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Consistency & Focus leads to a National Championship for TEAM PARKER





# From the President

By Jim Ward, Interlake #1425



Greetings Interlake Family!

What a Nationals! I was thrilled to see the SSC team come together to put on a fantastic event. Having a top-shelf PRO in Matt Bounds. combined with Marksetbots and a great onthe-water team, really made for a fantastic event. To me, there is something special about sailing Interlake's on Sandusky Bay. The boats were

designed many years ago to handle the specific chop on the bay, and I truly feel there is almost a rhythm the boats have as they sail there.

I wanted to thank Phil Montgomery, Bryan Parker, Bernie Ashyk, and my wife for putting in countless hours before the event to get everything in place. It always brings a smile to my face to see how the club that I call home comes together to put on great events.

A few takeaways from the event. I enjoyed that Greg Fisher flew in to spend some time with the fleet and provide some coaching. It was great having him out on the water. The food was great, and I was glad the class meeting went smoothly. This year, we had four juniors sail in every race in the Championship fleet. These kids are our future, and as a class, we are lucky to have each of them. We made a point to ensure that each of them was recognized and presented with an award at the trophy presentation.

I had a great time sailing with my wife and twelve-yearold son. My wife and I are both products of the SSC Jr Team, and are proud to have grown up sailing at SSC on Interlake's. They did a great job, and it was a lot of fun sailing with them. Hats off to Team Parker for sailing an amazing event, and I was thrilled to see Bryan do so well, especially after the countless hours he puts into the

Looking forward to seeing you out on the water soon.

Jim



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photo by Mark Capucini

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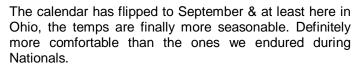
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- Top: Doug Klein
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# From the Editor

By Sue Wills, Interlake #1372





Page thru and read what your fellow sailors & friends have been doing. See highlights from Nationals & other Traveler Series events. Two teams of talented youth from our clubs competed in the oldest Youth National Championship, The Sears Cup, at St. Francis Yacht Club on San Francisco Bay.

What is your club up to? How can you help promote your sailing club & sailing in general? Look for more updates on our talented youth & busy clubs in the next issue.

I had more material than would fit in this issue. If you see any interesting sailing articles, tips, or pictures send them my way help me keep the issue full and interesting. I welcome any rigging, racing or fleet info for publication. Send them to me at <a href="mailto:Thwills@earthlink.net">Thwills@earthlink.net</a> – please put INTERCOM in the subject line. You can also text me at 419-528-3226.



# 2025 Interlake Nationals

**Regatta Summary** 

Bryan Parker, #923

Sandusky Sailing Club hosted another world class regatta on July 23-26, 2025! The facilities have been beautifully updated, the welcome was warm as ever, and all the volunteers made for a wonderful event. Did I mention the weather was nearly perfect for 13 great races over 4 days? A well-earned 'thank you' to Matt Bounds (Championship PRO), Jay Austin (Women's/Junior's PRO), Keven Eiber (Chief Judge), and the SSC R/C team for their on-the-water excellence!



Wednesday was a beautiful day for sailing on the East Bay! Temps were in the mid-80s, the sun was shining, and a gentle breeze welcomed 5 Women's and 4 Junior's teams for a day of racing. PRO Jay Austin completed 4 races with support from the local R/C team — Thank You Jay! Congratulations to all the teams, especially Maddie Grant/Maddy Henry and Vincent Ireland/Connor Coate/Finn Mahoney for their wins!

### Day by Day Replay

At the conclusion of the Women's and Junior's racing, we gathered to hand out their awards and hold the competitor's meeting for the Challenger and Championship series. 30 teams attended this year's event from all over Ohio and Michigan. Class President Jim Ward and the SSC Bridge welcomed everyone, and PRO Matt Bounds explained the rules we would play by for the week. The Friday/Saturday forecast was looking light with a potential of storms, so Matt prepared the teams for a possibility of 4 races in the Main Bay on Thursday. The evening ended with a delicious welcome dinner of chicken and shrimp boil prepared by Don Huntley and his team to feed all those in attendance. Thank you, Don!

The Thursday forecast was for heat (mid 90s!), overcast skies, and breeze anywhere from 8-15mph. That is exactly what we had which made for a great day of sailing out in the Main Bay! The breeze was fairly steady, and PRO Matt was able to start the first race right on time. 4 races followed in nearly champagne conditions. Congratulations to Stu Fisher, Hank Boissoneault, Wes Blazer and Craig Koschalk on their wins! The keys of the day were to play the small shifts and change gears through the velocity variations that we saw during the day. Back on shore, sailors tried to find a cool area to socialize until the food trucks arrived for dinner.



