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# What a Fantastic Sailing Season it has Been, But It's Not Over Yet!

What a fantastic sailing season..... but it is coming to an end very soon. We have several more opportunities for you to get out on the water, socialize with your friends and view the awesome fall colors from the water. October on the Chesapeake is nothing short of SPECTACULAR!! So, sign up early, sign up often!!

- Goose Cruise is October 14/15 to Reed Creek off of the Chester River. Get away from the cities and wave goodbye to our migrating geese! Deadline is October 3, so don't wait.
- Mid Week Sail (last of the season) will be October
   18. This has become more popular as the season has progressed. Don't miss the last one.



• Mini-Extended to St. Michaels on the Miles River is October 27-29 (NOTE CHANGE OF DATES) for the St. Michaels Oyster Festival. We have been unsuccessful to convince any of the marinas to rent slips to us for just one night. They all require a twonight minimum, with a guarantee unless cancelled 48 hours before the date. Therefore, we have been forced to change our four-day cruise to a three-day excursion. We will raft in Leeds Creek off of the Miles on Friday night and then anchor out off of St. Michaels (pods, anyone) on Saturday night. The plan would be to dinghy or water taxi into St. Michaels to enjoy the festivities on Saturday. There will be two concert stages, many opportunities to enjoy oysters cooked to perfection or raw, as well as crafts and the ever-popular Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. Check out this link for more details: http://cbmm.org/events/annualfestivals-and-special-events/oysterfest/ Sunday night will be skipper's choice to either head home or raft up in a nearby creek. We are disappointed to have to alter our plans, but there were just too many obstacles to overcome. The price for crew is reduced to \$50. If your skipper plans to sail until Monday.... you get a bonus day. If you have signed up early, you will be refunded for the extra nonsailing day. Thanks for understanding our plight.

• Blue Lips Cruise is on November 4/5 to Pier 7 Marina on the South River. Pier 7 is the marina next to the location of the Annapolis Happy Hour (formerly Coconut Joe's, now the Pier). Skippers need to call the marina to reserve a slip. Prices are very reasonable and the marina has been newly remodeled. Reservations for dinner at the Pier restaurant should be made individually.

Thank you once again to all coordinators for their hard work and patience. Many thanks go to the skippers who have shared their beautiful boats so generously. And, thank you, members for your interest in sailing with SOS.

See you on the water,

Carole and Meeps, Cruising co-chair

## **VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE**



Balancing a budget takes a lot of work, estimation, review, and careful, considerate planning. That has

been a focus of the current committee chairs and board members these last few months.

Our goal is to vote on the proposed budget in October while we have the eleven month (or knowledge and more) of current understanding committee chairs and board members; then to finalize the budget with a vote in December by the new committee chairs and board members who will be responsible for adherence to and management of it.

One highly visible expense each month of 2017 has been the cost of printing the Whisker Pole and sending a hard copy to all general and associate members who did not opt out of receiving it (Life members continued to pay \$20 to receive a hard copy). After an analysis of the impact of the hard copy, we found that the hard copy may have brought in a few more participants (measured by the increase in sign ups within a few days of its release), however a much greater spike occurred after a blast and especially after the "Last Call" blasts.

Anecdotally, many have said they enjoyed receiving the hard copy and so that will remain an additional service the club offers. For 2018, you can opt *in* to continue/start receiving a hard copy of the WP and only pay \$20 for the whole year which was the norm for the prior few years. We are considering offering a "free" hard copy to new members for their first year – getting them so addicted to its news and benefits that they will continue to read it

when they renew their membership.

Another question that frequently comes up is our apparently "large" bank balance. It is a financial reserve, not a kitty or petty cash, and is required for social organizations. Our current balance is appropriate for the formula of our size club; therefore our annual budget seeks to be closely even with its revenue and expense when taken as whole. а Remember there are expenses that are "must do's" like insurance, auditors, web hosting, web management web back storage lockers, etc. There are other expenses where we have some options with like funding the annual Town Hall meeting and dinner, buying materials for the annual awards (both traditional and jibe-ho) among others.

