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## PLANS & GOALS FOR 2021

We might be stuck at home right now, but SOS Committee Chairs and Board Members have been busy planning to get events and sailing rolling again by the late spring. Check out the following committee plans and get ready for spring!

### **Brunch:** Susan Zevin and Debbie Lyle

The Brunch Committee continues efforts to reinstate our in-person Sunday socializing and speaker programs. Our November speaker, Paul Bollinger from Chesapeake Regional Accessible Boating, has been rescheduled as a Friday evening Zoom meeting. Additionally, we are tentatively rescheduling our in-person March brunch to April 25th. This will allow more time for vaccinations and, hopefully, reduction in viral cases. We are reconfirming this with our speaker, Dr. Colin Rees, a world expert Naturalist and well-known member of Chesapeake region environmental organizations. Next fall we are hopeful for a return to some semblance of "normal" life and Sunday brunches!

### **Bareboat:** Deb Kauffman

The Bareboat committee is excited to begin planning for 2022 as the nation's vaccination program gets underway. Our 2020 trip to Alsace Lorraine to cruise the canals was moved to fall 2021 and our fingers are crossed that we can once more celebrate our love of the water with each other, exploring in exotic waterways. We still have openings for this trip and information is posted to [www.sosbareboat.simplesite.com](http://www.sosbareboat.simplesite.com). We are continuing to look beyond 2022 to find locales that our members are excited to explore. Won't you consider joining with us?

### **Cruising:** John Rogers

The SOS cruising committee proposes the following activities in 2021: 6 party



destination cruises, 9 raft-up cruises, and 22 Day Sails. Included in the events are: Hospice Cup, C.R.A.B. Regatta, Leukemia Cup, Oyster Fest, Wooden Boat Regatta, and the Eastport Oyster Boys Charity Concert on the Wye. Labor Day weekend will be a multiday cruise to the Choptank/Solomons. We are taking input on a week to ten-day cruise on the Bay.

### **Database:** John McDonald

During 2020 the MemberClicks software was upgraded. Which lead to an updated look to the website and better functionality on mobile devices. For 2021 the goals are: review each webpage to ensure a consistent look for the site; clear the backlog Board of Director meeting minutes and Treasurer reports that need to be uploaded; create a video archive of the Friday Evening Zoom seminars that can be accessed so that members may view the material presented; present a Friday Evening Zoom seminar for the membership on how to manage the information in their

member profile, view their financial transaction history, how to use the different directory search options; and review and implement suggested revisions or updates to the SOS website or the processes used to manage club activities.

### **Education:** Bill Knapp

Education will continue to schedule Friday night events until we are able to attend weekend sails. Topics will include SOS retrospective, club database overview, and Introduction for new skippers. Once we start sailing again, we will consider holding once a month Zoom events on a Friday that is not a sailing event day. We will send out a survey to determine interest in an early Spring Training this year.

### **First Mates:** Kathy Higdon

Proposing to have special sails for skippers and first mates to refresh skills and prepare for the 2021 season.

### **Membership:** Jon Bernheimer, Linda Cassuci, Lora Donia

- 1) Continue efforts to recruit new Members and Skipper Members by distributing recruitment flyer to marinas, sailing schools, and yacht brokerages.
- 2) Arranging and conducting New Member get-togethers at Members' homes to welcome the New Members, introduce them to some long-term members, and answer any questions they may have.
- 3) Work closely and collaboratively with the PR Committee in our common efforts to provide information on Singles on Sailboats and attract New Members.

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## VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



### **Your Money, Your Club.**

It's member renewal season and several people have asked: " why am I paying the same dues when I couldn't go sailing last year?" Not a bad question.

The answer is that member dues do not pay for the SOS sailing program! Both sailing and social events are self-sufficient; costs are covered by participants. In the case of sailing, boats are provided by participating skippers (who pay a lot to maintain their boats) who also did not sail much last summer! The club does not save money by cancelling sailing and social events, if anything, we lose money.

**So, just what do your club dues pay for?** In general, they pay for the fixed maintenance expenses of the club. Much like a restaurant, which needs to pay for rent and insurance even if they have to limit or suspend dining, SOS needs to pay for insurance, web site maintenance, storage locker rental, postage, etc. regardless of whether there is either sailing or social activities.

In 2020, SOS followed both Center for Disease Control and local health guidelines as well as common sense. We limited social events to a few outdoor

parties and picnics where social distancing was possible.

