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## **FOUR EVENTS IN ONE WEEKEND!!**

Spring Training, Happy Hour, Brunch, Sock Burning

# MARCH 19 SPRING TRAINING and After Party



See pages 9 – 11 for details about the events, classes and registration!

One word of advice – sign up early because the seating is limited in many of the seminars and workshops; the most popular ones fill up early!

#### March 20

#### Brunch, Guest Speaker, Retrospective, Photo Contest and General Meeting

Join us for Brunch at the Annapolis Doubletree Inn to learn of this wonderful sailing adventure. On *Ithica*, their 38-foot Shannon Cutter, Marguerite Welch, her husband Michael and their Labrador sailed around the world. She recently published the book *Waterborne: A slow trip around a small planet* sharing their 14-year circumnavigation. Marguerite says, if you have ever wondered what it is like to run away from everything and sail around the world in a small boat, *Waterborne* paints the picture, not as "how-to" but as

"what-if." What would it be like to sail across vast oceans, anchor in foreign ports?

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At the Brunch we will also view the **2021 Retrospective** and the photos that won the **2021 Photo Contest.** 

Following the brunch all are invited to attend a **General Membership meeting**. Double Tree Hotel in Annapolis, MD.

As directed by our bylaws, the Treasurer will provide a budget update and overview, and each committee chair and/or their board liaison will share a summary of the 2021 year's highlights and a look ahead to 2022.

# March 20 Sock Burning



We sailors eagerly anticipate the start of our sailing season! In celebration of our upcoming time on the water, we bid the blustery winter season adieu! In the Chesapeake Bay, especially in the

Annapolis area, sailors celebrate the seasonal change with "The Burning of the Socks!" No longer do we need to protect our toes and ankles from the wicked chill of Jack Frost. **Bring those odd socks**, you know the ones that have lost their mates, socks with missing heel or toes, or just those that are on their last legs and **toss them into the fire** in this celebration of the Spring Equinox.

We'll celebrate with friends, anticipate future sailing, tell tales of past adventures, and share food and drink at a private Annapolis home.

5:00 – Happy Hour

5:30 - Burn Those Socks

6:00 - Dinner

Register early on SOS web page as attendance is limited to 20 attendees.

#### **VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE**



"Winds of March, we welcome you, there is work for you to do. Work and play and blow all day, blow the winter winds away."

-English Proverb

Happy March!!! Have you ever thought about how many people it takes to successfully run this great club of ours? Simple pleasures that we take for granted.... like cruising weekends and day sails, bareboat trips, education events, seminars, Fireside Chats, brunches, Spring Training, Flare & safety days. All take a tremendous amount of dedication from our volunteers and countless man (and woman) hours to make things go smoothly. The next time that you are attending one of these events, please take a moment to thank the harried folks in charge; maybe even ask if you can lend a hand.

I have been a member of SOS for more than 20 years and I continually marvel at how many people are working diligently behind the scenes so that we can remain one of the premier sailing clubs on the Bay!!

One of the many events that are coming this month is our annual Spring Training at Anne Arundel Community College. Bill Knapp and his committee have a fabulous day planned and I know that you will enjoy the sessions that are scheduled.

The next morning there is our Brunch (thank you, Suzanne Vaughn) with the Photo contest (thanks, Bob Wright), Retrospective (thanks, John Parsons) and general meeting!! After the meeting, we will be burning our socks, (thanks, Shirley and George Hollendursky). Make a weekend of it!

The following weekend, Joan Tannen (thanks) has arranged for us to

update our skills in CPR and First Aid. Be sure you check this out and sign up, as space is limited. Accidents can happen on the water and often help is not close by, so it is crucial that we can meet emergencies!

By the way, many skippers will be getting ready to splash their boats and get them ready for the sailing season. There are lots of tasks that require many hands to pitch in. We crew rely on skippers to take us out on our beautiful Bay; let's give them a hand. Lorraine Fassett and Emil Becker will be announcing Boat Helper Days very soon.

I have outlined just a few of the many events and activities that are coming our way, even before we "set sail". All of the dates, information and costs are contained in this issue of <u>your</u> Whisker Pole. Read through it - you will find some treasures! Hope to see you all soon.

## Carole

Commodore

# Welcome New and Returning Members

Marc Apter Annapolis, MD

Paul Anderson Philadelphia, PA

Tim Delozier Mullica Hill, NJ

Beth English Columbia, MD

Emerson O'Neill Annapolis, MD

Cynthia Miller Winchester, VA

Red Miller Annapolis, MD

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#### **Unofficial Notes of February 3, 2022 Board Meeting**

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

Present: Board members: Carole Jordan, Craig Coltharp, Doug Gage, Bob Wright, Robin Meigel. Committee Chairs: Emil Becker, Suzanne Vaughn, Lorraine Fassett, Chuck Fort. ZOOM: Board members: Heide Harper, Wendy Adams, Patricia Woodie, Angela Eggleston-Howard. Committee Chair: Jon Bernheimer, John McDonald, Deb Kauffman, Shirley Brooks, Janet Gonski, Karl Scible, Joan Tannen, Linda Casucci, Bill Knapp, Rob King, Noreen McGuire.

**Approval of Minutes**: Minutes from Jan 8,2022 were approved as distributed.

<u>Commodore</u>: The March Meeting will be held at the Greenbrier Meeting room and on Zoom (hybrid event)

<u>Vice Commodore:</u> The contract with the Chesapeake Yacht club has been finalized. This will be the venue for our Town Hall meeting. Classes for committee people to enable Hybrid Zoom meetings with our Media systems are being conducted.

#### Treasurers Report:

Club Checking Account	58,186.61
Hi-Yield Savings Acct	73,458.72
Club Credit Card	-36,806.59
Bareboat Account	44,777.45

#### **Highlights**

- For the year 2021 the club net income was a loss of -\$3487.40
- The budget for 2021 was for a loss of -\$5400.00

Secretaries Report: Nothing new to add.

#### Bareboat - Deb Kaufman

**BVI:** April 5 -15, 2022, Coordinators: Kathy Haven & Michael Sommer. Wait list established. **Aeolian Islands:** Sept. 10 - 17, 2022. Coordinators: Teresa Scofield & Debra Roane Crew lists being distributed to skippers. Two openings for skippers.

#### **Brunch** – Suzanne Vaughn:

March 20, 2022 Marguerite & Michael Welch will discuss the circumnavigation of the world and their resulting book Waterborne: A slow trip around a small planet. In addition, the 2021 Photo Retrospective will be shown and the 2021 Photo Contest winners will be announced.

#### Cruising - Chuck Fort:

The final cruising calendar will be presented for approval by the board in February. It will

be published in the March 2022 Whisker Pole. A Raft Captain Class will be held April 2nd. Weekend and Daysail Coordination Coordinators have been identified and will arrange for volunteers to coordinate all of the Daysails and Cruises.

#### Database - John McDonald:

Membership	Feb 2022	Feb 2021	Feb 2020
Members	163	155	379
Skippers	43	41	80
Lifetime Members	86	99	
Lifetime Skippers	22	20	
Inactive Members	20	16	
Totals	334	331	459

Member Renewal History:

	Members	Skippers	Totals
2022	248	65	313
2021	262	60	322
2020	311	77	388
2019	273	79	352
2018	324	76	400
2017	335	98	433
2016	325	100	425
2015	362	101	463

\*Differs from members due to members who joined during the renewal period.

#### **Education** - Bill Knapp:

The committee finalized Spring Training. Lorraine Fassett completed recruitment of the room monitors, Janet Gonski, created a postcard for the advertisement of ST. Cathy Laws will be the registration chairman. Plans for Dockside Training are complete. Seeking people & topics for the Friday night zooms.