Most of us use credit cards to pay for purchases and therefore understand that the merchant 'loses' a percentage of your payment to Visa/MC, etc. As part of our budget decision process, we decided to make the administration fees from memberclicks and the bank "visible" and in this way we hope to avoid raising the overall fees for cruising and most events -- party costs are determined by the cost of the venue, food, music, etc. In fact, when a coordinator plans a party, brunch, Fireside Chat or other, we all subtract 8%-10% of our anticipated revenue before determining how much money we have to work with in planning the menu and activity.

And speaking of activity, we have some of the best sailing weather, (and a special three-day sailing opportunity) through October and into November. So sign up early, sign up often.

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#### **Whisker Pole NEWSLETTER**

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# VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE (Continued from page 2)

Then look for our winter activities with brunches (November's speaker is announced in Fleet Exercises) and Fireside chats (to be announced), Thanksgiving dinners, and, as always, the local happy hours.

SOS provides year around camaraderie so come join us, join a committee, speak your ideas.... And as this is my last column ending my year as your Commodore, I want to thank you all for your support, interest, and ideas.

Wishing you fair winds, following seas, and much joy.

## Janet

# Welcome New Members

Elizabeth Benitz
Annapolis MD

Lynn Rusten Bethesda MD

Jeanne L Turnock Randallstown MD

# Unofficial notes Sept 7, 2017 Board Meeting

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

**Commodore:** Focus of meeting on budget review.

Vice Commodore: No Report

**Treasurer**: Discussion for next year's budget focused on:

- plan to hire a database administrator
- decide how to handle possible Whisker Pole print and distribution
- decide whether to subsidize the Town Hall and holiday party if necessary

**Bareboat:** A proposal was put forth for the next Bareboat trip to go to Lake Champlain the third or fourth week of August, 2018. Anticipate reserving five boats ranging from 37'- to 45'. The cost would be approximately \$800 per person, not including insurance, administrative fees, provisioning or meals, etc. The final cost will depend on number of people and boats.

**Brunches:** The November 12<sup>th</sup> brunch will be at the DoubleTree Hotel. The speaker is Charles Kithcart, Executive Director of The African Diaspora Maritime. His topic will be the rich maritime history of the Black sailor.

**Cruising**: To date, the weekend sails have had 143 skippers participate and 385 crew on the water. We have had a total of 3 cruises cancelled. Daysails have had 127 crew on board with 19 skippers participating multiple days.

Database: No Report

Education: No Report

First Mates: Revisions to some of the First Mates documents are on hold pending review by other Chairs. We now have three First Mates Candidates working on their checkouts. Kathy Higdon, Bill Knapp and Lora Donia. First Mates Committee budget for 2018 has been submitted.

**Membership:** There will be anew member "Spot Light" corner for the October WP. The next "What's the Scoop" event will be September 17th, 12:30 in McLean, Va. Assigning mentors is a ongoing project.

**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: No Report

**Skippers' Advisory**: Supported the response and/or directly responded to several minor issues regarding Skippers and sailing events as well as clarification of policy issues within the purvey of Skippers Advisory responsibilities.

**Social**: Awards Banquet will be held Dec 2, the Saturday before the December brunch at the Annapolis Elk's Lodge

#### **NEXT SOS BOD MEETING**

October 5<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm Meeting is open to all members

## 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.

Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 Saturday - Sunday Chili Cruise (Chili Contest)

Destination: (Molly & Ned's) © with backup as Cost: \$34 - Member or Non-member

sailing to Drum Point, Wye River

Deadline: Mail: September 15 (postmark) Non-member may sail once with a member and must Note: mail a separate Registration form with a check to the

Online: September 19 coordinator.

Coordinator: Kathy Haven mskathha@gmail.com Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

October 4 Wednesday Mid Week Day Sail

**Destination:** Skipper's Choice Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member

Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must

be received by September 27

mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator: Barbara Wingrove barbaras mail@yahoo.com

Please be sure to log-in first, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



**Thursday** October 5 **Board Meeting** 

ocation: Commons Room Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm

Greenbrier Community Building Doors open 6:45pm 7600 Hanover Parkway Notes: Open to all Members

Greenbelt, MD 20770

October 7 Saturday Day Sail (Last of the Season)

**Destination:** Skipper's Choice Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member

Deadline: Non-member may sail once with a member and must Mail: September 27 (postmark) Note: mail a separate registration form with a check to the

Online: October 1 (Midnight)

Coordinator: Kitty St. Romain k.st.romain@comcast.net

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coordinator.

mail a separate Registration form with a check to the

**Goose Cruise Weekend** October 14/15 Saturday - Sunday

**Destination:** Reed Creek, Corsica River Cost: \$34 - Member or Non-member

Deadline: Mail: September 29 (postmark) Non-member may sail once with a member and must Note:

Online: October 3

Coordinator: Kathy Higdon khigdon610@comcast.net Please be sure to log-in first, then sign up online at 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 Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the

be received by October 11 coordinator.