Sailing was tougher, but still many of our skippers went out for day sails and there was a list of willing crew posted on the web site.

We have great hopes for 2021! See the goals and plans from your SOS committee chairs for the coming season on page one. There is great stuff on the horizon!

Assuming that the COVID vaccine gets rolled out on schedule, we are foreseeing a "normal" cruising schedule and social activities not later than mid -summer.

Bottom line.....your member dues are an investment in keeping SOS afloat during the pandemic. We'll be ready to roll as soon as it's safe to do so and we hope that all of our members will renew and be onboard with us as sailing adventures and fun get-togethers resume.

Here's to speedy vaccinations!

**Sandy**

### **Welcome New Members:**

Christopher Bachinger  
Alexandria, VA

Nancy Rybicki  
Alexandria, VA

Bonnie Cook  
Annapolis, MD

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## Unofficial Notes January 8, 2020 Board Meeting

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

### **Present on Zoom:**

Board members: Sandy Rosswork, Craig Coltharp, Heide Harper, Robin Meigel, Pat Woodie, Teresa Scofield, Wendy Adams, Andrew Katz, Suzanne Vaughn.

Others: Bill Knapp, Jon Bernheimer, John McDonald, Emil Becker, Lorraine Fassett, Deb Kauffman, Debra Lyle, Shirley Brooks, Linda Casucci, Kathy Higdon.

**Approval of Minutes:** Board Meeting minutes of December 3, 2020 were approved.

**Commodore:** Highlights of Board and Committee planning meeting were reviewed.

**Vice Commodore:** Nothing new.

### **Treasurer Report: January 2021**

Net income for the year is a loss of \$558. Despite a virtual club shutdown, the loss was not as dire as expected.

Additional supporting documents requested by the accounting firm performing the review.

Membership renewal dues will be allocated to 2021 at the end of January. 2021 renewal dues paid in 2020 lag dues paid in 2019 by \$2300.

2021 Budget presentation was reviewed after regular meeting.

**Secretaries Report:** Nothing new.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Bareboat** - Deb Kauffman: Planning for 2021, space is still available for the Canal trip.

**Brunch** – Susan Zevin and Debbie Lyle: Request that Spring Brunch be rescheduled to April. This makes it more likely to succeed as more vaccinations will have been given. Will publish a Blast to poll the membership to see who will come to the Brunch.

**Cruising** – John Rogers: The SOS cruising calendar will include the following activities in 2021, if the calendar can be maintained given the pandemic:

- 6 party destination cruises
- 9 raft-up cruises
- 22 day-sail dates
- Taking input on a week to ten-day cruise on the Bay

**Database** – John McDonald: We are 47 members smaller versus Jan 2020. 223 have paid dues for 2021 compared to 294 for last year. January reminders will go out the middle of the month and again at the end of the month. Discussion concerning the number of members and possible mitigation/ encouragement steps that could be taken. There will be a special BOD meeting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January to address these concerns.

**Education** – Bill Knapp: Virtual classes were given until December 18. He clarified that Spring Training is not tied with Safety and Flare demo, just the same venue.

**First Mates** – Kathy Higdon: Nothing to add.

**Membership** – Linda Casucci, Jon Bernheimer, and Lora Donia: Continuing to post flyers at local marinas and brokerages. Working with the PR Committee to attract new members. Calling those who have not renewed. Planning pot luck and regional get togethers including after day sails.

**Newsletter** - Shirley Brooks: The 8-page January Whisker Pole was mailed to 15 members; three copies were mailed to one Happy Hour coordinator. The newsletter was printed at a cost of \$102.17 which equates **\$5.68** per copy.

**Public Relations** – Karl Scible and Janet Gonski: Virtual Happy hours are advertised on public landing page and log in page on the website. There are

links to HH coordinators. Two songs in the new Jane McNeely song book are dedicated to SOS! Advertisement in Spin Sheet on hold, but following up on Meet up platform.

**Safety** – Joan Tannen:

**Skippers Advisory** - Emil Becker and Lorraine Fassett: January 27 will be the start of the bimonthly Skippers Virtual Happy Hour. They will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. A “Rafting for Skippers and First Mates” course is being planned. That will be followed later by a “Rafting for the Crew” course. Laura Gwenn is an addition to the skippers advisory committee.

