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SPRING TRAINING IS HERE AGAIN ON APRIL 6th By Jean Gough

Once again Singles on Sailboats brings a full day of educational sailing programs with Spring Training on Saturday, April 6th at the Anne Arundel Community College campus in Arnold, Maryland from 8:00 – 4:30. FOLLOWED BY – the AFTER PARTY at O’Loughlin’s Restaurant ... See details below.

Our 2024 Spring Training Team has put together a full program of sailing experts to engage all levels of sailors as you’ll see on the Spring Training Curriculum on pages 14-15.

The registration price includes a continental breakfast, a full lunch, and all classroom materials.

There are five “time tracks” and six “presentation choices” per track. You choose one presentation per track. Each presentation is tailored to a specific level of sailing experience. The three levels of training are designated as – “L”= limited to no sailing experience, “M”- moderate experience, “E” = experienced sailors or Skippers. Please see the Registration Instructions on pages 11-13 for more details.

For our long-term members, who have been enjoying Spring Training for several years, we are pleased to share that we also focused on offering brand new presentations. This resulted in eight new topics that had not been offered before. That’s more than 25% BRAND NEW PRESENTATIONS and speakers!

The Spring Training team also received requests to add more General Interest (GEN) presentations, which we are delighted to say has resulted in at least one GEN presentation in each of the five “time tracks”.

Class selections offer various topics such as sail trim, navigation, safety, docking, boat maintenance, anchoring, cooking on board, and much, much more. The general interest topics (GEN) include Lighthouses of the Chesapeake Bay, Early Chesapeake Bay History, and a first-hand account of a journey from England to Maryland in 1634.

Some of the sessions will include hands-on activities with the intent to have fun while learning new skills. What you will learn at SOS Spring Training 2024 will help make you a better sailor for Spring, Summer and Fall cruising!

A word of advice – sign up early because seating is limited in many of the seminars and workshops and the most popular topics fill up early. We look forward to seeing you there!

DON’T FORGET to plan on attending - The SPRING TRAINING AFTER PARTY - once again held at O’Loughlin’s Restaurant at 1258 Bay Dale Drive, just a short drive from the community college. O’Loughlin’s is delighted to have us back and has asked that we provide a headcount to

make sure they are adequately staffed so that they can arrange the right space for us. **So please take an extra moment to register for this separately... see Fleet Exercises.**

There is no cost to attend the AFTER PARTY, other than the cost of your drinks and food. The registration request is simply to give them a head count in advance, so they are not “suddenly slammed” with 40+ new patrons without time to prepare.

SOS Wellness Protocol

All participants attending SOS in-person events should be feeling well. They should not attend an event if they have symptoms of a communicable respiratory or gastrointestinal illness, are “feeling like something is coming on”, have a recent significant exposure to someone with a communicable respiratory or gastrointestinal illness, or have not waited a recommended isolation time after a recent respiratory or gastrointestinal infection (for COVID this would be 10 days from your first symptoms or positive test).

In addition, a skipper/host may have further requirements or request other preventive measures (for example, crew or guests having received the currently recommended COVID-19 vaccine or wearing masks when below deck).”

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Susan Zevin, Commodore



Hello Crew Mates,

Already coming up on March!!! Yea! Soon we'll be knee-deep in fixing, painting, scrubbing,

looking for helpers before SPLASH-ing. I was so excited to launch "Yolo" last week with her new coat of AllCraft Flag Blue on a badly sun-faded 2010 hull. (Also took care of any other repairs while she was in the barn.) And now we can start planning to sail on some of those 50+ cruises proposed by Dennis Krizek and Carole Jordan! I am especially interested in going on "Jacob Gibson's Prank Cruise" in late September. (I think it was just a wee bit of a prank to put it on the list, but we shall see.)

