

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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October 2023 Cross Bearings

10/01	Sun	Centerboard boat races....	9:30am
10/03	Tues	SJSI meeting.....	7:00pm
10/06	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
10/07	Sat	SSC Fall Meeting and Workday...	9:30am
10/09	Mon	Sadler Basin Comm. meeting	6:30pm
10/10	Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
10/13	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
10/17	Tues	SSC Regatta Committee meeting	7:00pm
10/20	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
10/27	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
11/03	Fri	Club rental	9:00-3:00
11/03	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
11/07	Tues	SJSI meeting	7:00pm
11/10	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
11/11	Sat	2023 Banquet at SYC	TBA
11/13	Mon	Sadler Basin Comm. meeting	6:30pm
11/14	Tues	SSC Board meeting	7:00pm
11/15	Wed	Dock payment due (1 of 2)	
11/17	Fri	Fireside Friday.....	6:00pm
11/21	Tues	SSC Regatta Committee meeting	7:00pm
11/24	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..... Comm. Hank Boissoneault

Annual fall workday and fall meeting - As October rolls in, we find ourselves gearing up for the annual fall meeting and workday, which will be held on Oct. 7, starting at 9:30am. While it may feel like we're jumping into autumn a bit early this year, it's essential to get the club ready for the off-season. We encourage our members to join us for this important day.

The morning will kick off with a general meeting at 9:00am, followed by a productive workday. We'll tackle various tasks to ensure our club is in top shape for winter.

After a morning of hard work, we'll treat ourselves to a delicious lunch. Your participation is highly appreciated, and we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

2024 proposed slate of officers - During the fall meeting, we'll be voting on a new slate of officers for the upcoming year. While the official voting will take place at the meeting, here's a preview of the proposed officers for the 2024 season:

- Commodore: Jason Huffman
- Vice Commodore: John Giodano
- Rear Commodore: Tim Willford
- Past Commodore: Hank Boissoneault
- Trustees: John Stauffer, Dave Kocsis, Paul McAllister
- New Trustees: Laura Hayes, Maddie Grant, Mike Bella, and Mark Capucini (elect three)

We would also like to take a moment to express our gratitude to the outgoing trustees, PC Andy Davis, Maddie Henry, and Carolyn Zettler. Your dedication and service to the club have been invaluable, and we appreciate all your hard work.

2023 Banquet - Looking ahead, we're already preparing for the Fall Banquet. This special event is currently scheduled for Nov. 11 at the Sandusky Yacht Club. Keep an eye out for a registration notice in the upcoming **Cross Bearings** newsletter, where we'll provide all the details. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a memorable evening.

As we transition into the fall season and prepare for the club's winter activities, we want to thank all our volunteers and board members for their dedication.

Fair winds and following seas,
Hank Boissoneault
Commodore, Sandusky Sailing Club 419-357-1044

House and Grounds VC Jason Huffman

Restroom updates - I would like to thank all members for their patience as we have been working on the restroom dividers and water closets. I'm happy to say we have completed this work.

Winter prep - As the season winds down and we prepare for winter with fall workday, rest assured we are already in full swing preparing for the 2024 season. If you see electrical crews working around the club, they are putting in place the infrastructure for marina wide WIFI for next season!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who have helped plan these projects.



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If you see anything that needs to be addressed, please let me or any member of the Bridge know. Call/text 614-940-1565 or email me at huffman.jason@gmail.com.

View from the RearRC John Giordano

Hard to believe it's October and we're getting the club ready for winter, but we have a few weeks of sailing left for the year and by several accounts it's the best of the year.

End of racing pizza fest - Thanks to the fleet captains and the commodore for a great end of race pizza fest. Everyone looked to be having a good time.

Salute to Jimmy - Likewise, the Jimmy Buffet party was a sellout with VC Jason at the grill smashing the burgers.

Fireside Fridays - Now that it's fall, we'll start the transition to Fireside Fridays in October. To that end, if anyone has any firewood they'd like to donate to the club, please let VC Jason or me know and we'll make arrangements to get it to the club.

On the bar front, we've been working with our credit card system provider to resolve an issue with some of our transactions this year. To assist in resolving the situation, going forward we'll be closing out all open tabs every Sunday after the bar closes. Please keep this in mind when coming to the Dairy Bar for the first time each week and ensure you have a card with you.

