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Membership Renewal: Nov 1, 2020 - Jan 31, 2021
Membership Year: Jan 1 - Dec 31



CURRENT MEMBERS

Annual membership dues for 2022 will be \$60 for Regular and Associate. For Lifetime membership dues are \$40. Dues for Inactive/Nonresident membership are \$15. For those wanting a printed copy of the whisker pole, there is a \$40 annual subscription.

You are a member or associate member as of December 31, 2020 and you DO NOT meet the requirements of a LIFE MEMBER, or HONORARY MEMBER.

FEES & MEMBER PROFILE:

- You pay the \$60 membership dues.
- You review and make any updates to your Member Profile
- For online renewal, payment is by credit card or check.
- For mail-in renewal, payment is by check only
- If you DO want to receive a printed newsletter, you MUST check the appropriate box and pay the \$40 subscription.

LIFE MEMBER RENEWAL

Annual Life Membership dues for 2022 are \$40. If you choose to receive a hard copy of monthly newsletter you must also pay the \$40 annual subscription. YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE A LIFE MEMBER IF: you were born on or before December 31, 1951 and you joined BEFORE March

31, 2009. Also if you had a lapse in your membership since March 31, 2009 you are NOT eligible to become a Life Member.

FEES & MEMBER PROFILE:

- To change your membership to Life member, you must contact the membership committee to verify your eligibility for lifetime membership. Then you pay the \$40 membership dues.
- You review and make any updates to your Member Profile.
- For online renewal, payment is by credit card or check.
- For mail-in renewal, payment is by check only.
- If you DO want to receive a printed newsletter, you MUST check the appropriate box and pay the \$40 subscription.

INACTIVE/NONRESIDENT MEMBERS

Annual Inactive/Nonresident dues for 2022 are \$15. If you choose to receive a hard copy of monthly newsletter you must also pay the \$40 annual subscription. YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE AN INACTIVE/NONRESIDENT MEMBER IF: you have physical or other limitations, and therefore no longer sail or attend social functions and you have been a member for 10 years or more.

FEES & MEMBER PROFILE:

- You pay the \$15 membership dues

- You review and make any updates to your Member Profile.
- For online renewal, payment is by credit card or check.
- For mail-in renewal, payment is by check only.
- If you DO want to receive a printed newsletter, you MUST check the appropriate box and pay the \$40 subscription.

Inactive members:

- Will not have voting privileges.
- Will not be able to hold elected office.
- Would not have other benefits of membership.
- Could attend social functions only as the guest of a member, or by paying a non-member fee.

NEW MEMBERS

First year membership of \$70 which includes a \$10 one-time administrative charge. New members will have the option of receiving a free hard copy of the Whisker Pole during the first year of membership; upon renewal the following year they will be able to opt in to continue receiving it with the same \$40 annual subscription as current members.

Online renewal is preferred for all categories of membership. However, if you insist, paper forms will be accepted. All members will be sent an email reminder to renew with a link to the renewal from on November 1, 2021.

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

TAKING STOCK



It is now almost two years since SOS, along with most of the world, was plunged into the Corona Virus nightmare. When I took the helm in November of 2019, all was well. The club was in a stable situation. By end of February, when I returned from the Bahamas, rumors were circulating about a strange disease, and at the Nassau airport, officials were asking if we had just been to China! (Really....from Nassau?) Two weeks later the borders were closing.

SOS needed to swiftly adapt to this new and rapidly changing environment. It was easy in the first few weeks, we just closed all the indoor events. But, as sailing season approached, how to deal with that? Using CDC data plus State of MD guidance, all coordination for sailing was stopped. Each skipper could invite those they trusted to go on a sail only from a wait list available from the club. This was a tough stance, but it kept everyone safe, and kept the club out of any potentially dangerous situations.

However, we put on other events: one educational event (Sassy), two pavilion parties, and a well-attended Town Hall meeting. Over the long winter, there were regular Zoom educational sessions, which substituted for Fireside chats.

With the availability of vaccines in the spring, our prospects improved rapidly! Docksider Training and a training day at Sandy Point opened the 2021 sailing season.

Next, with vaccine information added to registration, the sailing season returned to normal. Cruises resumed, parties returned, and everything looked good. But how are we really doing after an entire year of near shut down?

SOS committees and helpers did a super job of returning the club to normal, or even better!

