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**May 22-23, 2021  
DNR Wye River Sail and Pirates, Rum, and Reggae Party**

Time to sign up for the Weekend sail and Sail-In/Drive-In Party at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) facility on the Wye River!! This is the first sail in TWO seasons to a land event. Don't miss it! Let's get back together after too long apart! It's a great way to spend time with your fellow mates in a relaxed, wooded setting. Many know the beautiful setting overlooking the serene Granary Creek where boats will anchor and crew will dinghy ashore to join those who drive into the event.



2019 party, we just might break the theme and do them again around that wonderful firepit! Any questions or volunteers please contact Meeps Yox at [mpsyx@earthlink.net](mailto:mpsyx@earthlink.net).

**BUNKHOUSE**

**AVAILABLE:** On Friday and Saturday there are eight bunks available at the DNR cabin or lodge at \$25 per night per bed and will include continental breakfast. Bring your own linens.

SOS "takes possession" of the facility on Friday and those renting bunks Friday night are welcome to bring food and drinks for dinner that evening. Those who are there early Saturday will be welcome to participate in the party prep and/or hike/bike around the grounds. It's also a great way to watch the fleet arrive. **To reserve a bunk contact:** Mary Chevalier at [mary7570@yahoo.com](mailto:mary7570@yahoo.com)

Whether cruising or driving in, get ready for great food, drinks and merriment with good friends and some new ones! All appetizers, dinner, dessert & drinks will be provided as individual servings – no buffet. And all will be served keeping in mind the suggested safety guidelines; you'll be served from the buffet! Think island food: pulled pork, jerk chicken, red beans and rice, rum punch, wine and lots more provided by your private SOS Social Committee Caterers!

Pirate or Island dress/costumes are great fun, but of course not required. So don't let that keep you from coming; we want you at the event to help SOS reacquaint!! Music will be Boom Box style just as we did for years when we first began enjoying the DNR facility. Since S'mores were so popular at the

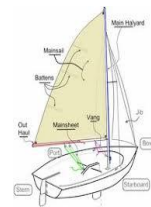
**May Day, May Day, May Day**  
*Bill Knapp, Education Chair*

SOS Education will kick off the merry month of May with two great education events aimed at our new members and those who have not been out on the water for a bit.

**May Day Together Training Event  
May 1**

We will gather at 9:30 AM at Sandy Point State Park for a COVID-safe training event. This will be the chance to get the scoop on sailing with SOS and follow up with an individual training program in the sailing areas you need to learn or review. We have courses on knots, sailing terminology and nomenclature, emergency equipment, sail trim, and sailing apps. It will be a great chance to get outdoors, meet your fellow SOSers and prepare for a great and safe summer on the water. The cost is \$20 plus a \$5 admission fee to the state park. For safety you will have to bring you own lunch, wear a mask, and practice social distancing.

**Dockside Training – May 2  
(Rain Date – May 9)**



Meet on various SOS Skippers' Boats to learn and practice the skills needed to sail. Go through the different safety items on the boat, practice raising and lowering

sails, placing fenders, using dock lines, working the VHF radio, and maybe if weather permitting, get a couple of hours on the water. Cost \$15 and bring your own lunch and drinks.

Please register online using the Event Calendar [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

You will be notified regarding your boat/skipper assignment.

## VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

### Sailing Safely in 2021



As we return to a more normal sailing season, there are still many questions about doing it safely. Results from the recent member survey, plus feedback from skippers and members, indicate that many prefer to sail with those who have been vaccinated. Mask wearing has also been an issue of concern.

As most of you know, Maryland Governor Hogan has relaxed indoor dining restrictions, but still requires social distancing and masks. All of this is a bit more complex when applied to boating!

So, we are adding several vaccine related questions to the cruise registration forms which everyone fills out to enroll for a sail. Hopefully this information will permit the cruise coordinators to have the relevant information right upfront when arranging suggested placements. Here are sample questions:

**For Everyone:** I have not been vaccinated; I have received 1 of 2 shots; I am fully vaccinated; I choose to not answer.

**For Crew:** I am comfortable sailing with crew who have not been vaccinated; I will sail if everyone is partially vaccinated; I will only sail if everyone is vaccinated.