Coordinator: Barbara Wingrove barbaras mail@yahoo.com

Please be sure to log-in first, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

October 27 - 29 Friday - Sunday 3 Day Oyster Fest Cruise (Correction)

Destination: Friday: Leeds Creek Cost: \$50 - Member or Non-member (new price)

> No charge if Skipper & Crew decide to stay Saturday: St Michaels Harbor off

the Miles River out through Monday

Non-member may sail once with a member and must Deadline: Mail: October 12 (postmark) Note: mail a separate Registration form with a check to the Online: October 17

coordinator.

Coordinator: Sandy Rosswork <a href="mailto:sqrosswork@aol.com">sqrosswork@aol.com</a>

Please be sure to log-in first, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

**Thursday** November 2 **Board Meeting** 

ocation: Commons Room Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm Greenbrier Community Building Doors open 6:45pm

7600 Hanover Parkway Notes: Open to all Members Greenbelt, MD 20770

Saturday - Sunday **Blue Lips Cruise** November 4 - 5

Destination: Pier 7 (The Pier [Coconut Joe's]) Cost: \$34 - Member or Non-member

South River

Deadline: Mail: October 20 (postmark) Non-member may sail once with a member and must Note: mail a separate Registration form with a check to the Online: October 24

coordinator

Coordinator: Willo Pequegnat lv1509@yahoo.com

Please be sure to log-in first, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

November 11 Saturday **Cruising Appreciation Party/Meeting** 

The Downs Community Club House Destination Cost: Free to invited Skippers, First Mates and

Annapolis, MD **Cruising Committee only.** 

\$20 for Guest of invitees

Deadline November 7 Time: Starts at 4:00 pm

BY INVITATION ONLY. Note:

Coordinator: Carole Jordan seajay2844@gmail.com

Please be sure to log-in first, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO OCTOBER 27-29 OYSTER FEST CRUISE TO ST. MICHAELS It is now a 3-day Cruise - Not a 4-Day

(SEE CRUISING ARTICLE ON PAGE 1 FOR DETAILS ABOUT THE CHANGE)

November 12 Sunday Brunch

**Location:** Double Tree Hotel, **Cost:** \$31 - Brunch

Annapolis, MD \$33 – After deadline and walk-ins.

Speaker/Topic: Charles Kithcart Time: 11:00 am Social Hour

African Diaspora Maritime 12:00 noon Brunch

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Making History 1:00 pm Program

**Deadline:** Mail: November 3 (postmark) **Note:** Consider making donations to ADM

Online: November 6

Coordinator: Linda Casucci casuccili@gmail.com

Please be sure to log-in first, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

November 18 Saturday Regional Thanksgiving Dinners

**Location:** Various - TBA **Cost:** Contribution \$15 and dish to share,

coordinated with host/ess

**Deadline:** Mail: November 8 (postmark) **Note:** Coordination is thru Kitty directly via email.

E-mail: November 11 This is NOT an on-line coordination

Coordinator: Kitty St. Romain <u>k.st.romain@comcast.net</u>

November 23 Thursday Thanksgiving Day Dinner

**Location:** Home of Henrietta Hyatt-Knorr, **Cost:** Food contribution and small donation

Burtonsville, MD

THANKSGIVING

**Deadline:** November 19 **Note:** This is NOT an on-line coordination.

Coordination is thru Debbie directly via email.

**Coordinator:** Debbie Goldberg Hidebbieg@yahoo.com

December 2 Saturday Snow Ball Awards Dinner

Location: Elks Club, Cost: \$60

Annapolis, MD \$70 – After deadline and walk-ins.

