



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.

March 2016 Cross Bearings

03/02	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
03/03-07		Clubhouse will be closed - NO ENTRY	
03/08	Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
03/09	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
03/12	Sat	Weather Forecasting Seminar	10:00am
03/12	Sat	Cruising Fleet potluck/meeting	5:00pm
03/16	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
03/19	Sat	St. Patrick's Day Party	6:00pm
03/23	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
03/30	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
04/01-02		I-LYA Spring meeting in Perrysburg	
04/04	Tues	Sadler Basin Committee meeting	7:00pm
04/06	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
04/09	Sat	SJRT Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Auction Fundraiser at SYC	5:00pm
04/12	Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
04/13	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
04/20	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
04/23	Sat	Spring General Meeting	9:00am
04/23	Sat	Spring Workday	after meeting
04/27	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm

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

Commodore's Comments Comm. Steve France

Jim "J.J." Johns – Our club has lost a dear friend. James "J.J." H. Johns passed away Sunday, Jan. 31 at Firelands Regional Medical Center surrounded by his family. J.J. was a long-time member of SSC and an avid racing sailor. His beloved Tartan 10, *Skim*, will continue to be sailed and raced by his grandchildren. J.J. supported our club and was recognized for his service and involvement over the years in many ways including the Lyman Memorial (Sailor of the Year) in 1984, the US Sailing Sportsmanship Award in 1991, the Outstanding Service Award in 2014 and the Charlton Cup Double-Handed Race Winner in 2014. J.J. is survived by his wife of 60 years, Patricia (Moyer) Johns, two sons, three daughters, five grandchildren and a brother. A memorial service was held at the club on Feb. 3. Pastor Wendy Schindler-Chase officiated. J.J. will be missed by all who knew him. Our condolences go out to J.J.'s family.

PC Robert Klein passed away Feb. 8 in Leesburg, Fla. He was a skilled yachtsman and served as commodore in 1953. Bob was our oldest living commodore.

Those wishing to contribute in Bob's memory may do so to the Sandusky Sailing Club, the Learn to Sail Program or one's favorite charity.

A memorial service will be 1 pm March 5 at Graceway Presbyterian Church, Leesburg, Fla. Arrangements have been entrusted to Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations, Tavares, Fla., steversonhamlinhilbish.com.

Our condolences go out to Bob's family.

I-LYA Spring Meeting – Mark your calendars for the 2016 I-LYA Spring Meeting, April 1-2 at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg, OH. The meeting will include symposia topics and a great opportunity to chat with fellow sailors. For more information visit www.i-lya.com.

Volunteer Forms – About 50 members have already returned the volunteer forms that were included with your annual dues statement. If you have not yet done so, look over this form, decide where you can support your club's many projects and events, and then return it to us. Your involvement will be greatly appreciated.

The next board meeting of the Sandusky Sailing Club will be Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00pm. Meetings are open to all members in good standing.

If you have any issues that need attention, please contact me at stevefrance@ameritech.net, or get in touch with any board member.

Vice Vice Baby!! VC Wendy Kaufman

Spring Workday - Make certain to mark your calendars for our Spring Workday, which will be held on Saturday, April 23 after the General Meeting. We are currently reviewing the workday project list, so if you have any suggestions or ideas on projects we should tackle, please forward that information to me.

Yearbook - The 2016 Yearbook is in process. There is still time to send photos of anything pertaining to SSC. Send them to me at willowwalkers@aol.com. Please consider becoming a yearbook patron when paying your dues.

Clubhouse closing - The SSC clubhouse will be closed from March 3-7. There will be NO ACCESS to the clubhouse during this time. Tim and his crew will be stripping and waxing the floors in the entire clubhouse and there can be no traffic on the floors during this process. We apologize for any inconvenience but are confident that the results will be worth it. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Please contact me with any brilliant ideas that you may have and I will try to incorporate them. VC Wendy Kaufman 419-656-9566(c), 419-433-3868(h), willowwalkers@aol.com.