**Social-Vacant:** Several contacts have been made to potential chairs. No volunteers yet, but several are willing to serve on a committee. **Volunteers urgently needed for this committee!**

### **Unfinished Business:**

Discussed the 2021 budget presented by Teresa Scofield, Treasurer. Robin Meigel moved to vote to approve the 2021 Budget as presented. Andrew Katz seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **New Business:**

Review of issues impacting the newsletter cost. This issue merits a discussion and more data. This will be scheduled for the near future.

The cost per issue fluctuates due to two factors: (1) number of pages printed in each issue, and (2) number of copies printed. Because of this fluctuation it is difficult to predict an exact dollar amount to charge a member for 12 issues in an upcoming year.

**Special BOD meeting** concerning membership numbers will be held 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January.

Craig Coltharp

## Fleet Exercises and Shore Leave



### Various

**Location:**

**Invitation:**

### Fridays

Comfort of your home

Moderator will send out a Blast with sign on information prior to day of event.

### Education Zoom Seminars

**Time:** 6:30pm to 7:00pm Socializing.  
7:00pm to about 8:00pm Presentation.

**Notes** Zoom application is needed for your PC, Laptop or Phone.  
Dial-in option is also available.  
Open to all Members.



### Various

**Location:**

**Invitation:**

**Moderator:**

### Various

Comfort of your home

This is a good opportunity to keep in touch and share, during these trying times.

Moderator will send out an email with sign on information prior to day of event.

TBD

### Area Happy Hour Zoom Calls

**Time:** Around 5:00pm.

**Note:** Get in touch with your Area Contact, listed in back of your Whisker Pole to be put on their HH notification list. Or, check out the SOS Web site for further information.

**Note:** Zoom application is needed for your PC, Laptop or Phone.  
Dial-in option should also be available.



### February 4

**Location:**

### March 4

**Location:**

### Thursday

Via ZOOM: Contact Commodore for link to virtual meeting.

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### Board Meeting

**Time:** 7:30 to 10:00pm

**Notes** Open to all Members.

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### February 14

### Sunday

### Regional Brunches **CANCELLED**



### April 25

**Location:**

**Speaker:**

**Topic:**

**Deadline:**

### Sunday

Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD

Dr. Colin Rees:  
Impacts of Climate Change on Chesapeake Bay Ecosystems.

Mail: April 16 (postmark)

Online: April 20

Coordinator: TBD

### Brunch (was March Brunch) **Date Change**

**Cost:** \$ 31 - Brunch

**Time:** 11:00 am Social Hour  
12:00 noon Brunch  
1:00 pm Program

**Note:** **Face Masks Required**



### April 1

**Location:**

### Thursday

Via ZOOM: Contact Commodore for link to virtual meeting.

### Board Meeting

**Time:** 7:30 to 10:00pm

**Notes** Open to all Members



### September 2021

**Destination:**

**Note:**

**Coordinator:**

### Choose One Week

Alsace Lorraine, France and Germany

Week 1 – Sept 3 to Sept 10  
Week 2 – Sept 10 to Sept 17

Sandy Rosswork [sgrosswork@aol.com](mailto:sgrosswork@aol.com)

Go to <http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/> for more details

### France/Germany – Bareboat Canal Trip

**Cost:** Members \$1000 = Boat Cost and Admin Fee. - Air Fare and Insurance are separate.

**Note:** **To Download Registration Form with Payment Information:**

<http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/361821746>



## Power Boat Opportunities!



There are several members in the club who own power boats. In an effort to provide members with more opportunities to get out on the water, a couple club policies pertaining to power boats have been recently modified.

When members sign up for a cruise, they'll be given the opportunity to specify if (a) they will sail on a power boat if no other boat is available or (b) they prefer to sail on a power boat if one is available. Power boats are not allowed to join circular rafts, but they are allowed to join linear rafts under certain conditions.

If you own a power boat and would like to have the club offer you crew in the future, please notify Joan Tannen, SOS Safety Chair, at [safety@singlesonsailboats.org](mailto:safety@singlesonsailboats.org) so we can make the appropriate changes in the database and "activate" your boat.

We're looking forward to having great experiences out on the water in the upcoming season!

## Fire Extinguishers Needed

The club is always looking for old fire extinguishers to use at our annual Flare and Safety Day training. While we are all spending a little more time at home than usual, this might be a good time to check your fire extinguishers.



