

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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January 2019 Cross Bearings

01/08	Tues	SSC Board meeting.....	7:00pm
01/13	Sun	Race Comm. Boat work day #4...	noon
01/15	Tues	Comm. Committee meeting.....	7:00pm
01/16	Wed	Winter Wednesday.....	5:00pm
01/17-21		Cleveland Boat Show at IX Center	
01/27	Sun	Race Committee Boat work day #5.....	noon
01/30	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
02/05	Tues	SJSI, Inc board meeting.....	7:00pm
02/10	Sun	Race Committee Boat work day #6.....	noon
02/12	Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
02/13	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
02/19	Tues	Communication Committee meeting ..	7:00pm
02/20	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm
02/23	Sat	Spaghetti Social.....	6:00pm
02/24	Sun	Race Committee Boat work day #7.....	noon
02/27	Wed	Winter Wednesday	5:00pm

For more info, go to www.sanduskysailingclub.com and check out the SSC calendar.

Commodore's Comments..... Comm. John Schwartz

Happy 2019! I'm sure that most of you are just as constantly surprised by how quickly time goes as I am. Thank you to everyone who showed up to the general membership meeting on Dec. 15. I'm still working on committee assignments.

Thank you to Doug Klein for his willingness to step up onto the SSC Communications Committee. I haven't had anyone tell me that they were interested in stepping up to help with Long Range Planning-- which is understandable because it's the ugliest and hardest to pin down in a tidy package.

A lot of the the traditional work of SSC leadership revolves around the physical infrastructure of the club-- the building, the grounds, the docks, Springer's wharf. That makes sense in some ways because it is that physical infrastructure that has the much larger revenues and expenses. However, without the social club aspects of SSC-- specifically racing events, cruising events, and other opportunities to gather together-- we are just a marina. It is interesting that many marinas over the last 20 years have formed small add-on social clubs. I see SSC as an inversion of this model. While we obviously have a marina, traditionally we were a club first that, by necessity, had a space to house all of our boats and our social functions. Over the past couple of decades, I do think that has shifted so the marina aspect has become at least equal in importance to the social aspects for many members. Reversion to the mean perhaps-- where marinas get more like social clubs and our social club has become more marina-like.

Gertrude (Gertie) Buggele – It's with great sadness that we say farewell to Gertie Buggele. She passed on Dec. 29. We'll all miss her sense of humor and German accent as she and Al chased their six daughters around the docks at SSC. Our condolences go out to Al and the Buggele family.

Springer's Wharf - The SSC Board has just authorized an expense of more than \$50,000 to replace two floating docks on Springer's Wharf. This was necessary. The old ones no longer floated and we didn't think that a discount for having to wade to your boat would be a viable option. There are a couple key points that I want everyone to know. First, all of Springer's docks are just as old (except for the one we replaced last year). Second, the rest of SSC's docks are almost as old. Third, the club has had many open 26' and 30' docks over the past two seasons. This third point is important for two different reasons. We count on the revenue from full dockage rentals as we plan to spend money. Bad things happen when you spend money that it turns out you don't have. Alternatively, as we look to spend money on docks-- the marine industry has gone all-in on much larger boats. Fewer boats that are more expensive to buy and more expensive to keep. The logical next step does seem to be for SSC to follow suit and put in larger docks. However, there is a domino effect with this. Larger boats need to be further apart, which means modifying where the docks attach and where the power hook-ups are. What happens if we make all these expensive changes and there aren't enough docks rented? Even if the profit/loss works out, what does it mean for SSC? I worry that the marine industry trends aren't sustainable. Sandusky doesn't have the population density and income base to be



Peter Huston (center) and crew of *Mystery Dance* hold up their 1st place JAM flags. Stewart Zerkle holds up *Gargle Blaster's* 3rd place JAM flag.

an Edgewater YC or CYC, so it's unlikely that we're going to foster an active class of new racing boats. The Interlake fleet was really small this year (one of the absent boats was mine which I intend to correct in 2019). The Interlake was commissioned by SSC in 1933 by Francis Sweisguth (designer of the Star). We are home to Fleet #1. Our history and traditions are built on sailing and racing small/affordable boats. Real boats for real sailors. I believe that we must figure out how to fill small docks and get a critical mass of boats to regularly to the starting line on Wednesdays if SSC is going to exist as anything more than a marina in a few years.

