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Ahoy, September Sailors!  
*From Your Cruising Committee*

We are heading into arguably the most wonderful part of the sailing season. September means WIND and cooler temperatures. Yeah! So sign up early, sign up often.

- Daysails: not many left, so be sure to take advantage of Sept. 9 and Oct. 4 and 7
- Sept. 16: Hospice Cup Regatta....donate, volunteer or sail or all three.
- Sept. 23/24: Autumn Solstice Weekend. We are traveling to another favorite place, Hunting Creek on the historic Miles River.
- Sept. 30/Oct. 1: Chili Cruise Weekend at Drum Point on the Wye River. Each boat will showcase their favorite Chili recipe for tasting around the raft. Voting is fierce and the prizes will WOW you.
- **Note Deadlines in the Fleet Exercises.**

Our Cruising Committee has been exceptional this season. We try diligently to place everyone that signs up. You may not know that we, as the coordinators, do NOT assign crew to boats. We offer crew to skippers to invite. The earlier you sign up, the better your chances (since we start at the top of the list).

Again, as a gentle reminder, this is a process and you can do your part by: crew respond to skippers quickly, skippers call your crew promptly and everyone follow through with meal planning, and be on time!!!

ALL of us are important parts of the getting boats on the water. Thank you for your cooperation.

Let's go sailing!

*Carole and Meeps*  
 Cruising co-chairs

## THE BURGEE FOR "WOMEN WHO SAIL"

This burgee is available for any of our women who would like one. Use WWS in the coupon or promo spot to get a 15% discount. Thank you, Carole Lowry, for letting us know about this! <https://www.mantusmarine.com/product/women-who-sail-burgee/>



## ELECTION OF NEW DIRECTORS

On September 15<sup>th</sup> you will receive an email with a link to the anonymous online ballot to elect the Board of Directors. Members who do not have a valid email address will be mailed a paper ballot so you may vote. These ballots must be postmarked October 1st. You may vote for up to FOUR people.

Voting for more than **FOUR** will invalidate your ballot. Read more about the candidates on pages 8 – 10.

Results will be announced by October 15<sup>th</sup> in an email from the Commodore.



## VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



SOS is searchable and that is a good thing!! We have new members reporting that they found us through an Internet search. That, along with our active participation in a variety of avenues such as articles and ads in boating magazines like The SpinSheet, and our participation in community events like the Leukemia and Hospice Cups has given Singles on Sailboats SEO (search engine optimization).

Speaking of Hospice Cup, the race date is September 16. You may want to join the party that evening, or sign up for a fun gathering on September 6 at the home of Lauren and Soren Harbom for a pot luck evening, where all monies go to the SOS contribution to Hospice Cup. See Fleet Exercises for more info. (There is also a button on the SOS website to contribute tax deductible funds to Team SOS)

Some of our SOS members will miss Hospice Cup this year because they will be sailing in Croatia. Thanks to the planning of our Bareboat Cruising Committee, sailing in locations all over the world is another of the club events we do well.

The Nominating Committee has done a great job of bringing a slate of nominees to the Town Hall on August 12. Now, your responsibility is to exercise your voice and vote. You can make an informed vote by reading the candidate's statements in this issue of the WP to see who best represents your interests. Six members are offering their time and commitment for four positions on the Board. Ballots will be posted on-line September 15. For those of you without email, ballots will be sent via snail mail. You must vote (or have your ballot

postmarked) no later than 11:59 PM on October 1st.

As I write of the blessings of social media, we should be mindful of the responsibilities that come with the member privilege of using these platforms, and we must remember that to make this the best club for all, we must be mindful of our social presence in a public forum.

We need ideas, and a platform to share knowledge and experience, but most importantly civility. For example, we have two Yahoo list serves; one for all members who choose to sign up for it and a separate one for skippers only. When someone posts in "Singles on Sail" or "Skippers Net" all the members of that list serve can see that email/post.

The privilege of Freedom of Speech has been fundamental to our country and a precious right guaranteed through The Constitution and paid for by many through war and diplomacy. That freedom, however, must be constrained when it impacts on the common good.

When you participate in online communication, please consider carefully whether you should press the "reply" or "reply all" button, and who you will be sharing your ideas with. SOSers care about each other and our common interests... let's keep our searchability a welcoming thing!

As you are reading this issue of the Whisker Pole, several boats and crew will be winding up our second four-day cruise; this time north to Havre de Grace. There is one more four-day to enjoy in late October when we will head to St. Michaels to enjoy some of the Oyster Festival activities. Sign up early, sign up often! Thank you, Cruising Committee!

*Janet*

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## Unofficial notes August 3, 2017 Board Meeting

*Official August minutes will be posted on the SOS web site when approved in September by the Board of Directors.*

**NEXT SOS BOD MEETING:** September 7<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm  
Meeting is open to all members

**Commodore:** Review of Action Log and established timeline for fall Board transition.

**Vice Commodore:** Put forth proposal on behalf of Social Committee to move Awards Dinner to the Annapolis Elks Lodge.

**Treasurer:** Discussed how each committee should submit proposed budgets for 2018.

**Bareboat:** As of Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> votes for next bareboat trip are evenly split between Lake Champlain and San Juan Islands. Voting will remain open for several more days.

**Brunches:** Dates reserved at the DoubleTree Hotel are Nov 12, Dec 3, 2017, and Jan 21 and Mar 11, 2018.

**Cruising:** All sailing events have been financially settled to date. Currently 6 boats registered and 27 crew for the four-day Labor Day Cruise. The Cruising Appreciation Dinner will be on November 11 at 4:00 at The Downs Club House. All participating skippers, FMs and coordinators will be invited to attend. Looking for a Cruising Chair for 2018!!!

**Database:** John gave a recap of the number of times this year various pages on SOS web site have been viewed. Also reported how new members reported they heard about SOS. The Anniversary video on the Home Page has been viewed 125 times.