**For Skippers:** I will accept crew regardless of vaccination status; I will only accept fully vaccinated crew; I will accept partially vaccinated crew; I will only accept crew I invite; I am not accepting crew.

Bear in mind that the answers to these questions will no doubt be different for day sails vs overnight sails. Preferences will also be shifting with the passage of time and decrease in general community infection rates.

Masks are a more complex issue. First, anyone on a boat may choose to wear a mask at any time, and everyone is

advised to bring a mask along. Second, circumstances and ability to keep social distance vary greatly, as for example, being on deck in a good breeze vs being below. A large boat vs a small boat, etc. Therefore, there will only be one mask related question. **For skippers:** I prefer crew wear masks most of the time. When skippers contact their crew, there will be opportunity to discuss what their preferences are regarding mask wearing. Everyone should have a mask along!

Our sailing season will be off to a great start on May 1, with the "May Day Together" training event at Sandy Point State Park. The ever-popular Dockside Training follows on May 2 at the boats of a variety of SOS skippers. The traditional Cruising Kick off is planned for May 8 at Port Annapolis Marina. May will also bring a host of day sails plus the DNR event on May 22 -23.

Stay safe, get your shot, think sailing!

### Sandy

#### Welcome New Members

Liz Bardelli - Baltimore, MD  
Clare Henschel - Fredericksburg, VA  
Anne Kennedy - Baltimore, MD  
Robin Kershaw - Wilmington, DE  
Marcy Kleinman - Glenwood, MD  
Mary Moore - Annapolis, MD

#### Welcome New Skippers

Rich Stewart - Bear, DE  
Charlie Wright-Montgomery OH

### General Membership Meeting - April 8

Tune in to Zoom to see what your club is up to. Committee chairs will give a summary of the last year, plus plans going forward. Our Treasurer will give you a financial update. We will share highlights of the recent Member Survey, and the Membership Committee will discuss member renewal status and major reasons for non-renewal. Be "in the know"! Join us at 7:00 on the 8th.

### Whisker Pole NEWSLETTER

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**Boat US Discount code #GA80619S**

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## Unofficial Notes March 4, 2021 Board Meeting

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Board Meeting minutes of February 4, 2021 were approved.

**Commodore:** Member Renewal issues discussed. Planning for next General Membership Meeting on April 8, via Zoom.

**Vice Commodore:** Nothing to add.

### **Treasurers Report:**

#### **Highlights**

1. Net income for the month is virtually the same as February 2020.
2. The only expenses incurred have been for club overhead.
3. 1.2% increase in PO Box rental.
4. 2021 renewals are behind 2020 by \$1,574.
5. FM request for \$100 added to their budget was approved.

**Secretaries Report:** Nothing to add.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Bareboat** - Applications are being accepted for September Canal trip Sept 3 – 10 and Sept 10 – 17. There are five mostly full boats for week One and one boat for week Two with space. There are four more boats on hold. Need both skippers and crew. A Zoom presentation on geography, history, and culture of the Alsace Region. Date March 26. We have prepared a survey to the general membership on future destinations. A Bareboat Zoom presentation has been scheduled for Friday, March 12th, for new members.

**Brunch** – There will be a spring Brunch on April 25. The presentation by our speaker Dr. Colin Rees on climate change impacts in and around the Bay should be fascinating and timely in

the Doubletree large ballroom. Seating will be four to each 10-person round table. There will be an open bar and we'll be served a plated breakfast or lunch. Brunch selections are omelet with pancakes, or grilled chicken with BBQ sauce and pineapple salsa; selections will be required at registration.

**Cruising** – Details of the season Kickoff are being planned. Bookings for events have been attended to. Individual event coordinators are being selected.

The Board approved the Cruising Calendar. Action was requested to define the "Rules of Engagement" for our sails. Particularly, do we gather data on who is vaccinated and share it with coordinators and skippers for decision making.

**Database** – 122 Memberships will expire on 3/31/2021

The 2021 Cruising schedule has been uploaded to the SOS Long Range Planning Calendar. Which has been approved by the Board, The calendar will be uploaded to the Events calendar.

