Secretary. Thanks, too, to Dave Brink and Bernie Ashyk for staying on another year as Treasurers and helping to keep our financial house in order. And, finally, thank you to the Board members who have agreed to continue serving and to those who are just beginning in these leadership roles. I look forward to working with all of you to make the Sandusky Sailing Club even better.

Salute to the new Board and Bridge for 2016:

- Commodore: Mark Gross
- Vice Commodore: John Schwartz
- Rear Commodore: Matt Bedee
- Second Year Trustees: PC Brad Huntley, Frank Hill and Ryan Kyle
- First Year Trustees: Hal Henry, Hank Boissoneault and Andy Davis
- Secretary: Steve Clark
- Treasurers: Dave Brink and Bernie Ashyk

Annual budget meeting – Our annual budget meeting will begin at 9:00am on Saturday, Dec. 16 at the SSC clubhouse. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Committee volunteer requests – I am putting the finishing touches on committee assignments for 2018. If you have interest in a particular committee, please let me know as soon as possible. Keep in mind, though, even if you are not appointed to a committee at this time, you can always let me know of any ways in which you would like to serve the club in the coming year and I will help you get involved. I also encourage you to complete and return the volunteer form that accompanies your membership renewal and dues statement.

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. You may also contact any other member of the Bridge or Board.



Dan Frederick's Thistle, Hot Air, sits in pain after a collision with an unattentive powerboat. Fortunately, nobody was injured.

Vice Vice Baby!!.....VC John Schwartz

Vice: My name is John and it's been 10 days since my last social function.

Seriously, I want to thank everyone who was so kind to me as I learned the ropes as RC last year - and just being on the bridge. Look for big things from Mr. Bedee. I do believe that the membership will find it a step up in the culinary department. Matt and I will be working together on some fun late fall projects, so watch your emails.

As VC my role is related to the club's physical

infrastructure and I attended my first Sadler Basin Committee meeting on Nov. 6. It's a sign of the times that as of that date, there was no waiting list for any size dock - and all last season we had 1-2 open 30' docks and more than a small handful of open 26' docks. I do not love that our sport is trending to older sailors, bigger boats, and a generally more expensive time on the water. Small boats are the history of SSC and a big part of why the club was formed back in the day. Smaller, especially older boats, are still the biggest bang for the buck on the water. I also think that figuring out how to get people back into small boats is crucial to the long-term health of SSC.

There was an interesting editorial in Sailing World this month comparing the UK's small boat (dinghies) scene to the US scene. Specifically the writer argued that the US needs to figure out a better Portsmouth rating system (PHRF for little boats) so that there is an easy way for disparate classes of small boats to race as a matter of regular practice.

Another article in the same issue featured the Hull YC in Hull, Mass. that came back from near dissolution because they figured out how to make participation fun as well as competitive.

Many sailing clubs, including ours, have a decreasing and aging membership. I believe that if we are to be relevant in 2018 and beyond, SSC is going to have to figure out how to bring new people into sailing-- not just recruit existing sailors.

Anyway, I plan to be around the club just as much as VC as I was as RC. I look forward to working together with all of you in my new role. Thanks!

Keep the ideas coming either by email at john@christielane.com or by voice/text at 419-706-5137.

Views from the RearRC Matt Bedee

Apologies - As my first order of business as Rear Commodore, I want to apologize for not being able to make it to the awards banquet for the Change of Watch. I assure you that it will not happen for at least the next three years, as our annual trip has been moved. It was a tough decision to miss the banquet and Change of Watch, but I had to weigh the heckling that I would receive from past commodores/members as the lesser evil when it comes to the relentless heckling a high school buddy dishes out. Feel free to remind me on a regular basis; I deserve it.

Happy Holidays - Hopefully everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends. Christmas is another great time of year for spending time with family and friends. With that said, it is a busy time of year for many of us, but I am working to get an adult holiday party together. Stay tuned for more details.

Winter Wednesdays at SSC - We will be suspending Winter Wednesdays and looking to make it a monthly weekend event to allow out-of-town members to attend. These may be part of the monthly events or a separate event that is educational, as well as libation based. Maybe we can talk VC John Schwartz into bringing his blender.