**Education:** Emil Becker has agreed to coordinate Spring Training 2018. Need to find a chair for the Committee.

**First Mates:** No Report.

**Membership:** No Report.

**Newsletter:** The August 20-page Whisker Pole mailed to 295 members and 34 Happy Hour coordinators and were printed at a cost of \$ 1021.95 which equates to \$3.01 per copy.

**Public Relations:** No chair. No Report.

**Safety:** Sharing safety articles with club through email has been well received and will continue.

**Skippers' Advisory:** No Report

**Social:** Awards Banquet will be held Dec 2, the Saturday before the December brunch.



## Welcome New Members

Carolyn Bolognese	Annapolis	MD
Mimi Derrickson	Annapolis	MD
Cindy Flowe	Severna Park	MD
Frances Barbara McNamara	Annapolis	MD
Ed Minka	West Chester	PA
James Mitchell	Alexandria	VA
Gail Peterson	Hanover	MD
Mark Sinn	Dublin	CA

## Bareboat Survey Results

Thank you for taking the time to vote in the Bareboat survey. Eighty-eight members actually voted resulting in a very close race. So close in fact that the Bareboat Committee will definitely consider a future trip to the other destination.

**AND THE WINNER IS...  
LAKE CHAMPLAIN**

Now that the decision has been made, please don't forget to sign-up. Looking forward to another fun Bareboat adventure and a great beginning as new Bareboat Chair.

Kathy Haven

## Fleet Exercises and Shore Leave

Please email your questions and request for directions to the coordinator.  
If you are **paying by check** for any sailing event, a **paper Sailing Registration Form must accompany the check**. A copy of this form can be found on the SOS website under Forms and Such – Cruising – Sailing Registration Form.

Plan to mail your check early to the **event coordinator, not the SOS mail box**.  
Many events have limited capacity; therefore, an event may be filled even before the deadline date.  
The postmark is the date used as the mail in cutoff/deadline date.

All checks are to be made payable to SOS, Inc.

**Non-members must submit a Sailing Registration Form.**



September 1-4 Friday - Monday Labor Day Four Day Sail

**Destination:** Friday: Worton Creek  
Saturday: Tidewater Marina,  
Havre de Grace,  
Sunday: Skipper's Choice

**Cost:** \$68 - Member or Non-member

**Deadline:** Mail: August 17 (postmark)  
Online: August 22

**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.

**Coordinator:** Carole Jordan [seajay2844@gmail.com](mailto:seajay2844@gmail.com)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



September 7 Thursday Board Meeting

**Location:** Commons Room  
Greenbrier Community Building  
7600 Hanover Parkway  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

**Time:** 7:00 to 10:00pm  
Doors open 6:45pm

**Notes:** Open to all Members



September 9 Saturday Day Sail

**Destination:** Skipper's Choice

**Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member

**Deadline:** Mail: August 30 (postmark)  
Online: September 3 (Midnight)

**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.

**Coordinator:** Linda Casucci [casuccilj@gmail.com](mailto:casuccilj@gmail.com)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



September 9 Saturday Hospice Cup Fundraising Potluck Party

**Location:** Harbom's Home  
Annapolis, MD

**Cost:** Donations to **Hospice Cup** welcome

**Deadline:** Online only: September 5

**Note:** 6:00 pm  
Bring a dish to share and BYOB  
**Limited to 40 guests**

**Coordinator:** Lauren Harbom, [Lauren\\_Home55@hotmail.com](mailto:Lauren_Home55@hotmail.com)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

	September 9 thru 23	Dalmation Coast, Adriatic Sea Starts September 9 or Sept.16 Starts September 9	Croatia Bareboat Cruise Adventure <b>Cost:</b> 1 Week \$1200 or \$1300 (boat size) 2 Week \$2131 or \$2330 (boat size) <b>Note:</b> Contact trip coordinator if interested.
<b>1 Week:</b> <b>2 Week:</b> <b>Coordinator:</b>	Laura Gwinn <a href="mailto:laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com">laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com</a> Please <b>be sure to log-in first</b> , then sign up online at <a href="http://www.singlesonsailboats.org">www.singlesonsailboats.org</a>		
	September 17 Saturday	McLean, VA Time: 12:30pm Mail: Sept 13 (postmark) Online: Sept 15 (online)	What's the Scoop <b>Cost:</b> \$17 – Member Member's Non-member Guest -Free <b>Note:</b> This event is for New Members, as well as, member's friends (non-member) These events will be open forums for questions from <b>New Members</b> and <b>Member GUEST (Limit 20-25 guests)</b> Please <b>be sure to log-in first</b> , then sign up online at <a href="http://www.singlesonsailboats.org">www.singlesonsailboats.org</a>
<b>Destination:</b> <b>Deadline:</b> <b>Coordinator:</b>	Linda Casucci, <a href="mailto:casuccilj@gmail.com">casuccilj@gmail.com</a> , Please <b>be sure to log-in first</b> , then sign up online at <a href="http://www.singlesonsailboats.org">www.singlesonsailboats.org</a>		
	September 23/24 Saturday – Sunday	Hunting Creek, Miles River Mail: September 8 (postmark) Online: September 12	Autumn Solstice Weekend Cruise <b>Cost:</b> \$34 - Member or Non-member <b>Note:</b> Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator. Please <b>be sure to log-in first</b> , then sign up online at <a href="http://www.singlesonsailboats.org">www.singlesonsailboats.org</a>
<b>Destination:</b> <b>Deadline:</b> <b>Coordinator:</b>	John Halstead/Pat Clarke <a href="mailto:jhalstead@mindspring.com">jhalstead@mindspring.com</a> Please <b>be sure to log-in first</b> , then sign up online at <a href="http://www.singlesonsailboats.org">www.singlesonsailboats.org</a>		
	Sept. 30 – Oct. 1 Saturday – Sunday	(Molly & Ned's) ☺ with backup as sailing to Drum Point, Wye River Mail: September 15 (postmark) Online: September 19	Chili Cruise (Chili Contest) <b>Cost:</b> \$34 - Member or Non-member <b>Note:</b> Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator. Please <b>be sure to log-in first</b> , then sign up online at <a href="http://www.singlesonsailboats.org">www.singlesonsailboats.org</a>
<b>Destination:</b> <b>Deadline:</b> <b>Coordinator:</b>	Kathy Haven <a href="mailto:miskathha@gmail.com">miskathha@gmail.com</a> Please <b>be sure to log-in first</b> , then sign up online at <a href="http://www.singlesonsailboats.org">www.singlesonsailboats.org</a>		
	October 4 Wednesday	Skipper's Choice Mail and Online registrations must be received by September 27	Mid Week Day Sail <b>Cost:</b> \$17- Member or Non-Member <b>Note:</b> Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator. Please <b>be sure to log-in first</b> , then sign up online at <a href="http://www.singlesonsailboats.org">www.singlesonsailboats.org</a>
<b>Destination:</b> <b>Deadline:</b> <b>Coordinator:</b>	Barbara Wingrove <a href="mailto:barbaras_mail@yahoo.com">barbaras_mail@yahoo.com</a> Please <b>be sure to log-in first</b> , then sign up online at <a href="http://www.singlesonsailboats.org">www.singlesonsailboats.org</a>		
	October 5 Thursday	Greenbrier Community Building 7600 Hanover Parkway Greenbelt, MD 20770	Board Meeting <b>Time:</b> 7:00 to 10:00pm Doors open 6:45pm <b>Notes:</b> Open to all Members
<b>Location:</b>			
	October 7 Saturday	Skipper's Choice Mail: September 27 (postmark) Online: October 1 (Midnight)	Day Sail (Last of the Season) <b>Cost:</b> \$17- Member or Non-Member <b>Note:</b> Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator. Please <b>be sure to log-in first</b> , then sign up online at <a href="http://www.singlesonsailboats.org">www.singlesonsailboats.org</a>
<b>Destination:</b> <b>Deadline:</b> <b>Coordinator:</b>	Kitty St. Romain <a href="mailto:k.st.romain@comcast.net">k.st.romain@comcast.net</a> Please <b>be sure to log-in first</b> , then sign up online at <a href="http://www.singlesonsailboats.org">www.singlesonsailboats.org</a>		



