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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.

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



“We can’t direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails. For maximum happiness, peace, and contentment, may we choose a positive attitude.”

We have all heard this famous quote from Thomas Monson; I believe this embodies the phenomenal tasks facing our club in the last two years. Fortunately, our former Commodore and board faced the challenge and brought us through these difficult times beautifully. Thank you to Sandy, Suzanne, Andy, Doug, Teresa, Craig, Robin, Wendy, Pat and Heidi who have served us in the past two years. You were faced with some unprecedented hurdles and managed them all.

I am honored to have been elected as your new Commodore and welcome the new board members and returning members to join me in adjusting sails for the next year. Robin Meigel will be returning as Vice Commodore; Craig Coltharp will serve as Treasurer, and Wendy Adams as Secretary. Completing the board are Heidi Harper, Bob Wright, Doug Gage, Pat Woodie and Angela Eggleston! What an amazing group of folks, with so much experience in life, as well as with SOS. We are excited to get going!!

My first sail with SOS was in August of 2001. The skipper wisely told me that if I wanted to get the most out of my time with SOS that I needed to join a committee. I followed the

skipper’s advice and got involved in the Education Committee. I am urging all of you to choose a committee and jump in.

This club depends on members getting involved and helping to make our events the best they can be for everyone. You will make new friends, have fun and feel accomplished.

While our committee chairs work tirelessly and have made the club very successful for all of these years, it is a much more rewarding and less arduous with many hands helping.

Each of our board members will serve as a liaison to a committee; offering help and advice where needed. But we need YOU!

When I moved to the area in 2001, I did not know a soul. SOS has provided me with wonderful experiences, great friends, increased knowledge of sailing.....and a family. Like all families, there are challenges and times of happiness and sadness. But I wouldn’t change it for the world.

Let us all keep a positive attitude, as the quote says, and move into this new year even stronger. I am open to any and all suggestions....just email me.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

Carole
Commodore

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Unofficial Notes November 4, 2021 Board Meeting

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

Approval of Minutes: Board Meeting minutes of October 14, 2021 were approved.

Commodore: Plans for Change of Command at the November brunch. Bring your Burgee! Committee Chairs, who do you want to recognize.

Vice Commodore: Update of annual awards to be determined.

Treasurers Report:

1. Total revenue for 2021 is on par with 2020.
2. Second payment for BVI 2022 made.
3. Preliminary budget passed.

Secretaries Report: Nothing to add.

Committee Reports:

Bareboat: France: September 2021. Trip completed and post trip party held. Final accounting underway.

BVI: April 2022. Trip planning continues and a planning session was held in October.

Aonian Islands: September 2022. Proposal approved by BOD in October.

Other: Membership survey and vote for 2023 destinations planned.

Brunch: Sunday, November 14 is the first Brunch of the season. Mike Wood, United States Army Marine Corp and Jay McGinnis US Army Special Forces, both disabled combat vets and competitive sailors (founders of the Valhalla Sailing Project) will be sharing their pilot documentary "Sailing to Valhalla.

Also at the November Brunch, will be the Change of Command of the 2020-2021 SOS Board Officers.

Sunday, December 5 is our Holiday Brunch. The scheduled Guest Speaker is Jamie L.H. Goodall, PhD, Historian, Headquarters, Department of Army Studies. She will be presenting her recently published book *Pirates of the Chesapeake Bay: From the Colonial Era to the Oyster Wars.* <http://jamielgoodall.com>

Cruising: SOS had three day sails. There was one pop-up day sail in the period of reporting.

Chuck Fort has volunteered to chair the Cruising Committee, should the Board so charge him.

Database:

1. Membership Renewal:

Email notification has been sent to the 432 members who will owe dues for 2022. there are 49 members with the potential to become life members.

2. COVID Policy:

The SOS COVID policy for indoor events has been posted the website

3. Going Forward:

New board members have been contacted and introduced to the planning calendar and E-lists database to carry out the functions of their area of responsibility.

Education: Friday Night Zoom starts Nov. 13 and will be held on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from Nov through April.

Barbara Mistrik is the Fireside Chat coordinator.

First Mates: The FMs have been canvased for a new FMAC and 2 people responded.

Membership: Three new Members joined since October Monthly Report. New Member Packets being mailed.

Have scheduled a committee brunch in December, invited Members expressing an interest in Committee participation, and hope to encourage a few Members to take over as Co- or Tri- Chairs.