And, on the subject of taking care of boats, let's be grateful for the resource that is our skippers.io chat group—where SOS Skippers share sea stories, repair tips, product evaluations, advice and help with one another. The site has been managed expertly for years by Bill Small, including transitioning from Yahoo to groups.io in 2018. As Bill is stepping aside, we owe him many, many thanks, and kudos for his years of service to the club and our skippers. And we look forward to the site's continuance under the excellent navigation of Chuck Fort. See page 26.

Speaking of excellence in service to the club, let's take our hats off to our annual SOS award winners announced at the Jan 21 brunch – see page 8 for details. Please congratulate our award winners whenever, and wherever you see or speak with them. I especially thank Karl Scible for heading this effort, organizing the process, and ordering the plaques, and Janet Gonski for drafting the citations.

Our next brunch will be on April 7—with lots going on that day, including the annual photo retrospective and photo award winners, a general SOS member meeting, and a silent auction. (See

Suzanne Vaughn's article on page 6.) The brunch comes the day after our Spring Training and follow-up happy hour at O'Loughlin's Pub on April 6th. We would love to have all you "out-of-towners" stay over into Sunday for a full weekend of learning, celebrating, and socializing.

Finally, we continue to march into March towards our bareboat cruise to the BVI's; CPR Training; two Fireside Chats and a training seminar about the EZSextant app. With annual club member renewals about finished, this also is a suitable time of the year to review some policies, tune up procedures and update operations. For example, in this edition, you'll find a new, simplified Member Participation Policy on page 9 which reiterates how we are to treat each other, and what steps to take if one feels mistreated.

Additionally, Lora Donia, our First Mates Chair is recruiting new First Mate candidates—her article is found on page 10. (We also need to develop some new incentives to recruit and retain new skippers???) We'll also be reviewing our coordination procedures to see if the workflow can be simplified, updated, and made easier for Coordinators, Skippers, First Mates, Crew, and guests.

As always, we need volunteers and ideas. Your feedback is welcome, wanted/needed. (BTW, does anybody have experience with AI?)

Wishing everyone good health,

Susan, Commodore

Welcome New Members

Kate Conners - Malvern, PA
 Ertan Eren - Chevy Chase, MD
 Jim Floyd - Baltimore, MD
 Mindy Kinsey - Annapolis, MD
 Karen Lundgren - Solomons, MD
 Dave McDonald - Annapolis, MD
 Kathy McFadden - Annapolis, MD
 Gerry Ragland - Alexandria, VA
 Noreen Tama - Alexandria, VA
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 Gini Waters - Severna Park, VA
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Unofficial Board Notes February 1, 2024
Official February minutes will be posted on the SOS website when approved in March by the Board of Directors.

Commodore: Susan Zevin — No report

Secretary: Doug Gage — Minutes of 01/04 BOD Meeting were approved.

Vice Commodore: Karl Scible - Will contact caterer for Town Hall in Galesville to get comparative pricing on food and will obtain liquor license. Worked on Member Participation (EEO) policy revisions with Susan and Sandy Rosswork. Plan to inventory lockers.

Treasurer: Craig Coltharp

Club Checking Account	20,882.80
Hi-Yield Savings Account	73,589.86
Club Credit Card	(16,031.68)
Bareboat Account	49,071.35

Bareboat – Deb Kauffman - Spring 2024 BVI Coordinator: Emil Becker
 Cruise beginning March 9, for 7 or 10 days. 3 boats – no crew left ashore: crew slots still available. Collecting final payments. Fall 2024 Mallorca Coordinator: Janet Pennewell. Six boats reserved; trip being advertised to membership. Other: Continuing to update policies and procedures manual

Brunch: Suzanne Vaughn - Regional Brunches will be held on Sunday, February 18. "March" brunch will be held on April 7th after the April 6th Spring Training, with no special speaker. The 2023 SOS Photography Contest winners will be announced, and the 2023 Photo Retrospective Video will be displayed. The 2024 Annual Membership Meeting will follow the Brunch.

