

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.



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March 2023 Cross Bearings

03/03	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
03/07	Tues	SJSI meeting.....	7:00pm
03/10	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
03/13	Mon	Sadler Basin Comm. meeting.....	6:30pm
03/14	Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
03/17	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
03/19	Sun	SSC Bar Committee meeting	1:00pm
03/21	Tues	Clubhouse rental	3:30-6:30pm
03/21	Tues	SSC Regatta Committee meeting ...	7:00pm
03/24	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
03/25	Sat	TOGA Party	6:00pm
03/28	Tues	Islands Race Committee meeting ...	7:00pm
03/31	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
04/01	Sat	SJS Beer Tasting Party	6:00pm
04/04	Tues	SJSI meeting	7:00pm
04/07	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
04/10	Mon	Sadler Basin Comm. meeting	6:30pm
04/11	Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
04/14	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
04/18	Tues	SSC Regatta Committee meeting ...	7:00pm
04/21	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
04/25	Tues	Islands Race Committee meeting ...	7:00pm
04/28	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm

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

Message from the Commodore..... Commodore Hank Boissoneault

As we move into March, I cannot help but feel we have made it through the worst that Mother Nature will deliver this year. I say that with some hesitation, as it often feels like we have only three seasons and spring is the one that gets skipped. Since we have experienced a milder than normal winter, my hope is that it will continue to move into an early spring. March might still come in like a lion, but we can hope it goes out like a lamb and brings warm sunny days so that we can get our boat work done too.

Friday Feeds continue to be a great way to end the week. A variety of volunteers have been providing excellent food choices and the fellowship has been fun to be a part of. It always amazes me to see the variations in attendees. Much like any club, you have your usual members supporting events on a regular basis, and then you'll see a new or long missing member who shows up and blends in as if they had never missed an event. Sailing is the common denominator of why we join; however, the membership is the reason we keep coming back. If you have not been able to come down to the club for a Friday Feed, please consider doing so. We would love to see you. To those who volunteer, we cannot thank you enough.

The club is so bright, you almost need shades. Thanks go out to Doug Klein, Randy Ramhoff, Lee Carter and VC Jason Huffman. The lights have been converted to LED. This is one of many improvements we hope to make in the coming years. We are busy setting up the club for spring workday and the upcoming sailing season. If you see something that needs attention, please let me know so it can be addressed.

Sandusky Charter - As you were aware, the city of Sandusky held a charter amendment vote on Feb. 28. After much debate and political positioning, the charter amendment was defeated. For our club, this means that we will continue to function on our leased property for many years to come, providing a specific and well-recognized service to the community.

We are coming up on our 90th year of promoting affordable sailing, seamanship, and sportsmanlike sailboat racing at the Sadler Sailing Basin. Hosting international regattas, Learn to Sail programs and many events that benefit the community. Sandusky Sailing Club is poised to have some of its best years of its existence. It's an exciting time to be a part of the club and I look forward to your coming down and participating.

Thank you all for your membership and I look forward to seeing you around the club. If there are things we can do to improve the overall club experience, please do not hesitate to contact me. Commodore Hank Boissoneault 419-357-1044



House and Grounds VC Jason Huffman

Club lighting - As I mentioned last month, the general lighting in the clubhouse has been updated from the old fluorescent lighting to new LED lighting. This will improve the lighting in the club as well as help make our club more energy efficient. Thanks, Doug Klein for leading this effort.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to move the firewood pile currently on the sidewalk to a rack in another location to aid in access to the club. If you would be willing to volunteer please contact me at Huffman.jason@gmail.com.

Spring Workday - As we move closer to the spring and the start of our sailing season, we will be announcing a spring workday soon. Please be on the lookout for details to follow.

If you see anything around the clubhouse that needs attention, please let myself or any of the Bridge members know. Call/text 614-940-1565 or email me at huffman.jason@gmail.com.

View from the RearRC John Giordano

Mardi Gras is behind us and we are inching closer to Easter, April showers and the 2023 sailing season.

Fireside Fridays are in full swing and I want to give a big thank you to all the volunteers who have been instrumental in this being successful thus far. I won't mention specific names as I'd most likely leave someone out, but you all know who you are and your time is much appreciated.

We will be continuing this activity through March and April and have several slots open this month and next when we need help prepping and serving food. It's a great opportunity to serve the club and meet members. So please reach out to me to take a Friday.

St. Patty's Day - Speaking of Fireside Friday, the luck of the Irish is upon us and St. Patty's Day lines up perfectly this year. We will be having Irish Stew and more. Come for an evening of merriment and fun! Don't forget to wear your GREEN!

