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Cruising Corner Laura Gwinn & Noreen McGuire, Chairs

We have a little more than two months left in the sailing season. If you know, or meet someone who did a coordination this year, give them a hug and thank them! While it's been a tough sailing season for skippers and crew, it's been challenging for coordinators: weather cancellations, "the boat isn't ready because the boatyard is backed up" cancellations (due to weather), trying to match crew with skippers, crossing fingers that enough crew and skippers will sign up. But they get through it all with a smile and usually come back the next year.

What can you do to help make the coordinator's job a little easier? Sign up early (especially skippers), indicate any special needs you have or that you want Basic Skills training. Skippers, if you have invited crew, please hold open a spot or two for suggested crew from coordinators. Be open to taking crew you don't know; it's always great to meet a new friend! Make sure your profile on the website is correct.

September sailing can be great with the coming of cooler weather! And there are some lovely destinations, and fun cruises coming up. There are day sails on September 5, 8, and 18. The Four-day Gold Card cruise to Baltimore is September 20-23 (skippers, have you called Anchorage Marina to reserve your slip?).The Chili Cruise and the joint rescheduled First Mates' Cruise is Sept 29-30. Skippers are encouraged to sign up for the First Mate Cruise and then join the Chili Cruise raft Saturday night. Early October is the Boat Show (Oct 4-7), so no sails are scheduled then. Day sails are Oct 11 and 13.

## 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. Online voting closes at midnight on September 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 FIVE people.

Voting for more than **FIVE** 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.

# A FREE tour of the USCG Cutter Barque EAGLE September 16

SOS has been invited back to tour the Tall Ship Barque EAGLE Sunday, September 16th. You may remember Chief Warrant Officer Spencer M. Greer, our February Brunch speaker. He has invited 50 SOS members for another FREE tour of the EAGLE. She's the United States Coast Guard's training cutter, soon to return to dock in Baltimore after training in The three-masted the Caribbean. EAGLE is 295 feet long, 147.3 feet tall with a sail area of 22,227 feet. The CG cadets in training are a permanent crew of 57 men and women.

Make your FREE reservation now on the SOS web page The tour will begin at 1 p.m. and last about 1.5 hours. Wear comfortable shoes as there is a 5-10 minute walk from the parking lot to the water front. We may be required to wear hard hats, also we are cautioned that the stairs from the deck are very steep and the area below deck is narrow. You are welcome to have a tour of just the deck. If there are engineers among us, 10 people can have a tour of the Engine Room. Detailed driving and parking instructions will be provided after your reservation is made. No admittance will be allowed without identification.

Questions to Suzanne Vaughn suzyvaughn2@gmail.com

# **VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE**



Fall... and we are FALLing into the best sailing times of the year. Are you signing up early? Are you

singing up often? There are many day sails as well as some of the best weekend raft ups to enjoy. Do you have a favorite Chili recipe (perhaps with 'secret' а ingredient??) or can you imitate a goose call and share your talent on our October weekend? Gold Card Cruise to Baltimore: Ovster Fest to St Michaels; days sailing to the wind... and great sailors and new and old friends to enjoy it all with... does it get any better?

We are also FALLing into the time to exert your voice and vote for the five incoming Board members. 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 candidates' Read the 1st. speeches in this issue of the Whisker Pole... Reach out to them to ask your questions... be informed in your vote ... we are a great club and your voice makes it even better.

We are also FALLing into the transition for some of our Committee Chairs... and we need you! To work on a committee, to support a potential Chair, to offer to co-chair a committee of your interest. Step up, Step in. With a Spring Training Chair in place (and on a roll!) and Fireside Chats started, this is the ideal time to volunteer as overseer of the Education Committee - will that be you? And with a PR person in place for advertising Spring Training, will you be the **Communications Committee Chair** to get the word out about SOS the rest of the time?

There are many ways to enjoy the beauty of our Bay, enjoy the beauty of good friends, enjoy special moments in your life... Sign up Early... Sign up Often!

Janet

#### Welcome New Members

Valyra Forino Centreville MD

Mary Mahoney New Cumberland PA.

Holly Witte Harrisburg PA

## SOS BANK BALANCE 7/31/18

Checking	\$62,304
Credit Card Balance	(\$37,006)
Savings Account	\$ <u>73,353</u>
Total	\$98,651
Bareboat Escrow	\$46,409

	Aug 2018	Aug 2017	Aug 2016
Members	439	477	485
Skippers	87	95	117
Totals	526	572	602

#### Whisker Pole NEWSLETTER Published Monthly

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# Unofficial notes August 2, 2018 Board Meeting

**Commodore:** Presented revised timeline for submission of Award Nominations. Discussed board transition dates. Finalized wording for refund policies.