But that all is just my opinion. If you have a different opinion or ideas about what we need to do, we need to hear it-- especially if it is constructive and helps us move in a positive direction for the club. The board and I are charged with leading our club. I know that I speak for the entire board when I say that we need your input. I will be working with RC Andy Davis this winter to try to mingle some long range planning discussion points with the club's social functions. I look forward to seeing you there.

If you want to contact me, feel free to contact me at john@firelandslocal.com or at 419-706-5137.

Vice, Vice Baby VC Matt Bedee

I hope everyone had Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are one month closer to getting boats back in the water. I know I am looking forward to my first full season as a dock holder. In the past I was more involved with SJRT and trailering our Compac 16.

This month will be a short article for me and hopefully I will be less long-winded this year compared to my RC articles. I am looking forward to 2019 and all that it brings.

Contact me – Please feel free to email questions, comments, or suggestions to ViceCommodore@SanduskySailingClub.com or call/text me at 419-202-0044.

Views from the RearRC Andy Davis

Winter Blahs – If you are anything like me, I am ready to do something sailing related. The full-on sailing withdrawal is in force. That said, please be aware we will be reconstituting WINTER WEDNESDAYS with a roaring fire and “camaraderie.” Dates for Winter Wednesdays are as follows: Jan. 16 and 30, Feb. 13, 20 and 27, and March 6, 13, 20 and 27.

There will occasionally be folks who have never been to the sailing club, so please ensure you try to make a few Wednesdays to interact with those who are simply getting the

feel for our club and members. We will start at 5pm. Come and enjoy the fire as well as a selection of beverages and snacks from the Dairy Bar.

Spaghetti, did someone say spaghetti? – Yes, someone sure did. On Feb. 23, my wife Cinda and I will be hosting a Spaghetti Social. Great opportunity to gather and enjoy a superb dinner (I am cooking) as well as some libations.

I would welcome feedback as to specific thoughts and ideas around events and desired options. My sauce is pretty good, folks, and I really look forward to spending time with you and others around social opportunities for the upcoming year. Please put the date on your calendar. Expect dinner to be served around 6pm that evening. There will be a nominal fee but it will certainly be worth it. I would expect to have some new folks who are not members also there to rub elbows with our members. Please plan on attending as it will be fun and a great opportunity to show off our club, and more importantly, welcome folks who have an interest in learning to sail.

Sunday Funday – As a broader initiative, my goal in 2019 is to revitalize the Sunday races for auxiliary boats as a vehicle for new sailors to enjoy and learn about sailing. I will reach out to folks around participating on Sunday mornings, and ideally making your boat available to include a new sailor or two for those fun races. The goal to this initiative: a fun sail on Sunday mornings, followed by some fun banter, perhaps some Bloody Marys (I hear Tim makes a great one), might even cook some hot dogs, but obviously spend time together with new folks who have an interest in our club.

Upcoming events – The 2019 social schedule is being constructed but I need your input. What do you think would be a great event? Is there interest in a specific event? A holiday party, or even something a little more low key? What have been the best events over the years that you look back on and say, “That event was a blast and I wish we did it again!” I need and would appreciate your feedback. Let's make 2019 the year we all look back upon and agree that it was a year of years....

In short, my vision is continuing to build SSC into the premier sailing venue on Lake Erie. I see that vision as a journey, not a destination. I have been visiting with several member committees, including Membership and LTS. I'm working to ensure each event or gathering is aligned with a long-term strategy and growing the love of sailing.

Contact me – Please feel free to email me with questions, comments, or suggestions at andydavis@idexx.com or on my cell at 262-202-1372.

A note from the Treasury Bernie & Dave

The 2019 dues statements were mailed on Jan. 2. Dues are due March 1. Thanks in advance for your prompt payment.

Regatta Committee..... Jay Austin

Happy Holidays! This is an exciting time of year for the Regatta Committee. We are working feverishly to finalize our regatta schedule for 2019. Our goal is to coordinate with the Race Governing Committee and fleet captains to have a racing schedule complete and ready to publish by the end of January. Below is a list of both club and major regattas for 2019. Dates will be confirmed soon.