Finally, the club calendar is the place to find information on the club's many activities. However, last-minute changes and weekly reminders will be communicated via e-mail and the **Remind** texting service. If you are not receiving these weekly notes, please ensure that your information on the club's website is up to date and that you sign up for **Remind**. To do the latter please text @sailsand to the number 81010. If you have done both and are still not getting notices, let me know.

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. RC John Giordano, BoilerJohn85@gmail.com 205-903-9257.

Upcoming events:

Friday Night Feeds – Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27

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

Fall is here and we are in full swing for planning our 2024 season. We are looking for part time and full time instructors and coaches for the 2024 season. If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining our team, please contact Mic, Michelle or Suzanne with the information.

Old grants are being closed out. New grants are being written. Our 2024 schedule has been finalized and posted on our website. As in years past, our registration will be open soon so you can add classes to your favorite sailors' Christmas gifts. Check out Sailsandusky.org for all the details and to register.

We are currently planning the 2024 Cleveland Boat Show.

The dates are Jan. 18-21, 2024. We are looking for any volunteers interested in joining us for a few hours during the show to help promote our programs. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Gilboy or Suzanne Hartley for more information.

Sail donations - As you put your boats away for the winter, please remember to let us know if you are replacing your old sails. SJSI will gladly take your donated sails in ANY condition and use them for our Sea Bags donation program. Through this program, we are able to receive credit from Sea Bags to purchase items from their stock. It was through your sail donations in 2023 that we were able to purchase enough Sea Bags to provide awards to every Junior Sailor at the 2023 Sandusky Junior Regatta. Thank you for your continued support of our Juniors.



Harper Huffman works on her knots while on board her family's sailboat, Glass Pony.

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Sadler Basin Committee PC Pete Grant

As your basin committee we continue to look for ways to improve your sailing experience and safety while at the club. We are looking at many different facets of the marina and what makes the most sense and provides the best return on your dockage dollars.

Longer docks - As the boat market changes, we are looking at the lengthening of docks in an economical manner while balancing any electrical/wall requirements.

Dock payment program - SSC is instituting a new dock payment program for 2024. So, keep in mind that we are a volunteer based club and if we can simplify the process and improve efficiency that is a win-win for both members and the volunteers who implement our dock contracts.

For the Good of the Order

Lake Erie Solo Challenge - Run by the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society, the 270-mile Lake Erie Solo Challenge started just outside of North Cape Yacht Club at 1000 on Saturday, Aug. 12, with 19 boats on the line - and all 19 boats finished. More boats participated in the LESC than in any of the other solo challenges on the other four Great Lakes in 2023.

The LESC began with a light downwind leg toward Pelee Passage that was interrupted by a hard-hitting squall about four hours after the start that affected some of the fleet. Thereafter, variable, but steadying conditions got the singlehanded fleet past the islands and around Point Pelee.



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Then the wind picked up out of the northwest overnight.

Saturday night and into the wee hours of Sunday morning treated the sailors to clear skies and spectacular entertainment thanks to the Perseids Meteor Shower! As Sunday wore on, the wind increased and backed to the west and southwest, which persisted. The first half of the fleet rounded the mark at Seneca Shoal, just outside of Buffalo Harbor, to start the final leg back to the finish at Erie. The winds subsided overnight and the calm conditions made it difficult for many boats to make progress for several hours. The first boat crossed the line just before 0500 on Monday. As the sun rose higher, the wind steadily built out of the northeast to continue the downwind sailing trend. The rest of the fleet finished throughout the day on Monday, although a handful finished overnight and into the early hours of Tuesday. Sandusky Sailing Club's own Jake Thomas finished first in class and first overall on his new JPK 10.80 *Smoke Show*. Congratulations, Jake! With five boats



ABOVE (l to r): Larry Cadman, Russ Krock, Lease Schock, Rob Burger and Jake Thomas.



RIGHT: Jake Thomas receives first place honors from Event Chair Lease Schock.