Public Relations: A Look Back at 2021

Backyard Gatherings: PR facilitated 12 Backyard Gatherings. We are open to facilitation of a similar idea for spring

Meet Up: Been posting, and supporting the posting, of the monthly happy hour gatherings in several locations.

Spin Sheet: Photos and articles were regularly posted to the monthly Club Notes in the free magazine.

Triple Crown: We were able to connect with each of the three Triple Crown of Charity Sailing regattas. Database was instrumental in placing a 'button' on the website for ease in donations. We hope to encourage more racing participation next year.

Parade of Lights: Notice was sent with request for any interested skipper to share their boat for the Parade.

Safety: Safety has been tying up some loose ends for this season and preparing for next season.

Skippers Advisory: Program/suggestions for 2022 are, but not limited to: Continue monthly Skipper ZOOM Happy Hours; Request funding from Cruising for the purchase of additional passing lines. Only one passing line remains in inventory; Give a member/skipper presentation on the rafting and use of passing lines; Give a presentation on getting one's boat ready for sailing at ST or Zoom.

Social: Have a Co-Chair volunteer....need a partner!

Unfinished Business:

Brunch motion to pay the December speaker \$200 was voted on line and passed unanimously.

Motion on Volunteer Recognition Program and its transfer to the BOD on hold awaiting recommended changes.

New Business:

New board is seated and holds election for officers.

Elections were held with the following results:

Commodore ... Carole Jordan
Vice Commodore ... Robin Meigel
Treasurer ... Craig Coltharp
Secretary Wendy Adams

New board votes to confirm committee chairs.

Review of Action items.

The four annual awards need to be determined.

New board needs to schedule retreat/ planning session.

Board Liaisons have to be selected

Submitted by Craig Coltharp, Secretary

December 5th Brunch Pirates of the Chesapeake: From the Colonial Era to the Oyster Wars

In her new book, *Pirates of the Chesapeake Bay*, Ms. Goodall introduces infamous men like Edward “Blackbeard” Teach and “Black Sam” Bellamy, and lesser known figures whose tales of piracy are legendary from the harbor of Baltimore to the Shores of Cape Charles, Virginia.

The story of Chesapeake pirates begins with a land dispute and ends with the untimely death of an oyster dredger at the hands of the Maryland Oyster Navy. From the 1650s during the golden age of piracy to the 1730s Confederate privateers and oyster pirates, the maritime communities of the Chesapeake Bay are intimately tied to a fascinating history of intrigue, plunder and illicit commerce raiding. Chesapeake residents looked to smugglers, pirates, merchants and local government officials to bypass trading obstacles in order to meet their demands for affordable manufactured goods from Europe and the Caribbean.

From the Elizabethan Sea Dogs to the so-called golden age of piracy, commerce raiders maintained a prominent place in people’s imaginations. Pirates mainly operated on the open seas, but they were known to make use of rivers and land to support their operations. Join us for this fascinating presentation of Pirates of the Chesapeake Bay and meet many characters of that period.

Jamie L.H. Goodall, Ph.D., is a staff historian at the U.S. Army Center of Military History in Washington, D.C. She also teaches at Southern New Hampshire University in their on-line program. Professionally she wears many hats having taught at several other universities, has many published articles including *National Geographic*. Additionally, she served as a reviewer for both the 2021 Harriet Tubman Prize Reader’s Committee and the Discovery Grant for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

<http://jamielogoodall.com>

January 9th Brunch *Waterborne*, the Result of a 14-year Circumnavigation of the World

Marguerite Welch and her husband Mike will share their adventures sailing the world in their 38" Shannon Cutter *Ithaca* and talk about her recently published book *Waterborne: A slow trip around a small planet*. It is the story of an artist, an engineer and a Labrador—three entirely different personalities—who abandon a stable middle-age lifestyle for a pitching deck and the possibility of pirates.

Challenged by culture clashes, gear failure and sudden storms, the story of their 14-year adventure is as much a sea saga as travel memoir.

There are still some star struck nights on the boat when I look up at the sky, study the compass, listen to garbled voices on the VHF and wonder if we were really gone for 14 years? Was it just a dream, that world that only exists in my mind now—my memories, my heart? It’s as if I made it all up but I didn’t. It’s a fact that after thirty-three years of marriage, two careers for “Michael”, two sons and many reincarnations of me, we abandoned everything and everyone we loved to explore the world in a small boat for fourteen years. “Why?” you might ask. “Why not?” I might reply.”