**Education** – On Friday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> we tried out the Zoom **breakout** room feature. By using three breakout rooms. Feedback indicated the majority of the people liked the new feature. Planning for our **May Day Together Training Event** on May 1, 2021 at Sandy Point State Park continues. The pavilion has been rented for the full day – 11 hours, we will be done around 4 pm. At this point, Frist Mates have scheduled their event to follow ours.

**First Mates** – The FM meeting and picnic has been scheduled for Sat May 1 at Sandy Point Park.

**Membership** – A Call Committee was formed to reach out to members who had not renewed their 2021 Membership as of 2/1/2021. There were 115 non-renewal Lifetime/Regular Members and 21 non-renewal Skipper Members. Responses were compiled and summarized. Seven New Member Packets were mailed to new Members as of 3/1.

**Public Relations** – The general public/non-members are **not** invited to participate in the April 25 brunch or the May 1 outdoor Spring Training. PR has continued to reach out to members to proactively create a resource of regional locations to encourage outdoor social gatherings. PR feels our focus really needs to be toward Skipper membership recruitment.

**Safety** – Boat activations will start mid-March.

**Skippers Advisory** ZOOM Skippers' Happy Hours have continued bi-weekly on Wednesdays between 7 and 8 PM. On March 24, 2021 Chuck Fort will do a Rafting Presentation via ZOOM in place of the regular HH. The presentation will concentrate on linear rafts. An invitation will be extended to SOS FMs to attend the presentation.

**Social** – We still have no Social Chair. Meeps Yox and Barbara Mistrik have volunteered to work as a team to produce several social events. **More Volunteers urgently needed for this committee!**

**New Business:** Proposal to redefine the Inactive member category for Non-Resident regardless of time as an SOS Members.

Safety requests input regarding the Flare and Safety Exchange.



## 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** mailed to the **coordinator**. A copy of this form can be found on the SOS website.

All checks are to be made payable to **SOS, Inc.** The postmark is used as the mail in cutoff/deadline date.

**Note: individual request for refunds will incur a \$3 Administration Fee.**



### Various

**Location:**

Comfort of your home

**Speaker/Topic:**

April 2 – Heavy Weather Sailing  
 April 9 – Role of the Coordinator  
 April 16 – Racing Round Table  
 Hospice Cup, CRAB Cup, Leukemia  
 April 23 – Spin Sheet Century Club  
 April 30 – Happy hour only.  
 Last one for the season.

### Education Zoom Seminars

**Time:**

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

**Invitation:**

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

**Note:**

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



### April 1

**Location:**

Via ZOOM, Contact Commodore for link to virtual meeting

### Thursday

### Board Meeting

**Time:**

7:30 to 10:00pm

**Notes:**

Open to all Members.



### April 8

**Location:**

Comfort of your home.

**Connection:**

The Zoom link will be sent to the entire membership shortly before the meeting.

### Thursday

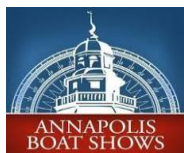
### Zoom - General Membership Meeting

**Time:**

7:00pm

**Notes:**

Open to all Members



### April 15-18

**Destination:**

Bay Bridge Marina,  
 Stevensville, Maryland

**Note:**

For Information go to <https://www.annapolisboatshows.com/bay-bridge-boat-show/>

### Thursday to Sunday

### Bay Bridge Sail & Power Boat Show

**Note:**

Tickets can be purchased online  
<https://secure.interactiveticketing.com>



### April 25

**Location:**

Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD

**Speaker/Topic:**

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

**Deadline:**

Mail: April 16 (postmark)  
 Online: April 20 **by noon**.