Cassady Montgomery welcomes Interlakers to SSC

photo by Phil Montgomery



Dumping the shrimp boil

photo by Lisa Aspery



Looks good enough to eat

photo by Sue Wills

Friday morning welcomed us with a few rain showers and several suspicious cloud formations in the area. With the threat of weather, the NRC and RC decided to set up course in the east bay. Breeze was lighter, in the 5-8mph range, and the shifts seemed a little larger. The key of the day was to adjust gears for the lighter breeze and pick the favored side of the course, which often happened to be the left side, even though the right side 'looked' better to many of us. Congratulations to team Ward on their two bullets on the day, one of which was definitely the horizon job the regatta (~2 minutes ahead of second place!). Congratulations also to Hank Boissoneault and Will Petersilge on their bullets in races 3 and 4 in very difficult conditions! The day ended with the annual membership meeting and a catered Italian meal at SSC. There may have also been an appearance of the mysterious 'fish', but you will need to ask VP Tim Cullenen for the details on that one.

Saturday's forecast varied with every resource I checked. The chance for storms seemed to settle, but velocity was all over the place. The RC decided to try main bay again, and sailors reached for the sail out to the course in ~5mph breeze. The breeze kept slipping right as the RC tried to set up a course, and after a slight delay the pieces settled in. The fleet was a bit antsy, and after 2 recalls PRO Matt pulled out his "U" flag. After a clean start, Will Petersilge put on a show and lead nearly wire to wire. Congrats on the strong finish Will, finishing the regatta with a 2-1-1 in the final 3 races!

### Consistency is Key!

According to Clark Chapin, the last time a competitor won Nationals without winning a single race was in 1972 (Gene Winchester sailing #919). Even then it was only a 5-race series! This year's Nationals was a 9-race series, and I will admit that I was very surprised to come in each day to see our team stay at the top of the standings! Overall finishers in places 2 through 7 took all the bullets for the event, which shows just how strong the

competition is in our class! Congrats to all the race winners – I know it wasn't easy!

### **Driving in the Bay**

Several skippers described my team's speed as 'slippery' and asked what we were doing to drive in the chop. Throughout the event we saw a pretty large variety of conditions, which ranged from light wind/flat water up to medium/puffy wind with Sandusky Bay chop. We changed up hull trim, sail trim, and steering through these conditions. Probably one of the most significant changes I've done over the past few years is more vang earlier as the breeze builds, and playing it in the puffs/lulls. We are really listening to the helm, and doing whatever we can to reduce it – flat hull, vang on, easing main in puffs, board back/up (note we have been using the North VII main). I think the best way to share what we did is in the chart below:



Sail Trim Wind Water **Upwind Hull Trim** Steering Light (<8mph) Flat Flat to slight Main eased 3-4", vang soft, Speed then point leeward heel, jib trimmed in to keep weight forward upper leach flowing Light (<8mph) Chop Leeward heel, Main eased 3-4+", vang soft, Bow down, very little pointing, weight forward jib eased slightly for steer around worst waves. Bow power/drive down more, eased trim after bad waves Medium (8-Flat Very flat Main sheeted in, vang sheet Speed then point, feather in 12mph), gusts in gusts, jib in tight to keep gusts top leach flowing. Ease main in puffs. Medium (8-Flat in smooth Eased main and jib to power Chop Bow down in chop, navigate through chop, sheeted in in around worst waves. Point and 12mph), gusts water, slight leeward heel in feather in flat areas flat areas. Vang sheet. chop

### Thank you!

It takes a village to run an event like this! Thank you to the bridge, Fleet #1 and members at SSC who volunteered their time during the event! They covered all aspects from keeping us fed to keeping us racing. Phil Montgomery and Jim Ward did a great job in the months leading up to Nationals working through all the details and ensuring everyone would enjoy their time in Sandusky. Thank you to Greg Fisher for spending 2 days with us, and sharing pointers to make us all go better. We were very fortunate to have Jayme Ward lead us through the final weeks and made sure it all came together. Thank you all!



photo by Debbie Parker



To my team – Tiffany and Mark – I am the lucky one to be able to sail with you both! Having such a skilled crew allows me to focus on driving the boat, tack or gybe at less than a moment's notice, and keeps me calm when things aren't going as planned. Mark has been around the course many times, and always knows the right moment to share his wisdom. This was the 18<sup>th</sup> nationals that Tiffany and I have sailed together, and I take for granted all the aspects that are just 'automatic' at this point. She is awesome on the compass, always knows our numbers, and keeps me straight even when I try to make a knock happen. Thank you, Tiffany and Mark, – you both are awesome!