Master of Gretchen Young & John McDonald Time: 6:00 pm Social - Cash Bar

Ceremonies:6:30 pm DinnerBand:Just Us7:30 – until?? Music,

**Deadline:** Mail: November 23 (postmark) **Note:** Dress Code: Black Tie Optional

Online: November 26

Coordinator: Irene Aronian, Irene.aronian@gmail.com

Please be sure to log-in first, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

December 3 Sunday Brunch

**Location:** DoubleTree Hotel, **Cost:** \$31 - Brunch

Annapolis, MD \$33 – After deadline and walk-ins.

Speaker/Topic: TBD Time: 11:00 am Social Hour

12:00 noon Brunch 1:00 pm Program

**Deadline:** Mail: November 24 (postmark) **Note:** 

Online: November 28

Coordinator: TBD

Please be sure to log-in first, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

## **DIRECTIONS**

The DoubleTree Hilton Hotel: 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD, 21401; 410-224-3150

Take Route 50 East to Exit 22, Riva Rd. Follow signs to Riva Rd. and make left at light onto Riva Rd. Second light, left onto Holiday Court.

## The Downs Community Club House, 1485 Brookside Commons, Annapolis (inside the Downs Community).

Take the Parole exit 23B off Rt-50. Bear right to Old General's Highway, which runs adjacent to the Westfield Annapolis Mall. 3.5 miles on Gen. Hwy turn right onto Sherwood

Forest Road. Turn right onto Coachway for 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Saint Edmonds Place, then right onto Brookside Commons.

Destination is on the right



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.

## **Holiday Gatherings**

**REGIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNERS**: There dinners on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 18.

If you agree to host, please let Kitty St. Romain <u>k.st.romain@comcast.net</u> know by September 30 and how many you will include. We will update locations and hosts as we know them.



**THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER:** Henrietta Hyatt-Knorr invites members to join in the turkey feast at her house in Burtonsville, MD. Debbie Goldberg will coordinate time, donation and food contributions, so contact her directly for an invitation: <a href="mailto:hidebbieg@yahoo.com">hidebbieg@yahoo.com</a>.

**TWO CHRISTMAS DAY DINNERS:** Henrietta Hyatt-Knorr and Barbara Mistrik are hosting separate Christmas Day dinners on December 25<sup>th</sup>

- (1) Debbie Goldberg will coordinate time, donation and food contributions for Henrietta's dinner, so contact Debbie directly for an invitation: <a href="mailto:hidebbieg@yahoo.com">hidebbieg@yahoo.com</a>
- (2) Please contact Barbara Mistrik directly to request an invitation, and she will coordinate time, donation and food contributions. If you miss the deadline, you can call Barbara to see if she still has space.

These events are NOT on-line registrations.





Yes, members, you spoke and your social committee listened! We are **changing the venue** of previous Awards Dinners. Picture this . . . a non-hotel venue conveniently located close to Route 2 and Highway 50 in Annapolis that has a beautiful ballroom, an outstanding chef, friendly wait staff, and is near hotels for those of you who need lodging. The beautiful Annapolis Elks Lodge is where the Dinner will be held. Trust us – this is NOT your grandpa's lodge; it is comparable in every way to modern hotel venues.

5:30 – 6:30 - Socializing with **Cash Bar** which will have huge selection of beers and wines. Also there will be lots of appetizers including a to-diefor crab dip.

6:30 - 7:30 - **Buffet Dinner** with multiple entrees, sides and desserts to choose from. (Social committee has sampled most of the selections to ensure tasty food.)

7:30 – 8:00 - **Two New Emcees** will present a **shorter awards program** this year. In addition to the four member awards from the Board, there will be the humorous Jibe-Ho Awards. (See page 15 for more information about how you can make nominations for the awards.) And to add to the excitement the winners of the photo contest will be announced. (See page 13 for photo contest information.)

8:00-10:00 - Dancing on a **huge dance floor** to the tunes of "Just Friends", a duo that has played for us before and knows how to get our crowd out on the dance floor!

## November 12<sup>th</sup> Brunch

Charles Kithcart and African American Maritime (ADM) Have All the Makings of Barrier-Breaking History

From the beginning of nautical history, Blacks have played active and relatively unheralded roles. They have had careers as captains, traders, pirates, seagoing fishermen and crewmembers circling the globe on whaling vessels, sailed every ocean, sea, and river that runs through this country. From the beginning, African descendants earned their way into our country's rich maritime history.