Cruising: Carole Jordan and Dennis Krizek - The 2024 Cruising Schedule will appear in the March Whisker Pole and in Spring Training packets. Linda Casucci has agreed to oversee the coordination process. Laura Gwinn is chairing an ad hoc committee to plan an ultra-extended cruise to the lower part of the Bay. Pop-up Cruises will continue under the direction of John Rogers, but with no charge to participants.

Database: John McDonald

	Feb 2024	Feb 2023	Feb 2022	Feb 2021
Members	165	180	163	155
Skippers	45	52	43	41
Lifetime Members	72	79	86	99
Lifetime Skippers	20	21	22	20
Inactive Members	15	15	20	16
Totals	317	347	334	331

Membership renewal and retention: From Oct. 1, 2022, to Sept 30, 2023, 69 people joined SOS. To date, 23 of that group have renewed their membership for 2024, a rate of 30%.

Education: Jean Gough - Spring Training: 30 total Classes, 30 Confirmed Speakers, 11 NEW Presentations, 17 SOS Speakers, 12 non-SOS Speakers. Special Project from Dec 2 Board Retreat: Volunteer LINKS KISS Project – How Can I Support or Volunteer for SOS? KISS descriptions and links to volunteer opportunities will be finalized with Teresa Scofield's help.

First Mates: Lora Donia - Reviewing and updating the First Mate Advisory Chair's job description. First Mate Weekend Training cruise has been scheduled for July. Working on Whisker Pole article to promote the First Mate program and to recruit First Mate Candidates.

Membership: Pat Tracey, Gail Williams - Seven new members joined SOS in January. Survey sent to new members on January 24. SOS flyers being distributed for advertising at local Marinas.

Newsletter: Shirley Brooks - The 20-page February Whisker Pole was mailed to 54 members and 25 copies to Happy Hour coordinators at a cost of \$647.28 which equals to \$8.19 for each printed copy.

Public Relations: Karl Scible, Janet Gonski - Focused efforts to create advertising/get the word out for Spring Training include ad postcards, articles for the Spin Sheet, looking for other media outlets, and creating an Event on Meet Up.

Safety: Joan Tannen - The Fire Department has asked us to reduce the number of attendees at CPR and First Aid training to 20, down from 30 in the past. Almost all volunteers are lined up for Flare and Safety Day. The Dinghy Dance has been moved to July 21. Seeking new volunteers to eventually take a leadership role in CPR training and Flare and Safety, as well as a volunteer to help with newsletter articles. Preparing to start the boat activation process.

Skippers Advisory: Sandy Rosswork- Plans are being made for a skipper mentor program and for several ways to meet and engage with our new skippers. Many thanks to Bill Small, who has stepped down after many years of overseeing and monitoring the Skippers io Chat Group. Chuck Fort has volunteered to assume the duties of owner and moderator of the group. One new skipper has joined thus far in January, and one prospective skipper member attended the Annapolis Happy Hour.

Social: Janet Pennewell - Will be requesting RSVPs for O'Loughlin's following Spring Training Day. Arrangements continuing for DNR, Anniversary Party, and Seafood Feast cruise parties. Working to broaden Social Committee participation and reduce party expenses.

Old Business: A 30-day grace period for membership renewals (to 1 March) was adopted. Need to learn why people do not renew. Several folks volunteered to make calls.

A discussion of photo profile choices was led by Shirley Brooks and Bob Wright. 51 members have indicated in their profiles on the SOS website that they do not wish to appear in photos, requiring a lot of time to compare each photo submitted against this list to determine if we can use it. The consensus was to simplify the question to yes or no, and just for the Whiskerpole. Shirley will talk to John McDonald to implement on website.

Discussion of Member Participation Policy concerned the limiting of participation by married members as a form of discrimination. Current policy is not a legal problem (in any event, SOS is a Social Club), but feels internally inconsistent with our claims we don't otherwise discriminate (re race, religion, etc). Michelle will propose new wording...