If you have any that have expired, and you're willing to donate them, please reach out to Joan Tannen, SOS Safety Chair, at [safety@singlesonsailboats.org](mailto:safety@singlesonsailboats.org)

We appreciate it!

## 50+ people attend ZOOM Seminar

January 15<sup>th</sup> over 50 people attended the Friday night ZOOM education event. Were you there?

Our members have stepped up to provide rich content in the series of presentations designed to keep your sailing skills sharp while not on the water. Join the meeting each Friday at 6:30 PM to maintain friendship and share knowledge.

Upcoming presentations:

- Jan 22 Debbie Daugherty: Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating
- Jan 29 Emil Becker: Below the Water Line
- Feb 5 (to be Confirmed) Dennis Krizek: Part 2 of Right of Way
- Feb 12 Sandy Rosswork: Anchoring in Foreign Ports
- Feb 19 John Parsons: Photo Retrospectives: 2020
- Feb 26 John McDonald: SOS Web site and Database Functionality
- Mar 5 Karl Scible: First Aid
- TBD: John McDonald: Small group training for committee chairs on club database access

## (2021 Goals: Continued from page 1)

4) Work toward reestablishing regional get-togethers for Happy Hours or dinners following day sails both as an incentive to encourage day sail participation, and to provide a social opportunity for those members and prospective members who were unable to sail that day.

2021  
VISION  
AND  
GOALS

**Newsletter:** Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky  
The Newsletter Committee will continue to print timely articles and publicize upcoming events of interest to the membership. Suggestions and submissions are always welcomed; please send to the editor at [editorwhiskerpole@yahoo.com](mailto:editorwhiskerpole@yahoo.com).

**Public Relations:** Janet Gonski & Karl Scible  
PR plans to facilitate SOS involvement in the sailing and racing community with our participation in the Triple Crown of Charity Sailing – the Leukemia and Hospice Cup races and the CRAB regatta. While we hope to have skippers and their crew enjoy a day of trimming sails and tightening their turn about the marks, we also plan to facilitate SOS gatherings in various locales for potluck fundraising parties in the weeks before each. We have some fun raffle items to share and tchotchkes to give out. We also plan to use the Meet Up platform to create some gatherings around local happenings – more on all of this when get-togethers and sailing-togethers become more comfortable. Until then, know we are ready!

**Safety:** Joan Tannen  
The Safety Committee plans to schedule our "CPR and Safety for Mariners" for later in the summer or early fall. This training, that results in a certification from the American Heart Association, is given by the Annapolis Fire Department. The club covers half the cost of the certification. This training gets great reviews every year! The Safety Committee also plans to conduct "Dinghy Dance" training later this year. This will be hands on training held at a member's private pool. Finally, if conditions permit, the ever-popular Flare and Safety Day will be scheduled for late spring.

**Skippers Advisory:** Emil Becker, Lorraine Fassett, Laura Gwinn  
The Skippers' Advisory Committee will be offering a skippers' Happy Hour twice monthly, the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, from 7 to 8 PM, beginning on January 27. We are looking forward to having an outdoor party, hopefully mid to late summer. Also, there are plans underway to have a Zoom course on Rafting for Skippers and First Mates sometime in the near future. Laura Gwinn is the Skippers' Mentor who will call all skippers new to SOS to welcome them and assist in getting them acclimated to our club.  
We look forward to sailing on the Bay together during this 2021 season.

**Social:** Need to find new chairs or co-chairs. Please Volunteer!! Contact Sandy Rosswork at [sgrosswork@aol.com](mailto:sgrosswork@aol.com)

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Let's take a look back at some past February activities.**

**Fireside Chats and Seminars**



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**Bareboat Charter Trips**



Crew from three SOS chartered boats enjoy a crew dinner at Leverick Bay, **BVIs**.



**Bahamas:** Frank Beck, Joan Tannen, Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky, George Hollendursky, Nancy Parsons, and John Parsons (JFP)



Skipper Emil Becker and crew squeezing into slip at Moja, **Sweden**.



Jody Hutchinson, Judy Barral, Dane Skagen. **Bequia, Grenadines**.



Lobster bake at Tobago Cays, **Grenadines**.



Joh Murray – this is how one shaves while on a bareboat trip! **Grenadines**.

