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Membership Renewal: Nov 1, 2022 - Jan 31, 2023
Membership Year: Jan 1 - Dec 31

Singles On Sailboats will celebrate 45 years of sailing, socializing, learning and friendship during 2023.

The Sunday November 6th Day Sail will mark the end of the sailing season.

On November 13th, the Club will kick off the winter events with a Sunday Brunch at the Double Tree Hotel in Annapolis. There are also Sunday brunches scheduled for December, January, February and March. Coming up soon will be the Regional Pre- and Post-Thanksgiving Dinners, the Annapolis Parade of Lights Party and the return of the Friday evening Zoom happy hour and educational presentations. Registration for the Sea of Cortez Bareboat is underway and plans for a second 2023 bareboat trip to a destination in North America are in the works. The Cruising Committee will start work on the 2023 schedule after taking a short break.

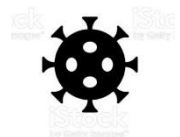
Don't miss what Singles on Sailboats has to offer. Renew your membership for 2023. An email will be sent with detailed instructions and a link to renew online beginning November 1, 2022. To renew by mail, a downloadable form will be posted to the website that loads after login.

2023 Dues

- Regular & Associate Members: \$60.00
- *Life Members \$40.00
- Inactive Members: \$15.00
- Subscription for a printed copy of newsletter \$40.00

*Requirements to become a life member: born on or before December 31, 1952, 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. To change your membership to Life member, you must contact the membership committee to verify your eligibility for lifetime membership.

COVID - Winter Season Safety Protocol



"All participants attending SOS indoor events must provide evidence of Vaccination and Boosting upon request during the period Nov 1-April 15 as well as comply with the requirements of a specific venue then in effect. Members should expect to be denied admission without refund if they fail to comply with this winter policy."

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Welcome to 2023!



I was wondering if anyone else has made New Years' Resolutions. You know, the usual ones: lose ? pounds, exercise daily, read more good books, clean out the attic..... Experts say that all of those resolutions that we make in good faith and with enthusiasm usually go by the wayside by the end of January. Our intentions are good but it is hard to change the patterns of our lives. But the key to success with anything is to start with one step.

If you would like to improve your sailing knowledge, start by participating in one of the Friday night zoom sessions put on by the Education Committee. Or attend one of the in-person seminars, also from the Education Committee. Or attend an educational Fireside Chat. Better yet, join the Education Committee. They are looking for help with Spring Training.

By becoming a committee member, you will be on the ground floor of planning all the good things that the club has to offer!

Singles on Sailboats exists and has survived for 45 years (almost) because of the enthusiasm of its members for sailing, the generosity of its skippers, and the many volunteer hours of our

committee chairs and members. To get the most out of the club, you need to add your voice to help it be successful. Make 2023 the year that you resolve to get involved.

When you complete your membership renewal for the year, indicate which committee activity appeals to you. Or call one of the committee chairs listed in this Whisker Pole. Or email me and I will respond. We look forward to hearing from you!

Here's to a very healthy and successful 2023!

Carole, Commodore

Welcome New Members & Returning Members

Steve Fisher
Hunt Valley, MD

Mark Miller
Annapolis, MD

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nonofficial Notes of December 1, 2022, Board Meeting

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of November 3, 2022, board (BOD) meeting approved.

Commodore: Welcome to Nancy Parsons (FMAC), Pat Tracey and Gail Williams (Membership), and Laura Gwinn (SAC). Thank you for taking on such important committees.

Vice Commodore: Nominations for major awards: To date, one nomination has been received by two members. It was determined that the deadline to submit nominations will be December 30, 2022. Awards will be presented at the January 22, 2023, Brunch.

Treasurer:

Club Checking Account	16,812.33
Hi-Yield Savings Account	73,468.20
Club Credit Card	6,848.39
Bareboat Account	35,228.27

Current income and expenses reflect a predicted deficit of \$7,000. Fixed costs for the club stand at \$35,000.

Secretary: No report

Committees:

Bareboat - Sea of Cortez:

January 28, 2023 – February 4, 2023: Coordinator needed, chair and treasurer currently serving. One boat has been cancelled – Dream Yacht Charter is willing to transfer the deposit of \$2,114.14 to another boat. No financial loss. Final payment on all boats of \$15,171.67 has been submitted to Craig for payment. The cruise participants are investigating the rental of a satellite phone to maintain contact. The cost will be spread over all participants. The informational meeting will be held on December 11, 2022 after the brunch at the hotel.