New Business: None.

Training in CPR/AED and First Aid for Mariners Saturday, March 2, 2024

By popular demand, we are again holding this important training session before the season begins to help us learn these important skills.



The Annapolis Fire Department emergency medical personnel will conduct this hands-on 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 this American Heart Association certified training, the club pays half the cost. 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 3:00 PM. Your cost is \$48.00, which includes coffee and a light breakfast, as well as lunch. Be sure to sign up early because we must limit attendance to twenty.

Click here to register: [CPR First Aid](#)

The deadline for registration is February 26. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Tannen, SOS Safety Chair, at jtkeuka@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS

**Annapolis Fire Department, #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.

Cruising Corner News

The Cruising Committee is pleased to present the 2024 Cruising Calendar on page 5 of the *Whisker Pole*. The registration materials provided at Spring Training will include a printed copy of the calendar, and a digital copy will be available on the club's web page. In compiling the calendar, the committee maintained a steady hand on the tiller to the traditional cruises, occasionally luffed up to some local history and lore, and on several occasions tacked.



Some of the highlights include a return to the site of the monster raft, moving the ever-popular Chili Cook-off to a drive-in sail-in event, an Extreme

Extended Cruise/CBDB (see Laura Gwinn's article in this issue), and a navigation contest in which both power boats and sailboats under auxiliary power without the use of electronics compete in a test of piloting skill and not speed.

The cruising committee will have a table at Spring Training to answer questions, help you slip your mooring lines, and weigh anchor for the upcoming sailing/powering season.

Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Contact Cruising Co-chairs Carole Jordan, seajay2844@gmail.com or Dennis Krizek, denniskri@msn.com.

Cruising Corner Puzzler:

What do Humphrey Bogart, Tom Cruise, and August 4, in the 2024 Cruising Calendar, have in common?

Chesapeake Bay Domestic Bareboat Cruise

Are you interested in an SOS affordable bareboat cruise on the beautiful Chesapeake using boats from The Chesapeake Bay Domestic Bareboat (CBDB)? We would depart June 9 from the Rhode River after the Emma Giles cruise and end June 20 with a party at a waterfront home in Solomon's.

The anticipated destinations will be St Mary's City, Rappahannock River, Onancock, and Crisfield. There is no cruising fee for crew, but costs will be borne by each boat.

Please contact the organizer, Laura Gwinn, directly if you will skipper or want to crew. She will send names of interested crew directly to skippers who request for her to do so.
laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com

Backyard Gatherings



Look for some Backyard Gatherings in early April as we have had a few hosts

offer their homes. Check out the dates on the summer cruising schedule and let me know if you want to host a gathering. JGSunset@yahoo.com

With a "bring your own/potluck" style get-together, our regional hosts volunteer to open their homes or yards for SOS members to gather and share time and companionship... and a sea story or two.

It is a great chance to meet people who may live near you; we will especially assist hosts in reaching out to newer members.

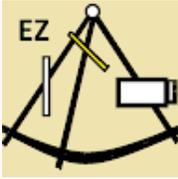
Attending a backyard gathering encourages questions and offers information on things like how to sign up for sails and events, how to get involved in easy increments – even "What are those basic skills?" Anything that will enhance your SOS enjoyment.