**Vice Commodore**: Discussed agenda for Town Hall Meeting and candidates.

**Treasurer**: Presented current financial statements. Discussed 2019 Budget. Discussed use of Ring Central.

**Bareboat:** Michael Sommers has completed all of the last minute details for the Lake Champlain trip.

There will be a gathering one hour before the Town Hall Meeting in Galesville to discuss future trip to Sweden. Deborah Beck Kauffman will be the coordinator for the Belize Trip.

#### Brunches: No Report.

**Cruising:** The FM cruise and Lollipop Cruise was cancelled due to severe weather. There was a safety incident during the Cambridge cruise and one skipper did not check in, did not appear at the raft up, and arrived at the Cambridge marina well after staff had left. Details were provided to Skipper's Advisory and Safety for handling. Cruising is considering a two-week "Down the Bay" extended next May/June (probably to Mobjack Bay).

**Database**: Presented the club calendar and asked Board Members and Chairs to review for accuracy.

#### Education: No Report.

**Membership**: We continue to get a few new members. Plans are in the making for scheduling "What's the Scoop"

**First Mates:** The First Mate Weekend Sail on July 21-22, was cancelled due to weather. Looking for another weekend to reschedule.

**Newsletter:** The July 16-page Whisker Pole was mailed to 101 members and 33 Happy Hour coordinators and were printed at a cost of \$ 362.48 which equates to \$2.71 per copy.

#### Public Relations: No report

**Safety:** I want to work on getting our skippers to get their boats checked by the USCG Aux or America's Boating Club examiners.

**Skippers' Advisory**: There have been several situations come up that were handled with peer advice and discussion

**Social**: **Reviewed** Anniversary party costs and presented an historical review of Seafood festival party costs

# Unofficial notes August 11, 2018 Annual Meeting

**Commodore: Set purpose** of General Meeting as introduction and filling nominations.

**Acceptance of minutes** from General Membership Meeting March 2018.

### Recognize Board and Committee Chairs -

Five retiring Board members including: Joan Tannen who has been Vice Comm this past year and liaison to Safety led by Beth Dumesco; Gretchen Young acting as Treasurer; Jon Halpern liaison to Bareboat with Kathy Haven and Membership committee with Donna Kachura; Brian Guptil who is liaison to Shirley Hollendursky's Newsletter cmte and Ned Schwartz's First Mates: and Alan Osterholm who has been liaison to Education and Public Relations - and pretty much a solo act as those are committees without a chair. Four Board members continuing for another year on the board: Cathy Laws as Secretary and liaison to Social led by Mary Ellen Murphy; Sandy Rosswork is liaison to Cruising led by Laura Gwinn and Noreen McGuire and to Skippers Advisory led by John Rogers and Doug Townsend: Teresa Scofield who is liaison to our Brunch organizer Suzanne Vaughn and to our Database guru John McDonald. Recognize the many "behind the scenes" volunteers (with a variety of examples).

**Introduce Nominating Committee Chair** Lorraine Fassett who spoke about her committee of Linda Casucci, Jon Bernheimer, Patti Evans, and Bill Knapp who recruited six nominees: Coco Languetuit, Jerry Axler, Robin Miegel, Dana Stoffragen, Rebecca Strandberg, and Jan Warfield.

**Nominations are open to the floor** with no additional nominees. **Speeches** presented in alphabetical order.

#### Old Business:

- As we begin the budget, acknowledge we are shrinking in membership with static expenses.
- Recognize that there are more ways to be social → begin to consider adjustments; make party potluck and BYOB; other suggestions requested on wall posters.

#### New Business:

- Gold Card Cruise Baltimore reminder by Janet Gonski
- John Parsons explained the First Mates Cruise structure and purpose; announced it is rescheduled to coincide with the October Chili Cruise
- Beverly Nash informed attendees that Peter Stogis is willing to teach ASA 101/103/104
- The Awards Banquet is moving back to January so consider nominees for the traditional awards as well as for Jibe Ho awards. Noted photo contest submissions would be announced, too
- Spring Training is March 16, 2016; Irene Aronian is asking for input and commitment.

# **Fleet Exercises and Shore Leave**

Please <u>email</u> 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.

#### Note: Effective January 1, 2018, individual request for refunds will incur a \$3 Administration Fee Non-members must submit a Sailing Registration Form.