Bareboat San Juan Islands: date TBD
Coordinator: Heide Harper

Brunch – January 22, 2023 Brunch Speaker: Vicki Saporta, President, Chesapeake Area Professional Captains Association (CAP-CA) a USCG 50-Ton Master Captain. If you are unable to

attend the brunch after registering, please call to cancel. Going forward, walk-ins will unlikely be accommodated.

Please submit to the Brunch Chair any ideas you might have as to how the Brunch Committee can better meet the needs of the Membership.

Cruising – The 2022 Cruising Season has officially ended with a successful, well-attended Cruising Wrap-up dinner. The proposed 2023 season includes 43 day sails, 14 weekend cruises, and an extended cruise to the north end of the bay.

Database - Membership

	Dec 2022	Dec 2021	Dec 2020
Members	255	233	227
Skippers	64	61	59
Lifetime Members	98	111	169
Lifetime Skippers	24	22	23
Inactive Members	22	19	6
Totals	463	446	484

Membership Renewal:

During the first month of the 2023 renewal period there have been 86 members who have renewed their membership. That leaves 374 members who have yet to renew for 2023.

Education – The education committee is meeting twice a month to plan Spring Training and Friday Night Zoom meetings. Below is a schedule of zoom presentations.

Jan. 6 – Sailing Fitness, Part 1
Jan. 20 – Sailing Fitness, Part 2

First Mates – At the Cruising Wrap-Up, FMs met to discuss varied topics and brainstorm about ways to recruit more FMs and ways to encourage more skippers to take FMs on cruises.

Plans for a FM session at Spring Training are underway. We aim to hold the First Mate Cruise in June, with Bev Nash as coordinator. The plans for the First Mate Meeting/Appreciation Party are just starting — date and place TBD. My thanks to Rob King for meeting with me to

bring me up to speed and for the good job he did in getting FMs to renew their status, perform their 2-day volunteer requirement and much more. Please note I have changed my personal email to Watermusic32@gmail.com.

Membership – 2023 SOS Membership Co-Chairs would like to improve new members' experiences by going over procedures for Area Contacts and for adding new members through working with the Happy Hour Coordinators. Sandy Huberfield is now Annapolis ambassador.

Newsletter – The 16-page December Whisker Pole was mailed to 68 members; 22 copies were mailed to Happy Hour coordinators at a cost of \$359.63 which equals to \$3.99 for each printed copy.

Public Relations – We are in good shape for the EYC Lights Parade: after an initial draft design all participants were happy with the 'look' and after brainstorming final elements, all materials are ordered.

Safety – The Sailing Fitness committee continues to meet routinely and is making good progress. At the Cruising Wrap-Up we beta tested the draft format we have put together to capture this Sailing Fitness metric. Our goal is to "go live" with it mid-April, before members register for next season's first cruise.

Camp Wabanna no longer allows one group to rent exclusive use of the waterfront area, so we will not be able to use them for next spring's Flare and Safety Day. I have started researching alternatives.

Skippers' Advisory – Emil Becker has agreed to continue overseeing "skipper's helpers" for winter boat prep.

Social – Social committee has a few volunteers to help with the upcoming season. Meetings will be planned after the holidays. Haven Harbour South has agreed to have us for Seafood Feast on August 19, 2023. Contact Mark Bryden to reserve boat slips ahead of time as they are planning a big season in 2023. This year is the club's 45th year. Looking for ideas to make the Anniversary cruise and celebrations special.

New Business: An Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Craig Coltharp, Laura Gwinn, Chuck Fort (lead), and Susan Zevin was formed to amend the 1994 power boat policy.

Brunch – January 22nd How to become a Coast Guard Licensed Captain



Vicki Saporta is a licensed 50 Ton Boat Captain, Commodore of the Chesapeake Bay Sabre Association, President of the Chesapeake Area Professional Captains Association (CAPCA; <https://www.capca.net>) and owner of *Pleiades*, a Sabre 402.