2023 SSC BRIDGE OFFICERS

Commodore: Hank Boissoneault
Vice Commodore: Jason Huffman
Rear Commodore: John Giordano
Immediate Past Commodore: Wes Blazer

2023 SSC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Maddie Henry, Carolynne Zettler,
Andy Davis, John Stauffer,
Paul McAllister, Dave Kocias

SADLER BASIN COMMITTEE

Doug Klein, Russ Krock, Art Averall,
PC Dean Riedy, PC Pete Grant,
SSC Board Liaison:
Vice Commodore Jason Huffman,
Dockage: Tim Willford

starting and finishing the Challenge, SSC had more sailors in the LESC than any other club, which also included Lease Schock on *Southbound*, Russ Krock on *Uncivilized*, Larry Cadman on *Tumbleweed*, and Rob Burger on *Storm's Harbor*. Special thanks to Lease Schock for running the Challenge as the event chair, and also to our exceptional hosts at North Cape Yacht Club and Erie Yacht Club.

The Sandusky 45005 - Although the big Great Lakes challenges may be more than many singlehanders, or aspiring singlehanders, are willing to take on, the GLSS also sponsors shorter events so that sailors can enjoy singlehanded racing on a smaller scale. This year, SSC hosted the Sandusky 45005, named after the yellow NOAA weather buoy stationed on the U.S./Canadian border about 19 miles northeast of Cedar Point. Twelve boats registered, but for various reasons, only seven started at 0800 on Saturday, Sept. 16. The race was set up to run from Sandusky Peirhead Light to "45005," then to the entrance buoys at Huron Harbor, and then back to the entrance buoys for Sandusky Harbor, for a total length of 40 miles. Due to very light conditions at the start, which were forecasted to continue throughout the day, the mark at Huron was omitted and the course shortened to 32 miles. Even then, it took more than eleven hours for the first boat to finish. The last boat drifted in after more than 30 hours on the race course. AND THE BUGS WERE APOCALYPTIC!

Congratulations to the six boats that finished under very difficult conditions. Of the seven singlehanders that started, only Russ Krock on *Uncivilized* is a GLSS member. In addition to Russ, other SSC members that participated include Jerry Krantz Jr. on *Freetime*, Dan Stinebring on *Polaris*, and David Knox on *Rocinante*. Russ Krock took line honors and finished 1st in PHRF A and 1st overall. In PHRF B, David Knox took 2nd and Jerry Krantz Jr. took 3rd. Rob Burger was the event chair and started the race by throwing bags of donuts to the competitors from the start boat.

If anyone is interested in singlehanded sailing, SSC boasts a large contingent of GLSS members who would be happy to speak with you and share their experience and advice. GLSS members who are also SSC members include Lease Schock, Russ Krock, Rob Burger, VC Jason Huffman, Jake Thomas, Jim Otton and Larry Cadman.

From the Finish Line

Moseley Challenge - current leaders

PHRF: *Afterburn*, *InfraRed*, *Solitude*

JAM: *Wet Wombat*

Moseley Challenge is still taking participants!

Sail the course. Send in your elapsed time to

Eric@artdpartment.com. One-time \$20 entry fee. Sail as often as you like.

The Sandusky 45005

Uncivilized, Russ Krock - 1st to Finish, 1st in PHRF A,
1st Overall

Rocinante, David Knox - 2nd PHRF B

Freetime, Jerry Krantz Jr. - 3rd PHRF B

Lake Erie Solo Challenge

Smoke Show, Jake Thomas - 1st in Class and 1st Overall

Sailing stuff for sale

1988 Hunter 35 For Sale - \$25,000 - 35 engine mounts (replaced June 2019), water pump, hoses (replaced June 2019), new dodger w/isinglass (August 2020) (has older Bimini), new main, jib & stack pack (October 2020), new battery transfer switch (July 2022), new batteries - 3 deep cycle (July 2022, new exhaust hose (April 2023), Ray Marine EV100 auto pilot with remote stern rail seats, bosons chair, microwave, propane cooktop, portable A/C included, fridge, power cord, cockpit cushions, life sling, inverter - will power everything except A/C on hook or mooring ball. Additional sails include main and three jibs.

Contact Todd Mestrez at todd6878@buckeye-express.com

Optis for sale - All of the SJSI Learn to Sail Optis (10-12 Optis) are in need of new homes. If you are interested in purchasing an Opti, contact Michelle at 419-871-8080 or michelle@sailsandusky.org for details.

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, spinaker, 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.

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

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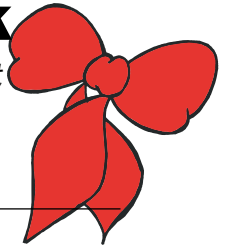
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