Marguerite is a writer, photographer, teacher and sailor whose eclectic tastes and interests have often led her in unexpected directions. Her passion for the photographic image and its history led her back to writing. She became a critic and commentator for numerous art publications.

Mike Welch is a retired Navy Captain, graduate of the Naval Academy Class of 1961, fighter pilot and test pilot. Duty stations included Commanding Officer of Patuxent River Naval Air Station and Executive Officer of the USS America. After 30 years in the Navy and eight years with ARINC, he retired as the V.P. of Advanced Technology and Engineering.

www.margueritewelch.com

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.

An unvaccinated member may attend an indoor SOS event by presenting a negative COVID 19 test taken within the past 72 hours.



Christmas Dinner December 25

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.

You Ought to be in Pictures: The 2021 SOS Photo Contest

Have you taken **stellar shots** of this year's SOS activities? If so, keep on shooting! If not, start taking photos to be submitted to the 2020 Photo Contest.

1. **Entries must be taken at events with other SOS members in 2020 by the member of SOS submitting the photo.** **Note:** If you are in the photo, you **cannot** have been the photographer and your submission will not be accepted (unless on a tripod with a timer, which is acceptable). A photo does not necessarily have that event as a theme (a picture of Annie Anchorage at a raft-up or the sunset seen from a raft-up is acceptable, even though there is nothing in the picture to prove that it was taken at a raft-up or cruise.) We are on the "Honor System". An SOS event can be cruising, day-sail, a brunch, seminar, destination cruise, shore party, etc. Happy Hours are **not included**.

2. Each photo **must** identify at which SOS event it was taken and the name of the photographer.

3. This is an amateur photographer contest. Professional photographers - i.e. anyone who earns more than 50 percent of his or her annual income from photography – are excluded from the contest.

4. Each member may submit up to a **total of eight (8) photos**. The photographs should be submitted in a 5" x 7" format or the coordinator will crop it for you.

5. Photos may **NOT** be edited to achieve color balance that reflects the scene as you observed it. Heavily manipulated photos are **not** eligible. Cropping is the only acceptable edit. We ask the photographer to 'Suggest' a category, but the Judge has the discretion to change the category.

Categories: People, Bay scenes (including sunsets), Sailboats (sailboats under sail, raft-ups), and Destination

Cruises. The Destination Cruises category includes photos taken during the actual SOS destination cruises and photos taken on days when traveling prior to or after a destination cruise, provided the photos are from the same area. (A destination cruise of the Mediterranean may **not** include photos from a layover in Amsterdam.)



Other Useful information: Submit your photos in digital format. Send photos attached to emails, Drop Box or contact Bob Wright for instructions to upload the Photo Editor's Google drive. Submit photos in high resolution. The photos will be enlarged to 5" x 7" (and larger to project to a screen). If the photo is fuzzy, it reduces your chance of winning. Photos not submitted in the 5" x 7" format will be cropped to that format. Smart phone photos may be submitted. Please select high resolution for photos in your smart phone setup.

Judging: The Photo Contest Manager and Judge may put your photos in the best applicable category. There will be First, Second and Third Place Awards for each of the four categories and also a Grand Prize Award. The photos will be judged by a greater Annapolis area professional photographer from outside the club. The judging will be blind, so the Judge will not know which photographer took which photograph. The Judge may add a fourth-place award in any category, if deemed necessary due to the quantity and quality of entries in a category (not to exceed a total of 13 awards including the Grand Prize Photograph).

SEND Photo Entries or inquiries to Bob Wright at: Robert.Wright.Bowie@gmail.com

2021 WP Call for Photos Wanna See Yourself in Film?

Each year SOS presents a Retrospective video, a compilation of photos taken in at club activities, on land and on the water, starring YOU, our members! Prepared by John Parsons, the results are sure to be exciting! We know there are many photographers out there who have taken stunning photos of boats, people, and places, and we want to include them in the Retrospective. Please send your photographs taken in 2021 to John so he can compile a presentation that will bring back memories of this year that will be sure to make us laugh, exchange stories, and tell tall tales about our adventures. Smart phone photos are acceptable. Identify at which SOS event the photos were taken. Please send the photos to John Parsons at johnparsons_9@msn.com by December 20.



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.