CAPCA is a membership organization for Coast Guard-licensed captains across the Chesapeake Bay and along the Atlantic coast. CAPCA promotes professional development and serves the maritime public.

Captain Saporta will talk about what the organization does, what their members do with their licenses, and how to get a Captain's license if interested. She will be happy to answer questions and let the conversation go where our members would like.



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

Training in CPR/AED and First Aid for Mariners

Saturday, March 11



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.

The class will start at 9:00 AM and run to approximately 4:00 PM. Your cost is \$48.00, which includes coffee and a light breakfast, as well as lunch. Attendees must be fully COVID vaccinated. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Tannen at jtkeuka@gmail.com.

Regional Brunches – February 12th

*You do not want this to be the winter of your discontent
As cold and wind keep us off the Bay
So February Regional Brunches are here
To shoo those frosty blues away!*



You can call this a Valentine celebration, or not. It's the SOS way to create opportunities for you to meet people you may be sailing with, skippers and crew, in the warmer

months. There is no set program but generous members do offer their homes for a delightful brunch and hearty conversation. Come and join in the fun.

This is how it works; Consult the list below then **Email** the host of the location that you would like to attend. Hosts will coordinate the menu and communicate directly with the attendees for the event at their home. They will also send you any necessary directions.

This is the general setup: arrive at 11:00 a.m. or another agreed on time with the prearranged dish to share. Each participant will contribute \$10.00 at the door to cover the costs that the host has incurred, such as paper goods, beverages, etc. **No online sign-up for this event. Please RSVP directly to the host.**

February 12 Regional Brunches:

Annapolis, MD:

Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky and George Hollendursky
shirleybrooks@yahoo.com, 20 guests

Annapolis, MD:

Nancy Briggs. nancybriggs@hotmail.com, 20 guests

Rockville, Bethesda, MD and DC/VA:

Barbara Wise. bwise8426@gmail.com, 10 guests

Rockville, Gaithersburg, Germantown, MD

Jon Bernheimer Jonbernheimer@verizon.net 20 guests

Newark, DE:

Julie & Chuck Fort, jafort@comcast.net 16 guests

Bradenton, FL:

Molly Harrison & Ned Schwartz mollyned@verizon.net
10 guests

January 7th Seminar The Down East Loop

Please join us for an exciting presentation by SOS members Harry & Kati Keith as they share their adventures this past summer on the Down East Loop. They will discuss trip planning, boat prep, provisioning, marinas, moorings, highlights, mis-adventures and share photos of their trip. This information will be invaluable if you are planning to make a similar trip, or just want to learn about an incredible adventure!



You may have heard of the "Great Loop," a well-traveled nautical circuit that involves the Hudson River, the Erie Canal, the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River. But there's another loop, less traveled by, called the Down East Loop. This route continues up the Hudson, through the Champlain Canal and Lake Champlain, the Richeleau River, Chambley Canal, finally turning East at the St. Lawrence River. The only way home from here is around the Gaspé Peninsula, down the East coast of New Brunswick, through the Northumberland Strait past Prince Edward Island then the Canso Strait past Cape Breton Island. From there, the Loop continues along the East coast of Nova Scotia, ultimately ending up back in US waters along the Maine coast.

February 11th Seminar Marine Insurance: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly



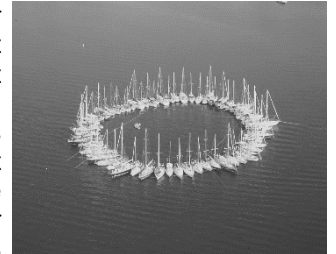
In 2015, Jim Brooks and Cynthia Palmer lost their Pacific Seacraft Crealock 34 to vandalism while the boat was stored on land. The damage was extensive; their insurer offered them only 40% of the total insured value of the boat rather than declaring the boat a total loss.

This seminar will detail the months-long steps they had to take to have the boat declared a total loss, resulting in 100% reimbursement of its insured value. The many critical aspects of boat insurance policies they learned about will be covered in this seminar. What you think your policy will cover and what your insurance company says it will cover are not always the same. **Bring your own policy and join the discussion!**

March 4th Seminar Raft Captain Training

Rafting is an important aspect of SOS cruising and doing it safely is critical. Learn how SOS builds linear and circle rafts, including where and how to set an anchor, place fenders, secure lines, approach in the wind, and effectively communicate both on the boat and with the Raft Captain.