**Coordinator:**

Bev Nash [BeverlyNash@verizon.net](mailto:BeverlyNash@verizon.net)

Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

### Brunch (was March Brunch) Date Change

**Cost:**

\$ 31 – Brunch – No Walk-ins

**Time:**

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

**Note:**

**Face Masks Required.**  
 Bob Wright - photo contest results at lunch time.



### May 1

**Location:**

Sandy Point State Park Pavilion

**Deadline:**

Mail April 23 (postmark)  
 Online April 26

**Coordinator:**

Emil Becker [emilbec@gmail.com](mailto:emilbec@gmail.com)

Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

### May Day Together (Training Event)

**Cost:**

\$20 per person plus \$5 Park Entrance Fee per person. Guest: \$25

**Time:**

9:30am Registration. Ending at 3:30pm  
 See additional details in the Wisker Pole

**Note:**

**Be sure to bring copy of Flyer for Park**



**May 1**

**Saturday**

**First Mate Meeting/Potluck**

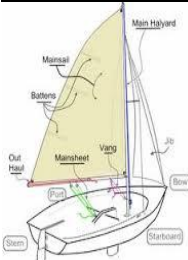
**Location:** Sandy Point State Park Pavillion (\$5 Park Entrance Fee per person.)

**Cost:** Free to invited members, \$10 for guests (collected at the door) Bring your own brown bag meal. Drinks, plates, cups, utensils, dessert provided.

**Deadline:** Register by April 17  
**By Invitation Only**

**Note:** 4:00 pm start Bring masks & ideas.  
**Be sure to bring copy of Flyer for Park**

**Coordinator:** Meeps Yox [mepsyx@earthlink.net](mailto:mepsyx@earthlink.net)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



**May 2**

**Sunday**

**Dockside Training**

**Location:** Various Skipper' Boats

**Cost:** \$15

Rain date May 8

**Time:** 10:00am

**Deadline:** Mail: April 23 (postmark)  
Online: April 26

**Note:** Bring your own lunch, beverage and Basic Skills Checkout Forms

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



**May 5**

**Wednesday**

**Mid-Week Day Sail**

**Destination:** Skipper's Choice

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

**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by April 28

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

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



**May 6**

**Thursday**

**Board Meeting**

**Location:** Via ZOOM, Contact Commodore for link to virtual meeting

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

**Notes:** Open to all Members.



**May 8**

**Saturday**

**Cruising Kick-off Meeting New Date**

**Location:** Port Annapolis Marina Pavillion

**Cost:** Free to Skippers, First Mates, & Cruising Committee Members  
\$35 for guests

**Deadline:** May 4th  
**Note:** **By Invitation Only**

**Time:** 3:00pm: Coordinator training  
4:00pm: Skipper & First Mates Comments  
5:00pm: Happy Hour  
6:00pm: Dinner

**Coordinator:** Irene Aronian [irene.aronian@gmail.com](mailto:irene.aronian@gmail.com)  
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**May 15**

**Saturday**

**Shakedown Day Sail**

**Destination:** Skipper's Choice

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

**Deadline:** Mail: May 1 (postmark)  
Online: May 5 (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:** Bev Nash [BeverlyNash@verizon.net](mailto:BeverlyNash@verizon.net)  
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**May 15**

**Saturday**

**First Mates' Day Sail**

**Destination:** Skipper's Choice

**Cost:** No cost to First Mates, First Mate Emeritus and First Mate Candidates.

**Deadline:** Mail: May 1 (postmark)  
Online: May 5 (9 pm)

**Note:** By invitation only.

**Coordinator:** Bev Nash [BeverlyNash@verizon.net](mailto:BeverlyNash@verizon.net)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



**May 20**

**Thursday**

**Mid-Week May Day Sail**

**Destination:** Skipper's Choice

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

**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by May 13

**Note:** Non-member may sail once w/ a member & must mail a separate Registration Form with a check.

**Coordinator:** Barbara Wingrove [bkwingrove@outlook.com](mailto:bkwingrove@outlook.com)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

**May 22/23****Saturday – Sunday****Pirates, Rum & Reggae (DNR) Cruise/Party**

**Destination:** Wye East River/Granary Creek

**Cost:** \$64 - Member or Non-member  
\$30 - Party only

**Note:** Additional details to follow.

**Deadline:** Mail: May 5 (postmark)  
Online: May 10  
Party only: May 14

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

**Coordinator:** Meeps Yox [mpsyx@earthlink.net](mailto:mpsyx@earthlink.net)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