December 2 Thursday

Location: Via Zoom
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: Jamie L.H. Goodall/book - Pirates of the Chesapeake, Colonial Era to Oyster Wars

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

Holiday 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 (check your directory for number)

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.
Note: Last minute? Call Barbara to see if space is available. There is a limit.



January 8 Saturday

Location: Greenbrier Community Building
7600 Hanover Parkway
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Board Meeting

Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Note: Retreat/Planning meeting

January 9 Sunday

Location: Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD

Speaker/Topic: *Waterborne: A slow trip around a small planet* is the recent book about the adventures of Marguerite and Michael Welch's 14-year circumnavigation.

Deadline: Mail: January 3 (postmark)
Online: January 4

Coordinator: Lynn Gilley ltgilley@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..



**February 3 Thursday****Board Meeting**

Location: In person, location TBD
Contact Commodore for details

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

**February Host choice of date****Regional Brunches**

Location: Held in private homes of SOS members. List of hosts will be published in January. Then members contact host to register and receive directions.

Cost: \$10 payable at the door plus a dish to share
Time: 11:00 am Social Hour
12:00 noon Brunch

Deadline: Contact host by February 12

Note: Locations and hosts will be listed in newsletter next month and in an email. No online sign-up for this event. Please RSVP directly to the host.

Coordinator: To volunteer to host a brunch, contact - Suzanne Vaughn, suzyvaughn@aol.com

**April 5-15 2022 10-day trip****Belated 20th Anniversary – Bareboat Cruise**

Destination: British Virgin Islands

Cost: Members \$2000 = Boat Cost and Admin Fee.
- Air Fare and Insurance are separate.

Note: Must be fully COVID vaccinated to sign up for this trip per BVI Immigration requirements.

Note: To Download Registration Form with Payment Information:
<http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/449637246>

Coordinator: Michael Sommer msommer414@gmail.com
Go to <http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/> for more details

**September 10-17, 2022 7-day trip****Aeolian Islands – Bareboat Cruise**

Destination: Aeolian Islands, Sicily, Italy

Cost: Members \$1800, Non-Members \$1860 = Boat Cost and Admin Fee.
- Air Fare and Insurance are separate.

Note: Must be fully COVID vaccinated to sign up for this trip per requirements.

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

Coordinators Teresa Schofield tscofield55@gmail.com & Debra Roane msdebrar@verizon.net
Go to <http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/> for more details (soon)

DIRECTIONS

Double Tree Hotel
210 Holiday Ct
Annapolis, MD 21401
410-224-3150

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



Recycling Initiative

by Pat Tracey

As a new SOS member, I am interested in a recycling initiative. I'm mostly concerned with bottles and cans and which marinas have access to recycling.

I plan to research Maryland recycling to find what boaters are responsible for on and out of the water. I will follow next month with my findings.



Please read this very interesting article about how "trash" in the ocean may be the solution to an impending energy crisis:

<https://time.com/6094560/deep-sea-mining-environmental-costs-benefits/>

Another good article to read about bay litter and how we as boaters can help can be found at:

<https://www.chesapeakebay.net/state/litter>

If you have any comments about the recycling initiative, please contact Pat Tracey at patrici TRACEY07@comcast.net

For now, here is information about the Maryland Clean Marina Initiative.

[Maryland Clean Marina Initiative](#)

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources' exciting Clean Marina Initiative offers marina and boatyard operators, and recreational boaters the opportunity to participate in efforts to protect Maryland's natural resources.

The Maryland Clean Marina Initiative recognizes and promotes marinas, boatyards and yacht clubs of any size that meet legal requirements and voluntarily adopt pollution prevention practices. The department has certified nearly 25 percent of Maryland's estimated 600

marinas as Clean Marinas or Clean Marina Partners and we aim to continue increasing this number moving forward.

Boaters are encouraged to patronize certified Clean Marinas and to adopt clean boating habits.

The collective effort of individuals and businesses will improve the quality of Maryland's waters from Deep Creek Lake, to the Chesapeake Bay, to the coastal bays!