Out-of-town members - What night for parties would be better for you over the winter--Friday or Saturday? As part of our membership discussions, we have tossed around which is a better night for out-of-town members to attend events during the winter, which would allow you to get a hotel room for the night vs driving home. Feel free to let me know your thoughts.

Upcoming events - The 2018 social schedule is being assembled. I am planning to do the January Craft Beer Tasting, the February Wine Tasting Party, and the St. Patty's Day. We will also have events throughout the summer yet to be planned and tied into Sandusky's 2018 Bicentennial Celebration.

Contact me - Please feel free to email me with questions, comments, or suggestions at matt.bedee@theaustin.com or call/text at 419-202-0044.

A note from the Past PC Wendy Kaufman

I would like to thank all of you for your support and strength throughout my tenure. Volunteerism! Dedication! Camaraderie! Those are just a few of the words that come to mind when I think of the membership of this club. I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU! THANK YOU!

I especially would like to thank PC Steve France and VC Mark Gross for sticking with me all the way! PC Eric Winkel as well as Don and Eilene Guy - I would have run away from home without your guidance and regular reminders! Jeff Witter and PC Mike Fishbaugh - I think I would still be working on 2017 membership issues without your leadership, knowledge and willingness to answer my calls....at any time of the day (or night). PC Monty Kaufman and Terry Parker... you know you kept me sane! Special thanks to Mic Kaufman - just for being you, and my Commodorable...Leo!

Fall Workday and General Meeting was held on a beautiful Saturday, Oct. 14. After breakfast, we held the general meeting at which elections took place. We also got a lot of fall cleanup taken care of before the cold air moved in! Thank you to everyone that came and helped out and a big thank you to Comm. Mark Gross for lunch!

Appreciation and Awards Banquet - Thank you to everyone who joined in the festivities at SYC. There were many honored sailors....several that were greatly surprised! Congratulations to ALL! We are a very blessed group to have so many accomplished, yet humble members! We enjoyed a fulfilled photo montage assembled by Erin Cremean that included pictures from 2015, 2016 and 2017. Also shown was a brief safety video starring our very own Phil Montgomery which described (explained) the circumstances leading to the chosen recipient of the coveted Blue Velvet Award. There were many laughs! If you could not make the banquet, please remember that your volunteer gifts and qualifier awards are in the clubhouse.

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Questions? Contact PC John Hartung at 419-433-6151 or email jphartung@bex.net

New members – We had NO new members from the October meeting. But continue to welcome our September meeting members, Andy and Cinda Davis from Sandusky and John and Charlotte Morar from Strongsville. For any membership or MemberClicks questions, please contact me anytime as I will be continuing to manage these aspects.

Finally, as always, please feel free to contact me anytime. As your Past Commodore, I am committed to serving our club and hope that you will join the board meetings the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. Thank you. PC Wendy Kaufman text or call 419-656-9566 (cell) or email me at willowwalkers@aol.com

Operations Tim Kyle
There is no scheduled Sadler Committee meeting this month.

Feel free to contact me with questions or concerns about the marina or clubhouse, at timmo@sbcglobal.net or call 419-656-5881.

A note from the Treasury Bernie Ashyk /Dave Brink
Thank all of you who have received their dues statements and have returned them with a payment. For those who have not yet received their statement, look for it soon. Thanks again to all those who have generously donated to the various accounts that support our club and the activities the club provides. Remember the Junior Sailors, the Scholarship Fund and the Junior Race Team, and the I-LYA Yachtsman's Fund are 403b contributions and are deductible. Acknowledgement letters for the 2017 contributions will be sent in the coming weeks.

Another note: If you would, please send dues and dockage payments on separate checks; it makes the accounting easier. Happy Holidays.

MembershipPC Steve France
Member Get-A-Member program update: Six of the 17 new regular members joining SSC this past year, joined through our Member Get-A-Member program. A total of \$600 in awards were distributed amongst Comm. Mark Gross, Paula Smith, PC Steve France, Brett Langolf and David Mears for their efforts to introduce new members to the Club. We thank them for their effort.

SSC has improved the incentive for the program this year: \$100 for the first new member approved for membership under the program; \$150 for the second; \$200 for the third and any each successive new members. So, I encourage you to bring friends, family and acquaintances who may be interested in sailing to the Club. Membership development is a club-wide responsibility and our improved Member Get-A-Member program is just one more incentive to keep this responsibility and opportunity in mind.