Dairy Bar Committee meeting - Looking ahead, March 19 at 1:00pm we will be having a Dairy Bar Committee meeting. With the full schedule of events at the club this year, we'd like to add members to the rotation. This meeting is a good opportunity to provide input for the year and get an overview of bar operations. So please attend or reach out to VC Jason, Marcia or me with questions.

Beer Tasting - Additionally, on April 1 we'll be supporting the Junior Sailors with a beer tasting event. Pizza will be served and proceeds will benefit their programming. More details on page 4 of this newsletter.

Toga Party - Finally, in hopes of better weather, we have moved the Toga Party to later this month (March 25). Look for more details to come on this event as it is looking to be very interesting.

Upcoming events:

Fireside Fridays – March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

April 7, 14, 21 and 28

Bar Committee Meeting – March 19 at 1:00pm

Toga Party – Saturday March 25 at 6pm

SJS Beer Tasting – Saturday April 1 at 6pm

As always, if you have ideas for a club activity, have a suggestion or would like to volunteer for any event, send me a note to 205-903-9257 or Boiler.John85@gmail.com

Sadler Basin Committee PC Pete Grant

Our contractor, Innovative Excavation, has done a fantastic job on the south wall. Because of the limestone bottom in the basin he "pinned" the bottom of the wall every two to three feet to secure it, so it will not move with all the pressure behind it. He also lowered the height of the original waler to offer more strength in the center of the wall where he felt it would be most beneficial. Everything is complete; we are just waiting for favorable conditions to put in the two 18" drain pipes. Once we complete that we will do a final grade of the area and be done!

A big thank you goes out to the crew of Ariel who recently upgraded the lighting in the clubhouse to LEDs. It's much brighter in there. They installed three tubes in the four tube fixtures in the main room as they felt that was almost too bright and some fixtures had old and broken contacts. Hopefully you'll see the difference when you visit the club!

RC BoatsCarolynne Zettler

Calling all racers!

Many thanks to PC Brad, PC Bryan, and Donny Huntley, Julian Fraize, Cliff Ruckstuhl, Ben Carter, Peg and Tom Harper, and Kelly Frey for all the work that they have done to improve your Race Committee boats thus far!

March 18 will feature Denny Butts, PC Jeff Smith, Jay Austin, and Paul McAllister. Dry rot has been removed, severe rust is being addressed, canvas repair on all three boats is being completed, new gussets to support the new flag tower have been placed, a broken window has been repaired, and countless other details are being attended to.

NOTICE- If a skipper or crew member of any racing boat has not assisted with this project yet, consider this an invitation to do so. I will send out email blasts for upcoming work days, especially when the boats are moved outdoors for painting. This is a call for all-hands-on-deck!

Thank you in advance, Carolynne Zettler.

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

It's March already. Just a few more days until it's officially SPRING and we can't wait. While it hasn't been a terrible winter in Ohio, we're still very ready for spring. Before we know it, we'll be getting everything launched and ready for the summer season.



Lake Erie Shores and Islands Watch Party - Michelle and Suzanne attended a Watch Party hosted by Lake Erie Shores and Islands on March 3rd to see Sandusky named Best US Coastal Small Town. It was a great opportunity for them to network with many community members like the Sandusky Register, the Sandusky Recreation Dept. and the mayor.

The Beer Tasting is right around the corner. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and enjoying the evening with PC Mark and Pamela serving all the samples. See flier.

For the Good of the Order

Memorial Bricks - We are back in the Memorial Brick at the Flag Pole Plaza business again. Bernie Ashyk met with Chris DeTray at Neidecker, Crosser and Preisman Funeral Home in Port Clinton. They will be engraving bricks for the orders we receive. We'll talk about installation when it gets warmer.

Thank you to PC John Hartung for his many years of providing this service to our club members.

Please contact Bernie Ashyk with any questions.
email: BernsterA@aol.com, Cell: 216-244-3299,
Home: 419-433-6387

A little SSC history - Here is some 1954 "news" sent in by PC Park McRitchie. You may recognize some of the names. For example, the Brinker name is a stalwart at the club. Dave Ortman is the great uncle of PC Wes Blazer. Wes said they won the Sears Trophy in Lightnings the year before or after.

"The winner of the North American Junior Championship for 1954 and present holder of the Sears Cup are Harry Jemmett, skipper, Hendry Cornell and Bary Gilbert of Kingston Yacht Club, Ontario, Canada.