Resources For Marine Facilities

- Shrink wrap Reduction and Recycling Program
- "Clean Marina Partner" Designation for Small Facilities
- Clean Marina Programs in Other States
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Guidelines for Use of the Maryland Clean Marina Logo
- Help with the General Permit for Discharges from Marinas
- Marina Clean Up Day for Trash Free Seas
- Maryland Clean Marina Award Checklist - A tool for both self-evaluation and for Clean Marina Program staff to evaluate facilities for the Clean Marina Award.
- Maryland Clean Marina Guidebook - Offers "best management practices" and explanations of laws and regulations. Marine facilities in Maryland can request a hard copy of this or any item.
- Maryland Clean Marina Pledge - The first step towards certification. Sign up today!
- Severe Weather Preparation and Resiliency Tools
- Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan Assistance
- Steps to Becoming a Clean Marina

Resources for Boaters

- Maryland Clean Boater Pledge Program
- **Choose Certified Clean Marinas from this list** and support their efforts! Like all businesses, marinas and boatyards respond to demands of their customers.
- Clean Boating Tips - Recommendations on fueling, sewage handling, maintenance, cleaning, and more!
- The Importance of Pumpout Stations
- Pumpout Station Locations in Maryland
- Chesapeake Bay Safety and Environmental Hotline 877-224-7229 - Call this number to report problems on State waters.
- Clean Boating Act

Resources for Professional Divers

- Background and Studies on Impacts of Underwater Hull Cleaning
- Best Practices for Underwater Hull Cleaning by Divers in Maryland
- Recyclers for Sacrificial Anodes/Zincs
- The Maryland Clean Diver Pledge
- Sign the Maryland Clean Diver Pledge to demonstrate your commitment to using best practices when working in Maryland waters.

Resources for Boating Instructors

- "Clean Boating Lesson Plan" - Short PowerPoint Presentations that fit easily into other classes. Help instruct boaters on Clean Boating Habits!

For information on the program or to seek certification, please contact Donna Morrow at donna.morrow@maryland.gov

November Brunch



(L to R): Gail Williams and Samia AbdelWahed



Sandy Rosswork welcoming the new Board of Directors



(L to R): Carole Jordan (New Commodore) and Sandy Rosswork (Outgoing Commodore)



(L to R): Craig Coltharp (New Treasurer) and Teresa Scofield (Out-going Treasurer)



(L to R): Sandy Rosswork, Melinda Zimmerman ♣ and Pat Tracy ♣



Wendy Adams (New Secretary)



(L to R): Jim and Patricia Johnson



(L to R): Meeps Yox and Carol Niemand



(L to R): Ursula and Dane Skagen

♣ - Indicates a New Member

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

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

Cruising Wrap-Up



John Rogers
(Out-going Cruising
Chair)



John Rogers (Center) honoring
Two of three Most Sailed Skippers
(L to R): Andy Katz and Emil
Becker (Rick Stewart not present)



Chuck Fort
(New Cruising Chair)



(L to R): Barbara Wingrove
and Nancy Parsons



(L to R): Kathy Haven and
Susan Donaldson



(L to R): Gabi Van Wie and
Hope Andrus



Day Sail (L to R): Nabeel Baig ,
Gerard de Valroger ,
Skipper Jon Bernheimer (at Helm)
and Kathy Hidgon



Kent Island Happy Hour

 - Indicates a New Skipper

 - Indicates a New Member

Cruising Wrap-Up Photographs by John Parsons; Day Sail by Nabeel Baig; KI HH by Chuck Fort
NOTE FROM PHOTO EDITOR: Please include names with your photos so we can learn everyone's names.

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!**

Regional Brunches - February 13

February brings back the popular Regional Brunches. Those attending will be asked to contribute \$10 and bring a dish to share at the party.

We're looking for homes in all areas to host on Sunday, the 17th. Whether you have room for 5 or 25 guests, please participate in this wonderful opportunity to get to know other SOS members in a more personal setting.

Speakers are not part of the format for Regional Brunches; this is just an opportunity to be together to share a meal during the winter. We just need home locations and enthusiastic hosts/hostesses.

If you would like to host, please contact Suzanne Vaughn at suzyvaughn@aol.com.

All locations and sign-up details will be announced in January newsletter and in a blast early February.