Today, the tradition continues as the Black mariner aspires to compete in sailing's pinnacle events. Charles Kithcart will present African Diaspora Maritime Sailing, the first fully integrated yet primarily African American sailing team with its mission to participate in the America's Cup and other prestigious events. Mr. Kithcart was born in North Carolina and raised in Iran, Maryland and Ohio. His exposure to life on the water began when he joined the Marines and he has very impressive sailing resume. For example, he crewed on Shamrock V, the J Class yacht built by Sir Thomas Lipton in 1930 to challenge for the America's Cup and was a member of America3, the 1992 America's Cupwinning team.

As a yacht racing team, ADM is changing the conversation in America with Baltimore leading the way to shattering social and cultural barriers. ADM's team members have received numerous awards and recognition including: Rolex Yachtsman of the Year, Collegiate Sailing's Sportsman of the Year and College Sailing All-American status. They have also participated in many international championships.

Join us to hear more about the rich maritime history of the Black sailor and ADM's mission to teach history while making history!

## Save the date for Future Brunches:

Dec 3 - day after the Annual Awards Dinner Jan 21-

Mar 11 - day after Spring Training

Please contact Suzanne Vaughn with program ideas and if you would like to participate as the event coordinator.

## **Labor Day Four-Day Cruise**



Gathering on cockpit of Sea Tango Photo submitted by Carole Jordan



**Judy Downey** Photo by Laura Gwinn



**Judy Hunt** Photo by Laura Gwinn



**Judy Downey** Photo by Cecil Alan



**John Rogers** at helm of *Jazzy Cat Photo by Cecil Alan* 



Angela Weathers, Judy Downey, Judy Hunt Photo by Cecil Alan



Estar Photo by Cecil Alan



Janet Gonski Photo by Karl Scible



SOS Boats Photo by Karl Scible



Thomas Point Photo by Karl Scible

## **Hospice Cup Pot Luck Fundraiser**

All photos by Samia Abdel-Wahed



Time to eat!



**Rita Svec** 



Laura Gwinn, Molly Harrison, Kathy Higdon, Carole Jordan, Carol Holmes



Jennifer Broman, Anne Bastian

Thanks to Lauren and Soren Harbom for hosting the Pot-Luck Fundraiser which raised \$1,600 to support Team SOS in the Hospice Cup Charity Regatta. Thank you to the Harboms and thanks to all of you who made generous donations.



Soren Harbom, Samia Abdel-Wahed, Lauren Harbom



Bob Wright, Karl Scible, Mary Chavalier



Joyce Eller, Linda Casucci, Hope Andruss



Doug Townsend Julia Oravecz

## **Hospice Cup Sailing Regatta and Shore Party**



Summersail Crew: Laura Gwinn, Jennifer Bendheim, John Wiggins, Jim Burton. Photo by Laura Gwinn



Sail Away Crew:
Mike Swift, Craig Coltharp, George
Hollendursky, Caregiver Michael Oliver



Sail Away Crew: Mike Petrow



Mike Swift becomes human whisker pole to deal with extremely light wind



Celebration Crew: Richard Ramsden, Hope Andruss, Pam Ledford Photo by Samia AbdelWahed



John Murray receives award Photo by Samia AbdelWahed



Volunteers: Samia AbdelWahed, Lorraine Fassett Photo by Samia AbdelWahed



Volunteers: **Janet Gonski Linda Casucci**Photo by Samia AbdelWahed



Sea Tango crew:
Dennis Krizek, Barbara
Peterson, Jennifer Broman
Photo by Samia AbdelWahed

## **Autumn Solstice Cruise**



Alan Cecil, John Rogers, Jeff Buck, Marty Halvorsen Photo by John Parsons



Brigitte Walsh, Susan Pearce Photo by John Parsons



Marina Soutorikhina Photo by Samia AbdbelWahed



New Member **Jeff Buck** *Photo by Samia AbdbelWahed* 



Marty Halvorsen
Photo by John Parsons



New Skipper Mary Moore accepts SOS burgee presented by Raft Captain Carol Coltharp Photo by Samia AbdbelWahed



Kathy Higdon Photo by Samia AbdbelWahed



Mary Ellen Murphy, Don Henfling, Susan Lewis Photo by Samia AbdbelWahed

## 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 <u>2017.sos.photos@gmail.com</u> (
please do not send entries to our personal emails.)