#### First Mates - Rob King:

Bareboat skippering was approved as an option for FM renewal. Email contact with each active FM is planned to identify what their renewal status is and determine their individual intentions.

<u>Membership</u> – Linda Casucci, Jon Bernheimer:

The membership renewal reminder blast has been sent out to Members who have not renewed as of January 27. The committee will reach out to unrenewed members.

Newsletter - Shirley Brooks Hollendursky: The 20-page February Whisker Pole was mailed to 26 members; 22 copies were mailed to seven Happy Hour coordinators.

<u>Public Relations</u> – Karl Scible and Janet Gonski:

We have reached out to Stout Gear for pricing info on the SOS logo gear. We have received the 500 postcard flyers for Spring Training and arranging to get them into hands of those who will distribute.

#### **Safety** – Joan Tannen:

Safety has received registrations for the March CPR and First Aid for Mariners. Working additional materials for the June Dinghy Dance session.

<u>Skippers Advisory</u> - Emil Becker and Lorraine Fassett: Monthly Skipper ZOOM HH continues. The committee has added Harry Keith, Dan Stoffregen, and Teresa Anzalone.

#### Social- Noreen McGuire:

Still looking for a Co-Chair for the Social Committee. The After Spring Training party will be a HH at O'Loughlin's Pub.

#### New Business:

+Motion made by Robin Meigel to approve the 2022 Cruising Calendar was seconded by Doug Gage and passed unanimously.

- +Chuck Fort requested and Robin Meigel made a Motion that Vouchers continue to be awarded to Skippers for their participation in the Cruising program. Bob Wright seconded and the motion passed. It was pointed out that the cost of the vouchers should come out of the cruising budget.
- +Motion by VC to book Town Hall Venue at Chesapeake Yacht Club was seconded by Craig Coltharp and was passed online.
- +Policy for free attendance at Spring Training for Volunteers
- +Policy for changing membership status after Covid restrictions are lifted (Membership) was discussed
- +Extension of Covid protocol discussed.
- +Janet Gonski recognized for her commitment and continued volunteer activities. Was awarded the Volunteer Recognition level of Extraordinaire.

<u>Next Meeting:</u> March 3 with zoom/hybrid option at Greenbrier Community Room <u>Adjourn</u>: 8:23 p.m.

#### 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.

> 2<sup>nd</sup> SOS Zoom Mardi Gras March 1 **Fat Tuesday**

Location: 7:00pm to 9:00pm Comfort of your home Time

**Dress Code:** Hurricanes mixed by Gabi Van Wie and the Wear a Mask (Highly recommended) Host:

Trade your COVID mask for the second Delaware Crew.

time for a fun Mardi Gras mask! We will have some SOS fun while wait'n Costumes and dancing welcome. for spring and safe sailing conditions'

Zoom application is needed for your PC, Laptop Invitation: Moderator will send out a Blast with Note:

or Phone. Dial-in option is also available. sign on information prior to day of

Open to all Members. event.

March 3 **Thursday Board Meeting** 

In person, Greenbrier Meeting Room. **Time:** 7:00 to 10:00pm ocation: Hybrid Zoom option available for those Note: Open to all Members.

> that can't attend. SOS COVID Restrictions are in place

March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays **Education Zoom Seminars** 

Location: Comfort of your home **Time:** 6:30pm to 7:00pm Socializing.

7:00pm to about 8:00pm Presentation. Invitation: Moderator will send out a Blast with Notes: Zoom application is needed for your PC,

sign on information prior to day of Laptop or Phone.

event. Dial-in option is also available.

Open to all Members.

March 19 **Saturday Spring Training** 

Location: Anne Arundel Community College \$75 for members and \$85 for non-Cost: Arnold, MD members and on-site registration.

**Presentations** Classroom setting with various levels **Time**: 8:00am to 4:00pm

Sign up early. Details in Whisker Pole. of experience, covering

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Note:

sailing/boating topics. All participants must show vaccination cards and sign a health form (required by the college).

Coordinator: Cathy Laws lawscm55@gmail.com Please be sure to log-in first, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

#### March 19 **Saturday** After Spring Training Happy Hour Location: O'Loughlin's Restaurant and Pub

Cost: Everyone will be on their own for ordering Arnold, Maryland drinks and any food.

> Come and share your experiences Time: 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm, after the Spring

from the day's Training. Training event.



March 20

Coordinator:

Sunday **Date Change** 

Cost: \$31 - Brunch

Time:

Note:

Location: Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD

\$35 - After deadline and walk-ins.

Covid 19 vaccination is required,

provide evidence upon request.

11:00 am Social Hour. 12:00 noon Brunch

General Membership meeting will be after

**Brunch/General Membership Meeting** 

1:00 pm Program.

the program.

Coastal Room

Speaker/Topic: Marguerite & Michael Welch/14-year

circumnavigation that resulted in their book, Waterborne: A slow trip around a

small planet.

Plus: 2021 SOS retrospective & Photo

Contest results.

Deadline: Mail: March 11 (postmark)

Online: March 15

Gabi Van Wie gabisailingsos@gmail.com

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

March 20 Sunday Fireside Chat/Sock Burning: Annapolis

.ocation: Annapolis, MD Cost: \$25, member or guest

Speaker/Topic: George Hollendursky/Sock Burning Host: Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky

> Time: 5:00 PM

Deadline: Mail: March 12 (postmark)

Online: March 15

Note: Non-members must be accompanied by

member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.

SOS COVID Restrictions are in place.

Limited to 20 persons.

Coordinator: Barbara Mistrik mistrikbarbara@gmail.com

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



March 26 Saturday **Seminar: CPR & First Aid for Mariners** 

Location: Annapolis Fire Department, 620

Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD

Speaker/Topic Annapolis Fire Dept., EMS Team CPR/AED and First Aid for Mariners

Deadline: Mail: March 18 (postmark)

Online: March 22

**Fully COVID Vaccinated Required** 

A light breakfast and lunch will be included Note:

\$45 (the club is paying half the \$90 training

Limited to 30 people.

and certification costs) 9:00am to 4:00pm

**Coordinator:** Joan Tannen itkeuka@gmail.com

Online: March 24

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



Sunday

**Regional Backyard Gatherings** 

Location: Private home, Annapolis, MD Cost:

Directions upon registration

No Cost.

BYO: Mask, Chair, Drink & Snack

(Check with Host for Preference) Michael Sommer Time:

Cost:

Time:

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Limit 30+ persons

Mail March 22 (postmark) Note: Non-members must be accompanied by

> member. No Smoking, no walk-ins. SOS COVID Restrictions are in place

Coordinator: Michael Sommer msommer414@gmail.com

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



April 2 Saturday Raft Captain Training

Location: Library, Edgewater, MD **Cost:** Free to Skippers, FM's & FM Candidates.

\$10 - SOS Members

12:30pm to 4:30pm Presentation Raft Captain Training Time:

SOS COVID Restrictions are in place

Open to Skippers & First Mates Note:

Crew with \$10 fee.

Coordinator: Chuck Fort saillrn@comcast.net

Presented by Chuck Fort

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



#### **April 5-15** 10-day trip

Destination: British Virgin Islands

Note:

Members \$2000 = Boat Cost and Admin Fee. Cost:

- Air Fare and Insurance are separate. To Download Registration Form with

Belated 20th Anniversary – Bareboat Cruise

Payment Information: sign up for this trip per BVI

http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/449637246 Immigration requirements.

Kathy Haven Mskathha@gmail.com & Michael Sommer msommer414@gmail.com

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

Must be fully COVID vaccinated to



April 7 **Thursday** 

Location: In person, Greenbrier Meeting Room.

Hybrid Zoom option available for those

that can't attend.