Singles on Sailboats 2024 Cruising Calendar

Date (s)	Cruise/Location
Feb 17	Raft Captains Training/Seminar
March 2	CPR Training, Eastport Fire Dept.
March 9-18	BVI, Bareboat Cruise
April 6	Spring Training
April 13	Cruising Kickoff, Galesville, Town Hall
April 27	Safety/Flare Training
April 27	Dockside Training
April 28	Dockside Training (cont'd)
April 28	Weekend Day Sail
May 1	Mid-week Day Sail
May 4-5	May Day Cruise, South River
May 8	Mid-week Day Sail
May 11	Weekend Day Sail
May 12	Weekend Day Sail
May 17	pre-Dept. of Natural Resources
May 18-19	DNR, Granary Creek, Wye River East
May 22	Blue Angels Day Sail
May 25-27	Memorial Day 3 Day, Chester River, Magothy River
June 1	Weekend Day Sail
June 2	Weekend Day Sail
June 5	Mid-week Day Sail
June 8-9	Emma Giles Cruise, Rhode River
June 8-21	Extreme Extended Cruise, TBD
June 15	Weekend Day Sail
June 16	Weekend Day Sail
June 19	Mid-week Day Sail
June 22	Weekend Day Sail
June 23	Weekend Day Sail
June 29-30	46 th Anniversary Cruise Port Annapolis Marina, Back Creek, Severn River
July 3-7	4 th of July in Cambridge; Dun Cove, Cambridge, Oxford, Tripp Cr.
July 10	Mid-week Day Sail
July 13-14	BFFs (+/- benefits) Cruise, Round Bay, Severn River
July 13-14	1 st . Mates Cruise, Round Bay, Severn River
July 20	Weekend Day Sail
July 21	Dinghy Dance
July 21	Non-dancing Sunday Day Sail

Date (s)	Cruise/Location
July 27-28	Appetizers & Desserts Cruise, Hunting Creek, Miles River
July 31	Midweek Day Sail
August 3	Weekend Day Sail
August 4	Weekend Day Sail
August 4	Predicted Log Contest (Annapolis Area Navigation Contest) Sail and Power
August 10	Town Hall Mtg., Galesville, West River, Drive/Sail-in
August 11	Weekend Day Sail
August 14	Midweek Day Sail
Aug 17-18	Sea Food Feast, Lankford Marina, Chester R.
August 31-Sept 7	Mallorca, Spain; Bareboat Cruise
August 31-Sept 2	Labor Day Cruise, Magothy River, Patapsco River
Sept 7	Weekend Day Sail
Sept 8	Weekend Day Sail
Sept 11	Midweek Day Sail
Sept 14-15	Return to the Scene (Monster Raft-trivia contest), Drum Point, Wye River
Sept 21-22	Jacob Gibson's Prank Cruise, San Domingo Creek
Sept 25	Mid-week Day Sail
Sept 28-29	Almost October Oktoberfest, Castle Marina,
Oct 2	Mid-week Day Sail
Oct 5-6	Goose Cruise, Corsica River
Oct 12	Weekend Day Sail
Oct 13	Weekend Day Sail
Oct 16	Mid-week Day Sail
Oct 19-20	Chili Cook-off, DNR, Granary Cr., Sail/Drive-in
Oct 23	Mid-week Day Sail
Oct 25-27	Oyster Feast, St. Michaels
Nov 2	Weekend Day Sail
Nov 3	Weekend Day Sail
Nov TBD	Cruising Wrap-up TBD
Dec 14	EYC Lights Parade
	Blue Denotes Day Sail
	Yellow Denotes Weekend Sail
	Green Denotes Multi-day Sail
	Grey Denotes Special Event

Seminar EZ Sextant App March 23rd



Use your smartphone to learn how to navigate in open waters without a GPS, sextant, or internet connection. The EZ Sextant app uses the phone's camera to make celestial sightings and automatically plots the results for easy navigation. Use it as a GPS backup or in conjunction with your sextant to take advantage of the built-in almanac and plotting tools. Perfect for those who have a sextant but forgot the details in making a sighting.

Mike and Janet Novey, sailors and developers of the app, will provide an overview of the EZ Sextant smartphone app and what led to its development. They will also brush lightly on celestial navigation, GPS, and the need for a non-GPS backup when sailing in open waters. The app will be demonstrated, and participants will be allowed to try it out on several phones.

Click here to register:
[March 23 Seminar EZ Sextant](#)

Sock Burning, March 24th Annapolis, MD

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 heels or toes, or those on their last legs. Then toss them into the fire in this celebration of the Spring Equinox.