This seminar is designed for Raft Captains, potential Raft Captains, Skippers, First Mates, and all Crewmembers. The session covers considerations involved in raft building such as advance planning, general guidelines for all rafts, special considerations for circle and linear rafts, handling emergencies, docking for land-based cruises, and ways in which Skippers and Crew can assist the rafting process. There is no cost for Raft Captains, potential Raft Captains, First Mates and First Mate Candidates.



Fireside Chats

January 14th - All about SOS: Have you ever wondered about the structure of our club that is heading into its 45th year? What are the 12 standing committees and what do they do? Who are these folks on the Board of Directors and what do they do?

On Saturday, January 14, Carole Jordan, current Commodore, and two former Commodores will discuss these questions and any others that you may have about SOS at a Fireside Chat at the home of Robyn and Art Turniff. If you are a newer member and are interested in getting more involved with SOS, this is a "must" for you. Seasoned members also join us to offer some of your experiences! Bring new ideas! See you there!

February 18th - Avoid Travel Woes: Leaving Town? You should find this Fireside Chat helpful! Many of us plan or at least dream of traveling for an extended period of time. Before getting too far into the planning process there are certain things to consider and manage in order to make your travels more pleasant. Teeja Meier and Barbara Mistrik both have dealt with these issues and can share the dilemmas and possible solutions. They will discuss how to prepare for health insurance coverage, mail receipt, auto care and auto license issues, home maintenance and banking.

March 11th - SOS Bareboat Trips: Bareboat Chair, Deb Kaufmann, will discuss upcoming trips and share anecdotes of past trips. She will explain how to use the SOS Bareboat Simple Site to find out details about trips.

March 19th - SOS Sock Burning: We sailors eagerly anticipate the start of our sailing season! In celebration of our upcoming time on the water, we will burn our socks!

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.

January 5 Thursday



Location: Zoom option only available. Contact Commodore if interested in attending.
commodore@singlesonsailboats.org

Board Meeting

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

Various 1st & 3rd Fridays



Location: Comfort of your home.
Invitation: Moderator will send out a Blast with sign on information prior to day of event.

Education Zoom Seminars

Time: 6:30pm to 7:00pm Socializing.
7:00pm to about 8:00pm Presentation.
Notes: Zoom application is needed for your PC, Laptop or Phone.
Dial-in option is also available.
Open to all Members.

January 7 Saturday



Location: Crofton Library,
1681 Riedel Rd., Crofton, MD.
Speakers: Harry and Kati Keith.
Topic: Sailing the Down East Circle.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Jan. 4 (9:00pm).

Seminar – Sailing the Down East Circle

Cost: \$10.
Time: 10:30am – 2:00pm.
Note: Coffee and Snacks provided.
Per SOS requirements - **Only COVID vaccinated and boosted participants, please.**

Coordinator: Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky Shirleybbrooks@yahoo.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

January 14 Saturday



Location: Severna Park, MD.
Speaker: Carole Jordan.
Topic: Panel of former and current Commodores discuss how the club is structured and how you can get involved.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Jan. 9 (9:00pm).
Limited to 18 participants.

Severna Park Area Fireside Chat

Cost: \$20 by deadline.
\$25 after deadline.
Host: Robyn and Art Turriff.
Time: 5:00pm.
Note: Non-members must be accompanied by Member. No smoking, no walk-ins.
Per SOS requirements - **Only COVID vaccinated and boosted participants, please.**

Coordinator: Anne Bastian bastian.anne@gmail.com
To host one of these events, contact Barbara Mistrik mistrikbarbara@gmail.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

**January 22 Sunday**

Location: Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD.

Speaker: Vicki Saporta, President, Chesapeake Area Professional Captains Association, What CAPCA is, how to become a Coast Guard-licensed Chesapeake captain, and how to boat more safely.

Topic: Mail and online registrations must be received by Jan. 16 (9:00pm).

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Jan. 16 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Anne Bastian bastian.anne@gmail.com

Brunch - Become a Licensed Captain

Cost: \$33 - Brunch.
\$37 - After deadline and walk-ins.

Walk-ins CANNOT be guaranteed a seat.