Education kept Zoom educational programs going all winter. Presented a beach-based spring training plus

Docksider training. Plans for another Spring Training in 2022.

Cruising fielded a full schedule of cruises this summer and report that forty skippers participated. And even a circle raft! WOW!

Social had no "official" chair, but Meeps Yox and Carole Jordan orchestrated all our usual marina parties. These were wonderful events and very well attended!

Brunch was finally successful after three tries! And more coming.

Membership offered vouchers, handed out welcome information, and otherwise facilitated our growing membership. We are now steadily enrolling new members every month.

Public Relations advertised SOS via various media. Managed club presence on Meetup which brings in many interested folks and prospective members.

Newsletter and Database did their usual world class job of getting information out to members through regular publication, blasts, and surveys.

Skippers Advisory promoted events and camaraderie for our skippers. Initiated regular skipper Happy Hours on Zoom.

Finances are in great shape going into 2022 thanks to our treasurer, and due to the change in dues requirements for life members.

Bottom line: we did not just survive the pandemic! Thanks to many hands, great participation by our members, and tons of ability plus hard work, SOS is on sound footing, growing, thriving, and going into 2022 better than ever.

If you see a committee chair, board member, or event coordinator, please tell them THANK YOU!

Sandy

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Unofficial Notes September 20, 2021 Board Meeting

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

Approval of Minutes: Board Meeting minutes of August 5, 2021 were approved.

Commodore: We will have a draft budget vote in October so all committee chairs need to submit their budgets. The October meeting will be at the Greenbrier in Greenbelt at 7:00pm. Survey results: there were too many awards at the Town Hall meeting.

Vice Commodore: Cost of the Town Hall Meeting was \$4,500.

Treasurers Report:

Total revenue for 2021 lagging slightly compared to 2020.

Town Hall expense for 2021 was \$1,000 more than 2020 due to increased attendance.

YTD P&L's for the committees will be distributed in preparation for the preliminary budget for 2022.

Secretaries Report: Nothing to add.

Committee Reports:

Bareboat - French canal trip was completed.

Brunch – The November Brunch Speaker will be James (Jay) P McGinnis, Ed.D., MAJ, USA (RET) and Program Director & Co Founder of Valhalla Sailing Project. He will be talking about the Project's mission to prevent Veteran suicide.

Cruising – SOS had three day sails. In all cases we have many more registrations than boats to take crew out. This period also saw SOS cruise to the Seafood Feast land event. Thirteen of fifteen boats carried coordinated crew to this event. On-water overnight cruising happened on the Labor Day weekend to the Choptank and to the Wye River for the River Keepers benefit concert.

This month saw the Popup Day Sail program go live. It has been active for about two weeks now. There are now fifty-four members on the site including ten skippers. Three popup sails have been provided. The program is starting up with a fee of \$5 per sail. This functions as a sub-group of the SOS.groups.io site.

Database –

	Sept 2021	Sept 2020	Sept 2019
Members	225	402	431
Skippers	59	83	90
Lifetime Members	108		
Lifetime Skippers	21		
Inactive Members	18		
Totals	431	485	521

Board of Directors Election:

The polls opened on September 15th and all SOS members eligible to vote were emailed a link to the electronic ballot. A reminder will be sent to member who have not cast a ballot on September 22nd. Rob King and Marie Corbin have been asked to serve on the Election Committee. The ballots will be tallied after the polls close on October 1st.

Education – A motion that Spring Training is planned to be held at AACC was presented and approved,

First Mates – A note has been sent reminding FMs of annual and renewal responsibilities.

Membership – Four new Members and one new Skipper Member joined. New Member Packets mailed. Postage per Packet reduced from \$7.60 per Packet to \$2.60 per Packet.

Public Relations:

Update on Triple Crown: We met our donation goal for CRAB and surpassed

that for Leukemia Cup. Shirley put articles and info on Hospice Cup in the Whisker Pole and together with John McDonald, there is a link for skippers to sign up and members to donate.

Meet Up and Happy Hours: Happy Hour hosts have been wonderful about joining Meet Up's Singles on Sailboats and managing the postings or communicating with PR to do so on that platform

Spin Sheet Club Notes: With the Boat show in October, we focused on the SOS Bareboat program for our Club Notes submission to the October Spin Sheet issue. We wrote about the 20th Anniversary of the Bareboat program and our spring return to BVI's.

Safety –New skippers have been activated over the last month.