October 14/15 Saturday – Sunday Goose Cruise Weekend  
**Destination:** Reed Creek, Corsica River **Cost:** \$34 - Member or Non-member  
**Deadline:** Mail: September 29 (postmark) **Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.  
 Online: October 3  
**Coordinator:** Kathy Higdon [khigdon610@comcast.net](mailto:khigdon610@comcast.net)  
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



October 18 Wednesday Mid Week Day Sail (Last of Season)  
**Destination:** Skipper's Choice **Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member  
**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by October 11 **Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.  
**Coordinator:** Barbara Wingrove [barbaras\\_mail@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaras_mail@yahoo.com)  
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



October 27 - 30 Friday - Monday 4 Day Oyster Fest Cruise  
**Destination:** Friday & Saturday: St Michaels Harbor off the Miles River **Cost:** \$68 - Member or Non-member  
 Sunday: Skipper's Choice  
**Deadline:** Mail: October 12 (postmark) **Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.  
 Online: October 17  
**Coordinator:** Sandy Rosswork [sgrosswork@aol.com](mailto:sgrosswork@aol.com)  
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



November 2 Thursday Board Meeting  
**Location:** Commons Room  
 Greenbrier Community Building  
 7600 Hanover Parkway  
 Greenbelt, MD 20770  
**Time:** 7:00 to 10:00pm  
 Doors open 6:45pm  
**Notes:** Open to all Members



November 4 - 5 Saturday – Sunday Blue Lips Cruise  
**Destination:** Pier 7 (The Pier [Coconut Joe's]) South River **Cost:** \$34 - Member or Non-member  
**Deadline:** Mail: October 20 (postmark) **Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.  
 Online: October 24  
**Coordinator:** Willo Pequegnat [lv1509@yahoo.com](mailto:lv1509@yahoo.com)  
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



November 11 Saturday Cruising Appreciation Party/Meeting  
**Destination** The Downs Community Club House Annapolis, MD **Cost:** Free to **invited Skippers, First Mates and Cruising Committee only.**  
**Deadline** November 7 **Time:** Starts at 4:00 pm  
**Note:** **BY INVITATION ONLY.**  
**Coordinator:** Carole Jordan [seajay2844@gmail.com](mailto:seajay2844@gmail.com)  
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



November 12	Sunday	Brunch
<b>Location:</b>	Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD	<b>Cost:</b> \$31 - Brunch \$33 – After deadline and walk-ins.
<b>Speaker/Topic:</b>	TBD	<b>Time:</b> 11:00 am Social Hour 12:00 noon Brunch 1:00 pm Program
<b>Deadline:</b>	Mail: November TBD (postmark) Online: November TBD	<b>Note:</b>
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Linda Casucci casuccilj@gmail.com Please be sure <b>to log-in first</b> , then sign up online at <a href="http://www.singlesonsailboats.org">www.singlesonsailboats.org</a>	

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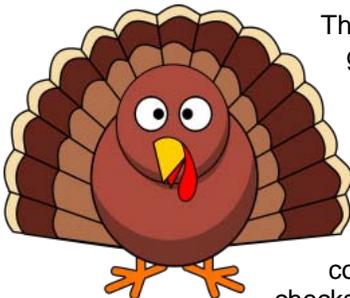
### **GREENBRIAR CENTER, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD.**

*From Washington Beltway (Interstate 95/495),* Exit onto Baltimore/Washington (BW) Parkway toward Baltimore. Exit BW Parkway at the first exit (to Greenbelt), bear left on exit ramp to Greenbelt Road (east), make first left at light onto Hanover Parkway and turn immediately left into Greenbriar Center parking lot. Enter side door off lot, walk through room to stairs and take to second floor room.

*From Baltimore:* Take I-295 to Greenbelt/MD 193 exit. Left at end of ramp, then bear left. Take the second left onto Hanover Pkwy. Then as above.

## Call for Regional Thanksgiving Dinner Hosts

We are looking for volunteers to host the Regional Thanksgiving Dinners on November 18<sup>th</sup>. You may have wanted to contribute to SOS activities, but due to a lack of time have not done so.