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

Note: Per SOS requirements - **Only COVID vaccinated and boosted participants, please.**

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

**February 9 Thursday**

Location: Zoom option only available. Contact Commodore if interested in attending.

Date Change commodore@singlesonsailboats.org.

Board Meeting

Time: 7:00pm to 10:00pm.

Note: Open to all Members.

**February 11 Saturday**

Location: Crofton Library, 1681 Riedel Rd., Crofton, MD.

Speakers: Jim Brooks and Cynthia Palmer.

Topic: Marine Insurance.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Feb. 8 (9:00pm).

Seminar - Marine Insurance: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly

Cost: \$10.

Time: 10:30am - 2:00pm.

Note: Coffee and Snacks provided.
Per SOS requirements - **Only COVID vaccinated and boosted participants, please.**

Coordinator: Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky Shirleybbrooks@yahoo.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

**February 12 Sunday**

Location: Held in private homes of SOS members. List of hosts published on page 4. Members contact host to register and receive directions.

Deadline: Contact host by February 9
Per SOS requirements - **Only COVID vaccinated and boosted participants, please.**

Regional Brunches

Cost: \$10 payable at the door.
Plus, a dish to share.

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

Note: No online sign-up for this event. Please RSVP directly to the host.

Coordinator: To volunteer to host a brunch, contact - Lorraine Fassett lhfassett@verizon.net

**February 18 Saturday**

Location: Annapolis, MD.

Speakers: Teeja Meier and Barbara Mistrik

Topic: What to consider before cruising or traveling.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Feb. 12 (9:00pm).
Limited to 10 participants.

Area Fireside Chat

Cost: \$20 by deadline.
\$25 after deadline.

Host: Suzanne Ziska.

Time: 5:30pm.

Note: Non-members must be accompanied by Member. No smoking, no walk-ins.
Per SOS requirements - **Only COVID vaccinated and boosted participants, please.**

Coordinator: Cindy Gross cgross@cfgandpartners.com
To host one of these events, contact Barbara Mistrik mistrikbarbara@gmail.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

**March 2****Thursday****Board Meeting****Location:**Zoom option only available. Contact Commodore if interested in attending. commodore@singlesonsailboats.org.**Time:** 7:00pm to 10:00pm.**Note:** Open to all Members.**March 4****Saturday****Seminar – Raft Captain Training****Location:**

Crofton Library, 1681 Riedel Rd., Crofton, MD.

Cost: Free for Skippers, FM, FM Candidates. \$10 for crew.**Speakers:**

Chuck Fort.

Time: 10:30am – 2:00pm.**Topic:**

Raft Captain Training.

Deadline:

Mail and online registrations must be received by Mar.1 (9:00pm).

Note: Coffee and Snacks provided. Per SOS requirements - **Only COVID vaccinated and boosted participants, please.****Coordinator:**Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky Shirleybbrooks@yahoo.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**March 11****Saturday****Seminar: CPR & First Aid for Mariners****Location:**

Annapolis Fire Department, 620 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD.

Cost: \$48 (the club is paying the other half of the training and certification costs).**Speaker:**

Annapolis Fire Dept., EMS Team.

Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm.**Topic:**

CPR/AED and First Aid for Mariners.

Note: **Per SOS requirements - Only COVID vaccinated and boosted participants, please.****Deadline:**

Mail and online registrations must be received by Mar. 4 (9:00pm).

Note: A light breakfast and lunch will be included.**Coordinator:**Joan Tannen jtkeuka@gmail.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**March 11****Saturday****West Chester Area Fireside Chat****Location:**

West Chester, PA.

Cost: \$20 by deadline. \$25 after deadline.**Speaker:**

Deb Kauffman.

Host: Deb Kauffman.**Topic:**

SOS Bareboat Cruising.

Time: 5:30pm.**Deadline:**Mail and online registrations must be received by Mar. 4 (9:00pm).
Limited to 10 participants.**Note:** Non-members must be accompanied by Member. No smoking, no walk-ins. Per SOS requirements - **Only COVID vaccinated and boosted participants, please.****Coordinator:**Mary Payne mary.payne@comcast.net
To host one of these events, contact Barbara Mistrik mistrikbarbara@gmail.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**April 1****(Save the Date)****Saturday****Spring Training****Location:**

Anne Arundel Community College Arnold, MD.