We hope to see you all on the water soon, Bryan Parker. #923



photo by Doug Klein



photo by Mark Capucini

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Pos	Skipper	Crew	Boat No Name	Name	Club	Net	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	Race 9
_	Bryan Parker	Tiffany Parker Mark Makielski	923	Sloopy	Sandusky SC	23	29	2	2	3	9	2	3	4	[9]	4
2	Jim Ward	Jayme Ward George Ward	1425	Cousins I	Sandusky SC	28	88	2	е	4	9	-	-	9	[10]	2
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4	Stu Fisher	Matt Fisher Abby Freeman	1174	Maugie	Hoover SC	32	43	-	[1]	9	4	7	2	3	9	က
_	Hank Boissoneault₹	Kelly Boissoneault	1411	The Turtle	Sandusky SC	44	23	Ħ	-	2	2	6	7	-	2	[15]
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2	Craig Koschalk	Lauren O'Hara Ed Spengeman Colin Higgins	1269	Boondoggle	Jolly Roger SC	54	65	Q.	4	[1]	-	9	8	8	7	Đ
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55	Tim Boucher**	Alex Teffenhardt Mark Hess	1291		Leatherlips YC	85	106		9	17	2	[21]	17	ę	6	12
4	Steve Aspery*	Jamie Jones Rachel Jones	1435		Hoover SC	35	110	12	15	12	6	#	9	[18]	16	2
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9	Robert Bradley*	Betsy Bradley Jim Bradley	1332		North Cape YC	133	159	77	12	16	12	12	24	[56]	17	56
4	Mark Presley <sup>™</sup>	Scott Stephen	1382		Hoover SC	136	160	[24]	14	9	14	4	71	9	21	23
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ಣ	Tom Fee <sup>x</sup>	Arash Ghazvini	1254		Hoover SC	158	184	19	22	20	51	22	9	23	[36]	8
24	Larry Cadman	Mark Hutchinson Finn Mahonev	1327	Tumbleweed	Sandusky SC	163	33	22	20	[36]	6	23	t	17	52	24
52	Nicholas Schmitt	Katherine Harris	1109		Hoover SC	175	201	23	21	24	[36]	38	38	22	Ħ	22
56	Jacob Campbell	Amelia Campbell Avery Thorpe	1405	Radio Flyer	Indian Lake YC	190	215	[22]	23	22	25	24	25	25	23	20

Wome	ns Championship										
Pos	Skipper	Crew	Boat No.	Name	Club	Net	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
1	Maddie Grant	Maddy Henry	1371	NEMO Money	Sandusky SC	4	8	[4]	1	1	2
2	Bridget Ireland	Karen Coate Dave Alvarado	1340		Hoover SC	5	9	2	2	[4]	1
3	Chris Malott	Dennis Butts Chris Murschol	1400		Sandusky SC	6	10	1	3	2	[4]
4	Eva Sullivan		1261		Hoover SC	9	13	3	[4]	3	3
5	Tracy Backus	Colleen Wellington Roger Balser	1226	Tiny Bubbles	Sandusky SC	15	20	[5]	5	5	5



**Womens Champions** – Maddie Grant & Maddy Henry photo by Mark Capucini



**Junior Competitors** 

photo by Mark Capucini



Junior Champion Boat
Vincent Ireland, Connor Coate, Finn Mahoney
photo by Mark Capucini

Junior	Championship										
Pos	Skipper	Crew	Boat No.	Name	Club	Net	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
1	Vincent Ireland	Connor Coate Finn Mahoney	952		Hoover SC	3	5	1	1	1	[2]
2	George Ward	Jim Ward Quinton Ireland	1425	Gooby	Sandusky SC	5	8	2	[3]	2	1
3	Cassady Montgomery	Philip Montgomery	1369		Sandusky SC	8	12	[4]	2	3	3
4	Amelia Campbell	Avery Thorpe	1405	Radio Flyer	Indian Lake YC	11	15	3	[4]	4	4

					Challenger Divi	sion										
Pos	Skipper	Crew	Boat No	Name	Club	Net	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	Race 9
1	Nicholas Heiden	Molly Heiden	1289	Fresh Coat 3	Hoover SC	10	12	1	[2]	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
2	Martin Howell	Matt Blecke	1395	Sellanraa		13	16	2	1	2	1	1	[3]	2	2	2
3	Doug Taylor	Rick Abbott	411	None	Sandusky SC	23	28	3	3	3	DNF - 5	3	2	3	3	3
4	Brad Kennett	Michele Vrooman Kennett	850	Mysterious Wa	Sandusky SC	32	37	4	4	4	3	4	4	DNF - 5	DNC - 5	5 4



**National Champions** Tiffany & Bryan Parker, Mark Malielski photo supplied by Bryan



Womens Champions

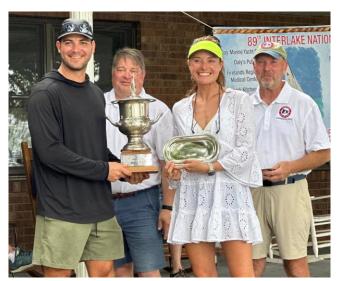
1 – Maddy Henry & Maddie Grant. 3 – Chris Malott & Chris Murschol. 2 - Dave Alvarado, Bridget Ireland, Karen Coate photo supplied by Maddy Henry



**Holtzman Trophy** 

**Hoover Sailing Club** won the Holtzman Trophy for being the fleet with the most boats at Nationals (outside of the home fleet).





**Challengers Fleet Champions** Nicholas & Molly Heiden photo by Debbie Parker

# Interlake Sailors are Tough as Nails!

Observations by Sue Wills #1372

In the 2025 Interlake Nationals series, every boat that entered the Championship, Womens or Junior divisions completed every race for their division. Championship division had a long 9 race series. The Junior & Womens series each had 4 races.

We had thirteen sailors who completed both the Junior or Womens series AND also sailed all of the Championship series races completing 13 races in total. Congratulations to Amelia Campbell\*, Avery Thorpe\*, Bridget Ireland, Cassady Montgomery\*, Chris Malott, Chris Murschel, David Alvarado, Denny Butts, George Ward\*, Jim Ward, Madeline Henry, Philip Montgomery and Vincent Ireland\*. (Junior sailors noted by \*). Here's to the rock stars who survived the long, HOT series'!