For those who would like to participate, we will be collecting new socks to donate to The Lighthouse Shelter in Annapolis.

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

5:00 – Happy Hour
5:30 – Burn Those Socks
6:00 – Dinner

Click here to register:
[Mar 24 Sock Burning](#)

April 7th Brunch Photo Contest, Retrospective and General Meeting

Please note there is no Brunch in March. It has been moved to **April 7th**, the day after Spring Training.

SOS has so many talented photographers! Yearly there are two events for the members to show off their talents! The first, the Photo Retrospective, *Wanna See Yourself in Film?* is a **video** of photos taken by club members at club activities on land and water. Prepared by John Parsons, he labored over many hours and photos submitted of people, places, and boating events to bring back memories of 2023's multitude of events. If you sent photos to John, they are likely in the video so you want to see them, to laugh, exchange stories, tell tall tales of our adventures but most of all remember those wonderful moments we had with sailing mates, at home and abroad. The video will be shown throughout the brunch.

Also starring YOU, our members, is the second photography event: *You Ought to be in Pictures*. This

competition is photos taken by amateur club members of club events and has become rather competitive! Contestants proudly submitted as many as eight *unedited* photos in 5" x 7" format. The four winning categories are People, Bay Scenes, Sailboats under sail or at raft-ups, and Destination Cruises. The destination cruises were taken traveling before or after a cruise. The photos are from the same area, not including layovers in other locations. The Photo Contest Manager is our own Bob Wright. He received the photos and organized them in a format to be judged. There are First, Second, and Third Place Awards for each of the four categories. There is also a Grand Prize Award. The Judge may add a fourth-place award in any category if deemed necessary due to the quantity and quality of the entries.

The judging is blind. The Judge did not know which person took which photograph. This year's Judge is Mark Hegan, an avid sailor and professional photographer. He has shot the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries for many years, from international shipping to Bay log canoes while spending over 100 days each year on the Bay.

11:00 Social Hour

11:45 Brunch w/ Retrospective Video

1:00 Photo Contest Winners & Silent Auction Winners announced

Click here to register:
[April 7 Brunch](#)

The spring **General Membership Meeting** will be held after the Photo Awards program (1:30-ish). It is open to all members at no charge and no registration is required.

Extra seating will be available for those attending just the Membership Meeting.

As directed by our bylaws, the Treasurer will provide a budget overview, and each committee chair (or their Board Liaison) will share a summary of the 2023 year's highlights.

Dockside Training April 27 & 28



Dockside Training provides a terrific opportunity for new members and members needing a refresher to have an introduction/refresher to sailing with SOS.

This is also an EXCELLENT opportunity to get your Basic Skills Level I and possibly some of your Basic Skills Level II training checked off. Completion of the Basic Skills Level I is a minimum skill requirement for sailing as a crewmember on a weekend cruise. These forms are found on the SOS website under Forms and Such.

You may sign up for a combination of a half-day of Dockside Training on the 27th after the Flare and Safety Demo or a Day Sail and Dockside Training on the 28th. Please indicate your preference when you register using the [Event Calendar](#) at www.singlesonsailboats.org

Click here to register:

[April 27 Dockside Training](#)
[April 28 Dockside Training](#)

You will meet on various SOS boats to learn and practice the skills needed to sail, simulating an SOS cruise, but not leaving the dock. (Sometimes if the weather is good and the boat is ready, you may go out for a sail.)

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.

After you register, you will be notified by email regarding your boat/skipper assignment. Just pack your water bottle, picnic lunch, and Basic Skills form(s). Then head to your assigned SOS boat for an afternoon of fun, camaraderie, and learning.

Questions? Contact Cindy Kalkwarf at cindykalkwarf@comcast.net with the subject line "SOS Dockside Training". See you on the water!