**Board Meeting** 

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

No Cost.

Note: Open to all Members.

**Regional Backyard Gatherings** 

2:00pm - 5:00m Limit 20 persons

SOS COVID Restrictions are in place

BYO: Mask, Chair, Drink & Snack

Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.

SOS COVID Restrictions are in place

(Check with Host for Preference)



April 9 Saturday

Private home, Western Howard Location: County - Mt Airy, Maryland

Directions upon registration

Host: Karl Scible

Deadline: Mail April 4 (postmark)

Online: April 7

Coordinator: Janet Gonski jgsunset@yahoo.com

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

Cost:

Time:

Note:



April 10 Sunday

Location: Private home, Newark, DE

Directions upon registration

Host: Chuck and Julie Fort

Deadline: Mail April 4 (postmark)

Online: April 7

**Regional Backyard Gatherings** 

Cost: No Cost.

> BYO: Mask, Chair, Drink & Snack (Check with Host for Preference)

2:00pm - 5:00m Time:

Limit 20 persons

Non-members must be accompanied by Note:

> member. No Smoking, no walk-ins. SOS COVID Restrictions are in place

Chuck Fort saillrn@comcast.net Coordinator:

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



April 23 Saturday

Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD

**Cruising Kick-off Meeting** 

Free to Skippers, First Mates, Cruising Cost:

Committee Members,

\$20 for guests

Note: By Invitation Only Time: First Mates and Coordinators will join

> skippers for Lunch and Meeting at noon. Coordinator Training will begin 2:15pm. SOS COVID Restrictions are in place

**Coordinator:** Chuck Fort saillrn@comcast.net

Host: Deadline:

April 24 Sunday

Location: Private Home,

> Edgewater, Maryland Directions upon registration

Donna Kachura

Mail April 20 (postmark)

Online: April 22

**Regional Backyard Gatherings** 

Cost: No Cost.

> BYO: Mask, Chair, Drink & Snack (Check with Host for Preference)

Time: 2:00pm - 5:00m

Limit 30 persons

Note: Non-members must be accompanied by

member. No Smoking, no walk-ins. SOS COVID Restrictions are in place

Coordinator: Janet Gonski jgsunset@yahoo.com

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



April 30 Saturday Flare and Safety Day

Location: Camp Wabana Cost: Free

Edgewater, Maryland

**Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am

**Deadline:** Mail April 21 (postmark) **Note:** Final details in the Whisker Pole

Online: April 23

Coordinator: Joan Tannen jtkeuka@gmail.com

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



April 30 Saturday Dockside Training

Location: Various Skipper' Boats Cost: No charge

Note: Skippers may suggest going out for Time: Noon, (following Flare & Safety)

some sailing.

Deadline: Mail: April 24 (postmark) Note: Bring your own lunch, beverage and Basic

Online: April 26 Skills Checkout Forms

Coordinator: Janet Gonski jgsunset@yahoo.com

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



May 1 Sunday More Dockside Training

Location: Various Skipper' Boats Cost: No charge

Note: Skippers may suggest going out for Time: Per Skipper's instructions

some sailing.

Deadline: Mail: April 24 (postmark) Note: Bring your own lunch, beverage and Basic

Online: April 26 Skills Checkout Forms

Coordinator: Janet Gonski jgsunset@yahoo.com

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



May 4 Wednesday Mid Week May Day Sail

**Destination:** Skipper's Choice **Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member

Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must

be received by April 27 mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator: Anne Bastian bastian.anne@gmail.com

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



May 7/8

May 5 Thursday Board Meeting

Location: In person, Greenbrier Meeting Room. Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm
Hybrid Zoom option available for those Note: Open to all Members.

that can't attend.

**Destination:** Aberdeen Creek/South River **Cost:** \$34 - Member or Non-member

Deadline: Mail: April 22 (postmark) Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must

Online: April 26

Saturday - Sunday

coordinator.

Coordinator: Bill Small <u>smallfavors@hotmail.com</u>

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



May 14 Saturday Day Sail

**Deadline:** Mail: May 5 (postmark) **Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and

Online: May 8 (9 pm) must mail a separate Registration Form with a check

to the coordinator.

mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the

**Shakedown Cruise** 

Coordinator: Linda Casucci casuccili@gmail.com

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



May 15 Sunday Day Sail

**Destination:** Skipper's Choice **Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member

Deadline: Mail: May 6 (postmark) Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and

Online: May 9 (9 pm) must mail a separate Registration Form with a check

Aeolian Islands – Bareboat Cruise

Coordinator: Linda Casucci casuccili@gmail.com

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



September 7-day trip

10-17

**Destination:** Aeolian Islands, Portorosa, Sicily, Italy

Cost: Members \$1800, Non Members \$1860 = Boat Cost and Admin Fee.

. - Air Fare and Insurance are separate.

Must be fully COVID vaccinated to **Note**: To Download Registration Form with

sign up for this trip per requirements

Payment Information:
<a href="http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/451264828">http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/451264828</a>

Coordinators Teresa Schofield tscofield55@gmail.com & Debra Roane msdebrar@verizon.net

Go to <a href="http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/">http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/</a> for more details (soon)



Greenbriar Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD. From Washington Beltway (Interstate 95/495), Exit onto Baltimore/Washington (BW) Parkway toward Baltimore. Exit BW Parkway at the first exit (to Greenbelt), bear left on exit ramp to Greenbelt Road (east), make first left at light onto Hanover Parkway and turn immediately left into Greenbriar Center parking lot. Enter side door off lot, walk through room to stairs and take to second floor room. From Balto/Phila: Take I-295 to Greenbelt/MD 193 exit. Left at end of ramp, then bear left. Take the second left onto Hanover Pkwy. Then as above.

#### Annapolis Fire Department, Company 38, 620 Taylor Ave., Annapolis, MD 21401

From Rt. 50, take Exit 24/Rowe Blvd toward Annapolis for 1 mile. Turn left onto Taylor Avenue for ½ mile. Fire Department will be on your right.

#### Edgewater Library, 25 Stepney's Lane, Edgewater, MD 21037 410-222-1538

From Rt. 50 Exit 22 to Aris T Allen Blvd to Rt. 2 South [Solomon's Island Rd]. Proceed approximately 2.5 miles to third light after crossing South River. Turn left onto Mayo Rd. Proceed to second light, approximately 3/4 mile. Turn right onto Stepney's Lane. Look for Library sign on right.

#### The Doubletree Hotel: 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD, 21401; tel. 410-224-3150

From US-50 take Exit 22 for MD 665 to Riva Road. Turn Right on Riva Road for .03 miles Turn left onto Holiday Court.

#### Anne Arundel Community College: 101 College Parkway Arnold, MD 21012

From Washington or Annapolis Take Route 50 east to exit 27, Route 2 north (Governor Ritchie Highway) toward Baltimore. Stay on Route 2 for about three miles. Turn right on College Parkway. The first right turn is the campus entrance.

From Baltimore take Interstate 695 take exit 2, Route 10 toward Severna Park. Stay on Route 10 until it ends at Route 2 (Governor Ritchie Highway). Follow Route 2 south about five miles. Turn left on College Parkway. The first right turn is the campus entrance.

# Spring Training March 19<sup>th</sup>

In early March, the temperatures might still be low, and more than a bit of snow might still be lingering, but the sun is staying around in the late afternoon. The body clock screams, "sailing time, sailing time!"

The time is near to venture forth. Pull the cover off the boat, paint, wax and clean it and schedule a launch date! For crew it is time to re-re-view those knots and improve fluency with sailing terminology, the unique language used on sailboats.

There is one last day to acquire and refine sailing knowledge! One day to become more comfortable with the skills and knowledge that will be required in the coming this season on the Bay! One last chance to learn about something new and different and make a purchase or install something that will be effective on the boat.