Rants from the Rear RC Mark Gross

Craft Beer Tasting - Our first SSC Craft Beer Tasting was a big success! Thank you to PC Monty and Susie Kaufman, PC Pete and Paula Grant, and John Schwartz and Courtney Dunbar for their help with the event and to Timmo for manning the bar after the tasting! A number of the beers from the tasting are available at the Dairy Bar to enjoy at the club or take home mix-and-match six packs for a special price.

Cruising Fleet annual potluck - Gary and Jan Nye will host the Cruising Fleet's annual potluck on Saturday, March 12 at 5:00pm. Look for details in your inbox.

St. Patrick's Day Party - Jay and Beth Austin will once again host our annual St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 19 at 6:00pm. See the attached flier or check the Event Calendar on the SSC website for details.

SJRT Spaghetti Dinner and Fundraiser - The SJRT annual fundraiser will take place at the Sandusky Yacht Club on Saturday, April 9 at 5:00pm. Come out for a fun evening of sailing camaraderie and help your Junior Race Team get off to a great start in 2016. Don't forget to buy your reverse raffle tickets and be prepared to bid at the silent auction!

Winter Wednesdays at SSC - Please remember to stop by your club and join us for Winter Wednesdays, beginning at 5:00pm. every Wednesday through the rest of the offseason. Come enjoy the crackle of the fire, a selection of beverages at the Dairy Bar, and some great food prepared by Tim.

Basic Weather and Forecasting Seminar - Members of the United States Power Squadron from Sandusky will present a seminar on Basic Weather and Forecasting on Saturday, March 12 from 10:00am to noon. The price will be \$25 per person and will include coffee and donuts beginning at 9:00am, all seminar materials and a Waterproof Quick Guide for on-water use. Members and guests are welcome (even your power boating friends!). RSVP by Sunday, March 6, to Andy Sausser at andysausser@gmail.com.

Announcement – Summer Saturdays at SSC! - Building on the success of Winter Wednesdays, SSC will begin Summer Saturdays this summer. Beginning Memorial Day Weekend, the Dairy Bar will be open on Saturdays from 5:00 to 9:00pm. Sailing camaraderie with fellow SSC members on Wednesday evenings throughout the year has been enjoyed mostly by members who live in the Sandusky area. This will give the same opportunity to all of our members who spend time at SSC on the weekends in the summer. Support your sailing club and come down to socialize for a bit and tell tall tales of your sailing adventures or just stop by before you head out for dinner downtown. Fun will be had by all!

Sandusky 2018 - On Jan. 22, PC Bill Semans, PC Pete Grant, and I met with Sandusky City Manager Eric Wobser, and Director of Neighborhood Development and Planning Angie Byington, at Sandusky City Hall to discuss Sandusky's Bicentennial Vision Comprehensive Plan and how it might affect the Sandusky Sailing Club. The plan is a high-level, conceptual plan adopted by the City Commission as a vision for development of the city from Sandusky's bicentennial in 2018 into the future. One area of the plan concerns the area

encompassing Battery Park and the Sandusky Sailing Club. The plan envisions various types of new development and uses in the area surrounding SSC, but it does not contemplate eliminating SSC or our current facilities. Mr. Wobser assured us that the city has no plan or intention of breaching SSC's lease, taking any action that is counter to our rights under the lease, or doing anything else that would negatively affect SSC as it is currently located or as it currently operates. He stated that he would like to see SSC right where we are for a long time to come. He also reiterated that it is a high-level, aspirational plan with no hard and fast details in place at this time. The city intends to begin the formal planning process this year and Mr. Wobser assured us that SSC will be included in meetings and discussions related to the area surrounding the sailing club. The city envisions 2017 for the start of pre-development work and 2018 for the start of construction. Bill, Pete and I left the meeting feeling good about the direction that the city is taking with this plan and the city's desire to leave SSC right where we are so that we can be an important part of Sandusky's waterfront for decades to come. We will keep you informed as things progress. If you have any thoughts or concerns, please contact Bill, Pete or me.