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Escort III's roof is being disassembled by Paul Kalister and PC Jeff Smith on Dec. 16 as they setup for replacement. This is part of the RC's proactive, off-season, maintenance program. Terry Parker is coordinating this effort.



Please let me know if you are willing to chair any of these regattas. We are ALWAYS looking for volunteers to help in the planning process. Feel free to contact me at 330-351-0283 or regattas@sanduskysailingclub.org.

- June: One Design Regatta
 Thistle Lake Erie District Championship
 Sandusky Islands Race/Stein Hospice Cup
- July: Highlander Class National Championships (July 13-18)
 Sandusky Bay Portsmouth Regatta
 SJRT Traveler Series Regatta
- Aug.: I-LYA Deepwater/Steeplechase
 Kelleys Island Moonlight Race
 Funday Pursuit Race to PCYC
- Sept.: J/24 District 12 Championship

Of course, please remember all the Wednesday and Sunday races that are governed by our excellent group of Race Committee volunteers. They're always looking for help too!

Operations Tim Kyle

The next meeting of the Sadler Basin Committee will be Monday, April 1 at 7:00pm. Even though we don't officially meet during the winter, we continue to work on improving our basin. If you have ideas or questions, do not hesitate contact a Sadler Sailing Basin Committee member.

Feel free to contact me with concerns about the marina or clubhouse at manager@sanduskysailingclub.com or call 419-656-5881.

RC Boat Committee..... Terry Parker

Work Day #3 – Dec. 16, 2018
 VOLUNTEERS PRESENT - RC Andy Davis, Paul Kalister, Dearl Bailie, John Eschels, Phil Spicer, Bernie Ashyk, Suzanne Hartley, PC Jeff Smith, Jim Keane and Terry Parker.

Bagels and cream cheese were served courtesy of Commodore Schwartz.

ESCORT 1

- Progress on bottom sanding to expose barrier coat.
- D. Bailie finished cleaning and de-greasing bilge.

ESCORT 3

Roof repair – removed most of the plywood sheeting. Thanks to Andy for having peeled off the majority of the fiberglass cap.

Sent bilge boards and ceiling boards to S. Hartley.

Wood and fiberglass scrap removed to club dumpster.

During roof removal, there were several discoveries:

1. Some of the roof framing was damp. Recommend to let air-dry and then moisture meter to see if it needs replacing or simply dig-out and Marine-Tec the soft spots.
2. The cross-braces under the roof are merely stapled to the side braces, probably to just hold them there while plywood was glued on. May wish to gusset-plate these joints for strength and stability.
3. The central stacks of plywood under the main sheeting are solidly attached to the main sheeting, apparently to act as spacers and stiffeners against forward-back motion of the frame. It will be tricky to remove them.

4. The original plywood was nailed in place to hold its shape while the glue dried. The plywood was removed by drilling pilot or locator holes in the interior corners of each quadrant of plywood, then scored with a skillsaw at 1/2" depth, and the section popped downward and removed. Then the plywood remaining glued to the cross braces was pried off, including what crossed over the center brace (this area had also been scored crosswise at 1/2" deep). RC Andy has time the next two weeks to finish the removal, and has offered to do so. He may reach out for help.

GOING FORWARD

1. What do we do with the framework prior to setting on the new plywood?

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2. Will we nail it and glue it as was done originally?
Your thoughts appreciated, as have been your hard work and insights!

Please check in with me if you plan to participate! There is only so much space to work. I will advise respondents prior to that day on what to bring. Terryparker47@gmail.com or 440-320-3100. Thanks again, everyone!

Learn to Sail.... Mic Kaufman / Suzanne Hartley

January finds SJSI busy planning for the Cleveland Boat Show. There will be two sailing simulators as well as an Opti and a Laser. SJSI has a brochure featuring all aspects of the Sailing Center as well as fliers for youth and adult Learn to Sail programs.

The Learn to Sail youth sessions for 2019 are:

Session 1	June 17-June 21
Session 2	June 24-June 28
Session 3	July 8-July 12
Session 4	July 22-July 26
Session 5	July 29-Aug. 2

SJSI is looking forward to an exciting sailing program for youth and adults in 2019. The sailing simulator will be at the club for Winter Wednesdays. If it is too cold to sail but not cold enough for ice boating, try sailing a simulator!