Flare and Safety Day, Saturday, April 27 9:00 am – 11:00 am



The Sailing Season must be right around the corner because it's time for our annual Flare and Safety Day!

This outdoor, fun, hands-on experience allows members to go from station to station practicing hands-on safety skills.

Have you ever used a fire extinguisher or fire blanket to put out a small fire? Have you ever lit a hand-held flare or shot off an aerial flare? These are just some of the skills you'll be able to practice!

In addition, you'll be able to "walk through" the use of a passing line to enter a raft-up, practice the mechanics of setting an anchor, reinforce how to use a winch safely,

practice tossing a line from one person to another, etc.

This year we'll also have a station on everything you've ever wanted to know about PFDs (personal flotation devices)...showing the different types, how to maintain them, man overboard poles, whistles, reflectors, lights, personal EPIRBs, etc.

We encourage all members to attend Flare and Safety Day to have a fun morning outside brushing up on safety skills in preparation for the quickly approaching sailing season!

The location will be at Camp Letts, 4300 Camp Letts Road, Edgewater, MD.

Questions? Contact Joan Tannen at safety@singlesonsailboats.org

Click here to register:

[April 27 Flare & Safety](#)

Old Fire Extinguishers Needed!

The club is always looking for old fire extinguishers to use at our annual Flare and Safety Day training. At that training, participants get the valuable experience of practicing the use of fire extinguishers to put out small fires.

If you have any that have expired, and you're willing to donate them to this important cause, please reach out to Karl Scible by text at 407-707-2833. We appreciate it!



2023 Awards!



Each year SOS recognizes four members for their significant contributions of time, energy, and talent to our all-volunteer Club.



Here are the winners for 2023.

Rookie of the Year Award: Josh Graff

SOS attracts many new sailors each year. The annual Rookie of the Year award recognizes the individual who, in his or her first-year sailing with SOS demonstrates great interest in and learning about sailing and who becomes involved in one or more aspects of the club. New to the Baltimore area as a robotics engineer at Northrup Grumman, **Josh Graff** found a meeting of sailors scheduled for that night at the Mt. Washington Tavern. Wanting to meet new people and learn how to sail on larger boats in the Chesapeake waters, Josh walked into a gathering of mostly veteran members. Within the first hour his charming, outgoing personality caught the attention of all those present. Josh joined SOS that day and has signed up for almost every weekend sail since. Every skipper he has sailed with has expressed delight in having him aboard because of his warmth, friendliness, and enthusiasm in learning sailing techniques. In addition to all these qualities, I understand he can make homemade bagels! Josh jumped at the opportunity to crew for one of our veteran racing skippers, Joe Lombardo, for the Hospice Cup. Joe's kudos included that Josh is an outstanding crew member; especially for a race because he enjoys the competition. Thank you, Josh, for your enthusiasm and the fun you bring to your sails.

Commodore's Award: Julie Fort

The Commodore's Award offers public recognition and many thanks to an individual who has made significant contributions in fostering the goals of Singles on Sailboats.

This year we want to acknowledge the impact of the team of Coordination support led by **Julie Fort**. She developed a structure of support for the crucial role of coordinators in organizing the placement of crew for sails. Working with three other area coordinators, every day sail or weekend sail coordinator had someone to help them, guide them, and answer questions. This allowed for the involvement of more new coordinators. She also led the trainings at the beginning of the season, oversaw updating the guide manual and coordination materials and forms, dealt with ongoing issues and feedback, and then wrapped it all up by leading the end of season meeting. In addition to the overall leadership, Julie maintained the Weekend Day Sails As Sailed list which allows crew to benefit from a variety of sailing opportunities. Julie listened to each situation, updated the team of coordinators as needed, and kept things running well and smoothly. Thank you, Julie, for your contribution to a successful sailing season.