SOS has the perfect venue for that! It is SOS Spring Training. For those few not familiar - this is annual all-day event which SOS holds, SOS brings together the best and most knowledgeable vendors and sailors in the area and beyond to present on all things sailing.

This year we will offer six tracks spread over five sessions. There will be sessions for beginners, experienced crew, and Skippers. Examples of a few of the sessions include but are not limited to:

- Introduction to SOS
- Rafting for skippers and Experienced crew
- Long Distance Cruising
- Engine Maintenance
- Stand Up Paddle Board & Kayak
- Radio VHF
- Rules of Road and Legal Implications



Many of the sessions will include hands on activities, with the intent is to have fun and learn some new skills. See pages 10 - 11 for list and details of each session.

One word of advice – sign up early because the seating is limited in many of the seminars and workshops and the most popular ones fill up early. The price includes a continental breakfast and full lunch, and all classroom materials.

The college requires that ALL participants must show vaccination cards and sign a health form.

# Happy Hour After Spring Training March 19th

Time: 3:00 - 7:00 (after Spring Training)

Where: O'Loughlins Restaurant

Who: Any SOS Member and guests

Learning about knots, navigation and nautical terms all day deserves a night out! After being in Spring Training Classes all day, it's time to relax, share your knowledge, and join your fellow sailors at the After Spring Training gathering.



O'Loughlin's is about ten minutes from Anne Arundel Community College where Spring Training is held O'Loughlin's Restaurant and is a local hotspot for the Broadneck peninsula. This is where food, drinks and fun have been since 1986. Join your friends in welcoming spring and our active community of sailors on the Bay!

O'Loughlin's Restaurant and Pub 1258 Bay Dale Dr Arnold, MD 21012 www.oloughlinspub.com

#### **Directions From Anne Arundel Community College:**

- Head southeast on College Pkwy toward Jones Station Rd for 2.1 miles
- Turn left onto Bay Dale Drive for 387 feet
- Turn left at Bay Day Court for 190 ft.
- Destination will be on the left
- Look for their large sign with the green shamrock

Do you have a used microphone stand to donate to SOS? If so, please contact Vice-Commodore Robin Meigel at rmeigel@hotmail.com



## **SPRING TRAINING - MARCH 19, 2022**

8:00 am Continental Breakfast 8:30 am Welcome by Education Committee and Club Commodore 8:45 Travel to classroom

Session	A	В	С	
	1 - A Levels: L, M	1 - B Levels: L, M	1 - C Levels: L, M, E	
	INTRO TO SOS	ABC's of COOKING ABOARD	CHESAPEAKE SAILBOAT RACING	
#1 9:00 - 9:50	SOS member <b>Debra Roane</b> and SOS Skipper <b>Jon Bernheimer</b> introduce you to the roles of Skippers, First Mates and crew, how to register for our events, and volunteer opportunities within the club.	SOS Member <b>Carol Niemand</b> will make cooking easy, fun and fabulous for both Skipper and Crew.	SOS Skipper Craig Colhtarp tells how to get involved in racing on the Chesapeake Bay for both boat owners and crew. He talks about when races are held; how to get on a boat; how the different types of races are conducted; starting; and basic racing rules	
	2 - A Levels: L, M	2 - B Levels: L, M, E	2 - C Levels: L, M, E	
	BASIC SAILING FUNDAMENTALS	STAND UP PADDLE BOARDS	OUTBOARD MOTORS	
#2 10:00 - 10:50	SOS Skipper <b>Rick Morefield</b> uses things you already know to explain how a boat sails, with specific emphasis on points of sail and getting a boat from point A to point B.	<b>Kevin Haigis</b> , CEO of Capital SUP, will talk about Stand Up Paddle Boards (SUP) including the basics and what to buy to have lots of fun on the water, <i>sans</i> sailboat and from a sailboat at anchor.	Chuck Holm, from C3 Marine will discuss the care and operation of outboard motors which are essential to us sailors.	
	3 - A Levels: L, M	3 - B Levels: L, M	3 - C Levels: L, M, E	
40	HOW TO PROVISION AND WHAT TO PACK	ONBOARD COMMUNICATIONS	BASICS OF RAFTING	
#3 11:00 - 11:50	SOS Member <b>Janet Gonski</b> tells you about what to wear, pack, and provision for weekend SOS fun cruiseing on the Bay.	SOS Member <b>Gene Jacob</b> instructs you in the proper use of VHF radio and handling emergency procedures using both a handheld and ship's VHF radio.	SOS Skipper <b>Chuck Fort</b> , leads a discussion on rafting with SOS, both circle & linear rafts. What is the overall plan, what part does crew play, and (for skippers) how do you direct your crew for a smooth entry into the raft.	
12:00 - 12:50	Lunch and Evhibits			
	<b>4 - A</b> Levels: L, M ,E	<b>4 - B</b> Levels: L, M, E	4 - C Levels: L, M, E	
#4	BASIC SAILING KNOTS	ELECTRONIC CHART PLOTTING	SAIL TRIM	
1:00 - 2:20	SOS Skippers Chuck and Julie Fort demonstrate the proper knots to use on a boat and when to use them. Hands-on practice is included while viewing animation of each knot.	ASA Certified Instructor, <b>John Crosby</b> , will talk about using electronics to navigate on the water, as well as providing pointers on celestial navigation.	Jeff Jordan, experienced sailor & industry professional, describes controlling sails, using each sail in various wind conditions, good/bad of heeling, over- powered situations, best upwind & downwind sailing.	
	5 - A Levels: L, M, E	5 - B Levels: L, M, E	5 - C Levels: L, M, E	
	BASIC NAVIGATION	DOCKING AND BOAT HANDLING UNDER POWER	BASIC SAILING AND SAIL HANDLING	
#5 2:30 - 3:50	SOS Skipper Sandy Rosswork will teach how to find your location on the water and how to use marine charts to plot a course, avoid hazards, and locate your boat. Discover how to use channel markers and other aids to navigation to sail safely.	If boats moved liked cars, docking boats would be simple! SOS Skipper, Emil Becker, explains the dynamics of stopping, backing, & docking boats – & how to make friends with that pesky WIND.	SOS Skipper <b>Craig Coltharp</b> will demonstrate the rigging of a boat and bending on the sails. He will also demonstrate the points of sail; the trimming of sails; and the different maneuvers a boat can make while sailing.	