This is the perfect opportunity to take on a fun event with a limited commitment. These gatherings are always a great feast and good fun. If you have not participated, here's how it works.

Guests contribute a dish to share and \$15 to cover the cost of beverages, tableware, decoration, turkey, etc. The host/ess decides: how many to host and the start time.

There is no registration on the web site; just send an email to Kitty St. Romain who coordinates the guest lists with the hosts, and the hosts then invite the guests who mail their checks to the hosts upon accepting the invitation. It couldn't be easier or more fun.

If you would like to host or have a question about the experience, please contact Kitty St. Romain by September 30<sup>th</sup> [k.st.romain@comcast.net](mailto:k.st.romain@comcast.net).

# Meet the Candidates

## Emil Becker



I've been around the SOS block a more than couple of times. As much as I dislike it, I will toot my horn a bit.

I've chaired three and half committees; Safety, Cruising, Education, and the SOS's first Internet committee (which

launched the first SOS Web site but since it was an ad hoc committee it counts as half).

For the past two years I have led the Education Committee and before that was a "special consultant" on Spring Training. In my early days in SOS I worked on the Education Committee, doing, you guessed it, Spring Training and on the Cruising Committee heading day sails. I co-organized the second SOS "unofficial" Destination Cruise to the BVIs (complete with the orange shirts)

I previously served on an SOS BOD and was a treasurer (in my opinion the most powerful position in SOS – because you can follow the money!!) and Commodore. I am a skipper and SOS First Mate and over the years have sailed with many on my boats. I have received a hat trick of major SOS awards; the Commodore's, Ed Kline Member of the Year, and Eli Abrams Awards.

I can rest on my laurels (and sailboat), but our club faces unprecedented challenges; membership is down to about half over the past decade, and we face increased competition. We need to be more reactive and competitive. We have to do things better, quicker, more informally, and less expensively. We need to recruit, involve and encourage a younger generation of members into our club culture of volunteerism and sharing. We need to better use social media. We need to promote our club better. It is no longer 1980, 1990, or 2000.

You may be reluctant to vote for me in fear that it would curtail my involvement in Spring Training. Rest assured, I love Spring Training and consider it our signature event. I will do my best whatever the outcome to make it a bigger success in 2018! See you there and on the water many times!

## Janet Gonski



In the 10 years that I've been an SOS member, I've spent time on a variety of committees, most often Education and Spring Training, focused and participated in many aspects and events we develop.

Two years ago I ran for the Board and have since learned more than I ever realized about the beauty and complexity of our club. This last year serving as Commodore has been yet another perspective.

At that time two years ago, I said I had five words to frame my goals as a board member: **Listen** – to you; **Voice** – my ideas to create change/consistency; **Represent** – your ideas, needs while honoring SOS protocol and history; **Synthesize** – the variety of views and ideas to create a unified vision; and **Transparency** – making our actions and agenda visible.

Those remain my mission for a second term if I am elected again. Altogether it adds up to Open Communication.

Through phone calls, emails, and in person, I have met with, dealt with, and listened to a variety of members, skippers, board members and committee chairs as they work through events and moments in the club. I would like the opportunity to continue our momentum as we enter the 40th year of the Singles on Sailboats organization.



## Teresa Scofield

I am honored to be nominated to run for the SOS Board and if elected, to continue to serve the club that has been so good to me. My sailing experience up until 12 years ago had been day sailing on the Peconic Bay, Long Island and on the Chesapeake Bay out of



Galesville where my late husband and I kept our boat. When I was ready to get back into sailing, an internet search turned up Singles on Sailboats; I joined immediately. My participation in club activities was sporadic until a friendly skipper took me under his wing and encouraged me to attend an SOS party where I was introduced to many members. With renewed enthusiasm, I quickly passed my basic skills and started looking forward to weekend cruises. My sailing adventures have expanded into bareboat charters to the Caribbean and Greece.

Giving back to the club started with baby steps. First, helping out with day sail and weekend cruise coordinations. Then serving on the nominating committee which is the best way to get to know people in the club, next to working the registration desk or bar at an SOS function; you talk to everybody! It wasn't until I served as Database chair for 3 years that I became involved with virtually every committee in the club. Working behind the scenes with the help of the web admin, responsibilities ranged from managing the website to making event registrations go smoothly and facilitating communications to the membership.

In a previous life I was an engineer with a major glass manufacturing company with experience in product/process development, production supervision and cost control. Currently, I am employed as the office manager for the foundation of a former real estate developer. Skills necessary in both positions include but are not limited to critical thinking, problem solving, and effective communication. Skills I hope to bring into a board position.

This year marks my 10th anniversary with SOS and I can say in all honesty that I have

found something positive in every sailing opportunity with the club. Everything from enhancing my skills with the help of a patient skipper or seasoned crew member to learning something about myself. What better way to be pushed and challenged than in a sudden squall on the Bay! It can take only one caring skipper or POC to befriend a new or introvert member in danger of "falling through the cracks" to help them navigate the ins and outs of this well-established sailing club. Attracting new members with an informative and entertaining website and retaining them with the mentoring program may help stem the tide of member attrition and make SOS the best sailing club on the Bay.

## Sandy Rosswork

I have agreed to run for a position on the SOS Board of Directors for a variety of reasons; SOS has become a big plus in my life, bringing sailing fun, camaraderie, and many new friends. I appreciate the club's emphasis on good seamanship, safety, and enjoyment of the Chesapeake Bay. I bring to the table my experience as a skipper, recent chair of the Bareboat Cruising Committee, women's sailing instructor, and Federal Program Manager.