Upcoming events - Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions or ideas that you have for social or educational events at the sailing club. You can contact me at mrg@bex.net or 419-357-6747.

Operations Tim Kyle

New SSC tees, jackets and hats are available at the Dairy Bar. Get yours soon; stock is limited.

Sadler March meeting has been cancelled.

The next meeting of the Sadler Basin Committee will begin at 7:00pm on Monday, April 4 at SSC.

Contact me with any questions or concerns about the clubhouse or basin at timmo@sbcglobal.net or call 419-656-5881.



Night at the Museum. A group of SSC members gathered in front of the dinosaur skeleton at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. We heard a fascinating lecture about the 1920s Blossom Expedition.

Cruising Fleet.....Mark Swabley

Cruising Fleet meeting & potluck - Gary and Jan Nye will host the Cruising Fleet's meeting and potluck on Saturday, March 12. Meet for drinks at 5:00pm and then share potluck dishes at 6. A discussion of summer cruising plans will follow, so bring your ideas.

Summer Cruise to Erie, PA and back- PC Monty and Suzie Kaufman have put together a plan for the Erie cruise:

Saturday, July 30	SSC to Lorain Yacht Club
Sunday, July 31	Lorain Yacht Club to Lakeside Marina, Cleveland
Monday, Aug. 1	Lakeside to Fairport Harbor Yacht Club, Grand River
Tuesday, Aug. 2	FHYC to Ashtabula Marina
Wednesday, Aug. 3	Ashtabula to Conneaut Marina
Thursday, Aug. 4	Conneaut Marina to Erie Yacht Club, Erie, PA
One layover day built in, in case of bad weather	
Friday, Aug. 5	Erie
Saturday, Aug. 6	Erie
Sunday, Aug. 7	Erie to Conneaut Marina
Monday, Aug. 8	Conneaut to Ashtabula Marina
Tuesday, Aug. 9	Ashtabula to Mentor Yacht Club
Wednesday, Aug. 10	Mentor to Edgewater Yacht Club
Thursday, Aug. 11	Edgewater to Vermilion public docks
Friday, Aug. 12	Vermilion to SSC
One layover day built in, in case of bad weather	

Junior Race Team.....Kristin Koliha

Hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season. Soon, spring will be here and it will be time to think about SAILING! Becky and Rob Burger are passing the baton to other SJRT parents. Not that anyone could fill their shoes, but a few of us will try! Pamela Gross, Lease and Renee Schock, Matthew Bedee and I will be taking on different roles to keep this team running smoothly. Please feel free to reach out any of us!

Junior Race Team Spaghetti Dinner/fundraiser will be held April 9 at SYC. This is an all-hands-on-deck event! We will need lots of help with everything from set-up to 50/50 raffle sales. Jr. sailors will be expected to help as well. We will need help with securing donation items for the silent auction, wine/liquor for the baskets, lottery tickets etc. We will send out tickets for the reverse raffle and dinner tickets that will need to be sold.

I-LYA Jr. Traveler Series schedule will be posted within the SSC schedule. We have a busy season coming up! Of particular importance is the Sandusky Junior Regatta on June 18. Again, we will need help from everyone at SSC to make this a success, so please put this date on your calendar. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions: Kristin Koliha at 440-258-3129 or kkoliha@gmail.com.

Learn to Sail

Sandusky Junior Sailors is moving full speed ahead to prepare for the 2016 season. Please refer to the attached flyer for Youth Learn to Sail dates, times and costs. Registration is open and you may register online at www.sanduskysailingclub.org

Within our programs, 2016 will bring a renewed emphasis on Community Sailing for both youth and adults. If we want sailing to thrive and grow we must welcome new sailors and do everything we can to inspire them to sail for a lifetime. Community sailing centers offer affordable access and welcome people from all ages, skill levels and backgrounds. Access, affordability, convenience and inclusiveness are essential ingredients. When combined with high standards in training and safety we will have a winning formula to increase participation at our club and ensure its future.