	September 1-3	Saturday - Monday	3 Day	Labor Day Sail
	Destination:	Saturday: Trippe Creek off Tred Avon River	Cost:	\$51 - Member or Non-member
TALOR	Deadline:	Sunday: Skipper's Choice. Mail: August 17 (postmark) Online: August 21	Note:	Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.
	Coordinator:	Cherie Comly mectwist@aol.com Please <u>be sure to log-in fi</u>		sign up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
	September 5	Wednesday	Mid W	eek Day Sail
	Destination:	Skipper's Choice	Cost:	\$17- Member or Non-Member
	Deadline:	Mail and Online registrations must be received by August 29	Note:	Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.
1000	Coordinator:	Meeps Yox mpsyx@earthlink.ne Please <u>be sure to log-in first</u> ,		n up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
to a star	September 6	Thursday	Board Meeting	
	Location:	Commons Room Greenbrier Community Building	Time:	7:00 to 10:00pm Doors open 6:45pm
		7600 Hanover Parkway Greenbelt, MD 20770	Notes:	Open to all Members
	September 8	Saturday	Day Sa	ail
	Destination:	Skipper's Choice	Cost:	\$17- Member or Non-Member
	Deadline:	Mail: August 29 (postmark) Online: September 2 (9 pm)	Note:	Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.
	Coordinator:	Willo Pequegnat <u>lv1509@yaho</u> Please <u>be sure to log-in firs</u>		gn up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
	September 15	Saturday	37 <sup>th</sup> H	ospice Cup Regatta
	<sub>⊃</sub> Destination:	Severn River and adjacent Bay waters	Note:	Regatta Registration Information: http://www.hospicecup.org/participate/
Hospice Cup	After Party:	4:00pm – 9pm Hospice Cup XXXVII Shore Party at Bert Jabins Yacht Yard	Note:	There is a \$85 charge for the shore party
SAILING FOR HOSPICE CARE	Coordinator:	Hosted by Chesapeake Sailing C	lub	

1	September 16	Sunday	Tour o	f USCG Cutter Barque EAGLE
	Destination:	US Coast Guard Surface Forces Logistics Center, 2401 Hawkins	Cost:	No cost to members
	Desalling	Rd, Baltimore, MD	Time:	1:00pm – 3:30pm
	Deadline:	Mail and Online registrations must be received by September 13	Note:	Limit of 50 SOS members.
	Coordinator:	Suzanne Vaughn <u>suzyvaughn2@</u> Please <u>be sure to log-in first</u> ,		ו <u>m</u> ו up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
	September 18	Tuesday	Mid W	eek Day Sail
	Destination:	Skipper's Choice	Cost:	\$17- Member or Non-Member
	Deadline:	Mail and Online registrations must be received by September 8	Note:	Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.
	Coordinator:	Laura Gwinn <u>laura.gwinn1953@g</u> Please <u>be sure to log-in first</u> ,		up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
	September 21-24	Friday - Monday	4 Day	Gold Card Cruise
	Destination:	Friday: Bodkin Creek Saturday: Baltimore Harbor	Cost:	\$68 - Member or Non-member
	Deadline:	Sunday: Skipper's Choice Mail: September 7 (postmark) Online: September 10	Note:	Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.
£	Coordinator:	Janet Gonski j <u>gsunset@yahoo.c</u> Please <u>be sure to log-in first</u>		n up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
	September 29-30	Saturday - Sunday	Chili C	ruise
	Destination:	Whitehall /Annapolis	Cost:	\$34 – Member or Non-member
	Deadline:	Mail: September 15 (postmark) Online: September 17	Note:	Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.
	Coordinator:	Carol Bohatila <u>ms.bohatila@como</u> Please <u>be sure to log-in first</u>		n up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
	September 29/30	Saturday - Sunday	First N	Nates Re-Try Sail
FIRST	Destination:	White Hall/Annapolis	Cost:	No cost. Open to First Mates, First Mate Emeritus and First Mate Candidates. BY INVITATION ONLY
Ť.	Deadline:	Mail: September 15 (postmark)	Note:	Spend the day honing FM skills, as well as
MATE	Event Coordinators: Coordinator:	Carol Bohatila ms.bohatila@como		enjoying the day. Boats and First Mates to join Chili Cruise Raft after the Saturday sail.
		Plus - Bev Nash <u>beverlynash@vo</u> Please <u>be sure to log-in firs</u>		<u>t</u> gn up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>