# **More awards from Nationals**



George Ward (middle) – **Youngest Sailor Award** (12 years old) photo by Maddy Henry



**Juniors** who sailed all races in Championship Fleet Rachel Jones, Cassady Montgomery (missing), Vincent Ireland, George Ward photo by Debbie Parker



Vincent Ireland **Highest finish 1st Nationals**photo by Debbie Parker



Jacob Campbell, Avery Thorpe & Amelia Campbell.

The girls sailed all of races in both the Junior and
the Championship Fleet Series
photo by Debbie Parker



Junior Champions Connor Coate, Vincent Ireland, Finn Mahoney photo by Bryan Parker



Junior Sailors 2 - Quinton Ireland, George Ward, Jim Ward 3 - Cassady Montgomery & Phil Montgomery Skipper in bold photo by Bryan Parker

# **George Fisher Memorial Regatta** Hoover SC, June 14-15, 2025

by Nick Schmitt, Interlake 1109

The George Fisher Memorial Regatta and Founders Cup competition ran smoothly with the help and mentoring of our seasoned sailors. I am proud to say we did have some of our newer participants step up to fill roles that have previously been filled by long time veterans of the event. Kate, Arash, and I prepared much of the taco diner with help from Don on beans and rice and Amy Fee provided carnitas. Non-alcoholic drinks were provided by Matt Chopin and Nicole Cunningham while Dave Alvarado provided wine and beer.

Sadly, the weather forecast seemed to scare off many of our out-of-town participants. The forecasted rain held off but the winds were on and off with long lulls leaving boats parked waiting for the wind to come in. Our PRO Steve Lavander was able to get in 3 races each day for a total of 6 allowing for a throw out to help boost the scores. Saturday racing ended early as the wind died making much of the last race competitive drifting. Off the water our lovely kitchen crew, Lisa Aspery, Kristen

Jones, and Lynn Alison, set the tacos and beverages out for an early dinner. Sunday, Father's Day, racing had more consistent winds. We finished the event with a single lap WLW race then met on shore for lunch and awards.

With out-of-town participation very low we, Hoover Sailing Club, were able to hold on to the Founders Cup. For the rest of the regatta Don provided each boat with 2 dry bags as awards labeled skipper and crew respectively. The first 5 places were awarded so 2 of our 3 fathers with children racers got awarded. Jamie in 5<sup>th</sup> gave a short speech about his Father's Day and a positive note about the amount of participation that has come from our learn to sail program. 4th place Vincent and Nate another Father's Day duo were followed by Kate and me in 3rd with Jeff C. in 2nd. Steve accepted his 1st place award and took some time to talk about the name's sake of the regatta, George Fisher, since the Fishers were unable to make the event this year. Steve, along with others that had sailed with and against George, were able to share some of his insights and the positive legacy he left on the sailing community.

Photos provided by Nick Schmitt



# **George Fisher Memorial Regatta**

	Boat			Race	Race	Race	Race	Race	Race		Total w/
Place	Number	Skipper	Crew	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	drop
1	1435	Steve A.	Will M.	2	1	4	1	1	1	10	6
2	1370	Jeff C.	Alan F./Seth M.	4	2	9	3	3	3	24	15
3	1109	Kate H.	Nick S.	3	7	3	4	5	9	31	22
4	952	Vincent I.	Nate I.	1	3	7	10	6	6	33	23
5	1276	Jamie J.	Rachel J.	4	4	6	5	10	4	33	23
6	1433	Bill S.	Rob S./Rich A.	5	10	5	6	7	5	38	28
7	1340	Dave A.	Rachel C.	11	5	1	12	2	11	42	30
8	1386	Don B.	Diana K.	10	8	11	2	4	8	43	32
9	1382	Mark P.	Scot S.	6	11	2	7	8	10	44	33
10	1254	Tom F.	Arash G.	9	6	10	8	9	2	44	34
11	1289	Nick H.	Sam D.	7	9	8	9	11	7	51	40
12	1383	Matt C.	Nicole C.	12	12	12	11	12	12	71	59
13	603	Adam B.	Fitz B. / Bo B.	13	13	14	14	14	14	82	68





Nick and Kate show off regatta awards



Fleet sails past Cedar Point during Nationals

by Doug Klein





Champs: Steve Aspery, Jamie Jones, Emma Hershey Photo by Chip Wood

# Indian Lake Twister Regatta Indian Lake SC, July 12, 2025

by Chip Wood, Interlake 1427

July 14<sup>th</sup> annual Indian Lake stop for the Travelers Series. Unlike last year, plenty of wind was available for the 8 Interlakes and 4 Lightnings. The day was also a great opportunity to show off the rebuilding progress on our grounds. Gusty winds made for some exciting if not wet moments, but unfortunately, thunderstorms moved in and forced everyone in after one race.

Fleet 10 would like to thank Dan Graf and his team for providing the race committee and support for this regatta.