The results of the 1954 Sears Cup series were as follows: Kingston Yacht Club, Ontario, Canada 48-1/4, Sandusky Sailing Club, Sandusky, Ohio 46-3/4, Beverly Yacht Club, Marion, Mass., 40-1/4, Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans 40-1/4, Monmouth Yacht Club, Monmouth, New Jersey 32-1/4, Larchmont Yacht Club, Larchmont, New York 29, Wadawanock Yacht Club, Wadawanock, Conn., 29, and St. Joseph Yacht Club, St. Joseph, Michigan, 19-1/4.

Three of the Sailing Club crew will be too old for Junior Sailing in 1955. Mike Asher will be the only member of the crew eligible this year.

The three crew members, Dave Ortman, skipper, Forbes Hotchkiss, and Ellen Seaman have sailed together in Junior competition for four years. The fourth member of this crew during these years has included Jack Brinker, Paul Wild, Douglas Kirtz, and Mike Asher.

This Sandusky Sailing Club Crew has won the Wakefield Series three years in a row, 1952, 1953, 1954.

Ortman, Hotchkiss, and Ellen Seaman also teamed up with Ed Hessler, Jim Brinker, and Linda Smith in winning the first South Shore Junior Regatta at Cleveland Yacht Club in 1954. This was a series of races where each participating club entered two crews.

Sandusky Sailing Club is the first club to have their name engraved on the new H. Clay Stier Trophy which goes to the winning club in this series. The South Shore Junior Regatta will be held in Sandusky this summer."

SSC 2022 Award Winners:

We inadvertently missed the JAM Fleet winner - Sorry

Jean Lueptow Trophy (JAM overall)

Mystery Dance Peter Huston and crew

Sailing Club Merchandise!

New items coming soon to SSC.Spiritsale.com



...and more!!

Sandusky Sailing Center ***2023 Youth Learn to Sail***

814 E Water St

Sandusky, Ohio

419-871-8080

June 2023

June 5-9 Youth Learn to Sail (Half Day AM) Kayaking/Boating Safety (Half Day PM)

June 12-16 Youth Learn to Sail Session 1 (Half and Full Day)

June 19-23 Youth Learn to Sail Session 2 (Half and Full Day)

June 26-30 Youth Learn to Sail Session 3 (Half and Full Day)

July 2023

July 5-7 Junior Keelboat (Half Day PM)

July 10-14 Youth Learn to Sail Session 4 (Half and Full Day)

July 24-28 Youth Learn to Sail Session 5 (Half and Full Day)

August 2023

July 31-Aug 4 Youth Advanced Sailing Camp (Full Day—Invitation only)

Half Day 9a-12p

\$225/wk Member

\$250/wk Non-Member

**Scholarships
Available!**

Full Day 9a-4p

\$400/wk Member

\$425/wk Non-Member



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2023 Championships

Lake Erie / Sandusky Bay
Sandusky, Ohio / Sandusky Sailing Club
August 7-8 (Measurements) & 9-12 (Racing),

Website & NOR Coming Soon!