60	October 4	Thursday	Board	Meeting
	Location:	Commons Room Greenbrier Community Building 7600 Hanover Parkway Greenbelt, MD 20770	Time: Notes:	7:00 to 10:00pm Doors open 6:45pm Open to all Members
Å	October 11	Thursday	Mid W	eek Day Sail
	Destination:	Skipper's Choice	Cost:	\$17- Member or Non-Member
	Deadline:	Mail and Online registrations must be received by October 3	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 <u>bkwingrove@</u> Please <u>be sure to log-in first</u> ,		<u>om</u> າ up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
	October 13	Saturday	Day Sa	ail
	Destination:	Skipper's Choice	Cost:	\$17- Member or Non-Member
	Deadline:	Mail: October 3 (postmark) Online: October 7 (9 pm)	Note:	Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.
	Coordinator:	Barbara Wise <u>barbara1474@ya</u> Please <u>be sure to log-in fir</u>		
*	October 20-21	Saturday - Sunday	Goose	Cruise
	October 20-21	Saturday - Sunday Gray's Inn Cr. off Chester River	Goose Cost:	<b>Cruise</b> \$34 – Member or Non-member
	Destination:	Gray's Inn Cr. off Chester River Mail: October 5 (postmark) Online: October 8 Carole Jordan <u>seajay2844@gmai</u>	Cost: Note:	\$34 – Member or Non-member Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the
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m A	November 3-4	Saturday - Sunday	Blue L	ips Cruise
	Destination:	Pirates Cove – West River	Cost:	\$34 – Member or Non-member
	Deadline:	Mail: October 18 (postmark) Online: October 21	Note:	Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.
	Coordinator:	Sandy Huberfeld <u>huberfelds@ac</u> Please <u>be sure to log-in first</u> ,		up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org
	November 10	Saturday	Cruisi	ng Appreciation Meeting
	Destination:	Annapolis	Cost:	Member Meeting/Dinner: Free
Thank kyou	Deadline:	Mail: October 31 (postmark) Online: November 5	Time:	Non-Member: <b>\$25.00</b> 5-6pm Happy Hour 6-7pm Dinner
	Coordinator:	Laura Gwinn <u>laura.gwinn1953@c</u> Please <u>be sure to log-in firs</u>		7-9pm Meeting gn up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
	November 11	Sunday	Bruncl	h
	Location:	Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD	Cost:	\$TBD - Brunch \$TBD – After deadline and walk-ins.
	Speaker/Topic:	TBD	Time:	11:00 am Social Hour 12:00 noon Brunch
E,	Deadline:	Mail: November 2 (postmark) Online: November 6	Note:	1:00 pm Program ??
	Coordinator:	Suzanne Vaughn <u>suzyvaughn20</u> Please <u>be sure to log-in f</u> i		om sign up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>

# DIRECTIONS

#### 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 Balto/Phila**: 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.



# **Jerry Axler**

I was honored to be asked to run for a position on the Board of Singles on Sailboats. As a longtime member and skipper of SOS, I am familiar with the advantages of membership in the organization for the



many people it serves. Continuing and strengthening SOS is my primary reason for agreeing to run for the Board. Living in Annapolis now allows me to serve effectively if elected.

I have been actively sailing for 40 years and in that time, I primarily sailed the East Coast to New England, Maine and Canada. My love for New England waters has lured me into making 25 or more trips north. In addition, I have chartered boats in the BVI, Windwards and Croatia. As a former member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, I taught Basic Seamanship, Navigation, Meteorology and Colregs.

During my professional career as a dentist, I actively served on numerous Local, State and National Boards in various roles including president, treasurer, trustee and actively initiated programs for the benefit of the public.

I now feel this is a good time to contribute to SOS, a club that serves an important role for so many.

# Corrinne (Coco) Lanquetuit

In 2013 I was a member of the Downtown Sailing Club in Baltimore. Another member mentioned SOS to me. I looked into it, joined SOS that same week and never looked back. SOS, first as a crew



than as a skipper, has had such a beneficial and positive impact in my life as a sailor that, after five years, I realize it is time for me to give back to the club. Being a board member would give me that opportunity.

Many of you know me as we have sailed together on *Bonne Idee*. Few know me outside of the club. My professional expertise is in international finance, risk management and international development. Over the years I have lived in seven different countries. I have learned to adapt, be flexible and more importantly to listen to others.

I like to do things that are outside of the box. The most interesting thing I have done in my life ... so far... is to join the Israeli Army as a volunteer for a few weeks.

As a Board Member I would bring that same unconventional approach and way of thinking, as well as my enthusiasm and passion for sailing. My experience as a sailor has been obtained over 20 years sailing in the Bahamas where I lived for a while, in Spain and Florida where I did most of my training and took my ASA certifications and ultimately on the Bay.

My goal as a member, and eventually as a Board member, is for the club to continue to succeed and to grow, to bring that passion of sailing, that camaraderie that we have to even more members, and hopefully to a younger generation of SOS members. I want to contribute to a club that has given me so much in whatever way I can as a Board member or in any other capacity where my experience and expertise could be beneficial.