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Session	D	E	F		
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#1 9:00 - 9:50	BECOMING A FIRST MATE  SOS First Mates John Parsons and Gabi Van Wie will outline the requirements and process to become a SOS First Mate. A great way to test your skills, become more proficient, and add	110 DAYS OF SAILING OFFSHORE  SOS Skipper Harry Keith talks about lessons learned in 110 days and 2800 miles sailing north to the Bay of Fundy. What worked, what didn't, lessons learned the hard way, and what we stressed over that just were not issues	SAILMAKER TALKS ABOUT THE BUYING OF & CARING FOR SAILS  Chuck O'Malley of Chesapeake/Doyle Sailmakers Annapolis discusses the sail making process from measuring, designing, material selection, and construction alternatives		
	safety to club sails.	2 E Leveler I M F	2 E Leveler M. F		
#2 10:00 - 10:50	2 - D Levels: M, E  LONG DISTANCE CRUISING  How to plan for sailing to the far-off lands and much more with veteran cruiser, delivery captain and SOS Skipper Dane Skagen.	GET IN SHAPE TO SAIL  Get fit for the sailing season! SOS Skipper and personal trainer Susan Zevin provides simple, easy-to-do exercises to strengthen your tummy, back, arms, and legs and improve	2 - F Levels: M, E  RIGGING  The Rigging Company will discuss the creation and maintenance of all aspects of yacht rigging to ensure a seaworthy and enjoyable boat		
	<b>3 - D</b> Levels: L, M, E	your balance 3 - E Levels: M, E	<b>3 - F</b> Levels: M, E		
#3	PHOTOGRAPHY ON THE WATER  More photos are taken every day with cell	AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS  Gene Danko, Commander, America's Boating	DIESEL ENGINES  Karl Allen, Diesel Guru will discuss what should		
11:00 - 11:50	phones than any other camera. <b>Don Dement</b> , professional photographer, will show you how to get the most out of your cell phone camera and take an award-winning photo on your next sailing trip	Club Rockville, will cover the basics of the Automatic Identification System (AIS). What it is, how it is used, how it complements other systems and installation	have been done for winterizing and spend the majority of time discussing springtime maintenance. This includes sea water pmps, cooling systems, anodes, manufacturers recommended routine maintenance, and springtime start up. Owners should bring their owner manuals.		
12:00 - 12:50					
	<b>4 - D</b> Levels: L, M, E	<b>4 - E</b> Levels: L, M, E	4 - F Levels: L, M, E		
	BOAT MECHANICAL SYSTEMS	SOS BAREBOAT PROGRAM	RULES OF THE ROAD		
#4 1:00 - 2:20	SOS Skipper <b>Emil Becker</b> will describe the various mechanical systems on a modern cruising sailboat, as well as how they work and how to utilize them safely for enjoyable sailing.	SOS Member <b>Deb Kauffman</b> will presents the SOS Bareboat program and discuss predeparture steps for crew and skippers. She will concentrate on the upcoming trips to the BVIs and Sicily.	SOS Skipper Harry Keith will discuss the rules that keep us from tearing fiberglass. He will delve into the basic rules for avoiding collisions, the required equipment (as different from USCG safety equipment), sound signals, and lights, and understand the demarcation line.		
	5 - D Levels: L, M, E	5 - E Levels: L, M, E	5 - E Levels: M, E		
	PREVENTIONS AND TREATMENT OF EMERGENCIES ON THE BAY	ANCHORING	ADVANCED KNOTS AND MARLINSPIKE		
#5 2:30 - 3:50	SOS Member <b>Karl Scible</b> will provide tools anyone can utilize to make a bay outing safer. He will provide skills that utilize basic equipment that should be in every boat's first aid kit.	SOS Skipper <b>Ian Sanderson</b> will describe anchors, rode, scope, and how to anchor securely. He will discuss the crews' jobs during the process as well as what affects a boat at anchor and how to "weigh" anchor for another destination. The use of passing lines will also be discussed.	SOS First Mate <b>Bill Knapp</b> will teach knots that every sailor will find useful including carrick bend, whipping, rolling hitch and trucker's knot.		

### New & Rusty Members – Special Events for You

#### Flare and Safety Day - April 30



With the Sailing Season just around the corner, it's time to brush up on our Boat Safety Skills. All Members are welcome to participate in this hands-on training where they will have the opportunity to practice the proper use of handheld and aerial flares, extinguishing a small controlled fire using a fire extinguisher, setting an anchor, safe techniques for using a winch, efficiently passing lines, and how to safely use a passing line.

Registration is free to members. 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Wabanna Camp & Conference Center Edgewater, MD

**Questions?** Contact Safety Chair, Joan Tannen at <u>safety@singlesonsailboats.org</u>

# Dockside Training April 30 & May 1

provides Dockside Training opportunity for new members to have an introduction or refresher on sailing with SOS. You will meet aboard various members' boats in the afternoon for a session structured to simulate an SOS cruise, but not leave the dock. Skippers and First Mates will conduct standard pre-cruise and safety briefings and provide hands-on training. Dockside Training is designed to answer such questions as: What tasks does the crew perform on a boat? How do I tie a clove hitch or stopper knot? What am I expected to do when leaving the dock and more?

Or if you wish, you may sign up for a combination of Dockside Training on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> and a Day Sail on the next day, Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please indicate your preference when you register.

Please register online using the Event Calendar at www.singlesonsailboats.org.

You will be notified **by email** regarding your boat/skipper assignment. Just pack



your water bottle, picnic lunch, and Basic Skills form. Then head to vour assigned SOS boat generously offered by an SOS skipper for a of fun, camaraderie, and learning.

## Old Fire Extinguishers Needed

We need old fire extinguishers to use at our Flare and Safety Day training. Please take this opportunity to check your fire extinguishers to see if you have any that have expired. If you do, and you're willing to donate them, please reach out to Joan Tannen, SOS Safety Chair, at safety@singlesonsailboats.org.

We appreciate it!



## The SOS Basic Skills Program A Great Resource!

One of the many great things about SOS is our Basic Skills Program. It's a great program for new members to learn more about boats, sailing, and how to be safe and helpful crew on SOS cruises. It is also a great tool for more experienced members to use routinely to brush up on all the above.

The Basic Skills Program Manual can be found on the SOS web site under "Forms and Such," "Education." The manual describes the three levers of the Basic Skills Program. Completing Level I is an orientation requirement for all members' safety when sailing with SOS. This level should be completed before or during a member's first sailing experience (usually a day sail). Completion of Level II advances crew to be more knowledgeable with sailing in general and be more active crew around the boat. Level III advances members who wish to fully assist the sailing of the boat. Completion of

Level III is mandatory for participation on bareboat trips.

Members can get checked out on Level I at Dockside training and/or they can get checked out on specific items at Flare and Safety Day and at Spring Training.

Another option is to request a checkout at an initial day sail or week-end sail if the skipper agrees. When you sign up for a day or week-end sail the electronic application allows you to request a Basic Skills checkout. Either a Skipper or First Mate can perform the checkout. Members should read and familiarize themselves with the materials in the Basic Skills Manual prior to asking to be checked out at each level and they should bring the Check Sheet for the Skipper or Fist Mate to document the checkout.

The Basic Skills program is a great resource for all members to use as we prepare for the upcoming sailing season. Check it out!

#### First Mates: SOS needs you!

Rob King, First Mate Advisory Chair



What do First Mates do for SOS? When club members think of First Mates, they may know them to be crew who can "act competently as a skipper to return a boat and crew safely to shore" in case of emergency.

But do you know the other roles they play? About other capabilities that are vital to the purpose of the Club?

These capabilities include providing support to:

- Coordinate the cruise preparations (directions to the boat, meal assignments, etc.)
- Oversee crew underway
- Orient new skippers (SOS has some unusual practices, like rafting)
- Conduct Basic Skills checkouts for new members
- Assist at dockside training

As the Club strives to recruit new skippers and crew, First Mate support is vital to the purpose of SOS.

As part of First Mate candidate evaluation, individuals are evaluated on their intangible abilities to interact well with new skippers and crew, and to be an ambassador for the club. Active First Mates are subject to reassessment of their skills every five years.

If you are interested in becoming a First Mate, contact Rob King at <a href="mailto:robking3179@gmail.com">robking3179@gmail.com</a> and check out the SOS web page for more information at <a href="https://ss.memberclicks.net/assets/documents/FM/how\_t">https://ss.memberclicks.net/assets/documents/FM/how\_t</a> o\_become\_an\_sos\_first\_mate-202105.pdf

#### **Backyard Gatherings Return**



A year ago, we were trying to find ways to come together, regionally, safely, and meet with our friends, new members, and long-time comrades. The Regional Backyard Gatherings were born of creative desperation.... And so well enjoyed, that this winter there have been whisperings, "Will we

have them again?" We are happy to announce, YES! With four hosts already committed to dates in late March and April, and several more who have responded that they "plan to" but have not yet selected a date, check out the Fleet Exercises, watch for blasts, and look through the Events Calendar to see when and where one might be held. Or better yet... hold one in your area!