Skippers Advisory: Our skipper numbers are increasing every month. The Skippers Zoom meeting did not occur in September. The next one will take place on Wednesday October 13 and we will decide then how skippers want to handle them in the future.

Social: According to its accounting, Social Committee is in good shape financially as it has made a profit on each of the social events this season. The committee now is working on the Hallowe'en Part at Pirate's Cove on October 30.

Old Business:

- Motion for Vouchers for new skippers is tabled.
- A Motion for the transition of the Volunteer Recognition Program will be presented this week.
- Motion to set fees for 2022 was passed: Regular members \$60 per year, Life members \$40 per year. Inactive members \$15 per year.
- Motion to set cost of printed Newsletter was passed at \$40 per year and that it will be free to new members for one year.

Submitted by Craig Coltharp, Secretary

Unofficial Notes October 14, 2021 Board Meeting

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

Approval of Minutes: Board Meeting minutes of September 20, 2021 were approved.

Commodore - Planning for the Nov 4 old/new board meeting; election of officers; and confirmation of committee chairs.

Planning for the Change of Command at the November brunch.

Planning for the four annual awards.

Vice Commodore - Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report -

Total revenue for 2021 ahead of 2020 by \$800.

The Preliminary Budget for 2022 will be submitted.

Secretaries Report - Nothing to add.

Committee Reports:

Bareboat - The French Canal Trip went very well. Seven boats and 38 crew made it to France and completed the cruise. Reports indicate that nearly all had a great time. The weather was fantastic and the folks at Le Boat Base in Hesse were very helpful

Brunch – Sunday, November 14 is the first Brunch of the season. Mike Wood and Jay McGinnis, founders of the Valhalla Sailing Project, will be sharing their pilot documentary “Sailing to Salvation” capturing the stories and experiences of their service and experiences while sailing with Veterans.

Also at the November Brunch, there will be the Change of Command of the 2020/2021 SOS Board Members, introducing and thanking current board and committee chairs. The new 2021-2022 SOS Board will be introduced.

The other four Brunches will be Sundays, November 14 and December 5, 2021, and January 9 and March 13, 2022. All are at the DoubleTree Hotel, Annapolis, Coastal Room unless a change of rooms is necessary.

Cruising – no report

Database - Memberships Renewal: Preparing for the start of the 2022 membership renewal on November 1,

2021. Tasks to be completed prior to the start of the renewal period:

- Evaluate auto renew feature of MemberClicks
- Prepare article for Whisker Pole that explains dues and renewal options
- Prepare blast announcement to be sent to members on November 1, 2021

There was a suggestion that another option as part of the skipper participation award would be to allow skippers who qualify, apply their award towards their membership dues.

Transition: Plan contact and work with new board and committee chairs on the tools available to them that can be used to carry out their duties.

Education – Education has started planning spring training to be held on March 19 contingent on college availability. However only 36 respondents have said they are interested in Spring Training. Based on discussion we have decided not to hold a dockside training in Nov.

First Mates – First Mates have been busy sailing for the past month. No First Mates have gone through the proper procedure detailed in Forms & Such for First Mate year renewals.

Membership –

Five new Members have joined since the last meeting, and five New Member Packets mailed. Mentors paired with new Members.

Submitted Motion to grant new Skipper Members their choice of a voucher for a free sail-to, land-based party or SOS Brunch, along with a “cover email” listing possible points of discussion prior to the BOD's vote.

Contacted Members who expressed interest in participating in Membership Committee activities when they joined SOS, presented Committee

responsibilities, and we will soon be inviting them to a Brunch to get them involved in the work and possible leadership responsibility.

Newsletter - The 16-page October Whisker Pole was mailed to 71 members; 17 copies were mailed to six Happy Hour coordinators. The

newsletter was printed at a cost of \$373.50. which equates \$4.24 per copy.

Public Relations – With the support and efforts of Cruising, SA, and Database, a search for a Parade of Lights boat has been initiated. Once we determine a volunteer boat, we plan to search for decorating, crew, and undecorating teams.

Meet Up has continued to be a source of recruitment with persons from that platform attending the regional Happy Hours. PR plans to use this platform to advertise the events that are open to the public starting with November brunch.

Safety – No report this month.

Skippers Advisory - There will be a skipper's ZOOM once per month on the second Wednesday of the month from 7-8pm through the winter.

Social - There will be a Halloween Party at Pirate's Cove on October 30.