The first step in this initiative is to offer a "Season Pass" to anyone completing Learn to Sail lessons and demonstrating proficiency in US Sailing standards. This includes youth and adults interested in using our equipment while staff is on site. Please watch for upcoming updates as these programs are developed this year at SSC.

To manage our Learn to Sail and implement new Community Sailing programs, the Sandusky Junior Sailors Board has hired Rick Pinnone. Rick has worked since 2013 as an instructor at Olympic Circle Sailing Center in the San Francisco Bay area and leads flotillas for them in the Mediterranean and Belize. His experience from this adult commercial sailing business is complemented by 12 prior years of experience at Community Boating Boston as Director of Instructor Training, Head Instructor, Junior Program Sailing Coach and Adult Program Sailing Coach. Rick holds a USCG Master License, American Red Cross instructor certification, US Sailing Small Boat Level 1, 2 and 3 Instructor Trainer certification and US Sailing Basic Keelboat/Coastal Navigation/Coastal Passage Making instructor certifications. Rick has also been a US Sailing national symposiums presenter since 2012. He visited SSC in 2014 and 2015 to train and certify our youth for the Learn to Sail staff through the Level 1 class. Rick is very excited to return to SSC for this summer and plans to arrive mid May.

For the Good of the Order

Regatta chairs - Please allow six weeks to order trophies or flags for your event. Thank you, Don Guy.

A note from the Treasury - Thanks to all who have paid their 2016 dues and made generous contributions to the various funds listed on your dues statements. The Secretary has sent a reminder to those who still have dues on their "to do" list. The club appreciates your support. — Dave Brink and Bernie Ashyk

I-LYA news - Keep up with the latest news from 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.

Sailing Stuff for Sale

In an effort to keep this list current, we run items for three months. After that, the owner can contact us to re-run an item. If we don't hear from the owner, we'll assume the item is sold and will remove it from the list. Contact PC Eric Winkel at eric@artdpartment.com with any listings.

Rigid Walker Bay dingy. 8 ft. Good condition. \$350
Call Betty 419-706-0911.

Honda 2.3, 4 stroke outboard motor. Never used. \$1,100 value. \$750
Call Betty 419-706-0911.

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.

T10 (1st&TEN) New sails, excellent condition. Quality trailer. Recored and ready to go. Not a fixer-upper. Stored inside during winter. Great racing record. PHRF or the super fun, one design T10 fleet. \$20,000. Buy now and get FREE indoor heated storage until you're ready to launch. Contact Eric Winkel at 419-621-9823 or eric@artdpartment.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.

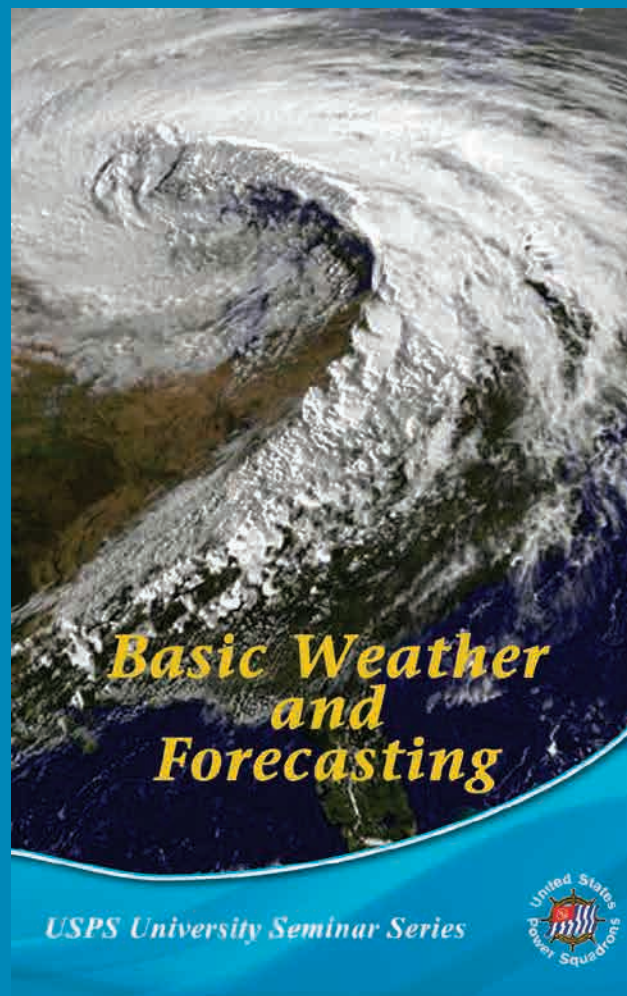
Why Take A "Basic Weather and Forecasting" Seminar?