Welcome New & Returning Members

Robbie Bishop-Monroe - Riderwood, MD
 Rob Blecher - Lancaster, PA
 Zeynep Kalkay - Annapolis, MD
 Surya Korn - Stevenson, MD
 Michael Morris - Annapolis, MD
 Melinda Zimmerman - North Beach, MD

SCUTTLEBUTT

(A communal water cask around which sailors traded gossip)

Beth Dumesco rode out the high winds and flooding on Halloween weekend on her boat on the hard at Hartge's in Galesville. The boat was hauled out on Wednesday, October 27, and was supposed to leave on the 29th, but due to a delay in the delivery of a replacement part Hatge's asked her if she would mind staying aboard the extra night. How lucky she was to be permitted to stay aboard for the weekend so long as she could negotiate the ladder. That weekend water came over the seawall and under her boat. Fortunately, she was blocked up high so painters could get underneath. After returning to her own berth, she went to Pirates Cove to treat herself to lunch, and found they were cleaning up and drying out after being swamped by four feet of water! (Their kitchen was okay, though). On another day, she went driftwood hunting and filled two trash bags.

Wendy Adams and **Maureen Wright** visited the *In America, Remember* installation at the foot of the Washington Monument on October 2nd. There was a huge billboard counting the total US Covid deaths in real time and about 600,000 small white flags – one for each person who died of Covid. Members of the public could write messages on the flags to people who had succumbed to the virus. Wendy wrote a memorial message on one flag to SOS member Jim Randall and on another to member Dave "Hard Aground" Henkin."

SOS does it again: With the generosity of our members, those attending the Cruising Wrap Up and the Sunday Brunch in November **donated 216 pounds of goods to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank** where the workers were glad to help unload the well-filled vehicle of our new Commodore! Thank you to all.

SOS Finances	
Club Checking Account	32,058.79
Hi-Yield Savings Account	73,456.87
Club Credit Card	-18,610.01
Bareboat Account	47,651.55

SOS Membership			
	November 2021	November 2020	November 2019
Members	233	226	431
Skippers	61	63	91
Lifetime Members	109	173	
Lifetime Skippers	21	20	
Inactive Members	19	3	
Totals	443	485	522

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- You will receive a confirmation email back
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- 75 word limit

Carole Jordan, Classified Page Editor

**BOAT SLIPS**

FOR ANNUAL LEASE: DRIVE THROUGH boat slip in Martins Cove behind Cantlers Riverside Inn on Mill Creek for sailboat 32 ft or less. \$2600.00. Call Spud Flowers: 703-969-2048. 12-21

ITEMS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Maringo 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 12-21

FOR SALE: \$40 each, 4 (yes 4) MARINCO-50' Economy **ShorePower Cordset**, 30A 125V, Yellow. New connectors installed on some of these but all in good shape. Retail at \$100. Contact Dane Skagen - daneskagen@gmail.com 2-22

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 johnfilippini@gmail.com, or on 703-409-9187, for further details. 3-22

WANTED: Old paper charts or chart books. Any waters are fine, as I want them for collage artworks rather than navigation! It's OK if they are marked up with routes, etc. — that will add to the interest. Please call Mary Moore at 410-573-1724 or send me an email, mary.e.moore824@gmail.com. 2-22

FREE: Small rolling carry-on bag. Black, with many pockets. Fits under seat or in overhead compartment. Ditch your backpack and roll your stuff on board. Free! Call: Sandy Rosswork 443-223-8239 Sgrosswork@aol.com. 2-22

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 2-22

FOR RENT: Large waterfront bedroom and bath in Annapolis. Contact Suzanne Farr sofarr@aol.com 2-22

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

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)



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: Dec 1st 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 evening, Nov 29th, for reservation confirmation.
COORDINATOR: WENDY – wladams11@verizon.net

1st Thursday
ELLCOTT CITY: Dec 2nd 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: Dec 2nd 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: Dec 15th 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: Dec 16th 5:00-7:00 PM
 Bontanero Restaurant, 800 Pleasant Drive, Rockville, MD 20850 301-947-5400 www.bontanerorockville.com
COORDINATOR: DEBBIE - hidebbieg@yahoo.com

3rd Thursday
KENT ISLAND: Dec 16th 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: Dec 23rd 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: JEAN igough4you@gmail.com



Kent Island HH
 Chuck Fort, Ursula & Dane Skagen, Peter Breit, Marilyn Goodson, Spud Flowers, John Rogers.

Annapolis Happy Hour New Coordinator

Jean Gough has volunteered to become the coordinator for the Annapolis Happy Hour. Welcome and thank you for your efforts to bring people together.

A big thanks goes to Ron Pence for his years as the Annapolis Happy Hour coordinator and recruitment of new members. Job well done!

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December Gatherings

Board Meeting – December 2

Brunch - December 5

Parade of Lights - December 11

Christmas Dinner- December 25