Unfinished Business: Motion on Recognition Program and its transfer to the BOD. Motion was voted on 1 for, 8 against. Motion failed. It was suggested to recommend a streamlined approach and limit time commitments on the Board.

New Business: The draft budget for 2022 was approved as a draft.

Review of Action items -

1. All committee chairs have submitted resignations. We need 3 new chairs.
2. We may have a coordinator for Fireside chats.
3. The skipper Voucher motion was passed.
4. There is a calling effort to find a social chair!

Adjourn

Submitted by Craig Coltharp, Secretary

November 14th Brunch

View the Documentary of *Sailing to Salvation*:

The Valhalla Sailing Project doing their part to prevent Veteran suicide.

A little over 5 years ago, Mike Wood, a former Marine, and Jay McGinnis, a former U.S. Army Special Forces medic and retired medical officer, were sharing with each other the challenges they faced transitioning from active duty to civilian life. During that conversation each revealed the important role sailing had played in their ability to successfully manage that transition experience. From that discussion, the Valhalla Sailing Project was born. Mike and Jay will share with us their personal stories and provide a screening of the pilot documentary, "Sailing to Salvation".



The producers of "Sailing to Salvation" at True North Productions have captured the stories of the founders and two participants and woven together the powerful emotions surrounding their service and their experiences with sailing in a pilot documentary entitled "Sailing to Salvation."

An Annapolis based, veteran owned 501(c)3, the Valhalla Sailing Project is dedicated to confronting the issues of veteran suicide and post-traumatic stress through the sport of sailing. Together with the Eastport Yacht Club, they offer 2-day introductory clinics *free of charge* to any veteran who wants to learn about the sport of sailing. In addition to the introductory clinics, they also offer veterans the opportunity to explore competitive sailing on the organization's J-35 and J-80. For those less interested in racing but still interested in sailing, they also offer day-sailing and pleasure cruising opportunities aboard the J35 or a Swan 44.

Many veterans who have left active duty describe experiencing a lack of camaraderie and a lost sense of belonging in their civilian lives. The founders of this program know from first-hand experience that participating as a member of a sailing crew offers a pathway to restore that sense of belonging and is supportive of the development of individual resilience.

COVID VACCINATION REQUIRED AT SOS EVENTS

All participants attending SOS indoor events must provide evidence of COVID vaccination upon request during the period November 1 - April 15 as well as comply with the requirements of a specific venue then in effect.

SOS events held at private homes will honor the rules of the host and these will be posted for each event.

Members should expect to be denied admission without refund if they fail to comply with this policy.

Regional Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners

The Regional Thanksgiving Dinners are back this year and they are always good fun and a great feast. Here's how it works. Guests contribute a dish to share and up to \$15 to cover the cost of beverages, turkey, tableware, etc. The host/ess decides: how many to host and the start time. **There is no online registration for this event.**



This year five members have volunteered to host the festivities: one on Saturday, November 20, in Annapolis and four on Sunday, November 21, in Derwood (Montgomery County), Newark, DE, Northern Virginia and Annapolis. Vaccinated members only, please.

To register send an email to Hope Andruss (hoped@verizon.net) by . No registration on the website. Hope will coordinate the guest lists with the hosts, and the hosts then invite the guests and arrange the dishes to share.

December 25 Barbara Mistrik will be hosting a dinner in her Edgewater home. Bring food to share and a small donation. **There is no online registration for this event.** To register contact Barbara at (410)-956-1445.

If anyone would like to hold a Thanksgiving Day (November 25) or a Christmas Day dinner, it's not too late. Please contact Hope to volunteer.

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.



Nov. 14 Monday

Board Meeting

Location: Doubletree Inn
210 Holiday Court
Annapolis MD

Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm

Note: Open to all Members.



November Any Day

Pop-Up Day Sail (New)

Destination: Skipper's Choice
Interested: If you find you are available to go sailing at the last minute, there is an opportunity for you.

Cost: \$5 for crew, First Mate Free.

Note: Bring your lunch and drink and have fun.

Register: Go to <https://ss.memberclicks.net/member-login-page> and press red Pop UP Day Sail Registration button for instructions.



Nov. 13 Saturday

Cruising Appreciation - Wrap-up Meeting

Destination: Double Tree Hotel
210 Holiday Court
Annapolis, MD
Deadline: Please RSVP by November 6
By Invitation only

Cost: Meeting/Dinner - **Free** for Invitees. **Cash Bar**
Covid 19 vaccination is required, provide evidence upon request.