Sea Bags are available for sale sail. Contact Suzanne, Mic or Michael. Remember that the Learn to Sail program needs your help continue to train the next generation of sailors.



Communications Committee.....RC Matt Bedee

A Zoom Meeting was utilized for the General Membership Budget Meeting on Dec. 15 and it worked pretty well. If a standing meeting is on the SSC calendar and a Zoom Meeting has been created for it, that information will be in the Calendar Info for members to join the meeting.

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SSC email addresses – One thing that will be implemented fully and used more this year will be the use of Sandusky Sailing Club email aliases to contact the different groups within the club. I will send out an entire list in the beginning of 2019 for members to start using and I'll update the website.

Contact us – Please feel free to email us with questions, comments, or suggestions at Communications@SanduskySailingClub.com.

For the Good of the Order

SSC online calendar - Tim has been making a concerted effort to keep the SSC online calendar current, making it a more useful tool when you're trying to find out what's going on at your club. Go to www.SanduskySailingClub.com, then to "Communities," then to "Events Calendar." Click on the event to get more info, contacts and links as well as any fliers available. Skippers, share this calendar with your crew so they know what's happening at SSC.

If you have an event you would like listed, contact Tim at manager@sanduskysailingclub.com or call 419-656-5881.

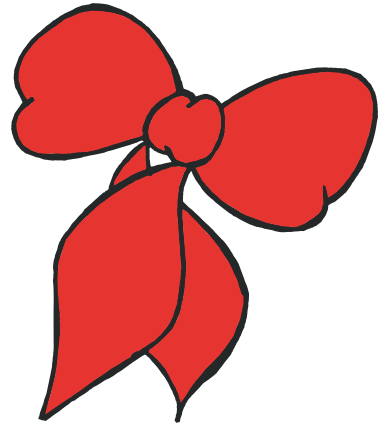
I-LYA news – Keep up with the latest news from the Inter-Lake Yachting Association, the governing body of local clubs, by subscribing to the I-LYA newsletter. Or view past newsletters at www.i-lya.org.

Helly Hansen National Offshore One-Design (NOOD) 2017-2018 Championships in the British Virgin Islands
A daily log reported by Brett and Katie Langolf
(continued from the December 2018 Cross Bearings)

October 24, 2018 – Anegada, (18.723° N, 64.384° W)
81°F / 27°C, Wind 0-4 knots, Seas less than 1 foot

Leg 4 - The fleet gathered on the start line outside of the channel into Anegada, but with no wind the RC made a great call to motor down the course for 30 minutes and regroup. After three such regroups we ended up at Monkey Point on Guana Island. We tucked into White Bay for some snorkeling and beach exploration while we waited for the wind to fill in... it did. Well, kind of. The course was Monkey Point to Sandy Cay Island. This race was the lady's race with Katie on the helm, Lanna Young on the jib and Jennifer and Jane Ann as Snacticians! It was a very light reach. As the sun crept lower in the sky, we had an important decision to make... Soggy Dollar has last call at 1830. Mark down a DNF for Makin' Memories and hammer-down on the engine. Quick mooring tie up in Great Harbour and dinghy ride into Soggy Dollar.

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October 25, 2018 – Sandy Cay to Norman Island (18.435° N, 64.712° W), 83°F / 28°C, Wind 2-6 knots, Seas 1 foot

Leg 5 - The start was set up right outside the legendary Sandy Cay. We took a controlling position off the start and pinned the boats to leeward. Some peeled off, took our stern and navigated the northern reef; some cut inside while others took the outer route. 0.3 miles into the race some fates were already sealed. A brutal tacking duel took place through the current and tides of Tortola's West End. We played the shifts while trading tacks with the fleet in between the US and the British Islands heading into Norman Island, just east of Pelican Island.

Leg 6 - The Bight Bay. The regatta concluded with a windward/leeward race through the morning field in Bight Bay. Our race provided some up close entertainment for other boats in the mooring field, plenty of pictures were snapped and we received some entertaining cheers from the "crowd." Our pin end/port start got us off the line and kept things interesting early! The right side was favored, since our old friend the Willy T was no longer an obstruction (Moved to Peter Island after Hurricane Irma). Couple of lee-bows, wing-and-wing and a miracle breeze- we crossed the finish line in the most memorable regatta of our lives.