**May 26****Wednesday****Mid-Week Day Sail (Blue Angels Flyover)**

**Destination:** Skipper's Choice

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

**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by May 19

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

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

**May 29 - 31****Saturday – Monday****3 Day Memorial Day Cruise**

**Destination:** Saturday: Skipper's Choice  
Sunday: Skipper's Choice.  
**Deadline:** Mail: May 13 (postmark)  
Online: May 18

**Cost:** \$51 - Member or Non-member

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

**Coordinator:** Julie Fort [jafort@comcast.net](mailto:jafort@comcast.net)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

**June 5/6****Saturday – Sunday****The Happy Place Sail**

**Destination:** TBD

**Cost:** \$34 - Member or Non-member

**Deadline:** Mail: May 20 (postmark)  
Online: May 25

**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator. **First Mates to Join Raft after their Saturday Sail**

**Coordinator:** Bev Nash [beverlynash@verizon.net](mailto:beverlynash@verizon.net)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

**June 5/6****Saturday – Sunday****First Mates' Weekend Sail**

**Destination:** TBD

**Cost:** No cost. Open to First Mates, First Mate Emeritus and First Mate Candidates.

**Deadline:** Mail: May 20 (postmark)  
Online: May 25

**Note:** Spend the day honing FM skills, as well as enjoying the day. **First Mates to Join "The Happy Place" Raft after the Saturday sail. BY INVITATION ONLY**

**Coordinator:** Bev Nash [BeverlyNash@verizon.net](mailto:BeverlyNash@verizon.net)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

**September 2021****Choose One Week****France/Germany – Bareboat Canal Trip**

**Destination:** Alsace Lorraine, France and Germany

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

**Note:** Week 1 – Sept 3 to Sept 10  
Week 2 – Sept 10 to Sept 17

**Note:** **To Download Registration Form with Payment Information:**  
<http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/361821746>

**Coordinator:** Sandy Roswork [sgrosswork@aol.com](mailto:sgrosswork@aol.com)  
Go to <http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/> for more details

## Cruising Corner

The ospreys have returned, Spring has arrived, and skippers are in the process of commissioning boats! So, let's go sailing! Just go to the Event Calendar on the SOS web page to find the Day Sail or Weekend Sail you are interested in. Complete the registration and then a few days before the sail a skipper will contact you with details. (An offer to sail depends on how many skippers have their boat ready to sail).

### 2021 Cruising Schedule

May 1	May Day Together Training Event (Sandy Point State Park)
May 1	First Mates' Potluck Dinner (Sandy Point State Park)
May 2	Dockside Training (boats at various locations)
May 5	Day Sail
May 15	Day Sail – First Mates' Sail & Shakedown Sail for others
May 20	Day Sail
May 22-23	DNR (Granary Creek, Wye East River, onshore party)
May 26	Day Sail Blue Angels Practice Flyover (Annapolis Harbor)
May 29-31	Memorial Day Cruise – Skippers' choice anchorage
June 5-6	First Mate Cruise and Weekend Sail for others (short distance destination)
June 12	Day Sail
June 17	Day Sail
June 19	Day Sail & Leukemia/Lymphoma Regatta (Annapolis Harbor)
June 26-27	Anniversary Cruise and Onshore Party (Lankford Bay Marina, Chester River, Langford Creek)
June 30	Day Sail
July 3-4	Where the Fireworks Are Cruise (various locations)
July 8	Day Sail
July 10-11	Wine and Chocolate Cruise (Magothy River, Eagle Cove)
July 17	Day Sail
July 20	Day Sail
July 24-25	Wet & Wild Cruise (Harris Creek, Choptank River, in-water activities)
Aug 3	Day Sail
Aug 7-8	Appetizers & Desserts Cruise (Reed Creek, Chester River)
Aug 14	Day Sail
Aug 14	Town Hall Meeting (Port Annapolis Marina Pavillion)
Aug 21-22	Seafood Feast Cruise (Haven Harbor South, Rock Hall)
Aug 26	Day Sail
Aug 29	Day Sail
Sept 4-6	Labor Day Cruise (Solomons, Choptank River, home port)
Sept 10-12	Oyster Boys Concert Cruise (Shaw Bay, Wye River, rafting in pods)
Sept 16	Day Sail
Sept 18	Day Sail & Hospice Cup Regatta (Annapolis Harbor)
Sept 19	Day Sail
Sep 23	Day Sail
Sept 25-26	Octoberfest Cruise (Anchorage Marina, Baltimore Harbor)
Oct 2	Day Sail
Oct 6	Day Sail
Oct 9-10	Chili Cruise (Wye East River, Cove north of Pickering Creek)
Oct 14-18	Sailboat Show (Annapolis Harbor)
Oct 19	Day Sail
Oct 21	Day Sail
Oct 23	Day Sail
Oct 30-31	Halloween Cruise (Pirates Cove, West River)