Time: 5-6pm Social Hour, 6-7pm Dinner,
7-9pm Meeting

Coordinator: Noreen McGuire nmcgny@gmail.com
Please **Click on link in your invitation to RSVP**



Nov. 14 Sunday

Brunch

Location: Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD
Speaker/Topic: Mike Woods & Jay McGinnis
Valhalla Sailing Project, Non-Profit
for Vets.

Cost: \$31 - Brunch
\$35 - After deadline and walk-ins.
Time: 11:00 am Social Hour, 12:00 noon Brunch
1:00 pm Program.

Deadline: Mail: November 8 (postmark)
Online: November 9

Note: Coastal Room
New Board of Directors to be installed
Covid 19 vaccination is required, provide evidence upon request.

Coordinator: Samia AbdelWahed samia.wahed@gmail.com
Update Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



Nov. 20 Saturday

Annapolis Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner

Locations: Annapolis, MD

Cost: Contribution \$15 and dish to share,
coordinated with host/ess
Coordination is thru Meeps directly via email.
This is NOT an on-line coordination.

Deadline: E-mail: November 16

Note: **Only COVID vaccinated members please.**
Last minute? Contact Meeps to see if space
is available

Coordinator: Contact Meeps Yox directly to register: mpsyx@earthlink.net

**November 21 Sunday**

Locations: - Annapolis, MD
- Derwood, MD
- Newark, DE
- Northern Virginia

Deadline: E-mail: November 16

Coordinator: Hope Andruss, hoped@verizon.net,

Regional Pre-Thanksgiving Dinners

Cost: Contribution \$15 and dish to share, coordinated with host/ess. Coordination is thru Hope directly via email. This is NOT an on-line coordination.

Note: **Only COVID vaccinated members.** Last minute? Contact Hope to see if space is available

**December 2 Thursday**

Location: In person, location TBD
Contact Commodore for details

Board Meeting

Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm
Note: Open to all Members.

**December 5 Sunday**

Location: Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD

Speaker/Topic: TBD

Deadline: Mail: November 28 (postmark)
Online: November 29

Coordinator: Bev Nash beverlynash@verizon.net
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

Brunch

Cost: \$31 - Brunch
\$35 - After deadline and walk-ins.

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

Note: Coastal Room. **Covid 19 vaccination is required, provide evidence upon request.**

**December 11 Saturday**

Location: Annapolis Waterfront Hotel by Marriott, Annapolis, MD

Coordinator and Hostess: Sandy Rosswork
sgrosswork@aol.com

Parade of Lights Viewing

Cost: \$45 Plus bring an appetizer or desert. Sandwiches and drinks provided

Time: 5:00pm

Note: Contact the coordinator directly.
- **Space limit of 25**

**December 25 Saturday**

Location: Home of Barbara Mistrik, Edgewater, MD
Only vaccinated members, please

Deadline: December 21

Coordinator: Host Barbara Mistrik via phone only (410) 956 1445

Christmas Day Dinner - Annapolis

Cost: Food contribution and small donation.

Note: This is NOT an on-line coordination. Coordination is thru Barbara directly via phone. Last minute? Call Barbara to see if space is available. There is a limit.

**January 6 Thursday**

Location: In person, location TBD
Contact Commodore for details

Board Meeting

Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm
Note: Open to all Members.

**January 9 Sunday**

Location: Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD
Costal Room

Speaker/Topic: TBD

Deadline: Mail: January 2 (postmark)
Online: January 3

Coordinator: TBD

Brunch

Cost: \$31 - Brunch
\$35 - After deadline and walk-ins.

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

Note: **Covid 19 vaccination is required, provide evidence upon request.**

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

Awards, Awards, and More Awards!



At an awards event to be announced, SOS will recognize four members for their significant contributions of time, energy and talent (the serious member recognition awards) to our all-volunteer Club. Members will also be recognized for contributing whimsical, good-natured humor through their foibles, bloopers, and flim-flams (the Jibe Ho awards).

Nominations from the membership are requested and should include nominee's name, award for which she/he is nominated, and a description of why the nominee qualifies for the particular award. Nominations for both the Board Awards and the Jibe Ho Awards should be sent **by December 1** to Vice Commodore Robin Meigel at rmeigel@hotmail.com.