I'm a lifelong boater, beginning at the age of 14 when my family moved from Oregon to Severna Park, Maryland and my Dad bought a Boston Whaler. He taught me the basics and the Severn River became my highway and the boat my first driving experience. No boating safety classes back then, but also fewer boats on the water! My husband was a sailor and we quickly bought our first sail boat (Hampton Day sailer) and worked our way up to an S-2 30 racer cruiser. We lived in Europe for a few years, did several charters in the Med, and I have loved sailing there ever since. I organized private sailing flotillas to various parts of the world until joining SOS in 2010 and being asked to chair the SOS Bareboat Committee. Naturally,

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## Sandy Rosswork (continued)

my first SOS sailing experience was on the Australian Bareboat trip! I have a USCG Captains License and taught sailing in Annapolis, with the Womanship program, for a couple of years.

My non-boating experience includes teaching, from elementary and middle school to college level. I have a Ph.D. in Psychology and have worked as a school psychologist, in private practice, and as program manager for the US Navy's domestic violence, child abuse and sexual assault programs, world-wide. In that capacity, I managed a multi-million dollar budget, program staffing, research and clinical oversight. I was selected to represent the Navy as a participant in the government wide Executive Women's Leadership Program.

As an SOS board member, I would try to emphasize rational decision making which takes into account both budget issues as well as "bang for the buck." I would support review of some existing policies and paperwork which could be updated or streamlined. I would encourage the showing of respect for our members and our volunteers. Finally, I would work to ensure the continued success of our core programs: bay sailing, bareboat cruising, social functions, and instructional endeavors. I will try to represent the views of all SOS members and to be open to input from all quarters.

**Candidates  
Toby Beech  
and  
Cathy Laws  
did not submit  
an article or photograph  
for this publication**

## What is the SOS Net and Why Would I Want to Join It?

The SOS Net is the **unofficial** online communication for SOS members, providing a convenient way for discussion of various sailing related topics. It is also a tool skippers can use to recruit crew for an impromptu day of sailing or to request a boat helper. Need to arrange a carpool to an SOS party – this is a good way to reach out to members who may live near you.

To join, simply set up a Yahoo email account if you do not already have one. Then navigate in your browser to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SinglesOnSail> There are no fees or subscriptions. For questions, e-mail the list owner: [singlesonsail-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:singlesonsail-owner@yahoogroups.com)

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## What is the Skippers' Net and Why Would I Want to Join It?

The Skippers Net is the **official** online communication for SOS skippers, providing a convenient way for discussion of various sailing related topics. Need to brainstorm about how to change a difficult-to-reach impellor? Find out where CNG can be purchased? Who can repair your outboard? The Skippers Net is the tool for you to use to find solutions to these situations.

To join, simply set up a Yahoo email account if you do not already have one. Then navigate in your browser to: <https://groups.yahoo.com>. Browse for Singles on Sailboats Skippers. Click "Join Group". Set your membership information and click "send request". For questions or information, e-mail the list owner: [smallfavors@hotmail.com](mailto:smallfavors@hotmail.com)

# Seafood Feast Cruise



Social Chair **Pam Ledford**  
Photo by Gabi Van Wie



Photo Booth and props for pictures  
taken by Gabi Van Wie



**Gabi Van Wie and Tim**  
Photo Booth and props for pictures



**Soren & Lauren Harbom**  
Photo by Gabi Van Wie



**Wendy Steussy, Lora Donia,  
Barbara Wise** at registration table  
Photo by John Parsons



**Karen Anderson  
Jill Montgomery**  
Photo by John Parsons



**Gabi Van Wie  
Shirley Brooks-Hollandursky**  
Photo by John Parsons



**Anne Kennedy, Barb  
Shoemaker, Jim Burton**  
Photo by John Parsons



**Patti Evans & Sandy Link**  
Photo by John Parsons



Skipper **Vern Owens** receives burgee  
from Raft Captain **Chuck Fort**  
Photo by Richard Green



**Laura  
Gwinn**  
Photo by  
John  
Parsons



**John Ihnat & Irene Aronian**  
Photo by Richard Green



**Jill Hansen & John Murray**  
Photo by Richard Green



**Samia AbdelWahed**



**Kathy Higdon**  
Photo by Richard Green



**Kathy Haven**  
Photo by Richard Green



Mary Ellen Murphy, Ron Pence, Kathy Higdon Photo by Richard Green



Crab Fest about to begin Photo by Samia AbdelWahed



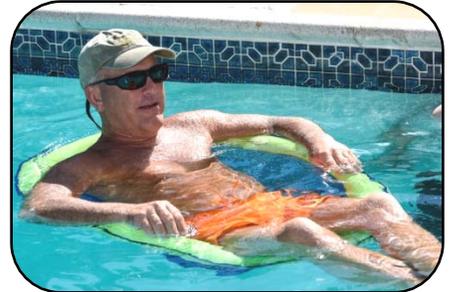
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Louis Hill & Brie Patterson Photo by Samia



John Rogers Photo by John Parsons

Town Hall Meeting – photos by Richard Green



Vice-Commodore Laura Gwinn



Commodore Janet Gonski



Brian Hanks, Judy Crews-Hanks, John Halstead, and Pat Clarke



Ben Kaufman receives his Skipper Emeritus certificate from Commodore Janet Gonski



Long line for good food.



Socializing is a big part of the Town Hall Meeting.



# Appetizers and Desserts Cruise



Water was perfect for a refreshing swim.  
*Photo by Richard Green*



**Brigitte Walsh, Peggy Green,  
Dorothy Nicholson**  
*Photo by Richard Green*



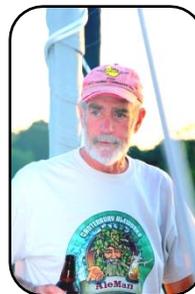
**Nancy Morgan**  
*Photo by Richard Green*



**Dorothy Nicholson**  
*Photo by Richard Green*



**Meeps Yox** celebrating  
her birthday  
*Photo by  
Richard Green*



**Peter  
Wilde**  
*Photo by  
Richard  
Green*



**John Rogers &  
Dave O'Hara**  
*Photo by  
Richard Green*



*Photo by Samia  
AbdelWahed*



**Carol Coltharp**  
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**Meeps Yox & Rita Svec**  
*Photo by Samia AbdelWahed*