Kneeling: Emma Hershey, Steve Aspery, Avery Thorpe, Sue Wills, Tom Wills, Lauren Dillon Standing: Jamie Jones, Hunter Drury, Doug Drury, Jacob Cambell, Becky Wade, Kevin Wade, Chip Wood, Barb Dillon, Martha Saurine, Don Barcharowski, Diana Kuiper Photo provided by Chip Wood

### Conversations heard in the club house....

Steve rounded the first mark in first place & his crew automatically hoisted the spinnaker. Winds were fierce and Steve decided he wasn't going to try & jibe it. He looked behind & saw no one else had set their spinnaker so he opted to drop it.

With the crazy winds, most everyone was uncomfortable trying to jibe the boats so they chicken tacked instead.

A storm was brewing so RC sent us back to shore after one race. Everyone was safely ashore before it hit luckily. Torrential rains came down for at least 25 minutes.

Friday the setup crew had setup to do dinner and awards on the island but when they double checked the weather they opted to move everything to the clubhouse Saturday morning. This meant they setup twice. Many thanks to the folks who moved everything from the pavilion to the club house which kept us dry.

l	Hull	Skipper	Crew	Club	R-1	Total
1	1435	Steve Aspery	Jamie Jones, Emma Hershey	HYC	1	1
2	1428	Barbara Dillon	Lauren Dillon, Martha Saurine	ILYC	2	2
3	1372	Tom Wills	Sue Wills, Rick Amaton	MSC	3	3
4	1386	Don Bacharowski	Diana Kuiper	HYC	4	4
5	1405	Jacob Campbell	Avery Thorpe	ILYC	5	5
6	1429	Kevin Wade	Becky Wade	ILYC	6	6
7	849	Doug Drury	Hunter Drury	ILYC	DNF	9
8	1427	Chip Wood	Geof Rigney	ILYC	DNF	9

# 14.29 8.5%)

Smooth sailing & blue skies before the stormy weather rolled in. Karen Kilpatrick & Andrea Westmeyer came to see 1429 sail (the last Interlake Terry built) Photo by Andrea Westmeyer

# Shout out of THANKS for helpful INTERLAKERS!!!

Tom & Sue rigged their boat at Indian Lake to discover they had no tension on the forestay. Tom crawled under the deck, took a picture and determined the pin holding the furler in place had lost it's ring ding. Sue crawled under to replace it to discover the pin was bent and needed replaced too.

Steve Aspery had a pin in his spare parts that would work and gave it to Tom. Sue asked Emma (Steve's crew) if she would crawl under the deck & replace the pin & ring since Emma is a trim young adult and there's not much room between the floatation tank & the deck. Emma said she'd try but at that point Karen Kilpatrick & Andrea Westmeyer walked by and heard the discussion. Andrea volunteered without hesitation to go under the deck and replace the pin. It took a couple of tries to get the right tools & parts but Andrea was able to reassemble everything. Obviously, she had done that a time or two for her dad.

Thanks to Steve & Emma & especially Andrea, we were able to fix the rigging and sail the regatta.



Photo by Andrea Westmeyer



Photo by Chip Wood



Porch provided protection and a great view of storm.

Photo by Sue Wills



Inside of club house provided shelter from the storm. ILYC was waiting on inspections before the interior could be finished.

Photo by Chip Wood

# Sandusky Tune-Up Regatta

Sandusky SC, July 19-20, 2025

by Bernie Ashyk, Interlake 1166

As advertised, the ISCA 2025 Nationals Tune Up Regatta and the Sandusky Sailing Club provided a preview of what the 37 skippers and crew will experience next week at the Nationals.

The Race Committee Chief, Mike Muhn, set up the courses in the Main Bay between Johnson's Island and the coal docks. It takes a bit longer to get there, but the idea being that this is the area planned for next week's racing. The wind patterns are steadier and more consistent than in the East Bay where SSC typically sails its Club races. Saturday's weather was sunny with 8-10 knot winds for the first race and lightened up for the second race. 14 skippers registered but not all made it to the starting line for a variety of reasons. Cold beverages and pizza were enjoyed by all after returning to the dock.

Sunday morning provided another sunny day and 8-12 knot breezes for one race and good competition followed by brats and burgers on the grill. Handsome plaques were presented by SSC Commodore, John Giordano to the top three finishers. Many thanks go to: The RC consisting of Mike Muhn, Jim Keane, Andy Sausser, Fritz Everson, and Kevin Bache, Bubba Herzog and Jeff Smith, VC Tim Willford and his puppy Pippa. Maddie Grant stepped up and tended the bar. The galley crew of veteran Interlakers Don and Eilene Guy served pizza on Saturday and burgers on Sunday. Grill master Paul McAllister helped Wes Blazer put #1081 away and flipped burgers and brats. Jim and Jayme Ward for coordinating the registration process.

Hope to see you all at the Nationals for more first-class racing at SSC.