So, What Are The Serious Board Awards?

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

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

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

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

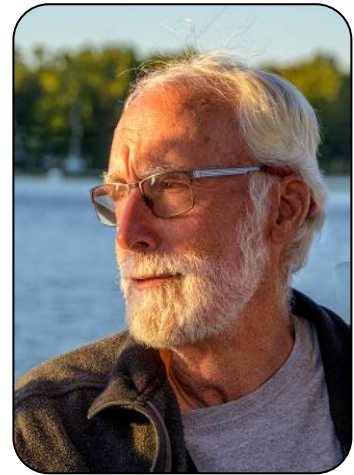
Octoberfest



Joan Tannen



(L to R): John McDonald, Andy Normand, and Linda Perkins



Frank Beck



(L to R): Julie Fort, Jo Ann Lovell, and Rita Svec



The Gathering



(L to R): Michelle Watters and Chuck Fort



(L to R): Debbie Lyle, Noreen McGuire, and Judy Barral



(L to R): John Rogers and Gabi Van Wie



(L to R): Meeps Yox and Jim Huber

Photographs by John Parsons

NOTE FROM PHOTO EDITOR: Please include names with your photos so we can learn everyone's names.

Chili Cruise



Sail Away carrying the Raft Captain



Building the Raft



(L to R): Pat Tracy,** Chuck Fort, John Rogers and Michael Sommer



(L to R): Cheri Comley in dingy carrying the passing line from No Name (Steve Garris) to Peregrine (Dan Meier).



The Is Raft Closed



Samia AbdelWahed



Karl Scible



Sail Away, carrying the Raft Captain saying "My job is done"

** - Not positive on the name. Any errors will be corrected in the following issue.

Photographs by John Parsons, EXCEPT as noted Samia AbdelWahed (SAW)

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WATCH THE LIGHTS PARADE IN COMFORT - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11th

Watch the 40 or more boats of the Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade burst into light on Saturday, December 11, at 6:00 PM. Enjoy the parade in warmth and comfort from a waterfront room at the Annapolis (Marriott) Waterfront Hotel. See this wonderful show of splendid color and twinkling lights with each boat decorated in a Christmas theme. Avoid the cold and wintry night and join your friends at the Annapolis (Marriott) Waterfront Hotel to watch the Parade.



Drinks and eats will be available in the room starting at about 5:00. Our overview of the Lights Parade will be fantastic from a large balcony which gives a view of "Ego Alley" and the immediate waterfront. This is a great opportunity for photographers to capture a winning view of this colorful holiday event.

Cost for this event will be \$45.00 per person. Send your check made payable to SOS, to Sandy Rosswork (511

Chesapeake Ave, Annapolis, 21403). Beer, wine, sodas and sandwiches will be provided. Participants are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert. Call or email Sandy Rosswork for more information and to sign up and indicate what you will bring. Don't wait too long....attendance must be limited due to the size of the room!! Call 410-267-8739 or email [sgrosswork@aol.com].

Parking will not be provided at the hotel.

Park in Eastport and walk across the bridge, or park at one of the city garages and take the free shuttle into town. The hotel room will be open from about 4:30 PM. The Parade starts at 6:00 and the Spa Creek Bridge will open about then to let the boats through. Traffic will be heavy as time gets closer to the start of the parade.

Oh yeah.....what happens to the room when the party is over?? Well, the plan is to draw a name from those who have signed up and..... **the lucky winners will be able to stay for the night!**

Membership	October 2021	October 2020	October 2019
Members	230	403	428
Skippers	60	81	91
Lifetime Members	108		
Lifetime Skippers	21		
Inactive Members	18		
Totals	437	484	519

Welcome New & Returning Members

Jeff Beiman - Ashburn, VA
Dennis Biby - Green Cove Springs, FL
Gerard de Valroger - Laytonsville, MD
Steve Eller - Clarksville, MD
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Anna Ye - Rockville, MD

ORGANIZED, FRIENDLY PERSON WANTED!

Hey, SOS members!

We are in *urgent* need of a Social Chair, or Co-Chair!

It's not so hard - you only need to organize a few parties.

There are files of past events and plans available for virtually all of the usual events.

There are several knowledgeable assistants eager to help – they just need a leader.

Volunteers will step up to run each event.

You will have fun and earn the thanks of your club!

Contact: Sandy Rosswork or Meeps Yox to discuss.