### Skipper Flare Exchange May 8<sup>th</sup>



Most of you are aware that the club has historically had a Flare and Safety Day in April every year. Regrettably we won't be having it this year, but we have decided to still have a Flare Exchange for skippers who are interested and who qualify. The old flares we collect this year will be used at the Flare and Safety Day next year.

For skippers who have sailed at least once with the club in 2018, 2019, or 2020, the Safety Committee will exchange a maximum of two packets total for either 12-gauge aerial Alert flares or hand-held Locator flares with new packets. Flares should be no more than four years out of date.

You may request an exchange of one SOLAS flare or one packet of Smoke flares at a cost of \$30.00 each. Flares more than four years out of date can be donated (no exchange) and will be used in the demonstration or turned into the Annapolis Fire Department for disposal.

The exchange will take place at the Cruising Kick-off on **Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**.

Please let me know by **April 24<sup>th</sup>** whether you would like to participate in the exchange, as well as what flares you are turning in and what flares you are requesting.

Joan Tannen  
SOS Safety Chair



## Louise Burke Nomination to National Sailing Hall of Fame



SOS Member Louise Kevin Burke was a nationally known sailor, well-regarded and respected by the U.S. sailing community and beyond. She was a pioneer in the acceptance of women into the professional sailing ranks, just as she was instrumental in promoting safety issues and storm survival at sea. In her over 35 years of professional sailing experience, Louise exemplified the highest ideals of responsibility, safety and preparation in all the crews and sailors whose lives she touched. She passed away in June of this year.

To recognize and honor her lifetime achievements, Louise has been nominated for induction into the prestigious National Sailing Hall of Fame. The NSHF promotes sailing by recognizing its heroes; highlighting sailing's contribution to the American culture and experience; and demonstrating its value as a hands-on tool for scholastic and life skills learning.



Every spring the Selection Committee, comprised of individuals from across the sailing industry, convenes to determine which sailing heroes will be the next Inductees to the National Sailing Hall of Fame. While they select the inductees, nominations are made through an open and inclusive process by the sailing community, the marine industry, members of the press and the general public.

To view the nomination for Louise and see her impressive achievements, click here:  
<https://nshof.org/nominees/burke-louise>

SOS Membership				
	Mar 2021	Mar 2020	Mar 2019	Mar 2018
Members	226	383	387	404
Skippers	58			
Lifetime Members	156			
Lifetime Skippers	22	82	89	85
Inactive Members	18			
Memberships expire 3/31/21	-122			
Totals	358	465	476	489

## Earn the Triple Crown Trophy Participate in Charity Sailing Events



Skippers participating in the Annapolis **Leukemia Cup Regatta** (June 19), **CRAB (Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating) Cup Regatta** (August 22, which conflicts with SOS Anniversary Cruise/Party) and **Hospice Cup Regatta** (September 18) will be eligible for the Weems & Plath Triple Crown of Charity Trophy. It will be awarded to the boat finishing highest in all three events while raising the

most funds for the respective charities. The race results of each sailing event will be combined with the fundraising of each skipper and crew and calculated into their final standing for the Triple Crown Trophy.

In the May Whisker Pole, we will have details for the Leukemia Cup: how to register for the race, register to volunteer, and how to make donations.

**Skippers:** SOS encourages you to consider participating in at least two of these charity events even if you have little to no racing experience. These regattas each have a Cruising Class for novices which is a fun, light-hearted race. The Club will offer a **ZOOM seminar on April 16** for those new to racing to learn about racing rules, strategies and explain a pursuit start. If you don't want to race, you can participate in the SOS Day Sail and become a spectator boat! For now, our goal is to connect with skippers who are interested in learning more, gathering crew, and maybe even making a practice or two on a day sail?