#### Skippers, Have You Ever?

- Wished you had a crew that could tie a dock line on a cleat?
- Wished your crew could properly fend off pilings when entering a slip?
- Tied up to a raft and needed someone to properly place fenders and spring lines?

Well that is the purpose of the First Mate program: To provide skilled sailors to help you with these and many other needs when sailing your boat.

This September we have rescheduled the **First Mate Cruise** in conjunction with the Chili Cruise. During the cruise First Mates work with experienced skippers to hone



their skills and demonstrate uney are unuy qualified to bring you and your boat back to shore safely if you are incapacitated.

During the cruise First Mates would practice key boat handling skills under your guidance. Then join the Chili Cruise raftup to participate in the Chili Contest.

Please join us on this cruise and request a First Mate to give that person the opportunity to hone their skills.

# **Robin Meigel**

am 1 а longstanding SOS member/skipper who single-hands my 27-foot Cape Dory most of the time. I'm also officially a "retread" candidate as l've served on the Board in the past as Secretary and Treasurer!



SOS is a great club and has served its members so very well. Incredible volunteers have held things together in the face of a drop-off in membership from a high in my memory of 950 members.

As a Board member I expect I will be scrutinizing whether we should be adapting our calendar of offerings to these changes – we continue to rely on a hard-core cadre of veteran volunteers. If they say they don't need a break I will listen. But perhaps Spring Training should be held every two years. If we have fewer parties, the incentive to attend the ones we hold will be all the greater and reduce the risk that they lose money.

Cruising is the heart and soul of our club and I'd like to see us try different things – including taking boats south of the Potomac for those who are up for it. I would like to see us organize a "Cheeseburger in Paradise" party on the water (as opposed to a land-based party with the same theme). I strongly support managing our finances to stay within the existing dues level.

# 2018 Photo Contest

Take and save your photos for the 2018 SOS Photo Contest. Entries must be taken at an SOS event in 2018 by the member

of SOS submitting the photo.

A photo does not necessarily require that event as a theme. Photos taken on days when traveling prior to or after a



destination cruise may be submitted.

Full contest rules will be published in a later Whisker Pole. Contact John Parsons with any questions about the photo contest.

# **Dana Stoffregen**

I am recently retired and reside in Doylestown, PA. I have been sailing since I was a teenager, over 50+ years ago. I started sailing on lakes and along coastal Massachusetts on my 10' O'Day Sprite, followed by a 14' O'Day Javelin and then a 19'



O'Day Mariner sloop. I raced dinghies (420s, Shields, and others) in college, and did some coastal racing on C&C 35 and 36 sailboats out of Mystic, CT. I also did some coastal cruising including Mystic, CT. to Boothbay Harbor, ME. and Annapolis, MD. to Block Island, RI. I bought my present boat, a Corsair 28R trimaran, in 2005 and started actively racing on the Bay. I have maintained memberships in the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association and the Chesapeake Multihull Association, and was Rear Commodore in charge of the CMA Newsletter for two years.

About two years ago I heard about SOS. I talked with a local member, attended a great Halloween party at the Miles River Yacht Club, and joined SOS within a few weeks. Since then, I have attended multiple social functions (dinner/dances & brunches), sailed on weekend cruises, and skippered on two SOS bareboat trips (Leeward Islands [44' Leopard catamaran] and the BVI [47' Jeanneau monohull]). I will be skipper of a 39' Lagoon catamaran on the upcoming Lake Champlain trip.

I hope to be elected to the SOS Board, where I can become more involved in the ongoing weekly/monthly operations of this organization. I believe that SOS needs to continue outreach to attract new members, including younger single sailors to fill out our ranks and provide growth going forward.

I look forward to resuming the SOS Spring Training program, and perhaps initiating additional continuing education programs throughout the year. Overall, the future of SOS looks bright!

I consider myself very fortunate to have found SOS, and desire to give back to this unique and wonderful organization. Thank you for your support.

# Meet the Candidate

# **Becky Strandberg**



I have been a member of SOS for over ten years. I came to the club through recommendations of friends and through the DC Happy Hour and was immediately made welcome by too many members to name. Before I joined SOS, I

owned a couple of sailboats with a partner.

My activities in the club include sailing as crew, hosting happy hours in Montgomery County, acting as a coordinator for a weekend cruise, going on bareboats and serving as nominating chair last year. I love the club and have made many good friendships through these activities. In my other life, I admit, I am a lawyer and now live in Annapolis in Heritage Harbour.