**John Rogers**  
*Photo by Samia AbdelWahed*



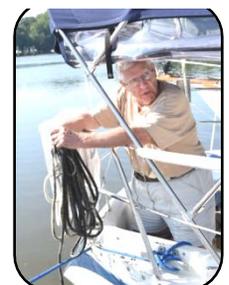
**Jan Warfield**  
*Photo by Samia AbdelWahed*



**Anchor Duty**  
*Photo by Samia AbdelWahed*



**Susan Veccia & Karen Anderson**  
*Photo by Samia AbdelWahed*



**Richard Green**  
*Photo by Samia AbdelWahed*

## You Ought to be in Pictures The 2017 Photo Contest

Have you taken stellar shots of this year's SOS activities? If so, keep on shooting! If not, start taking photos to be submitted to the 2017 Photo Contest. **Winners will be announced at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Awards Dinner.**

**1. Entries must be taken at an SOS event in 2017 by the member of SOS submitting the photo.** A photo does not necessarily have that event as a theme (a picture of Annie Anchorage at a raft-up or the sunset seen from a raft-up is acceptable, even though there is nothing in the picture to prove that it was taken at a raft-up or cruise.) We are on the "Honor System". An official SOS event can be cruising, day-sail, a brunch, seminar, destination cruise, etc. Happy Hours are not included.

**2. Each photo must identify at which SOS event it was taken and the name of the photographer.**

**3. Photos submitted to the contest must be received by midnight on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.**

**4. This is an amateur photographer contest.** Professional photographers - i.e. anyone who earns more than 50 percent of his or her annual income from photography - are excluded from the contest.

**5. Each member may submit up to a total of eight (8) photos.**

**6. Photos may be edited to achieve color balance that reflects the scene as you observed it.** Cropping is also acceptable. Heavily manipulated photos are **not** eligible.

**7. Categories:** People, Places, Bay scenes (including

sunsets), Sailboats (sailboats under sail, raft-ups), and SOS Abroad (destination cruises). In the last category, only photos taken during the actual SOS destination cruises are acceptable. For example, photos of/from the chartered boats and in towns visited are acceptable. Photos taken on days when traveling prior to or after a destination cruise will be put in the Places category.



**Other Useful information:** Submit your photos in digital format: mail a disk or send photos attached to email. Submit photos in high resolution. The photos will be enlarged to 5" x 7", so if the photo is fuzzy, it reduces your chance of winning. Photos not submitted in the 5" x 7" format will be cropped to that format. Smart phone photos may be submitted. Please select high resolution for photos in your smart phone setup.

**Judging:** The photo contest managers will put your photos in the correct category. There are 5 categories with 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each; plus 1 overall Grand Prize. The photos will be judged by a professional photographer from outside the club. The judging will be blind, so the judge will not know which photographer took any given photo.

SEND Photo Entries to be **received by midnight on November 1<sup>st</sup>** to [2017.sos.photos@gmail.com](mailto:2017.sos.photos@gmail.com) ( please do not send entries to our personal emails.)

OR

John and Nancy Parsons  
SOS Photo Contest Managers  
1314 Homewood Lane, Annapolis, MD 21401

**Start reviewing your 2017 photo archives!  
Don't miss the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.**

## Hospice Cup Pot Luck Fundraiser Sept 9<sup>th</sup>



**Where:** home of Lauren & Soren Harbom, Annapolis

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Why:** to benefit Team Singles on Sailboats made up of our members racing in the Hospice Cup Regatta.

**Tax Deductible Donation:** Of \$10 (or more) is requested. Bring your cash or check made payable to "Hospice Cup, Inc."

**Bring:** Pot luck dish to share and BYOB

**Sign-up:** On SOS web page. Limited to 40 people.  
[www.singleonsailboats.org](http://www.singleonsailboats.org)

## Hospice Cup Regatta - Sept 16<sup>th</sup>

**Volunteers** are needed at the shore party. Sign up here: <http://www.hospicecup.org/participate/volunteer/>

No time to volunteer? Buy your \$50 **party tickets** here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sailor-shore-party-tickets-34806186240>

**Sailing:** Skippers, click here to register your boat: <http://www.hospicecup.org/participate/sailors/race/>

**Donate:** It's easy to donate to Team Singles On Sailboats! Go to [www.firstgiving.com/team/354008](http://www.firstgiving.com/team/354008) or participated in the SOS Pot Luck Fundraiser on Sept. 9th

## Awards, Awards, and More Awards!



At the December 2<sup>th</sup> Snow Ball Awards Dinner, SOS will recognize four members for their significant contributions of time, energy and talent (the serious member recognition awards) to our all-volunteer Club. Members will also be recognized for contributing whimsical, good-natured humor through their foibles, bloopers, and flim flams (the Jibe Ho awards). The photographers among us will also be recognized, and there are awards for various categories, such as boats, sunrises/sunsets, and people. (See article on page 13 for further details.)

Nominations from the membership are requested and should include nominee's name, award for which she/he is nominated, and a description of why the nominee qualifies for the particular award.

Nominations should be sent to Vice Commodore Laura Gwinn at bodgwinn@gmail.com no later than October 26<sup>th</sup>.

### So, What Are The Serious Awards?

**Commodore's Award:** The Board of Directors established the annual Commodore's award so that the highest ranking officer of the Club could extend public recognition and many thanks to an individual who has made significant contributions in fostering the goals of Singles on Sailboats, and who continues to contribute to many aspects of the Club. Nominations for the award are accepted from the general membership.

**Ed Klein Member of the Year Award:** Singles on Sailboats owes its beginnings to Ed Klein. He co-sponsored the first rafts of two or three boats, the first brunches, the first social gatherings. But Ed offered more. He would teach you to sail without regard for your past experience or future expectations. Ed would take you aboard his boat, The Mai Kai, give you the helm, and develop your skills. He would challenge you to extend your horizons. He was one of those unique individuals who shared his joy of sailing with you. Ed sailed beyond this world in 1987. Nominations for the award come from the general membership.