OR

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

## Nautical Quotes for thoughts during Hurricane Season

Most of us, I suppose, are a little nervous of the sea. No matter what its smiles may be, we doubt its friendship. ...H. M. Tomlinson, from *The Sea and the Jungle*, 1913

Seamen learn to get to know each other during a storm. ...Corsican proverb

A ship is safe in harbor, But that's not what ships are for. ...William Greenough Thayer Shedd The following article details a pirate encounter by SOS members **Dane and Ursula Skagen**. (Reprinted from September 2017 Spin Sheet)

### A Close Encounter with Pirates

By Art Pine

Chesapeake Area Professional Captain Association's (CAPCA) delivery captains encounter all sorts of unusual developments as they ferry vessels from one port to another, but this harrowing tale certainly stands out.

Captain Ursula Skagen and her husband, Dane, also a licensed captain, were delivering a 40-foot Valiant, from Bocas del Toro, Panama, to Marathon, FL, earlier this year when they were overtaken by four skiff-loads of pirates.



The incident occurred 75 miles northeast the Nicaraguan The coast. Skagens were roundina Capo Gracias a Dios, heading into deep water after sailing out of their way to avoid the expanse of shoals nearer

the coast. A small fishing skiff carrying three or four young men motored by, the occupants smiled and waved, and the Skagens, trying to be friendly, smiled back and tossed them a pineapple and a six-pack of beer. Another boat came by, and they chatted with its crew. But the vessel couldn't match the Valiant's 8.5-knot speed.

Then came four larger boats loaded with some 30 men. While three of the boats kept pace several yards away, one crew member came alongside and boarded the Valiant. One of them clearly had a knife, which he kept tapping on the pedestal.

The Skagens, unarmed, decided there was no way they could ward off the pirate crews. The Skagens kept sailing while the pirates turned off the Valiant's single sideband and VHF radios and tore through the lockers and compartments, apparently searching for drugs and weapons. Finding none, the desperados decided to call it a day, pocketed some stolen gear, and started to leave.

"They knew what they were looking for, and we didn't have it," Ursula says. Their jefe, who spoke fluent English, suggested straight-facedly that they all shake hands "on our business deal," and the crew reboarded its own boat and motored back toward the Nicaraguan coast. Everyone waved.

Ursula, who has logged 35,000 miles of passages on her own boats during the past couple of decades and coowns (with Dane) her own international delivery service, says the couple learned some valuable lessons from their experience. Chief among them is to stay way off the Nicaraguan coast.

Both Skagens hold 50-ton near coastal master's licenses with endorsements for auxiliary sail and towing. Find them at usdeliverycaptain.com.

## SOS Bank Accounts – August 31

 Bareboat Escrow
 \$ 46,140

 Checking
 \$ 37,227

 Savings
 73,299

 Credit Card
 \$ ( 13,608)

 End of month total
 \$ 96,917

## 2016 vs 2017 As of August 31

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Income Expenses	\$85,518 (85,150)	\$77,173 (68,545)
Net	\$ 368	\$ 8,628

## 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?

<u>Commodore's Award:</u> 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 cosponsored 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 allencompassing 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.

## **EDUCATION**

Beth Dumesco is taking classes in professional organizing and has started working with clients, helping them "dig out" from clutter and

A communal water cask around which

Scuttlebutt:

sailors traded gossip.



Send news to Jody Hutchinson mjodyh@yahoo.com

Chuck Schwerzler just checked off an item on his bucket list: a six-week tour of the National Parks out west in his "land cruiser," aka a 32-foot motor home. He visited Moab/Arches, Grand Canyon, Zion River, Bryce, Vernal, Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, Mt. Rushmore, the Corn Palace and KOA campgrounds along the way. The vistas were just spectacular especially the sunrise in Moab from an off-road vehicle atop a mountain.