As of this writing, look for a gathering

- March 27 in Cape St Clair/Annapolis
- April 9 in Western Howard County/Mt Airy
- April 10 in Newark, DE
- April 24 in Edgewater/Annapolis

Though they will be listed as "bring your own" snack, drink, mask, chair; the possibility of a potluck will reside with each host and the attendees.

So, pick your region, have it your way, and ENJOY! If you want to plan a gathering or have any questions, please reach out to Janet @ JGSunset@yahoo.com



#### **Training in CPR/AED and First Aid for Mariners**

Saturday, March 26

Once again, we are holding this important training session before the season begins to give us more instruction on safety. The Annapolis Fire Department emergency medical personnel will conduct this class on CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), the use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and first aid with a special focus on mariners. The training will be held at the Taylor Avenue Fire Station in Annapolis.

Because SOS recognizes the value of these important skills, the club pays half the cost of this American Heart Association certified training. Whether you are learning these techniques for the first time, or recertifying, there is always more to learn. Recommended procedures are always being updated. Certifications are valid for two years.

The class will start at 9:00 AM and run to approximately 4:00 PM. Your cost is \$45.00, which includes coffee and a light breakfast, as well as lunch. Attendees are required to be fully COVID vaccinated. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Tannen at <a href="mailto:itkeuka@gmail.com">itkeuka@gmail.com</a>.

#### 2002 Cruising Corner

Chuck Fort, Cruising Chair

Sailing season is just around the corner! Skippers are starting to prepare their boats (painting, waxing, repairing) for the upcoming season. Contact your favorite skipper and offer your services, or sign up to be a boat helper for any skipper that needs assistance.

Now is the time to think about which sails you want to do and mark your calendars. Signing up early increases your chances of being placed on a boat for daysails and weekend cruises. Skippers, mark your calendars too, because signing up early helps the coordinators.

The Raft Captain Class will be held at the Edgewater Library on April 2 both for Skippers who want to become Raft Captains and for Skippers, First Mates and Plain Old Crew who want a better understanding of how and why we construct rafts the way we do.

The Cruising Kickoff will be April 23 at the Doubletree Hotel. A social time, lunch, and coordinator training will be part of the day. Attendance is by invitation to Skippers, First Mates, First Mate Candidates, and coordinators.

The Flare and Safety Demo and Dockside Training will be on April 30, with an added full day of Dockside Training on May 1.

The cruising season

starts off with a daysail on May 4. This year we have scheduled 16 weekday daysails, 18 weekend daysails, 18 weekend cruises including 8 land-based cruises, and a nine-day extended cruise up the Chester River to Chestertown with three marina nights.

Fair Winds and Following Seas!





#### Being a Raft Captain:

One of the best things about SOS are the rafts. When we raft, we have a chance to make new friends, to visit with old friends, and to eat and drink together. SOS has built rafts

with just a few boats, and as large as a "monster" raft with 62 boats in June 2002.

SOS rafts are either linear (boats in single line) or circular (boats in a circle). Circular rafts are usually built when there are more than 14 boats.

The individuals in SOS responsible for putting rafts together are **The Raft Captains**. Raft captains are highly experienced SOS skippers. Raft captains begin their training with a three- or four-hour seminar that is followed up with being mentored by an experienced raft captain.

Being a raft captain is one of the more difficult jobs in SOS, involving a great deal of responsibility for lots of expensive boats. The raft captain usually arrives at the anchorage before most of the fleet, selects a safe place to build the raft, and decides upon the arrangement of the boats in the raft. At the raft captain's order some boats are asked to put down anchors (and others are not). Finally, when all the boats are in the raft, the raft captain checks the lines between the boats and pronounces the raft closed. No more joyous words than that!

But the raft captain's job is far from over! Raft captains must continually keep an eye out for the weather. Storms and wind changes can occur that make rafting dangerous, and the raft captain can be faced with having to make the decision to break up the raft and ask the boats to anchor individually.

Finally come morning, the raft captain must announce the time for the raft breakup and the order in which the boats in the raft can safely leave the raft.

All this sound like fun? Might be difficult at first, but it is rewarding to know that you contributed to a safe and fun experience for your cruising friends and fellow skippers.

If you want to be a Raft Captain, or just learn more about the process of building rafts, sign up for the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Raft Building Seminar conducted by Cruising Chair Chuck Fort.

# **SOS 2022 Cruising Calendar**

Date(s)	Theme	Location
April 2	Raft Captain	Edgewater Library
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April 23	Cruising	Doubletree Hotel
April 23	Kickoff	
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April 30 am	Flare & Safety	Camp Wabanna
April 30 pm	Dockside Training	Various locations
May 4	Daysail	
May 7-8	Shakedown	Aberdeen Creek,
	Cruise	South River
May 14	Daysail	
May 15	Daysail	
May 18	Daysail	BNB 0
May 21-22	DNR Cruise	DNR, Granary Creek, Wye River
May 25	Daysail	Blue Angels Demo, Annapolis
May 27	Daysail	Blue Angels USNA,
		Annapolis
May 28-30	Memorial Day	Broad Creek,
	Cruise	Magothy River
		Reed Creek,
		Chester River
May 28-	Extended Cruise	5/28 Broad Creek, Magothy
June 5		5/29 Reed Creek, Chester
		5/30 Lankford Bay Marina
		5/31 Comegys Bight,
		Chester 6/1 Port of Chestertown
		Marina
		6/2 Port of Chestertown
		Marina
		6/3 Corsica, Chester River
		6/4 Eagle Cove, Magothy
June 4-5	Just a Cruise	Rv Eagle Cove,
Julie 4-3	Just a Ciuise	Magothy River
June 4	Leukemia Cup	Annapolis Harbor
June 8	Daysail	γιπαροπο παισοι
June 11-12	1 <sup>st</sup> Mates	Round Bay,
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June 14	Daysail	
June 18	Daysail	
June 18	Dinghy Dance	Annapolis
June 19	Daysail	
June 25-26	Anniversary	Lankford Bay Marina,
33.13 20 20	Party Cruise	Chester
June 29	Daysail	
July 2-4	4th of July	TBD
30., 2 .	Cruise	(St. Michaels 7/2)
July 9-10	Wine &	Hollendursky Cove
,	Chocolate	(Cove past Pickering,
	Cruise	Wye East)
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Date(s)	Theme	Location
July 12	Daysail	
July 16	Daysail	
July 17	Daysail	
July 23-24	Christmas in	Rhode River
	July Cruise	
July 27	Daysail	
July 30	Appetizer &	Dun Cove,
	Dessert Cruise	Harris Creek,
		Choptank River
Aug 6	Daysail	
Aug 7	Daysail	
Aug 10	Daysail	
Aug 13-14	Town Hall	Chesapeake Yacht
	Meeting 8/13	Club
Aug 16	Daysail	
Aug 20-21	Seafood Feast	Haven Harbor South,
	Cruise	Rock Hall
Aug 23	Daysail	
Aug 27	Daysail	
Aug 28	Daysail	
Sept 2-5	Labor Day 4-Day	9/2 Boby Owl, Broad,
	Cruise	Choptank
		9/3 Zahniser's,
		Solomon's Island
		9/4 Dun Cove, Harris
		Creek, Choptank River
Sept 9-11	Eastport Oyster	Shaw Bay,
	Boys Concert	Wye River
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Sept 10-17	Bareboat Italy	
Sept 14	Daysail	
Sept 17	Daysail	
Sept 17	Hospice Cup	Annapolis Harbor
Sept 18	Daysail	
Sept 20	Daysail	
Sept 24-25	Oktoberfest	Anchorage Marina,
	Cruise	Fells Point, Baltimore
Sept 28	Daysail	
Oct 1	Daysail	
Oct 2	Daysail	140 1 1 1 2 2
Oct 8-9	Chili Cruise	Whitehall Creek
Oct 13	Daysail	
Oct 15-16	Goose Cruise	Corsica River
Oct 22	Daysail	
Oct 23	Daysail	
Oct 29-30	Oysterfest	Chesapeake Bay Maritime
	Cruise	Museum, St. Michaels
Nov 5	Daysail	
Nov 6	Daysail	
Nov 12	Cruising Wrap-	TBD
	Up Meeting	
Dec 10	Lights Parade	Eastport

#### **Volunteer Recognition Program**

Singles On Sailboats has been governed for the last 40 plus years by members who have volunteered their time, efforts, and energy to the club. Some volunteer positions are highlighted more so than others but that doesn't mean members who work behind the scenes are not as committed to the club. The Volunteer Recognition Program was developed to define levels of volunteerism and appropriate ways to recognize these volunteers. This program is an avenue for any member to take the opportunity to recognition another member for their commitment to the club.