John Giordano, Will Petersilge & Danny Olson



Wes Blazer & Paul McAllister



Jim, George & Jayme Ward

Sandusky Sailing Club - Interlake Tune-Up Regatta July 19 & 20, 2025  All Boats Series Summary											
Place	Sail #	Skipper / Crew	Total	1	2	3	Club Aff.				
1	1390	Will Petersilge / Danny Olson	8	1	3	4	SSC				
2	1081	Wes Blazer / Paul McAllister	8	3	2	3	SSC				
3	1425	Jim Ward / Jayme Ward	10	8	1	1	SSC				
4	1317	Clark Chapin / Chuck White	19	6	5	8	PLYC				
5	1382	Mark Presley/ Scott Stephen	23	7	6	10	HSC				
6	1369	Phil Montgomery / Cassady Montgomery	23	2	OCS	6	SSC				
7	1399	Brad Huntley / Denny Butts / Peg Harper	25	5	DNF	5	SSC				
8	1259	Craig Kolshuck / ?????	23	4	4	DNS	HSC				
9	1327	Larry Cadman / Mark Hutchinson	28	9	8	11	SSC				
10	1386	Don Bacharowski / Diana Kuiper	29	DNS	7	7	HSC				
11	1174	Stu Fisher / Matt Fisher	32	DNS	DNS	2	HSC				
12	850	Brad Kennett / Michelle Kennett	42	DNS	DNS	12	SSC				
13	1440	Maddy Henry / Maddie Grant / Dylan Winkel	39	DNS	DNS	9	SSC				
14	1262	Mike Zuilhof / Frank Hill	45	DNS	DNS	DNS	SSC				

# **More on... Supporting Another Generation of Sailors!**

# LOCAL YOUTH SAILORS COMPETE IN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Story compiled from multiple sources by Sue Wills.

First sailed in 1921, the Sears Cup is US Sailing's oldest national championship trophy and the original youth sailing national championship drawing top sailors from across the country. The championship divides the U.S. into 11 regions, with only two teams per region qualifying for the national event. One team from Hoover & one from Sandusky qualified from a territory covering Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, western Pennsylvania and western New York.

Sandusky Sailing Club hosted the Sears Cup Qualifiers for Region E on July 7. This Area Qualifier was sailed in J/24 boats with a crew of four. Cameron Bert, Molly Keane, Charlotte Langolf and Hadley Langolf, became the SSC's first team since 1953 to compete at the Chubb U.S. Youth Triplehanded Championship for the Sears Cup. Vincent Ireland, Maddox Birch, Jacob Hartong, and Ike Becker from HSC qualified for the trip to CA too. Vincent & Jacob made a return trip to CA having been on the HSC qualifying team in 2024. Charlotte & Hadley also sailed on a team in 2024.



Chinatown visit photo from More Kids on Sailboats fb pg

The teens and their chaperones traveled to California to compete for the Sears Cup at the iconic St. Francis Yacht Club on San Francisco Bay. The trip included sightseeing trips like a visit to Chinatown as well as lots of sailing. Part of the first day at St. Francis included a session going over the yacht club rules some of which were 'no hats inside' and 'no denim'. Hadley (SSC) said they felt like they needed a handbook to keep track of the rules.

The teens sailed lots of quick races. Racing was done in heats of 6 or 7 boats. Teams swapped boats after each race. Races had a 20-minute time limit. Per Jamie Jones (HSC) the boats are fairly evenly matched at these events. Great care is taken to ensure the boats are the same so it's the sailors winning the event, not the boats!

20 teams from around the country competed in this event. HSC team finished 14th and SSC team finished 18th.

### Sandusky Sailing team thoughts:

"Getting the chance to sail in such a major sailing port, surrounded by incredible sailors, is a really big deal," Keane said.

Throughout the three-day event, the teams faced many challenging conditions, including strong tides, heavy winds and rolling fog.

Despite these obstacles, Sandusky's crew did, at times, find itself near the pacesetters but ultimately came up short of winning.

Yet they still all found many victories during this event.

"All in all, it was an unforgettable few days on and off the water," said Brett Langolf, the father of Charlotte and Hadley, who are sisters.





photo from More Kids on Sailboats fb pg taken by Colin Grey / US Sailing

### **Hoover Team** Parent thoughts:

'Jacob's off living his best sailor life again — this time at the Area E Sears Cup qualifying event in San Francisco! A huge shout-out to Nate and Bridget Ireland for chaperoning the Hoover Sailing Team and making this adventure possible. Yesterday's practice run was a huge success — the Hoover Sailing Team came in 1st place!' Lisa Hartong.

'5 more races in today in some sporty wind and lots of current. So much learning and having fun!' Bridget Ireland (Aug 9).

Sometimes it takes a random event in faraway lands to reconnect with old friends. It was great to see Tullkka and his amazing family while out in San Francisco. Nate Ireland.

Congratulations to all involved for giving these young folks more opportunities to sail in varied conditions & different boats and to make new friends!