Longtime SOSer Jeannie Block Bessmer now lives about 25 miles west of Annapolis at Collington, a Kendal life-care community. She has her own cottage on this 125-acre site. She is thriving there among the fascinating, intellectual residents and fabulous dining room meals. Call to come visit!

Joan and Pete Stogis joined the crowds and saw the "Great American Eclipse" in Andrew, NC.

Barbara Mistrik and Kris Smith toured mainland Greece. Kris was in Athens and Delphi for several days before meeting Barbara. They rented a car and spent several weeks touring the six inhabited monasteries in Meteora (299 steps for just one of them); the museum and tomb of Phillip II, Alexander the Great's father, in Vergina (gold, gold, and more gold); the fascinating and beautiful "Water City" of Edessa and its old Christian Turkish section; the Loutra hot springs near Greece's border with Macedonia; the ruins and museum at Dion that sit at the foot of Mt. Olympus; the huge ruins at Delos, and ending with several relaxing days at Barbara's home on Mykonos.

Highlights for Kris were seeing the earliest known relic of the first keyboard instrument, built in the 1st Century BC. It was a hydraulically powered organ. A small piece of millefiori glass decorated the front. The glass was the earliest example of millefiori ever found. A nearby funerary stele, discovered in 1994, showed the firstknown rendition of a very popular ancient harp called a nabla. The nabla had been played at the temple of Solomon. Another gem in the Dion museum was a little (four-foot tall) stove. The lowest section was the fire box, and there were clay pipes that sent heat to two side "platforms" on which you could set pots, and also to an open oven for baking. It was remarkably complete. The city of Edessa sits at the top of a high cliff and close to a mountain range. An early lithograph shows seven waterfalls along the cliff. Ingeniously, the city corralled the water into channels as it flowed through the

city; some channels are only two feet wide. Honestly, you cannot go 200 feet without crossing water. But, this wasn't just an engineering project. They populated the whole city with incredible parks with little waterfalls and gardens and places for restaurants. Think San Antonio, only it's the whole

city. Now only two waterfalls cascade over the cliff, and I'm sure the resulting flood control and electric power generation are appreciated. By the way, Kris says Barbara is an awesome driver....

In July, Kris spent three weeks in Sonoma, babysitting her brother's cat that keeps chugging along at age 17. Sonoma is always special. Among other delights, there are now 15 wine tasting rooms around the Plaza. Her nephews and their families are nearby, along with various other friends all who attended her cousin's 100th birthday celebration. And, of course, San Francisco was only an hour away.

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

Beth Dumesco has been getting back into the Coast Guard Auxiliary. When I moved from Germantown, MD. to "SoCo," or South Anne Arundel County, it became an hour and a half drive to get to flotilla meetings. I found a new flotilla that meets in Shady Side. I'll be going out soon for my third Qualifications Exam for Crew.

In 2009 CJ (Dian) Corneliussen-James founded a nonprofit to fund research for metastatic (stage IV/terminal) breast cancer. They are almost entirely volunteer and put 100% of every donation into the research grants they award annually. Though she is no longer President, CJ continue to give numerous hours each week to the organization - METAvivor. On Sep 13th I depart on a weeklong trip raising awareness, attending fundraisers and visiting State Health Departments, medical facilities, research facilities and fellow patients to discuss messaging, handling of patients with stage IV cancer, support and awareness issues, our research program and more.

Patricia Duvall and Jim Johnson cut worms on the 4th of July for a kids fishing contest. The contest started about 7am. It is sponsored by the Kent Island Elks and DNR Reserve Officers. The annual Kids Fish Free Derby is held at Terrapin Park Freshwater Pond in Stevensville. They cut worms for about three hours and met really nice people and great kids.

Jody Hutchinson knits purple hats for distribution to newborns in November to call attention to, and provide information to prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome.