**Elinor W. "Elli" Abramson Award for Contributions to SOS Education Programs:** Eli Abramson created many new educational programs for the members of Singles on Sailboats. After serving on the Board of Directors for two years, she gradually built an all-encompassing education program that provides the opportunity to broaden one's knowledge of sailing at minimal cost. She transformed the spring education program so that it attracts more participants than any other SOS event. Elli sailed beyond this world in 1992. Nominations are accepted from the general membership, and the Education Committee Chairperson(s) recommends the recipient.

**Rookie of the Year Award:** Singles on Sailboats attracts many new sailors each year. The Board of Directors established the annual Rookie of the Year Award to recognize the individual who, in his or her first year sailing with SOS, demonstrates superior interest in and learning about sailing, and who becomes highly involved in one or more of the many SOS programs. Nominations for the award come from the general membership.

	Aug 2017 Membership	Aug 2016 Membership	Aug 2015 Membership
Members	477	485	529
Skippers	95	117	116
<b>Totals</b>	572	602	645

## New Member Highlight



### Katie Amundson

grew up in Baltimore and lives in Annapolis. As a teenager, she was first introduced to sailing by her stepfather when she and her stepsister crewed on his Flying Scott. He gave her a Rhodes Robin (a 12 foot dinghy) which she sailed in "power boat country" on the Back River for several years while in medical school. When Katie married, she and her husband owned a Freedom 45 which they sailed most weekends in the Bay and also took several longer trips to New England and down the Intercostal Waterway.

They dreamed of longer term cruising and once her two sons could swim and read (her requirements), they set out on a year long journey on a Belize 43, first traveling to Maine and then to the Bahamas. Home schooling proved to be the biggest challenge of her live-aboard life! After returning to Maryland in 2005 and selling the boat, work and family responsibilities edged out any further sailing until recently when she purchased a well used S2 6.7 which is docked in Baltimore and is undergoing repairs.

Last month, Katie sailed with skippers George and Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky to the Anniversary Party where she was introduced to the socializing and dancing side of the club in true SOS style. The return trip was exciting with 15-20 knot winds and she was thrilled that the skippers gave her the opportunity to take the helm of a large boat again for the first time in over ten years. A self proclaimed "rusty sailor" is happy to be getting her sea legs back!

### SOS Bank Accounts – July 31

Bareboat Escrow	\$ 51,211
Checking	\$ 37,037
Savings	\$ 73,292
Credit Card	\$ ( 9,788)
End of month total	\$ 100,543

### Thank you. . .

to all the terrific helpers that made the Crab Fest August 5th fun! Social Committee is appreciative of your continued diligence in pitching in to make our SOS events run smoothly.

A big thank you to Dane Skagen, Dan Duvall, John McDonald, Linda Perkins, Lora Donia, and Peggy Green! A very special thanks to Henry Weisenberg, Barbara Wise, and Suzanne Vaughn for their committed labor on the long stretch.

**Pamela Ledford & Social Committee**  
[Ledford.pamela@yahoo.com](mailto:Ledford.pamela@yahoo.com)

**TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD:**

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Pat Randall, Classified Page Editor



**BOATS**

**Lady Susan is For Sale.** 32 ft 1977 Ericson Racer/cruiser with strong running atomic 4. Well equipped and paid slip at Castle Harbor Marina on Kent Is. until April 18. Health problems making routine maintenance difficult. Looking for \$14,500. Will remain as crew with SOS. Vernon Owens (484)716-6861 07-17

**1982 Lippincott 30 For Sale.** Great condition, Well-maintained, Roller Main & Genoa, Bimini, Yanmar Diesel. Great Bay cruiser with 4'2" shoal draft. Docked on Kent Is. Slip paid through 2017. \$18,750 Details & photos avail. Phone: 302-943-0450 or [parsail30@comcast.net](mailto:parsail30@comcast.net) 07-17

**BOAT EQUIPMENT & MISC**

**FOR SALE:** Samson Yacht Braid – High Strength – Low Stretch – Low Abrasion  
 7/16 LST Red 35 Feet \$19; 7/16 LST Blue 40 Feet \$22;  
 7/16 Trophy Blue 43 Feet \$32 Stainless Cable: 3/16 SS  
 7X19 Flexible 65 Feet \$48 Contact Frank: (703)-339-8786;  
[frank7777@cox.net](mailto:frank7777@cox.net) 06-17

**For Sale:** Sam Fowler & Marilyn Hilbers longtime members of SOS & world sailors are offering the following items. The electronics are used, but other items are essentially new although carried around for a couple of years. Pictures available. Contact Mike: Phone: 703-280-1137, Email: [svbraveheart@cox.net](mailto:svbraveheart@cox.net). 07-17

- Iridium 9555 Satellite Phone \$800
- Iridium Cartop Antenna \$100
- Iridium 12V DC Charger \$30
- BGAN Inmarsat Terminal Wideye Sabre \$1,000
- Jeppeson C-Map NT+Cards Raymarine Chart Plotter (13) OBO
- Weems and Plath Plotting Tools with carry case (set) OBO
- Plastic Foghorn \$20 or OBO
- Katadyn Power Survivor 06 Desalinator \$800
- Exposure Suit \$300
- Coastal Soft Pack First Aid Kit \$150

**BOAT SLIPS**

**Slip available** in Annapolis hurricane hole. Join the best dock mates in all of the Chesapeake. A deep water slip just came back on Mill Creek 3/4 nautical

mile past the green after Cantlers. Water, electricity, dock carts, Call Suzanne Farr 410 757 3553 06-17

**REAL ESTATE**

**For Sale:** Large One- bedroom 1 1/2 bath condo for sale in Heritage Harbour. Third floor of well maintained buiding with indoor & outdoor pools in the building in addition to all the community amenities--golf course, tennis, pools, etc. \$204,000. Contact Ursula Skagen. 408 460-3644 [capt.zula@gmail.com](mailto:capt.zula@gmail.com). 07-17

**Severn River location in Severna Park. Rent** Large one bedroom, with deck overlooking the Severn. Water privileges, mooring possible. Off street parking, W/D. No Pets, no smoking. Includes most utilities. \$1250 for one person. Call Kay after 1:00 pm at 410-456-1045 08-17

**Housemate Wanted:** Spacious waterfront bedroom with private bath, separate entrance, and separate laundry. 10 min.from downtown Annapolis. Boat slip currently available. Available September 1. For details, Call 410-757-3553 [sofarr@aol.com](mailto:sofarr@aol.com) 08-17

**SERVICES**

**Upgrade your Kitchens & Bathrooms:** Home or Vessel Call Mark Rybas; 610-254-8345 08-17

**Inquiring Minds Wanna Know . . .**

Have you ever wondered if anyone really reads the SOS web page? Well here are some statistics provided by our Database Chair.