Hoover Team

photo by Bridget Ireland



Team Hoover Day 3 St. Francis YC | Colin Grey / US Sailing



Team HSC from Bridget Ireland fb pg

photo by Colin Grey / US Sailing



Day 3 St. Francis YC -- SSC & HSC teams waiting their next turn by Colin Gray / US Sailing



Team Sandusky Day 2 St. Francis YC | Colin Grey / US Sailing



# 2025 Interlake Travelers Series

(italicized events do not count toward the series)

Event	Venue	Date
Midwinters—CANCELED	Davis Island Yacht Club	March 14-16 CANCELED
Chiefs	Leatherlips YC	May 3-4
Cattail	Jolly Roger YC	May 31
George Fisher Memorial	Hoover SC	June 14-15 (Founders Cup)
Indian Lake Regatta	Indian lake SC	Jul 12
Sandusky Tune-Up Regatta	Sandusky SC	July 19-20
ISCA National Champion**	Sandusky SC	July 23-26
Presidents Cup	American Sail Institute	Aug 9
Hot-to-Trot	Portage YC	Aug 16
Great Northern	Grand Traverse YC	August 22-23
Sandusky Fall Regatta	Sandusky SC	Sept 13-14 (Not Travelers Series)
Haphazard	Mohican SC	Sept 20
Poltergeist CANCELED	<del>Indianapolis SC</del>	Oct 4-5 CANCELED
Fall Blowout	North Cape YC	Oct 11
Snowball Regatta	Buckeye lake YC	Oct 11
Old Fox Regatta	Alum Creek SA	October 11 (Not Travelers Series)

Events with \*\* are counted twice for qualification and scoring purposes. In 2025, this will be the National Championship.



Norm, replica of Interlake 1 made an appearance at Nationals
photo by Mark Capucini



Norm borrowed from the Maritime Museum of Sandusky photo by Bruce Moore

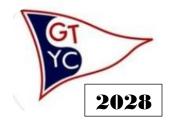
# Who will host the <u>90<sup>th</sup></u> Interlake Nationals in 2026?

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2026

INDIAN LAKE

2027



# Ś BELLS SCOTTY GRAHAM



**Kenneth Wesscott Graham**, affectionately known as "Scotty" Graham, passed away during the last weekend of July 2025 at the age of 62.

Scotty was a passionate sailor, most often seen aboard Interlake #1280—a blue-hulled boat with a patriotic spinnaker design that became a familiar sight to many. A dedicated regatta traveler, he most recently competed in the 2025 Cattail at JRSC. His sailing journey brought him to Leatherlips Yacht Club over 20 years ago, after relocating from Fresno, California.

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Scotty at the 2025 Cattail Regatta

Scotty's love for sailing began in his youth, nurtured by his father who gifted him an O'Day Daysailor when he showed interest as a teen. He brought that boat to LYC and raced it competitively at the national level. His Daysailor wasn't flashy, but it was fast—often surprising competitors as it sped past them on the racecourse.

Seeking broader competition, Scotty joined Fleet 23 with his Interlake and quickly became a well-known figure. His booming voice was unmistakable, especially during mark roundings. If you tried to sail over him under spinnaker, you'd better be ready to drop the centerboard and head upwind—he was going to take you to the moon, no matter who else passed you both.

Though his intensity on the water might have given a gruff first impression, Scotty was anything but. He was one of the most jovial and generous people to ever sail at our club. He frequently crewed for junior race team members and welcomed new sailors aboard his boat. Scotty was a cornerstone of LYC's community—always present at work parties and instrumental in building much of the club's infrastructure.

His generosity extended beyond the club. Scotty was always willing to lend a hand with home projects and hosted countless LYC events with his wife, Krista. From his famous tri-tip BBQs to festive Christmas parties complete with caroling around the piano, their home was a hub of warmth and camaraderie. He even built a game room in the basement and a zip-line in the yard so guests of all ages could join in the fun—Scotty never left anyone out.

Scotty will be deeply missed—both on and off the water.



Scotty's Daysailor

# **Marketing Initiatives**

Sandusky threw a 'Tommy Boy Fest' to celebrate the film's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **Sandusky Sailing Club** jumped in as one of the sponsors of festival.

The festival offered free activities for the community: movie, car show, contests and more. What an easy way to make the community aware of the sailing club's presence than to be a sponsor of a fun community event. From Sandusky Sailing Club Facebook page posted by Marcia Giodano.

# History of the Interlake & the Interlake Class

Class Historian Mike Muhn has compiled a lot of Interlake history into a digital format. The results of his efforts were available to view at a previous Nationals hosted by SSC. At the 2025 Nationals, Mike offered the file to anyone in the class. All you need to do is mail Mike a 32 Gig SD Card (standard size one please no minis) and a self-addressed stamped return envelope.

His address is:

Mike Muhn 407 Stonyridge Dr. Sandusky, Ohio 44870

# Can't get enough Championship Sailing

Sandusky Sailing Club hosted Thistle Nationals the week following Interlake Nationals. The following sailors competed in the Interlake Nationals AND the Thistle Nationals: Bryan Parker, Chris Malott, Craig Kograschalk, Denny Butts, Dylan Winkel, Maddie Grant, Madeline Henry, Tiffany Parker and Wes Blazer.

Way to go!



National photo

by Mark Capucini

### Photos from 2025 Nationals.

Many pictures are posted on the Sandusky Sailing Club Facebook page.

Photographer Doug Klein shared his pictures at <a href="https://firefoto.smugmug.com/2025-Interlake-Nationals-">https://firefoto.smugmug.com/2025-Interlake-Nationals-</a>

# ISCA is looking for new board members

**Historian** – Mike Muhn would like to pass on the torch – he is offering his compilation of Interlake History to anyone interested (see article in left column).