There are four categories to choose from that best recognizes the member's efforts. Only one category per member.

#### The categories are:

- "Jump in Whenever" ~ An SOS member who
  has participated at SOS events to help in the setup, teardown, or contributes to the conduct of the
  event on an ad hoc basis on multiple occasions.
  - One-time; potential way to break ice (for newer members)
- "Keeps SOS Afloat" ~An SOS member who assists in the execution of SOS events on an ongoing basis for the benefit of the SOS members.
  - Standard ongoing roles that provide critical infrastructure for club activities; acknowledgement will be specific to person
- 3. "Above and Beyond" ~An SOS member who contributes significant time, effort and skills to ensure SOS events are successfully conducted.
  - Willing to step in when a need arises; sees situation and creates solution; worker bee
- 4. "Extraordinaire" ~An SOS member who contributes an extraordinary amount of time, effort and skills to ensure SOS functions meet the goals and needs of the club and its members
  - Took on many hours and much work to develop, create, implement items and opportunities – we would not have managed COVID as a healing club without their contributions

A nomination form will soon be on the website under "forms and such". Meanwhile, email Linda Casucci, <u>casuccilj@gmail.com</u> to request a form. Complete the form and email it back to Linda. The Membership Committee will review and present the recipient's name to the BODs. Their name and category will be printed in the Volunteer Recognition Corner of the Whisker Pole.

## **Recognitions for March**

#### Janet Gonski Extraordinaire Award



In 2021, Janet accepted the position as Public Relations Co-Chair for the second year in a row. Janet developed the committee's guidelines and initiated **Public** Relations projects to enhance the community's awareness of Singles On Sailboats.

Janet was the front runner to organize "Back Yard" gatherings during a precarious time of the year. SOS members expressed a desire to gather but in a safe manner. Janet provided the answer. She collaborated with the Membership Committee to establish gatherings in different regions and called members to host these events. Janet and Karl even hosted an event.

The Board charged Janet to develop a program to recognize SOSs for their contributions to the club. Under Janet's leadership, the committee crafted guidelines and defined levels of volunteerism and appropriate ways to recognize these volunteers.

Janet provided leadership, vision, understanding and organizational skills in accomplishing these responsibilities in a positive and thoughtful manner.

# Carolyn Nachman Jump In Whenever Award



Carolyn has been a Happy Hour Hopping Hostess as she built relationships with potential members and literally met them where they were by attending SOS Happy Hours. That placed Carolyn at Happy Hours in Northern Virginia, Bethesda/Rockville, and Ellicott City (maybe Annapolis).

Carolyn's welcoming attitude encouraged potential members to join SOS.

## **Regional Brunches**

## (Annapolis, MD - Hosts George & Shirley Hollendursky)



Front: Barbara Wingrove, Susan Zevin and Frank Beck, Back: Soren Harbom and Lauren Harbom



(L to R): Joan Tannen, Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky, (host) and Janet Gonski



(L to R): Jeannie Bessmer, Shelley Castle, Karl Scible and Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky

## (Arlington, VA – hostess Dorothy Nicholson)



(L to R): Cecilia Javier, Dorothy Nicholson (host), Irene Aronian, and Michelle Watters



(L to R): Michelle Watters, Cecilia Javier, Irene Aronian, Hope Andruss, Cynthia Miller, Dorothy Nicholson, Susan Jenkins, and Doug Gage



(L to R): Susan Jenkins, Cecilia Javier, and Doug Gage

## (Newark, DE - hosts Chuck & Julie Fort)



(from lower left, clockwise):
Geri Walker, Rich Stewart,
Cherie Comly, Rebecca
Flora, Gabi Van Wie, Tom
Fort, Vernon Owens,
Kathrine Threefoot, Dee
Naticchia and Linda
Casucci



(L to R): Heide Harper, Lynn Winkler, Julie Fort (host), Lois Shiley and Paul Pudlinski

## Regional Brunches (continued)

## Florida Brunch North Bethesda Brunch - Roan, hostess



Standing: Jo Ann Lovell, Dave Tuttle, Laura Qwinn, Martha Wagner, Joe Lombardo, Pat Clarke, and John Halstead. Seated hosts: Molly Harrison and Ned Schwartz



(L to R): Susan Absher, Nancy McGovern, and Steve Kutz



(L to R): Debbie Lyle, Susan Absher, Debbie Goldberg, Steve Kutz, Debra Roane, Teresa Scofield, John McDonald, Pam Ledford, Kathy Haven, Jon Bernheimer, and Gabe Ruiz

### **Annapolis Brunch - Cindy Hooper, hostess**



(L to R): Cindy Turner, Linda Perkins, Jack McKim



(L to R): Melinda Zimmerman, Lorraine Fassett

## McLean Fireside Chat - Irene Aronian, hostess



(L to R): Irene Aronian (host), Steve Kutz, Karl Hamady, and Robin Meigel



(Above is a merged photograph)

(L to R): Karl Hamady, Shelley Castle, Steve Kutz, Hope Andruss (blue blouse), Doug Gage, Cecilia Javier, Irene Aronian, Cindy Hooper, Wendy Adams, Frank Beck, Teresa Scofield and Robin Meigel

#### Warping into a slip (or Waterman's Spring Line)

By Michael Swift

At my marina when the wind is blowing from the north or northeast/east it makes backing into the slip darn near impossible. I have to pull up at the end of the finger pier and use a spring/warp line to swing the bow around against the wind. This can also be done to swing the bow (or stern) against a current.

If you have a dock, here's how to set up initially, with the fender in blue and the spring line in red. If you have a piling, you can warp around the piling with or without the fender if you have a rub rail. If the boat in the slip beside you does not extend beyond the pilings, you can actually lay your bow and stern against the pilings if the wind is off your beam or aft of your beam, or astern as shown below. If this is your home slip, you pick up your bow line, run it through your aft chock and to the cleat. Use a half or three-quarter turn around the cleat to control the line. **Note:** the pictures show docks, but it is the same with finger piers and pilings between the slips.

You put the boat at the end of the finger dock with a fender between the boat and the end of the dock. Line handling can be done by the Helm or with a second person to handle the line.

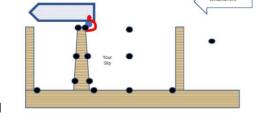
If at a transient slip, tie a line from the stern cleat on the boat and take a loop around ONE end of the dock cleat or around the piling. This line must be able to be slipped or removed when the time is right.

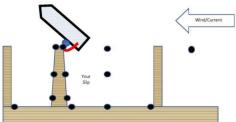
Put the boat in reverse without any additional throttle. The person holding the spring/warp line must be able to hold it tight. This causes the fender (or the corner of the dock, or the piling) to become a pivot point around which the boat pivots. Use more or less throttle, as required.