SCUTTLEBUTT

(A communal water cask around which sailors traded gossip)

Barbara Mistrik has returned to Maryland from a quiet summer on her favorite Greek island and looks forward to lots of fun times at SOS activities!

The family of **Louise Burke** announces that there will be a gathering in her memory at Eastport Yacht Club on Saturday, November 20th, between 1 and 4 PM.

The Circle Raft with Mischievous Gods

Thirteen of the eighteen boats registered for the Chili Cruise came together on the Wye River East to form a circle raft. Because it had been two years since SOS built a circle raft and knowing skippers' skills might be a little rusty, the gods of the wind and sea decided to intervene.

At first the gods allow winds to fill sails for a full day of joy and then for the raft supplied a cove sheltered from the wind. They sat back and watched as most of the boats smartly tied up to form much of the raft. All involved thought this would be one of the quickest rafts ever built, but then the gods decided it was time to become tricksters!

The first boat they played with dropped their anchor and tied up in the raft only to learn that the mischievous gods spit his anchor out of the mud and the boat had to leave the raft to reset. With the help of an added skipper who jumped on board to lend a hand, they thumbed their noses at the gods and got that anchor to hold. That delayed raft building a bit.



Nighttime Circle Raft by Samia Abdelwahed

Enraged, the god tricksters turned their attention to a second anchor boat and apparently played with his compass, so his anchor was set in incorrect location twice! With the third anchoring attempt, the gods decided to pull the anchor, chain and rode to the bottom of the sea, leaving this boat adrift. With no way to anchor, the raft captain asked this boat to tie up to a vessel already in the raft. But the gleeful gods were not done – they pushed his boat back and forth and would not allow him to enter the raft. Finally Skipper **Rich Stewart** and First Mate **Cherie Comly** hopped into a dinghy and delivered a passing line to the beleaguered boat so it could finally come into the raft one hour after the first anchoring attempt. Surly that would appease the god's appetite for pranks. But no.

The Raft Captain was now desperate for another anchor boat and fortunately a skipper agreed to anchor if he could pick up extra crew from a nearby boat. The tricks continued when the gods made it so difficult for that maneuver, it took three attempts before the extra crew member was aboard! By now the impish gods were tired of playing with anchors and decided to trip the windlass breaker as this same boat attempted to anchor, creating yet another delay. The gods did not realize First Mate **Kitty St. Romain** would thwart their prank by locating and resetting the breaker for a successful anchoring and raft entry.

When all but one boat was in the raft and the resulting gap needed to be closed, the gods whispered into the ear of the Chili Judge to use his bull horn to begin the contest. Much confusion reigned as boats could not hear directions from the Raft Captain over the directions from the Chili Judge. The gods were well pleased with the resulting kerfuffle and decided to drop their antics as the sun set, the raft closed, and the Chili Contest began!

Congratulations to the Chili Contest Winners: **Sue Donaldson** on *No Name* for The Most Imaginative; **Linda Casucci** on *Jazzy Cat* for The Hottest; **Lorraine Fassett** on *Valkyrie* for The Bes Tasting; **Pat Tracy** on *Still Kickin'* for The Least Meaty; and **Sandy Remey** on *Validity* for The Definitely Different Chili.

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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. **Asking \$100.** Never used. Mint condition in original box. Bob Morrow, cogito28@aol.com 11-21

FOR SALE: Fujinon 229.99 VHF handheld transceiver, ICOM with recharger. Reduced \$50.00 or Best Offer!
Lorraine Fassett, 410-573-1030, hfassett@verizon.net 11-21

OFFER:

Henry Lloyd heavy duty **foul weather outfits** - one WM Medium; one Men's XL top and L pants - pristine condition- from former SOS members. Cost is **charitable donation to CRAB.** Largest donation for each set by September 30 wins the outfit. Send bids to Bev Nash, **before Cruising Wrap-up.** beverlynash@verizon.net 12-21

FOR SALE: Juki Double Stitch industrial sewing machine (used 150 hours) and the table, miscellaneous yards of Sunbrella, canvas tools, foam cutter, thousands of snaps, twist & turn, and other fasteners, high- speed Singer factory sewing machine, pipe bender, stainless steel piping. webbing, Contents of my canvas shop. Make an offer. nanciepark@gmail.com 12-21

FOR SALE: Only one stainless steel **folding bike left!** nanciepark@gmail.com 12-21