**Webmaster** – Mike McClinchie would also like to pass on the torch. Some of the duties include: updating the calendar, helping with classifieds, and general maintenance. Sometimes we get hacked, sometimes things just need fixed. Have some computer knowledge or desire to learn/help the class?

Contact a board member to express a desire to come on board!



photo by Doua Klein

Nationals: Winds are picking up



Vincent Ireland on his way to 'Best 1st Nationals' photo by Doug Klein

# Sandusky Sailing Club Rocks

Not only did Sandusky Sailing Club put on a superb Interlake Nationals, they turned around the next week, regrouped and hosted Thistle Nationals! Many thanks to all the volunteers at SSC for turning out en masse to welcome the sailors.



# Interlake Sailing Class Association

Annual Membership Meeting July 25, 2025 Sandusky Sailing Club Minutes



The Members of the Interlake Sailing Class Association met at 5:00 PM on July 25, 2025, at Sandusky Sailing Club. President Jim Ward presided, and Secretary-Treasurer Steve Aspery recorded the minutes.

Secretary/Treasurer Report - Current membership is 130 members, and the current bank balance is \$10,272. The class avoided some expected expenses in 2025 (due to builder issues) and we collected higher revenues after the members voted to increase dues. The Board has set a short-term target to maintain at least a \$15,000 balance.

Intercom Report – President Ward thanked Sue Wills for her outstanding work on the Intercom. Next issue deadline is August 2.

Chief Measurer - Early measurement at Nationals was very helpful and created a successful measurement.

**Builder Committee** – Looking for a new builder. Beacon Composites has decided to get out of the boat building business. We are cooperating with the Y-Flyers and Thistles in searching for new options and to offer a more viable business proposition.

Southern Ohio VP – urged support of the Old Fox Regatta at Alum Creek.

Northern Ohio VP - no report

Michigan VP – ASI, Hot to Trot, and Traverse City are all in August. Offer was made to store boats between events.

Indiana VP - No report

Historian – Mike Munn continues to maintain our history but points out that someone new will be needed eventually.

### **New Business**

We have fleets interested in hosting nationals in 2027 (Indian Lake) and 2028 (Traverse City) but we have no one for 2026. Please consider hosting!!!

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

# **Poltergeist**

Indianapolis Sailing Club

Cancelled

Oct 2025

# **Fall Blowout**

North Cape YC

Oct 11

See North Cape YC calendar of events for more info

# Sandusky One-Design Regatta



Sandusky Sailing Club September 13-14, 2025

# Saturday, September 13

0800 to 1000 Check-in and skipper packets 1000 Competitor's Meeting 1130 Warning signal for Race #1. Multiple races to follow. 1700 SSC Bar Open and Dinner

# Sunday, September 14

1030 First Warning signal. Multiple races to follow.
No warning signal after 1400
Approx. 1600 Awards, Burgers, and Bar open

See NOR & Registration on ClubSpot https://theclubspot.com/regatta/egOHQnjQ60?

Contact Info: Regatta Chairman: Tim Willford tim@tendesign.us

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# Saturday Oct 11th

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# Sunday Oct 12th

1000 First warning signal No warning after 1400

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# Classified Ads: More info & photos on website

Interlake 1335 with Trailer; White hull and white deck wintegral cockpit seats, cut-down centerboard trunk, stainless steel centerboard, and factory flotation. Customflex built in 1995. The boat has had three owners; original owner won the Interlake Nat'ls with it. The boat is in good/refurbished condition and comes with Snug Harbor hinged trailer with spare tire/rim. Sails include North crosscut main & jib; Quantum spinnaker; Quantum Sails main & jib; Plus older North 3 piece set. All sails were reconditioned by North Sails in 2021 and are in good to fair condition. A custom full coverage road towing cover and fulllength Sailor Tailor dock cover are included. The boat has been stored inside under cover year-round since purchased in 2020; & stored inside by prior owner. Many updates done 2020-2023. Located in Tecumseh, Michigan (southwest of Ann Arbor). Motivated seller \$6,000 complete as is or make offer. Contact Brian Bird by email at bbird579@gmail.com or call/text 734.646.6959. Will send video/ photos on request.

### Parts and Equipment new & used.

Used stainless steel mainsheet bracket with Harken base \$85; New mainsheet bracket \$35; New jib tack bracket \$25; New Vang wire at base of mast (old school) \$20; Used stainless centerboard \$300.

Can reproduce standing rig and running rig wires with your sample. Other Interlake and generic parts available as well like; blocks, cleats, line, etc. Rick Lyons – PYC 734-426-4155

Have items to sell? List them in the Classified Ads on the new class website... Interlakesailing.org

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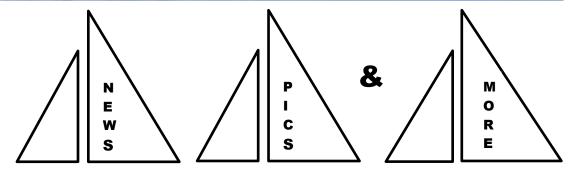
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