## What does SOS usual do in February with no COVID? Let's take a look back at some past February activities.

### Regional Brunches



Seated: Irene Aronian (Hostess) Cecilia Javier, Phil Seiser, Susan Veccia, Wendy Adams  
Standing: Teresa Scofield, Anne George, Doug Gage, Linda Casucci, Nancy Morgan, Debra Roane, Chilo Obolensky, Hope Andruss, Jeanne Maroney



Seated: Molly (Hostess), Mary Swift, Ned Schwartz (Host)  
Middle Row: Jo Ann Lovell, Pat Clarke, Dave Tuttle, Nancy Briggs, Jim Kirk, Linda Deal



DE Region: Geri Walker; Julie Fort (host); Beth Krushinskie; Lynn Winkler; Gabi Van Wie; Tim Weber, Elizabeth Strickler; Sue Donaldson; Chic Bach, Paul Pudlinski, Mostaffa Nikkhooy, Gail Procter; submitted by Chuck Fort.



Annapolis Regional Brunch: Nancy Briggs, Brian Hanks, Judy Crews-Hanks, Joy Meacham, Lorraine Fassett, Carol Holmes, Meeps Yox, Ellie Kallins, Ben Kaufman, Doug Townsend, Barbara Mistrik, Carol Williams. Submitted by George Hollendursky



Seated: Samia AbdelWahed, Cindy Turner, Ellie Kallins, Robyn Turriff, Art Turriff, Susan Veccia (Hostess)





**Eight Bells for Members Who Have Sailed Across the Bar**

**In Memory of  
James (Jim) Frederick Randall**

SOS Skipper and 40-year member, Jim passed away from COVID on January 10<sup>th</sup> at age 87. Jim served SOS as a Board Member, Safety Chair, years-long coordinator for the Rockville Happy Hour, and on numerous committees.



Jim was an only child, born in Old Saybrook, Connecticut where he began sailing small boats. He attended university in Denmark to obtain his engineering degree and continue to sail, keeping his boat at the Royal Danish Yacht Club. He married a Danish Royal and had one son. Unfortunately, their marriage did not last and he eventually returned to the US where he met Yvonne Gilder, the love of his life. When Yvonne died suddenly of a brain aneurysm, he sold their boat and moved out of their Silver Spring home to share a house in Gaithersburg with longtime friend Gene Zimmerman, with whom he shared a love of ham radios. When Gene passed away in 2010, Jim relocated to the Revitz House at the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington.

Jim loved computers, ham radios, key lime pie, good food, prosecco, women, dancing and sailing. His Thanksgiving turkey was legendary. Jim frequently helped SOS members install and repair VHF radios on boats, fix their computer, get software, or set up their computer networks as he did for large companies and governments as well as small entrepreneurs.

Jim is someone his friends will never forget and will always be remembered with a smile.

**In Memory of  
Richard (Dick) J. Allen**

Former SOS Skipper Dick Allen passed away December 12<sup>th</sup> from complications of COVID-19 at the age of 87.



He was active in the early years of SOS and many remember anchoring off his home in Middle River. He put together many SOS sailing trips to Greece, Turkey, Belize, etc.

In 2018 he was featured in *SpinSheet* for building incubators for third-world countries and arranging for cruisers to deliver them to the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Honduras. He delivered medical supplies to Cuba via his 46-foot Vagabond sailboat, *Dragon Lady*.

Dick was a member of the Corinthian Yacht Club, the Baltimore Yacht Club, Glenmar Sailing Assoc., the

Middle River Yacht Club, and volunteered in the restoration of the historic Constellation in Baltimore.

Dick is survived by his wife Sandra, three daughters, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**In Memory of  
John R. Dudwitt**

John R. Dudwitt, age 83, passed away from an aortic arch tear on December 19<sup>th</sup>. He has been a member of SOS for 23 years and in particular loved the Anniversary and Seafood Feast cruises and parties. He met Joyce Cipollini who joined SOS in 2010; they married in 2015.



John is survived by Joyce and his two children. Due to Covid restrictions, both the service and burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Paul's UMC, 1314 Foulk Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.