Cost: \$TBD.**Presentations**

Classroom setting with various levels of experience, covering sailing/boating topics.

Time: 8:30am to 4:30pm.**Registrar:**Cathy Laws lawscm55@gmail.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**Note:** Details to follow.

You Ought to be in Pictures: The 2022 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 2022 Photo Contest.

1. **Entries must be taken at events with other SOS members in 2022 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 by midnight (11:59:59 PM) Sunday night January 8, 2023 **AND** all entries **MUST state SOS Photo Contest in the Subject line** (or I might miss your entry).



2022 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.

SOS - Parade of Lights



SOS Boat Entry



(L to R): Suzanne Ziska, Susan Vasco, Janet Gonski, Marc Apter, John Rogers, and Skipper Chuck Fort



SOS Boat Entry

December Brunch



(L to R): Lorraine Fassett, Sandy Rosswork, Dennis Krizek

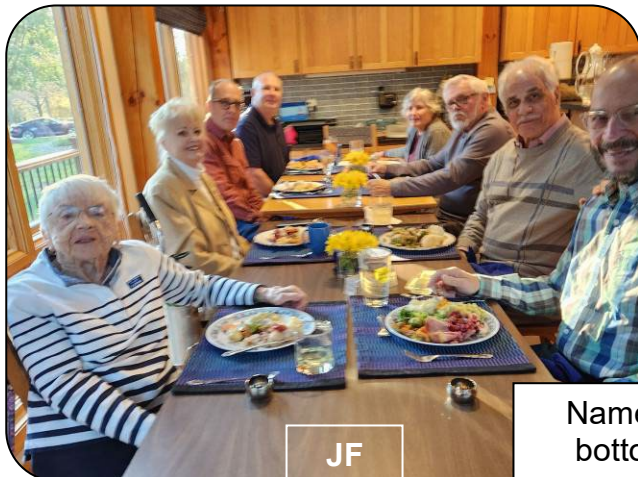


(L to R): Suzanne Ziska, Nancy Parsons, and Commodore Carole Jordan



(L to R): Nancy Parsons and Marion Scheinholtz

Regional Thanksgiving Dinners-Delaware



Names listed at the bottom of the next



Photographs submitted as noted:
Samia AbdeWahed (SAW), John F. Parsons (JFP), Janet Gonski (JG), and Julie Fort (JF)

Regional Thanksgiving Dinners-Annapolis



(L to R): Meeps Yox, Cynthia Palmer, and George Hollendursky



The turkey and Dave O'Hara



(L to R): Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky, Dan and Teeja Meier



(L to R): Kathy Haven, Lorraine Fassett, and Nancy Briggs



Meeps Yox (Hostess) and the dinner spread



(L to R): Molly Harrison and Ned Schwartz



Complete Dinner Party, too many to name.

Regional Thanksgiving Dinner Delaware
(from previous page)
Left-long table (L to R): Geri Walker, Sue Donaldson, Tom Fort, Chuck Fort (Host), KateThreefoot, Vern Owens, Mostsfa Nikkhooy, and Michael Kuhn.
Right-round table (L to R): Chic Bach, Heide Harper, Jeff Strauss, Cherie Comly, Lynn Winkler, Gabi Van Wie, and Tim (no last name submitted)

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

Awards, Awards, and More Awards!



At the January 22nd Brunch, SOS will recognize four members for their significant contributions of time, energy and talent (the serious member recognition awards) to our all-volunteer Club. Members will also be recognized for contributing whimsical, good-natured humor through their foibles, bloopers, and flim-flams (the Jibe Ho awards).

Nominations from the membership are requested and should include nominee's name, award for which she/he is nominated, and a description of why the nominee qualifies for the particular award. Nominations for both the Board Awards and the Jibe Ho Awards should be sent to Vice Commodore Bob Wright at robert.wright.bowie@gmail.com.

So, What Are The Serious Board Awards?