ITEMS FOR SALE: REDUCED Nordic Track recumbent bike, model SL 710. Runs on "D" cell batteries x 8, built -in fan, shelf for book or drink, adjustable padded seat with full back, no video monitor. Originally cost \$800, asking \$100. **Nordic Track Cross Country Ski Machine.** Collapses to store easily, heart beat monitor, great workout! Original cost \$800, asking \$100. Precor **Rowing Machine.** Adjustable hydraulic resistance, no video monitor. Asking \$100. Voit (adult size). **Air Hockey Table.** Fan and air box. Manual score keeper. Comes with 2 pucks and 2 pushers. Dimensions are 60" long, 28.5" wide, 32" high. Great fun for grandkids, and kids, parents, and grandparents interaction! Asking \$75. Carol Holmes, cholmanap@verizon.net. 12-21

Washington Nationals Tickets. I have a season ticket plan for two tickets to 2022 Washington Nationals games in The Champions' Club. If anyone might be interested in taking tickets to some games on a discounted basis, please contact me at johnncfilippini@gmail.com, or on 703-409-9187, for further details. 3-22

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: "Marsh Magic" - A serene vacation rental in West Ocean City, MD. 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 10-21

FOR RENT: Large waterfront bedroom and bath in Annapois. Contact Suzanne Farr sofarr@aol.com 10-21

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

HIRING

10-21

Bookkeeping support, part time, but long term if you're interested. Computerized accounting program. Call Suzanne Farr at 410-757-3553 or my cell: 703-405-3377. (Office is in my home, any contacts are fully vaccinated)

October 2021 Finances	
Club Checking Account	15,167.45
Hi-Yield Savings Account	73,456.25
Club Credit Card	-784.76
Bareboat Account	45,730.88



Welcome to the SOS Happy Hour page! Be sure to check here for a Happy Hour event in your area. Send any changes, updates or new information about Happy Hours to Jill Montgomery jill.montgom@gmail.com



Virtual Happy Hours on ZOOM 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**

1st Wednesday
NOVA/DC: Nov 3rd 5:00-7:00 PM
 The historic IRISH INN at Glen Echo (corner Tulane Ave & MacArthur Blvd), 6119 Tulane Ave, MD 20812. ***NOTE*: RSVP TO COORDINATOR REQUIRED by Monday, Nov 1st at 4pm, for reservation confirmation.**
COORDINATOR: WENDY – wladams11@verizon.net

1st Thursday
ELLICOTT CITY: Nov 4th 5:00-7:30 PM
 La Palapa Grill, 8307 Main Street, Ellicott City MD 21043 410-465-0070 www.lapalapagrill.com
COORDINATOR: JILL - jill.montgom@gmail.com

1st Thursday
SOUTH CENTRAL PA: Nov 4th 6:30 PM
 O'REILLY'S TAP ROOM 800 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA. 17111 717-561-2800 oreillystaproom.com
COORDINATOR: BOB – cogito28@aol.com

3rd Wednesday
WILMINGTON: Nov 17th 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
COORDINATOR: SUE-Sbdonaldson713@verizon.net

3rd Thursday
ROCKVILLE: Nov 18th 5:00-7:00 PM
 Fontina Grill, 801 Pleasand Drive, Rockville, MD 20850 301-947-5400 www.fontinagrill.com
COORDINATOR: DEBBIE - hidebbieg@yahoo.com

3rd Thursday
KENT ISLAND: Nov 18th 4:00-6:00 PM
 RAMS HEAD SHORE HOUSE (in the back room) 800 Main Street, Stevensville, MD 21666. 410-827-6666 www.ramsheadshorehouse.com
COORDINATOR: BARB – bbbrooksao@aol.com

4th Thursday
ANNAPOLIS: Nov 25th 5:00-7:00 PM
 THE PIER, 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, MD. Rt. 2 on south side of South River Bridge. If we are not in the bar area, we will be on the UPPER deck outside. 443-837-6057 cocojoes@comcast.net
COORDINATOR: RON- repence@msn.com



Ellicott City HH
 Nabeel Baig, Steve Eller, Janet Gonski, Karl Scible, Jean Logan, Ellen Rosenberg, Phil Smith, Jon Bernheimer, Kathy Haven, Jim Floyd.
 (Roger Andes, Bill Small & Jill Montgomery cut from pic)

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