Website CommitteeRC Matt Bedee
It has been brought to our attention that some members are having issues with SSC Membership emails: they were not getting emails or the emails were going to their spam folder. I am inquiring with MemberClicks to see why around the first part of October we started having this issue. If you are having this issue, please check your spam folder and move the email

to your inbox or set emails from ssc@memberclicks-mail.net as not spam/junk. You may also have the option to set ssc@memberclicks-mail.net and/or @memberclicks-mail.net as a "Safe Sender".

Feel free to email me at webmaster@sanduskysailingclub.com or call/text at 419-202-0044 and I will do my best to help you with keeping SSC emails from going to the spam/junk folders.

For the Good of the Order

Call for carpet - A reminder that old carpet (minimum 12'x6') can be dropped off on the porch of the Learn to Sail barn.

SSC online calendar - In line with the website committee's efforts, there is going to be a concerted effort to keep the SSC online calendar current, making it a more useful tool when you're trying to find out what is going on at your club. Go to SanduskySailingClub.com, then to "Communities," then to "Events Calendar." Click on the event and you will receive more info, contacts, links, as well as any fliers available.

Awards not picked up at the banquet may be picked up at SSC starting in December. ...Those who have their awards waiting are:

Dick and Phyllis Auge	Ken Austin
PC Mike and Sue Austin	Art Avrell
Clayton Bader	Braxton Berry
Hank Boissoneault	Dave and Cindy Brink
Jim and Donna Brinker	Al Buggele
Linda and Steve Clark	Mark and Bill Cummings
Mike Curlis	Andy Davis
Daryl Deering	Rob and Patty Dennis
PC Jack Doller	John and Linda Eschels
PC Roger and Judy Fair	Ron and Vicki Fantozzi
PC Mike and Kara Fishbaugh	PC Mike and Mary Kay Fleming
John and Roberta Hartung	Hal Henry
Paul Kalister	Bill and Judy Kellner
Larry and Patti Knauer	Jack Koliha
Steve and Kristin Koliha	Melissa Kyle
Doug and Carol Leavens	Terry and Mary Leslie
Paul and Regina McAllister	Fred Melick
Kim and James Miles	Phil and Sarah Montgomery
Lou Nosko	Gary and Jan Nye
PC Skip Oliver	Dan Olsen
Terry and Sandy Parker	Harrison Pratt
Randy Ramhoff	Chip Seidl
Bob Sheppard	Ron Sheridan
Paula Smith	PC Bob & Martha Speers
George Steinemann	Mark Swabley
Tim Ujvari	Karl and Yanny VanderHorst
John Wiggins	Jeff and Stacey Witter
Tony and Sally Zehe & sons	Karl and Linda Ziegler
Steve Zorn	Mike and Tamara Zuilhof

Contact Tim Kyle at the dairy bar. Thanks, Don Guy

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.



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Results

George Oconnell Fall Bay, Put-in-Bay

InfraRed, PC Bryan Huntley - 1st PHRF C

MYIRA, Harold Alber - 1st Multihull

Snow Flurries Regatta, Port Clinton YC

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Sailing Stuff for Sale

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. The bottom has been blasted and ready for sanding and bottom paint. \$3,250.00. Contact PC Park McRitchie at park@quikspray.com

Two 13-1/2 foot kayaks with all gear. \$500 each, two for \$900.
Contact Terry Parker at terryparker47@gmail.com or 440-967-1384

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

Catalina 30 for sale, FaithHeeler, 1988. Contact Terry Parker 440-320-3100, or see details at 1988Catalina30forsale.weebly.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.

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 \$33,900. Contact Comm. Mark Gross at 419-357-6747 or mgross@grosslaw.net

Yamaha 9.9 4-stroke motor model (FT9.9ELK) It should be a 1985 model. Sips fuel, and has been winterized year in and out. Comes with a side mount control box and cables. Very reliable, runs great! I upgraded to a bigger motor. Always stored indoors in the off season. Best offer. Contact Todd Baker at medinatodd@yahoo.com.

45-watt solar panel, new in box. Harbor Freight advertised for around \$140; Sell for \$100. Everything you need except mounting. Contact Jack Kamer at 614-314-7445 or jkamer@columbus.rr.com.