**Crew:** There are opportunities for volunteers to participate in the fabulous shore parties that follow each race, usually for free or a reduced entry fee. Volunteers are also needed to help with event planning and administration and to help ensure that event day goes off without a hitch. This is a great way to give back to the community while having great fun.

**Donate: Raise more than sails:** You can support our SOS Team and help fund these worthy charities. We hope to create regatta-focused fundraising events, always keeping COVID consciousness in mind (so the plans may be more robust as the summer rolls along).

SOS Finances	
Club Checking Account	\$25,238.30
Hi-Yield Savings Account	\$73,451.94
Club Credit Card	\$ -1,304.28
Bareboat Account	\$33,718.98



## Zooming *toward* sailing with SOS regional gatherings

"It was great seeing people in person," heard after a chilly afternoon walk around Centennial Lake in Columbia. Last month saw our club adding a virtual happy hour based on the Delaware regional eList with its posting on the SOS website anyone can log on and Zoom in. (The south Delaware/Bethany Beach group is already considering joining them).

The idea for the Saturday walk started during another virtual Happy Hour, "The weather's going to be nice; anyone up for a walk?" The details went out on that eList, open to anyone who wanted to chill, chat, and perhaps chew later at a local outdoor venue. Sound good?

We are happy to announce a plan to organize and encourage regional, small group, COVID-compliant backyard gatherings. We are collecting names of those willing to share their yard, or a nearby park, and so far we have two possibilities in Delaware, one in Western Howard County, MD, another in Bethesda, MD, and several potential locations in and around Annapolis. A NoVa member is looking at an outdoor park as a location.

As we continue to monitor CDC and state guidelines, vaccinations, and personal comfort, we hope to roll out some backyard-type gatherings in late April and through May. A casual chance to see each other, share sea (or didn't-see-you) stories, and to begin to unfurl our happenings. Look for an alert blast and or check out the event calendar in late April/early May.



## April is Boat Helpers' Month

*Emil Becker, Lorraine Fassett  
Skippers' Advisory*

It has been far too long since many of us have been out on the water enjoying each other's company. The pandemic has been a bad thing for SOS, but we now have better times to look forward to. Getting the SOS fleet ready is key to getting out on the water and good times.

This spring our skippers need more help than ever. In 2020 many did not sail and some might have deferred cleaning and maintenance. So getting the fleet ready for sailing is going to take some work.



Our skippers need help in readying their boats and if they get this help they will be ready sooner and sooner means more day and weekend sails for everybody. Some of this work requires expert help that is best

left to the experts, but most of it is the kind of stuff that most of us can do. Think hanking on sails, bringing cushions on board, cleaning and polishing the wood in the interior of the boat. These are all things everyone in the club can do.

To be a boat helper is simple! First, call your favorite skipper or skippers from 2019 or maybe 2020, and offer your services. If you didn't have a favorite skipper, please put yourself on the boat helper list on the Club's Web site and wait for a skipper to call you. And when that skipper calls, please go down to their boat with enough time scheduled to complete a job. We can all make a difference!

### Brunch April 25<sup>th</sup> Impacts of Climate Change on Chesapeake Bay Ecosystems

Be sure to sign up for this event as we are fortunate to have such an exciting speaker, Dr. Colin Rees.



Rees's presentation will highlight amazing observations, insights, intimate details and fascinating profiles of lives lived in the dynamic and delicate ecosystem of the Chesapeake Bay.

To maintain safety and social distancing, we will be spread out across two ballrooms, have 3-4 people seated at large 10-person tables, and will be served a plated brunch. Wearing a mask is required when not eating or drinking.

### SCUTTLEBUTT

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

**Catherine Fox** has stayed busy down in Southern Maryland. Teaching her Portuguese water dog Charlie some new tricks has been a hoot, she says. Catherine is learning some things too, watching drawing and painting how-tos on YouTube. And she reads a couple of library books a week. Now that Spring and vaccines are here, however, she's more than ready to get out of the house and has already started to get her Hunter 27.8 ready for the season. The big challenge will be replacing a rotten section of sole. Advice for her, anyone? She says it is just thrilling that we finally have a cruising schedule!