Awards Party - Our finish kept us in the mix with some of extremely talented pros and amateurs and we were awarded a much-needed liter of Mount Gay! The event staff wrapped

RIGHT: Brett and Katie Langolf on the beach at the BVI NOOD Regatta Championships.

**BELOW:
The entire crew celebrates.**



up their final words, we all congratulated Joel White and his winning team and said goodbye to our non-regatta buddy, Pirate Patty (that's a whole other story).

October 26, 2018 – Time to head home. We hit the caves outside Norman Island for some last minute snorkeling, swam with a school of tarpon, fed a large school of yellowtails and motored back to Tortola as started our slow transition back to reality and winterizing our boat back home.

Sailing Stuff for Sale or to Buy

Emergency raft - \$300. Last certified 2012, expired 2014. Contact George Steinemann at 419-341-0639 or email gsteinemann@civista.bank

2006 Laser - No trailer, very good condition. \$1800. Contact PC John Heilman at 419-656-5022 or Patty Heilman at 419-656-2337.

Interlake Sails - Main and jib. Lightly used one season. \$1,000 or BO. Call Pete 419-366-8358 or email.pgrant@bex.net

Scott's sailing stuff for sale - New and like new. This is just a partial list. Contact Scott for a full list. More new stuff next month.
NEW Forespar 12" hatch with screen (in box) = \$25. New 8" screw down access hatches (2) = \$10ea. New 3" vents: 2 white, 2 black, 2 SS = \$2ea
Various deck blocks, flat, standing, plate extenders, whole bag = \$10.
Shower handset, sump box w/ pump = \$8. Older set dingy running lites - battery type = \$8. Hobie double-trapeze w/ bucket seats, hardware = \$10.
5' aluminum dock pole, extends to 10' = \$12. New deck mop = \$5.
Collection of Practical Sailor mags. App 50+ paper box full = \$25
CONTACT INFO: Scott Kibler, 419-566-7781 or wskibler@embarqmail.com. Feel free to make offer or buy lots of stuff and get a better deal.

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

1975 Cal 3-30 Pollinator - 30ft racer/cruiser. Roller furler. Sleeps six. Updated cushions and upholstery. Atom 4 cyl. gas engine. New mainsail with large sail inventory. Cradle and winter cover. Many extras. Ready to race or cruise. Asking \$3,500. Inspect at SSC dock A17. Contact Daryl Deering at 419-656-5679 or daryldeering@hotmail.com.

Interlake Hull #972 - Yellow hull, white seated deck. Deck replaced by CustomFlex. SS centerboard, cut-down trunk with teak trim. All new foam floatation by CustomFlex. Carbon spin pole, CustomFlex rudder, most hardware and lines replaced. North main and jib, several other sets of sails and spinnakers. Trailer in great shape, bearing buddies and good tires. \$1800 or make offer. Call Rich Wismer at 440-308-6834, rwismer972@gmail.com Located in North Ridgeville, near Lorain.

16' 1958 Lyman with 1961 35 HP Evinrude Lark outboard and trailer. New marine mahogany ply decks professionally installed this last winter. Transom, ribs and board are all good. \$3,000. Email john@firelandslocal.com. Phone 419-706-5137.

Aluminum spinnaker pole - Double-ended, 11' fixed length eye to eye, 3" dia. Upper bridle missing, lower bridle end requires reattachment. \$85. Delivery possible. Call Bill Nixon 614-481-7827, text 614-395-6563.

Seabiscuit, O'Day 34, \$25,900 - Well maintained boat, consistently improved and loved by current owners. Call or email Jim Priebe @ 440-781-9618 or jpsailinghorse@yahoo.com for a complete list of improvements and upgrades.

J/24 for sale - 1979. Set up for single-handed, MORC or one-design. Good sails and rigging. Fair trailer. Boat is in good condition - bottom needs attention; it has been blasted and is ready for sanding and bottom paint. \$3,250. Contact PC Park McRitchie at park@quikspray.com

1987 Hunter 31 - Excellent condition. Several sets of sails recently inspected and repaired. Yanmar 2GM20F 2 cyl. diesel. Sale includes steel cradle and many extras. Ready to cruise or race. Asking \$20,000. Racing sails are available for extra \$\$. Contact Rory Carpenter at 734-660-1517.



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