I am running for the Board because I want to give back to the organization and can use my past experiences as a Board member and officer on a number of different volunteer boards, including my Bar Associations. I believe in building consensus and unity in organizations, not division. Retaining and obtaining new members has been an issue in Board elections for several years and is something I would work on as a Board member.

We have strengths in that we have tried and true ways of getting new members and we also have the richness of having members who just naturally mentor and encourage members. Our tried and true methods include happy hours, brunches, friends and notices on the web or in a publication.

If elected to the Board I would focus on building on what we have for skipper and crew members in terms of our social, membership and other committees. I think we should have an award for club members and skippers who mentor and encourage other members and would look for other ideas to foster membership.

Thank you for this opportunity and I would appreciate your vote.

# **Jan Warfield**



I have been a member of SOS since 2015 and wish that I had found the Club sooner! I have had wonderfully varied and interesting sailing opportunities in SOS and enjoy the camaraderie of club members.

I am an active participant

in Bay sailing and bareboat cruising and volunteer at brunches and parties. In 2017, I presented a class at Spring Training.

I bring to the table a spirit of collaboration in my work and other activities including Peace Corps experience in the 1970s in Burkina Faso; as a Medical Technologist in a hospital laboratory; and as an NIH Contractor at Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research (FNLCR) working at different times in my 30+ year career on immune monitoring of HIV patients, on setting up a lab and working with NIH and Malian counterparts in Mali, West Africa, and in training personnel at FNLCR in privacy, security, and compliance issues.

I serve as a Board member of a dance club and we grapple with issues like SOS: how to run efficiently and to stay relevant, and how to attract more people to dancing. Some great sailing experiences I have had include bringing my sailboat, *Last Mango*, a Caliber 35, from Florida to Maryland, and in 2013, skippering *Last Mango* in the DelMarVa Sailstice.

I have a positive attitude and lots of energy to provide leadership to SOS and here is what I offer: 1) examine ways we can have a reasonable budget and get the most out of it; 2) review our programs and see where we can further support and improve them; 3) advocate listening to and respect for members; 4) strategize on best ways to support new members because it's easy to get lost when you are new. SOS has lots of good information on the website, but new members (and current members, too!) need more guidance to find it; 5) brainstorm with other club members to find ways to attract members and more skippers; and, 6) explore ways to better support volunteers who are the glue that holds SOS together.

# **Regional Holiday Dinners Need Hosts and Hostesses!**

We know it is still sailing season, but SOS is preparing for the fall and winter holiday season. A SOS tradition for many years is holding Regional Thanksgiving Dinners on Saturday, November 17, on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, and Christmas Day, December 25. We NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HOST the dinners.

Dinners have been held in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey. The host/hostess decides how many guests to host, the start time, coordinates what dish the guest will bring, and provides the turkey, etc. Guests bring a dish to share and a small contribution to cover the cost of the turkey.

To host one of these fun events, please contact Hope Andruss at <u>hopeda@verizon.net</u> or 703-973-0865 as soon as possible.

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**Meet the** 

**Seafood Feast** 

(L to R): Lauren & Soren Harbom and Samia AbdelWahed (SAW)



(L to R): John McDonald and Teresa Scofield (GVW)



(L to R): Mary Ellen Murphy and Ron Pence (GVW)



Gabriele Van Wie (SAW):



(L to R): Joan Keeger, John Dombach and Bill Knapp (JFP)



(L to R): Barbara Wise and Cindy Turner (JFP)



(L to R): Bev Nash, John & Nancy Parsons (SAW)



Margaret Meginniss (SAW)



(L to R): Dane Skagen and Kathy Higdon (SAW)

# **Town Hall Meeting**



Commodore Janet Gonski (SAW)



(L to R): Ned Schwartz and Molly Harrison (RAW)



(L to R): Lorraine Fassett, Becky Strandberg, Charlotte O'Conor (JFP)



Meeting Time (RAW)



(L to R): Willemieke McCarthy and Samia AbdelWahed (JFP)



LEFT: Nancy Parsons, Pat Clarke, Carol Bohatila, Kathy Higdon, John Halstead IIGHT: John McDonald, Leo, Bill Knapp, Suzanne Anderson

Vaughn (JFP)



Photographers: Samia AbdelWahed (SAW); John Parsons (JFP); Gabriele Van Wie (GVW); Bob Wright (RAW) NOTE FROM PHOTO EDITOR: Please include names with your photos so we can learn everyone's names.

#### TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD: Due 10<sup>th</sup> of month for publication the following month. Send email to <u>parandall@comcast.net</u>. Pat Randall, Classified Page Editor

#### **BOATS FOR SALE**

**25' O'Day , 1976** Beautiful sailer, with 9.9 Tohatsu outboard motor electric start, only 50 hours, new in 2014. Draft 36" to 6' with center-board down. Tiller replaced 5 years ago. New electric portable head never used. Main and jib in very good condition. \$6,000 firm: Contact Carole: carolelowery46@gmail.com Slip is paid through April 2019. No longer able to sail due to injury. 09-18

**1982 Lippincott30".**Very clean, Great condition, Well-maintained,<br/>Roller Main & Genoa, Bimini, Yanmar Diesel. 4'2" draft.Docked near<br/>Nocked near<br/>Kent Is. Sacrifice Sale, Reduced to \$14,000.Details & photos avail.<br/>07-18parandall@comcast.net07-18

**1962 Mercer 44:** "Spirit", classic Bill Tripp designed CCA fiberglass keelcenterboard sloop, rebuilt in 1998 & well maintained, third owner. Sleeps 2 in the V-berth and up to 5 in the main salon. Sailed on the Chesapeake; now berthed in Irvington, VA on the Rappahannock River. Her details are located on her website: <a href="http://www.Mercer44.net">www.Mercer44.net</a> \$99K. Contact SOS lifemember Floyd Hollister atfhh11@columbia.edu</a>

**Classic Sabre 32:** *Water Music,* well maintained and loved Sabre 32 cruiser/racer. 1986 Hull #65. Sleeps 5-6. Keel centerboard, 21hp Westerbeke diesel engine. Outfitted with refrigeration, 2-burner stove with oven (CNG), 25-pound Manson Supreme anchor on anchor roller, new chart plotter and depth sounder, main, 135% genoa, whisker pole, dodger and bimini w/covers and connector, full winter cover. Topsides waxed and bottom painted. For more details: johnfparsons 9@msn.com

**1995 Boat Show Sabre 38 MKII Masthead Sloop, Hull 216.** *Parfait.* Blue Awlgrip Hull, Gold Accent, Red Boot Strip. Fully Battened Mainsail with Atal Track,Dutchman Flaking System and Cover,135% Genoa and Cruising Spinnaker with Sock, Windlass, 33lb. Bruce Anchor with 200 Chain and Danforth Anchor with 150' Rode. 38hp Westerbeke Diesel Engine, Two Blade Folding Prop, 12V Refrigerator/Freezer, Raymarine 48 Mile Radar, D120 Chart Plotter, Auto Pilot, 110V Air/Heat Air Conditioner, and much more. If interested, please contact Howard Newman at <u>h.newman2@comcast.net</u> 03-18

**1987 Catalina 27:** *Wolf Pack* - Sole owner, Furlex roller-furling, Universal 18 diesel, Raymarine i70/iTC-5 electronics, new Micron CSC bottom, Martec folding prop, UK & North sails, CNG 2-burner stove, bimini, always winter hauled, 8.5' West Marine dinghy. \$13,500. John Petrow jepva@yahoo.com 06-18

#### **BOAT SLIPS**

SLIP for SALE Expensive but the best location in Annapolis. Condo slip on Spa Creek- 36' up to 42-43' with approval of the condo board). Easy, no fairway access, 9-10' depth. Short walk to Eastport and downtown Annapolis. Pool, TV lounge, exercise & billiard rooms, private laundramat, parking lot. This is the only place in Annapolis where you can buy a slip & live in it. Contact Steve Craig: <a href="mailto:svCarnival@gmail.com">svCarnival@gmail.com</a> 09-18

 SLIP for RENT "Prime position 30 ft sailboat-depth slip; Severn House,

 Back Creek. Drive right up to load/unload. Contact Brian at:

 brian@henleyhanks.com
 09-18

SLIP FOR RENT: Deep water slip in protected cove off Mill Creek (Severn River). Rebuilt, rewired pier. Water and electricity available at pier. Plenty of parking available for cars. Contact Bev Nash <u>beverlynash@verizon.net</u> 04-18

#### **ITEMS FOR SALE**

For sale: Honda Outboard motor 2001,4 stroke BF5A Approx 50 hrs use. Professionally maintained since new. Selling due to health. \$650 Contact Suzanne Farr <u>Aquila3@comcast.net</u> For Sale: Steiner 7 X 50 Observer w/Compass Binoculars. With case and float strap. Available used on Amazon \$550. See Amazon for specs. Pristine condition. Asking \$350 OBO. Bruce Beckert <u>brubeck9@gmail.com</u> 07-18