### Skippers: Boat Activation

Now that we're a couple weeks from the official beginning of spring, I'm starting boat activations. Please go into your profiles and **update the information** on your boat equipment. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at [jtkeuka@gmail.com](mailto:jtkeuka@gmail.com) or by phone. It's exciting to get ready for the upcoming sailing season!

Joan Tannen, SOS Safety Chair

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**Carole Jordan, Classified Page Editor**

**BOATS FOR SALE**

**1964 Pearson Vanguard** 32' sloop with overhauled Atomic 4 gas engine, new composting head, updated AC DC power systems, original ash boom, new cushions, a great sailboat for the Chesapeake. Reasonable offers will be seriously considered. Slip available/Middle River.  
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**BOAT SLIPS**

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

Medium Red, Like new, Hardly worn \$75 Contact:  
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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) 4-21

**FOR SALE:** Brand new never worn **TILLEY HAT** size 7 1/8, 57 cm. List price \$110, for you \$25.00, pick up in Edgewater. Call Barbara at 410 956 1445. 5-21

**FOR SALE:** Weems & Plath, **TEAK Log Book** cover with brass sailboat plate retail \$212.99, Logbook insert retail \$31.99. NEVER USED Offering for \$100 obo  
 Ruth Moore 410-267-0599 6-21

**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 Teeja Meier. 3-21

**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

**FOR RENT**

**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) 5-21

**FOR RENT:** Large waterfront bedroom and bath in Annapolis. Contact Suzanne Farr [sofarr@aol.com](mailto:sofarr@aol.com) 5-21

**FOR RENT:** "SANDS SOUCI" a family beach vacation home on the Outer Banks, Duck, North Carolina. 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, Jacuzzi bath, 5 decks. View sunsets on the Currituck Sound. Beach accessories and Golf Cart included. Contact Judy Barral for availability at [jbarral60@gmail.com](mailto:jbarral60@gmail.com) 5-21

**FREE** to a relatively new SOS skipper who would appreciate some helpful **instructional books** to broaden one's 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

**A few in-person Happy Hours are back!**

Be sure to check here for a Happy Hour event in your area. Send any changes, updates or new information about Happy Hours to Lora Donia [doniala@aol.com](mailto:doniala@aol.com)

**Virtual Happy Hours on ZOOM at 5:00 PM**

**VARIOUS DATES:** 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 dates and ZOOM links to all the Virtual Happy Hours.

**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> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**

**NOVA/DC:** April 7<sup>th</sup> & April 21<sup>st</sup> 5:00-7:30 PM  
**Salt & Pepper Restaurant, 5125 MacArthur Blvd. NW, Washington, DC 20016 CONTACT: WENDY - wladams11@verizon.net**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**

**ELLICOTT CITY:** April 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30-7:30 PM  
**La Palapa Grill** (meet on outdoor patio), 8307 Main Street, Ellicott City MD 21043 410-465-0070  
[www.lapalapagrill.com](http://www.lapalapagrill.com)  
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**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**

**WILMINGTON:** April 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30 PM  
**TIMOTHY'S Restaurant and Bar, 930 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 Wilmington Riverfront by Blue Rock Stadium, facing the waterfront. Drink specials until 7 PM. 302-429-7427 www.timothysontheriverfront.com CONTACT: GERI - [geriwalker12@gmail.com](mailto:geriwalker12@gmail.com)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

**ANNAPOLIS:** April 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:00-7:00 PM  
**THE PIER** 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, MD. Rt. 2 on south side of South River Bridge. If we not in the bar area, will be on UPPER deck outside. 443-837-6057 [cocojoes@comcast.net](mailto:cocojoes@comcast.net)  
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## ***Sailing Preparation***

May 1 – May Day Together Training Event

May 2 – Dockside Training

### **Friday Education Zoom Seminars**

April 2 – Heavy Weather Sailing

April 9 – Role of the Cruising Coordinator

April 16 – Racing Round Table

April 23 – Spin Sheet Century Club