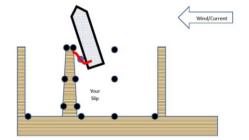
Since the boat can't go backwards, the bow will start to swing out from the dock. **Note:** with the warp line on the stern cleat, the further toward the bow the pivot point is, the easier it is to pivot.

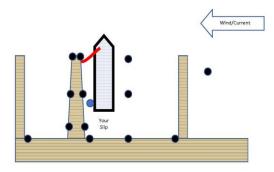
Keep the engine in reverse and the spring line taut. As the bow keeps swinging against the wind/current it eventually will become aligned with the slip. It is more efficient to ease the spring line out as the boat starts to move backwards and turn, just make sure that the stern clears the far piling. Once the stern is between the pilings/docks, the spring may be eased and snubbed as required to move the boat further into the slip while maintaining position against the wind/current.

At the point where the boat is aligned with the slip, the person at the helm must be able to swing the line off the boat or the dock cleat, or give the command to his helper, thereby, allowing the boat to back fully into the slip. Since I normally handle the helm and the warping line, once I take it off the cleat, I hand it to my helper to take to the bow as the bow line. It works!









Note: A comprehensive briefing on Docking from the Maryland School of Sailing and Seamanship is located at the following URL:

#### SCUTTLEBUTT

(A communal water cask around which sailors traded gossip)

Anne Bastian returned at end of January from a sunny week in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, where the whale watching, mojitos and poolside relaxing kept her and friends engaged away from the winter cold.

She hoped others had a chance for some time out of town as well. Everyone on the plane home was covid free, as everyone had to have a negative covid test within one day of entering the US.

Now at home, she is pursuing a culinary certificate in Plant Based cooking though the Rouxbe Cooking School; all online of course. For those who might be interested in joining Anne in some plant-based meals and / or want more information in this area, Anne looks forward to such communications! She hoped that her dish she brought to the February Brunch will be enjoyed as well as others' dishes.

**Barbara Wingrove** always wanted to go to the Galapagos Island so she is planning a trip and will invite other SOSers to join her. Since SOS friends would have the entire boat, and the trip is a year away, everyone should feel safe from COVID.

Marian Scheinholtz and Doug Townsend are FINALLY headed to Vibeke Bareboat Charters in the BVI after an agonizing six dav delay due unforeseen to an circumstance (aggravating, exasperating, and what else, Covid-19! All is well now, flights are rescheduled, and they will still have a good long trip - 20 days to be exact, with a surprise guest. Gene Jacobs will be joining them for approximately a week so they will have a fine time both before and once Gene joins them.

During their trip, they will also be gathering any new/up to date "on the ground" information to pass on to the SOS bareboat charter group that will be headed to the BVI

in April. Like will the Bitter End be open or opening soon, are there still great spots for snorkeling/dancing/mooring that remain to be discovered, AND will the Bomba Shack ever return??

All kidding aside, things like ferry schedules, restaurant openings and BVI official entry requirements change a lot. And it is not easy to get accurate information or to know who to ask.

Doug and Marian are happy to share information they get from their trip to any SOS sailors interested in BVI sailing.

Sandy Huberfeld and Jerry Axler like seeing the pictures of Annapolis and boats with snow from afar. They are enjoying the month of February in South Beach in a small Art Deco hotel. This year with Ocean drive closed to vehicular traffic and bike lane added it is particularly lovely. Ever changing Ocean and cloud view from room and porch make for great entertainment. Wide diversity of people and attire or lack thereof makes for great people watching.



**Jerry Axler** and **Sandy Huberfeld** say hi from South Beach, Florida.



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Hours to Jill Montgomery
jill.montgom@gmail.com



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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: Mar 2nd 5:00-7:00 PM MYLO'S GRILL, in the back dining room, 6238 Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA. 22101. (in the Chesterbrook Shopping Cntr) 703-533-5880 www.mylosgrill.com

COORDINATOR: HOPE - hopeda@verizon.net

#### 1st Thursday

ELLICOTT CITY: Mar 3rd 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: Mar 3rd 6:30 PM
O'REILLY'S TAP ROOM 800 East Park Drive, Harrisburg,
PA. 17111 717-561-2800 oriellystaproom.com
COORDINATOR: BOB – cogito28@aol.com

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

WILMINGTON: Mar 16th 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-<u>Sbdonaldson713@verizon.net</u>

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

ROCKVILLE: Mar 17th 5:00–7:00 PM Botanero Restaurant, 800 Pleasant Drive, Rockville, MD 20850 301-947-5400 www.bontanerorockville.com

COORDINATOR: DEBBIE - hidebbieg@yahoo.com

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

KENT ISLAND: Mar 17th 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 - <u>bbbrooksao@aol.com</u>

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

ANNAPOLIS: Mar 24th 5:00-7:00 PM

**ANNAPOLIS SMOKEHOUSE**, 107 Hillsmere Dr, Annapolis, MD 21403 410-571-5073. Reservations have been confirmed. Smokehouse offers happy hour pricing form 4-6 PM. If you are so inclined to stay beyond 7, they will be having Trivia Night starting at 7:30.

COORDINATOR: JEAN- jgough4you@gmail.com



Happy Hour in SW Florida

From L to R: Aggie LNU, Judy Downey, Rich Stewart, Jeanne Maroney (kneeling), Tim LNU, Lora Donia, Dave Tuttle, John Rogers.

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#### **BOAT FOR SALE**

I am going to sell *Circus*. She is a well maintained 1988 Pearson 31-2, with a 2GM20F Yanmar (relative low hours), nice battery banks with inverter, well-kept upholstery, AST boat, points well, main with battens, Dutchman and with 150 genoa. Asking \$17000.

Please contact me via meadows.robert.w@gmail.com



#### **BOAT PARTNERSHIP**

I am interested in partnering with someone to buy a sailboat. 29' to 32'. Approx purchase price 50K. Anyone interested, please contact Gabe at: <a href="mailto:Gabriel ruiz@valdesautomation.com">Gabriel ruiz@valdesautomation.com</a> 2-22

#### **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

#### ITEMS FOR SALE

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, <a href="mailto:cogito28@aol.com">cogito28@aol.com</a> 2-22

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 <a href="mailto:johncfilippini@gmail.com">johncfilippini@gmail.com</a>, or on 703-409-9187, for further details.

**FOR SALE:** 30+feet of anchor chain 1/2" used once. Turned out to be too heavy for me. Bought at WM. Make offer. Peter Breit 484.437.3262 Breitp@outlook.com

**FOR SALE**: SAIL for small boat. Lateen (10' x 10' x 11', 48 Sq ft). 4 oz dacron sailcloth. Cream color. Handmade by Douglas Fowler sailmaker, Ithaca, NY. Lightly used. \$250. Contact Bill Merritt. 301 257 2669

#### **FOR RENT**

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

FOR RENT: BAR HARBOR, MAINE vacation home: 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, ranch home. Available by the week or month, sleeps 6, 1 mile from Acadia National Park, located on a quiet street, and within a 5 minute walk to downtown shops and restaurants. Contact Sandy Demento by text (412) 559-3505 or e-mail sandydemento@gmail.com

#### **TRAVEL**

Get away from the cold and enjoy a captained cruise on a beautiful Leopard catamaran based in Georgetown, Exumas. Visit Marbrysails.com. 2-22

#### **FREE**

Old mainsail for a Wauquiez35 with the Dutchman system intact free to a good home." Contact Jon Bernheimer, 301-217-5959 or 703-405-2250 (cell), or ionbernheimer@verizon.net

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Sock Burning - March 20

CPR/First Aid - March 26