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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

1982 Lippincott 30 For Sale. Great condition, Wellmaintained, 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

#### **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

For Sale: Achilles inflatable dingy, 8'-4", with floor boards with Cruise 'N Carry engine. Best reasonable offer. Call Frank: 410-279-2451

### **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 building 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. 07-17

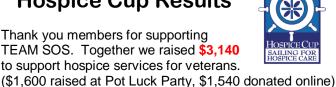
Severn River location in Severna Park. Rent Large one bedroom, with deck overlooking the Severn. Water privileges, mooring possible. Off street parking, W/D. No Pets, no smoking. Includes most utilities. \$1250 for one person. Call Kay after 1:00 pm at 410-456-1045 08-17

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

#### **SERVICES**

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

## **Hospice Cup Results**



Another big thanks to several members who volunteered at the shore party. I apologize to anyone I have not named; the two Dark and Stormies consumed at the Shore Party apparently impacted my recall ability: Janet Gonski, Karl Scible, Joyce Eller, Linda Casucci, Samia AbdelWahed, Ben Kaufman, Lorraine Fassett, Julia Oravecz, Carol Cronin-Williams, and Donna Kachura.

## TEAM SOS RACE RESULTS

This year the Hospice Class was broken into two groups: A Group (those boats that had placed in a previous Hospice Cup) and B Group (those that had not placed before in a race.) Below are the results for Team SOS.

PLACE	CLASS	BOAT	SKIPPER & CREW
5 <sup>th</sup>	А	Sail Away	<ul> <li>George Hollendursky</li> <li>Shirley Brooks</li> <li>Mike Swift</li> <li>Craig Coltharp</li> <li>John Petrow</li> <li>Hospice Caregiver</li> </ul>
WD	В	Summersail	John Wiggins     Jim Burton     Laura Gwinn     Jennifer Bendheim
5 <sup>th</sup>	В	Celebration	<ul><li>Hope Andruss</li><li>Richard Ramsden</li><li>Pam Ledford</li></ul>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	В	Gallivant	John Murray  Jill Hanson  Non SOS crew  Hospice Caregiver
WD	В	Sea Tango	<ul><li>Dennis Krizek</li><li>Susan Veccia</li><li>Barb Peterson</li><li>Jeff Davis</li><li>Jennifer Broman</li></ul>



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

October 4<sup>th</sup> **NVA/DC:** 5 pm

MYLOS GRILL (in the bar area) mylosgrill.com. Held on the first Wed of each month. 8238 Old Dominion Dr, McLean, Va in the McLean/Chesterbrook shopping center. Free parking, great food!

Contact: TRISH Remele: trishreml@gmail.com

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

ELLICOTT CITY, MD: October 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30- 7:30 pm BARE BONES Grill & Brewery 9150-22 Baltimore Natl. Pike, 410-461-0770 barebonesgrill.com.

Corner of St. Johns Lane & Rte 40, Ellicott City, MD 21042 JILL- jill.montgom@gmail.com Contact:

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

SO NJ & PHILA: October 5<sup>th</sup>

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

Contact: LORA - doniala@aol.com

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

October 5<sup>th</sup> 6 pm LIVE BAND! SE PA:

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

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

SOUTH-CENTRAL PA: October 5<sup>th</sup>

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

BOB - sosrjmorrow@aol.com Contact:

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

NORTH BALTIMORE: October 12<sup>th</sup>

MICHAEL'S Cafe Restaurant & Lounge (in the bar area) 2119 York Road, Timonium (opp Fairgrounds) MD 21220. 410-252-2022, 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

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

October 18<sup>th</sup> WILMINGTON, DE: 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 Drink specials 'til 7pm

Contact - GERI - Geriwalker12@gmail.com

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

ROCKVILLE, MD: October 19<sup>th</sup> 5 - 7pm

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

> JON - jonbernheimer@verizon.net Contact:

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**KENT ISLAND:** October 19<sup>th</sup> 4:30 - 7pm

FISHERMAN'S INN, 3116 Main Street, Grasonville-

(410) 827-6666

Contact: MARILYN Goodson msgoods7@gmail.com

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

October 19<sup>th</sup> **6-10 pm** (our 2nd HH) SE PA:

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!

PATTI - pattievans@aol.com Contact:

4th Thursday

ANNAPOLIS, MD: October 26<sup>th</sup> 5-7 pm

and later at THE PIER (prev. Coconut Joe's) 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, 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.

> RON - repence@msn.com Contact:

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Day Sails - Oct 4, 7, 18

Goose Cruise - Oct 14/15

Three Day Oyster Fest Cruise - Oct 27/29

Blue Lips Cruise - Nov 4/5