Items for Sale: 77 lb. Luke Storm Anchor \$175 50ft 50A power cord \$150 25ft 50A power cord \$75 50A 2-30A Marinco Y-adaptor \$49 ACR SM-2 Crew Overboard Strobe \$50 Whale Gusher 30 Emergency Pump \$299 Davis Radar Reflector \$25 Fortress Guardian G-55 \$199 250 ft ¾" 3-strand nylon rode \$99 4 Hella fans \$19 (ea) Orion 25mm flare gun \$40 12g flare gun \$10 Gaff hook \$15 Garhauer expandable boat hooks \$12 KGevecker@aol.com 06-18

#### OTHER

 Room to Rent:
 Very Large Waterfront bedroom with private bath, WIFI, laundry.
 \$750. Suzanne Farr: <u>sofarr@aol.com</u>
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Wanted: Room to Rent: two SOS members from PA looking to occasionally rent bedroom with bath privileges in greater Annapolis area. Contact Dana: <a href="mailto:stoffregendana@gmail.com">stoffregendana@gmail.com</a>

Skipper Available: I am an SOS skipper who owns and sails a performance sailboat (29' trimaran) that is only approved for daysails due to a lack of overnight accommodations for guests. I am offering my voluntary services as skipper to SOS sailboat owners who now find it physically difficult or impossible to sail their boats to SOS overnight destinations, but would still enjoy attending. Please contact Dana Stoffregen Email- stoffregendana@gmail.com 05-18

# SPRING TRAINING March 16, 2019

Planning for Spring Training 2019 is in full swing! A group of volunteers met on 11 August to discuss the broad range of tasks that must be accomplished to make Spring Training a success. As you can imagine, there are lots of things to do. We are soliciting volunteers at all levels and we WANT YOU!. Contact Irene Aronian at irene.aronian@gmail.com

Here are some ways to get in on the fun:

- Obtain speakers
- Identify vendors
- Room monitor coordination
- Logistics planning
- Speaker liaison & coordination
- Registration and packets
- Publicity & Marketing
- Facilities coordination
- Identify advertisers & door prize donations

This is YOUR Spring Training – and we want to hear about your thoughts and ideas for **what you want to learn** based on your interests and skill level.

- Crew members: What would you like to learn?
- Skippers: What would you like to learn for yourself?
- Skippers: What skills are important for your crew to learn to assist in the safe operation of your vessel?

We will take suggestions until 15 October 2018. At that time we will review your suggestions, make some decisions, and start identifying speakers. Please send your suggestions, thoughts, comments to Rick Morefield at <u>Rsailorman@aol.com</u>





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> Thursday

ELLICOTT CITY, MD: Sept 6 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 Contact: JILL- jill.montgom@gmail.com

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

5:30 PM SO NJ & PHILA: Sept 6th RIVERWIND'S RESTAURANT, Great food, drinks and Happy Hour prices. 1075 Riverwinds Dr, West Deptford, NJ LORA - doniala@aol.com Contact :

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

SE PA:

Sept 6th at 6 pm

Pietro's Birreria. 236 N. Radnor - Chester Rd., Radnor. 484-367-7072 HH prices 5-7. Our first of two Happy Hours. 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:** Sept 6th 6:30 - 9 pm

LANCASTER BREWING, 469 Eisenhower Blvd., Hsbg PA. It is located near the intersection of I-83 and I-283. Contact : BOB - sosrjmorrow@aol.com

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday NVA/DC:

Sept 5th 5 pm

MYLOS GRILL (in the bar area) mylosgrill.com. 6238 Old Dominion Dr, (Chesterbrook Shopping Center), McLean, VA. Free parking, great food! Contact: TRISH Remele: trishremlagmail.com

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday **BALTIMORE:**

#### Sept 13th 5 – 7 pm

Boathouse Canton, 2809 Boston St, Baltimore, MD 21224 boathousecanton.com (410) 773-9795, Free parking, great food, drinks and Happy Hour prices. Waterfront dining with stunning views of the Inner Harbor.

Contact: Kathy Haven- mskathha@gmail.com



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday WILMINGTON. DE:

Sept 19th 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:

#### Sept 20th 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.

Contact: JON - jonbernheimer@verizon.net 703-405-2250

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdav **KENT ISLAND:**

Sept 20th

4:30 – 7pm

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

Contact: MARILYN Goodson - msgoods7@gmail.com

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

Sept 20th 6-10 pm

SE PA: (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 super low long HH prices Meet a great group of sailing people!

PATTI - pattievans@aol.com Contact:

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday ANNAPOLIS, MD:

#### Sept 27th 5-7 pm (& later)

THE PIER, 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, 443-837-6057 (cocojoes@comcast.net).. Happy hour food / drinks.. 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.

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