SANDUSKY SAILING CLUB WEATHER STATION – HOW TO VIEW THE INFORMATION

1) PHONE APP – download the app and set up a free account



Real Time Weather Data

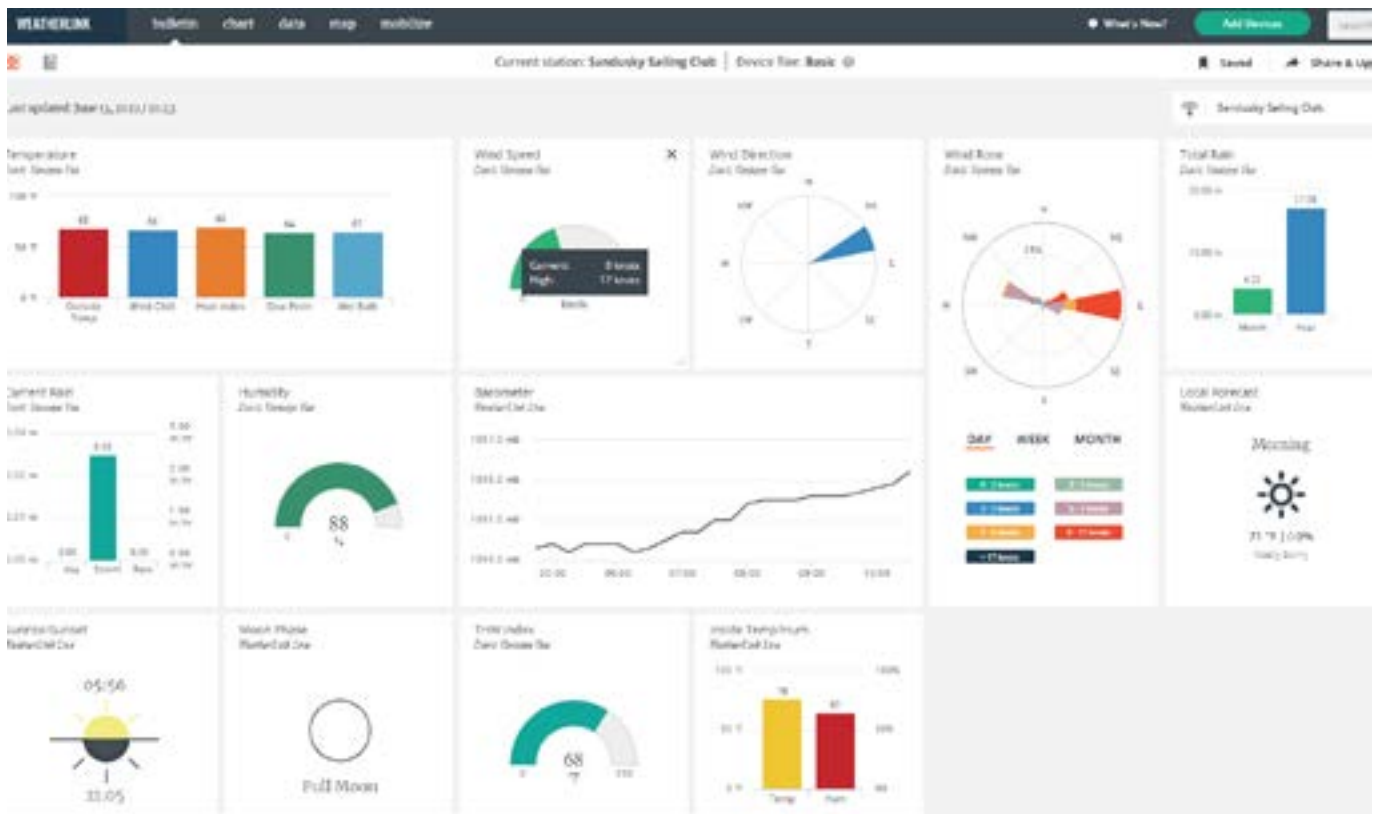
Connect to the same Wi-Fi network as your WeatherLink Live to watch wind gusts and direction changes as they happen.



2) COMPUTER/BROWSER – use the same login as the app

<https://www.weatherlink.com/>

then search for Sandusky Sailing Club and you will see:



Courtesy of SSC Sadler Board – your dock fees at work!

Sailing stuff for sale

Garmin GNX Wind system. Masthead unit and display. Wireless to 50'. Needs 12 volt power cord. \$425. Call Ken Austin 330-608-8653

1997 Com-Pac 27-2 sailboat with cradle for sale. Asking \$24,500. Please call and leave a message at 330-612-7194 or portandstarboard@ohio.net. (Dock B-45).

7/16 sta-set halyards. Uncut 600ft of para sail line used for two seasons in good condition. \$200. Call Eric Arndt at 440-381-5661.

26 foot Grampian sailboat: Good starter boat! 3 sails, roller furling, spinnaker, 9.8 Evinrude outboard motor, radio, Porta Potty, fully equipped, cradle. Good shape. Asking \$4,000/negotiable. Contact: Douglas F. Foss 440-292-5070 text: Grampian sailboat.

Sailboat TV System - Glomex 10" Marine Analog and Digital TV Antenna with mount and coax cable, Glomex TV Antenna Gain Control, Sharp 15" TV, Omni Mount Folding TV Mount, Magnavox SDTV Tuner, Remote Controls, Wires and Connectors. Pictures available. Asking \$200. Call Mark Gross at 419.357.6747 or e-mail_mrg@bex.net.

Ariel - 1972 CAL 2-29 Sailboat for sale. Great day sailor. Has been out in 35-40mph blows. Solid boat. 2-29 was an upgrade for the cruiser racer set. Has wheel steering. New rudder. Converted to all electric motor. It's great for instant reverse and instant power forward. Proven over the last 8 years. Batteries replaced last year. Four-year-old Bimini, replaced the plastic material with umbrella. 3-4 yr/old Main. Has older genoa 155 on Harken roller furling. Anderson Self Tailing winches. All lines run to the cockpit. Good for single handed sailing. Asking \$10,500. Call Randy Ramhoff @ 419-656-1908, R.Ramjet@ymail.com

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