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

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

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

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

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Nancy Briggs, Classified Page Editor

BOATS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 1998 Pacific Seacraft Crealock 34 Cutter for sale in Annapolis. See the full listing at: <https://www.yachtworld.com/yacht/1998-pacific-seacraft-crealock-34-cutter-8504317/> If interested, please contact Cynthia Palmer (301-938-9142 or cspmail@gmail.com) or Jim Brooks (302-598-1269 or lifeajake@gmail.com) for further information. 1-23

BOAT PARTNERSHIP

FOR SALE: One(1) share in an incorporated 20+ year sailing partnership of a 1983 Hunter 34 based in Pasadena, MD. She has been sailed on the Chesapeake, the Atlantic coast, and around New England. The one-time purchase price is \$3,500, with yearly dues of \$750. For experienced sailors only. For photos or more information, contact Eric Swift at 540-907-8767 or keswift1@verizon.net 2-23

BOAT SLIPS**ITEMS FOR SALE**

FOR SALE: Suzuki 9.9 outboard motor. Still in break-in period. \$1,500 Contact Richard at 443-618-6469 or rjoklik@gmail.com 2-23

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Two bedroom apartment available for rent December-April in . On the gulf, discounted price. Garage parking, pool, tennis, in-apartment laundry, cable TV, WiFi. E-mail Barbara Mistrik for more information and photos. mistrikbarbara@gmail.com 12-22

Weather Folklore

Red sky at night, sailor's delight.

Red sky at morning, sailor take warning.

Evening red and morning gray are sure signs of a fine day.

Evening gray and morning red, put on your hat or you'll wet your head.

If it rains before seven, it will clear before eleven.

Rain from the south prevents the drought, but rain from the west is always best.

Anvil-shaped clouds bring on a gale.

A cloud with a round top and flat base carries rainfall on its face.

When small clouds join and thicken, expect rain.

Black clouds in the north in winter indicates approaching snow.

When there is enough blue sky to patch a Dutchman's breeches, expect clearing weather

A curdly sky will not leave the earth long dry.

If you see clouds going crosswind, there is a storm in the air.

Clouds floating low enough to cast shadows on the ground are usually followed by rain.

Mackerel sky, mackerel sky, never long wet, never long dry.

If three nights dewless there be, 'twill rain, you're sure to see.

If a heavy dew soon dries, expect fine weather; if it lingers on the grass, expect rain in 24 hours.

With dew before midnight, the next day sure will be bright.

If you wet your feet with dew in the morning, you may keep them dry for the rest of the day.



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information about Happy
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1st Wednesday
NOVA/DC: **Jan 4th 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 – hopedav@verizon.net**

1st Wednesday
BALTIMORE: **Jan 4th 5:00-7:00 PM**
MT WASHINGTON TAVERN, 5700 Newbury St., Baltimore, MD 21209. 410-367-6903 www.mtwashingtontaVERN.com
COORDINATOR: **PAT – pptracey63@gmail.com**

2nd Thursday
ELLCOTT CITY: **Jan 12th 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**

3rd Tuesday
PHILLY AREA: **Jan 17th 4:30 PM**
DiFabios, 1243 Providence Road, Media, PA 19063 (location of the Old Rose Tree Inn) 484-444-0850. Great food, lots of parking. Gather in patio area.
www.difabiosevents.com
COORDINATORS: **PATTI - evansapatti@gmail.com**
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3rd Wednesday
WILMINGTON: **Jan 18th 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: **Jan 19th 5:00-7:00 PM**
Seasons 52, 11414 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852 301-816-0369. Free parking at Whole Foods.
www.m.seasons52.com
CORDINATOR: **DEBBIE - hidebbieq@yahoo.com**

3rd Thursday
KENT ISLAND: **Jan 19th 5:00-7:00 PM**
RAMS HEAD SHORE HOUSE (in the back room) 800 Main Street, Stevensville, MD 21666. 410-827-6666
www.ramsheadshorehouse.com
COORDINATOR: **BARB – bbb Brooksao@aol.com**

4th Thursday
ANNAPOLIS: **Jan 26th 5:00-7:00 PM**
ANNAPOLIS SMOKEHOUSE & TAVEERN, 107 Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis DD 21403. 410-571-5073. **(Change of venue.)**
COORDINATOR: **JEAN- igough4you@gmail.com**



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January Gatherings

Seminar “The Down East Loop” – Jan 7

Fireside Chats

“What Happens at SOS Board Meetings” – Jan 14

“Avoid Travel Woes” – Feb 18

Brunch “Become a Captain” – Jan 22