In 2 hours, you will learn the basics of:

- *What causes weather*
- *How weather systems move*
- *Why winds blow*
- *What clouds tell us*
- *How storms and fronts create foul weather*
- *Why fog forms*
- *Where to get the best professional forecasts*
- *How to refine them using your own observations*

- PLUS -

- *Seminar guide with slide images and complete notes included*
- *Waterproof QuickGuide for onboard use with essential information!*



March 12, 10am-noon
The complete kit, book and material
will be \$25.

LEARN TO SAIL

Presented by Sandusky Junior Sailors, Inc.



All sessions are for Beginner/Intermediate sailors.

Session 1:

June 13 - 17

Session 2:

June 20 - 24

Session 3:

June 27 - July 1

Session 4:

July 5 - 8

Session 5:

July 11 - 18

Session 6:

July 25 - 29

Session 7:

August 1 - 5



Session Pricing

AM 9:00 - 12:00 or

PM 1:00 - 4:00

\$130/SSC member

\$150/non-member

ALL DAY

\$250/SSC member

\$275/non-member

Please bring a lunch when attending all day sessions.

Session Four is 4 half days: \$100/SSC member, \$120/non-member

*Visit sanduskysailingclub.org for more information
or e-mail info@sanduskysailingclub.org*



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Located between Battery Park and the Sandusky Police Station

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Sandusky Yacht Club

Cocktails at 5:00 PM

Dinner at 6:00 PM

After Party & Dessert

Sandusky Sailing Club at 9:30 PM



Fun Events!

Spaghetti Dinner

\$15 adults • \$10 kids under 12

Silent Auction

Lots of Great Items!

Basket Raffles

Beer • Wine • Liquor

Reverse Raffle

\$1,000 Grand Prize + Several Other Prizes

\$50 per ticket (includes dinner)

ONLY 100 Tickets Sold

Chinese Raffle

50-50 Raffles — All Night Long

Contact a Team Member for Ticket(s)

- or call -

Renee Schock at 419-357-4487 • Kristin Koliha at 440-258-3129



**Support the Junior Race Team
And have a GREAT TIME doing it!**

St. Patty's Day at the Sailing Club



When: Saturday March 19, 2016 @ 6:00pm

Cost: \$15/person

Meal: Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, St. Patty's Day Appetizers, and Dessert

The Dairy Bar will be serving all of your favorite Irish concoctions including Guinness, Bass Ale, GL Conway's, Killian's, and an assortment of Irish whiskeys.

RSVP: Jay Austin at jaustin6@kent.edu

“Work is the curse of the drinking class” – Oscar Wilde



New Racing This Summer

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Series

Sunday Racing on Sandusky Bay

Courses designed for fun racing around set
buoys throughout our bay

Courses and starts designed to get more boat racing
on water, involve families &
practice for upcoming regattas

Open to SSC PHRF & JAM Keelboats

Interested please email brettlangolf@gmail.com
for more details and racing instructions

2016 Race Dates -

5/29, 6/19, 7/3, 7/17, 7/31, 8/7, 8/21 & 9/11