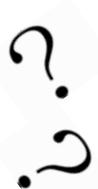
**Web Site Page Views Year to Date:**

Home Page	9,590
Whisker Pole 2017	1,863
Simple Search	1,307
Forms & Such	1,048
Membership FAQ	707
Join Now	657
About SOS	647
Social Activities	609
Spring Training	545
My Profile	543
Sailing Links	406



When filling out the Membership Application, people are asked "**How did you learn about SOS**": Answers:

Blank	1
Referred by current member	26
Internet Search	11
Meet Up Site	4
Spin Sheet	2
Other	14
Total	58





Happy Hours are not official SOS functions.  
Hours are in **chronological** order.

Check below or SOS website for locations.

**KEY WEST, FL:** SOS HAPPY HOUR place and time to be determined ...

Contact: **TERRI AND KARL.**

**410-707-4319 or 267-221-6312**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

**NVA/DC: September 6<sup>th</sup> 5 pm**

**MYLOS GRILL** (in the bar area) [mylosgrill.com](http://mylosgrill.com) Our first of two NVA/DC Happy Hours. Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA in the McLean/ Chesterbrook shopping center. Free parking, great food!

Contact: **CHARLOTTE: [coconor@aol.com](mailto:coconor@aol.com)**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

**ELLCOTT CITY, MD: September 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30- 7:30 pm**

**BARE BONES Grill & Brewery** 9150-22 Baltimore Natl. Pike, 410-461-0770 [barebonesgrill.com](http://barebonesgrill.com).

Corner of St. Johns Lane & Rte 40, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Contact: **JILL- [jill.montgom@gmail.com](mailto:jill.montgom@gmail.com)**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

**SO NJ & PHILA: September 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM**

**RIVERWIND'S RESTAURANT**, Great food, drinks and Happy Hour prices. 1075 Riverwinds Dr, West Deptford, NJ

Contact : **LORA - [doniala@aol.com](mailto:doniala@aol.com)**



### 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

**SE PA: September 7<sup>th</sup> 6 pm LIVE BAND !**

**Desmond Deck The DESMOND HOTEL**, 1 Liberty Blvd, Malvern, PA Meet a great group of social people who like sailing , conversation & great food!

Contact: **PATTI - [pattievans@aol.com](mailto:pattievans@aol.com)**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

**SOUTH-CENTRAL PA: September 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 9**

**HERITAGE HILLS Golf Resort**, 2700 Mt. Rose Avenue, PA-124, York, Pa. on the lower level of Knickers Pub.

Contact : **BOB - [sosrjmorrow@aol.com](mailto:sosrjmorrow@aol.com)**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

**NORTH BALTIMORE: September 14<sup>th</sup> 5 pm**

**MICHAEL'S Cafe Restaurant & Lounge** (in the bar area) 2119 York Road, Timonium (opp Fairgrounds) MD 21220. 410-252-2022, [michaelscafe.com](http://michaelscafe.com). Free parking, great food, drinks and Happy Hour prices. Food service until 11 pm. Cozy atmosphere, friendly staff.

Contact: **BARB O'Brien [barlo@comcast.net](mailto:barlo@comcast.net)**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

**WILMINGTON, DE: September 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm**

**TIMOTHY'S Restaurant and Bar**, Wilmington Riverfront by Blue Rock Stadium, facing the waterfront.

930 Justison Street, (19801) 302-429-RIBS (7427). [timothysontheriverfront.com](http://timothysontheriverfront.com) Drink specials 'til 7pm

Contact - **GERI - [Geriwalker12@gmail.com](mailto:Geriwalker12@gmail.com)**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**ROCKVILLE, MD: September 21<sup>st</sup> 5 - 7pm**

**THE M ARRIOTT Hotel**, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda. (near the White Flint Metro station). Meet in the bar area or outside patio as weather permits.

Contact: **JON - [jonbernheimer@verizon.net](mailto:jonbernheimer@verizon.net)**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**KENT ISLAND: September 21<sup>st</sup> 4:30 - 7pm**

**FISHERMAN'S INN**, 3116 Main Street, Grasonville- (410) 827-6666

Contact: **MARILYN Goodson [msgoods7@gmail.com](mailto:msgoods7@gmail.com)**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**SE PA: September 21<sup>st</sup> 6-10 pm** (our 2nd HH)

**AZIE ON MAIN -** 789 East Lancaster Ave., Villanova, near the Blue Route, 1 block West of Rt. 320, Mall area behind FedEx. In back of mall, with large bar area and OUTSIDE FIRE PIT PATIO, super low long HH prices Meet a great group of sailing people!

Contact: **PATTI - [pattievans@aol.com](mailto:pattievans@aol.com)**

### 4th Thursday

**ANNAPOLIS, MD: September 28<sup>th</sup> 5-7 pm** and later at

**THE PIER** (prev. Coconut Joe's) 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, [cocojoes@comcast.net](mailto:cocojoes@comcast.net) 443-837-6057. **FROM ANNAPOLIS:** go south on Route 2. Cross over the South River Bridge in the left lane. The first left turn after the bridge then another left leads you back to the waterfront restaurant. Happy hour food / drinks. If we are not in the bar area, we'd probably be on the lower deck outside.

Contact: **RON - [repenca@msn.com](mailto:repenca@msn.com)**

PLEASE E-MAIL **Happy Hour PIX**

TO: [sailhither@hotmail.com](mailto:sailhither@hotmail.com)

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