SOS MEMBERSHIP			
	January 2021	January 2020	January 2019
Members	401	437	442
Skippers	80	91	90
<b>Totals</b>	<b>481*</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>532</b>

\*166 Lifetime Members  
23 Lifetime Skippers  
11 Inactive Members

SOS Finances January, 2021	
Club Checking Account	19,342.82
Hi-Yield Savings Account	73,450.75
Club Credit Card	-848.89
Bareboat Account	33,718.98

**TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD:**

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**Carole Jordan, Classified Page Editor**

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[Pauljonbrown2@yahoo.com](mailto:Pauljonbrown2@yahoo.com)

443-379-6604

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**BOAT SLIPS**

**DEEP WATER SLIP:** Join other great dock mates. Available immediately on Mill Creek, Annapolis Contact Suzanne Farr

[sofarr@aol.com](mailto:sofarr@aol.com)

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**ITEMS for Sale****FOR SALE: GIL OS5 Jacket**

Medium Red, Like new, Hardly worn \$75

Contact: Lynn Winkler [beachlynn@comcast.net](mailto:beachlynn@comcast.net)

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**FOR SALE:Marinco day/night plus solar vent 4"** white plastic. Works on rechargeable battery at night. Ventilation for boat or RV. Advertised at West Marine online for \$224.99. I got the wrong size (I needed 3"). Never used. Mint condition in original box. Bob Morrow, [cogito28@aol.com](mailto:cogito28@aol.com)

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**OTHER**

**VARNISH, BRIGHTWORK, WAX, and PAINT.** Flabo Brightworks, LLC. Call Julian Sargeant 985-227-5389 or email [julianflabo@outlook.com](mailto:julianflabo@outlook.com) (Recommend by Dan and TeejaMeier.)

3-21

**FOR RENT:** "Marsh Magic" - A serene vacation rental in West Ocean City, MD. [www.ocmarshmagic.com](http://www.ocmarshmagic.com). 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath house; 5 decks; 2 kitchens; elevator; near inlet and Route 50 bridge. Sleeps 12. Contact Sharon Taylor at [ocmarshmagic@gmail.com](mailto:ocmarshmagic@gmail.com)

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**FOR RENT:** Large waterfront bedroom and bath in Annapolis. Contact Suzanne Farr [sofarr@aol.com](mailto:sofarr@aol.com)

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**Kitchen and Bathroom Renovations :** Home or Vessel . Contact Mark Rybas @ The Craftsman Connection or [mark.rybas@rocketmail.com](mailto:mark.rybas@rocketmail.com) 3-21

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**FREE** to a relatively new SOS skipper who would appreciate some helpful **instructional books** to broaden ones knowledge of sailing procedures and skills as well as maintenance and refurbishment of one's sailboat. Contact Pat Randall at: [parandall@comcast.net](mailto:parandall@comcast.net) 4-21

Charles Kithcart, Executive Director of **Africa Diaspora Maritime** announced his team for the **America's Cup**. (He has been Kathy Higdon's housemate for the past 15 months!) The team will be based in Baltimore, so hopefully this will stimulate the local sailing market. If members want to follow the story, the links are below.

<https://www.admsailing.com/event-details-registration/media-blitz>

[https://www.admsailing.com/?utm\\_source=baltsun&utm\\_medium=display&utm\\_content=](https://www.admsailing.com/?utm_source=baltsun&utm_medium=display&utm_content=)

**SCUTTLEBUTT**

*(A communal water cask around which sailors traded gossip)*

**Pat and Jim Johnson** have the virus so they are just hanging out at home. They are looking forward to a fast recovery and a great 2021 sailing season.

**Marian Scheinholtz** and **Doug Townsend** made it through the application process and made it to the BVI for three weeks on his Jeuneau 36 that is available to charter from Conch Charters. If anyone is planning to come down, he can guide you through the application and relatively fast COVID testing process. He also has phone numbers and email addresses that would help. Most charter contracts are being canceled through April. There are very few boats on the water. They have one more COVID test in a couple of days before they can snorkel.

COVID is expanding **John Rogers'** horizons. Thanks to the Ellicott City ZOOM crew, he made his first homemade soup, a butternut squash and pear soup. Yumm.

**Jody Hutchinson** has been marooned outside of Seattle since March 1 of last year, and has no plans to return East until vaccinated. She is so grateful for ZOOM to keep up with SOS!

On January 5th 2021, **Gilbert J Eaton and Carole D. L. Marshall-Lowry** were married in a small family ceremony in Woodbury NJ. Due to the difficulties with COVID 19, a full reception is planned for late spring 2021. Carole could not be happier and will be changing her name to Carole D. L. Eaton.

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