Ellie Abramson Award: Alan Osterholm

Ellie Abramson created many educational programs for the members of SOS which serve to broaden members' of sailing at a minimal cost. She is best remembered for the development of the Spring Training program which attracts more members than any other event. This year we would like to recognize a behind-the-scenes guy who negotiates many aspects of our Spring Training facility and usage at Anne Arundel Community College. **Alan Osterholm** has been instrumental in navigating the diverse contacts that provide us with cafeteria/meeting space, food, classrooms, and technology support. He has used his long-term relationship with the college to negotiate financial terms that made the cost of Spring Training reasonable, especially last year, even as food and labor costs rise everywhere. Thank you, Alan, for all your time, effort, and contributions to the success of our Spring Training.

Ed Kline Member of the Year Award: Kathy Haven

Ed Klein was an early member of SOS and introduced many of the club's much-cherished activities including raft-ups, brunches, and social gatherings. He also welcomed people aboard his boat and would teach them sailing without regard or judgment of past sailing expertise – he made you feel a part of the group and enhanced your skills. The Ed Klein member this year has provided both obvious and behind-the-scenes support and welcome in a variety of ways. In addition to hosting one of our regional Happy Hours, she provides the graphics for several happy hours and has been asked to create a blast with eye-catching graphics for a variety of situations – Lights Parade design contests, Commodore's Holiday Wishes, Backyard Gatherings, and so many others. She also used her computer skills... many hours of those... to create the Excel workbook that many coordinators used for organizing sails this past season. If we had kept track, it might be said that **Kathy Haven** was the lynchpin to getting more skippers to join the club in 2023 than any other person. She is always ready to offer help, coaching, and ideas to support a member taking on a new responsibility and role in the club. And we might not hear about it until we dig a little deeper. Thank you, Kathy, for the many ways we can count on your knowledge and help.

SOS Member Participation Policy

Singles on Sailboats is a private, non-profit club, whose operations are controlled by the membership, and whose facilities and activities are only open to members and their guests. Singles on Sailboats was created for Singles who wish to share social and recreational activities in a friendly and safe environment, to promote common causes, and to associate with others who share similar viewpoints or values. Prospective members must be Single; however, over time, many members establish close personal relationships; some eventually marry. Married members are welcome to remain in the club as Associate members (see By-Laws Article VIII, 1(b)).

Singles on Sailboats, Inc., strives for equal participant opportunities for all members and is committed to providing a healthy and safe social environment free of discrimination. We respect, honor and value diversity in an inclusive community. SOS does not discriminate against any members based on race, religion, sex, or age .

Sexual advances; physical conduct of a sexual nature; sexual or racial jokes; racial, ethnic, national origin, or disability slurs; and other language or conduct that is meant to intimidate or that negatively impacts a member's participation or sailing environment is considered harassment and is strictly prohibited. Verbal, physical, sexual or any other form of harassment that belittles or demeans any individual is strictly prohibited. Prohibited harassment also includes conduct that has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a member's performance, participation or experience or creating an environment that is hostile, intimidating or offensive.

This policy applies to every member no matter his or her authority or position in the club. Violators of this policy are subject to investigation and discipline including, but not limited to, termination.

When Discrimination or Harassment is Experienced or Suspected: If a member or members feel they have been harassed or discriminated against, they are encouraged to report it immediately to the Commodore or Vice Commodore. If a member knows of or suspects harassment or discrimination against another person, they are urged to report it to the Commodore, Vice Commodore or Commodore's Appointee. Complainants' wishes for confidentiality will be honored; their identity will be protected for filing any complaint of harassment or discrimination or assisting in an investigation of discrimination. If these avenues of reporting are not satisfactory to the complainant, then the complainant(s) may direct their concerns to another member of the Board.

Singles on Sailboats, will investigate credible allegations of harassment or discrimination. Also, Singles on Sailboats may use third parties to assist in such investigations. All members or their guests have a responsibility to cooperate fully in any investigation. Finally, any member who makes a knowingly false claim may be subject to discipline at the discretion of the Board.

This policy is posted on the SOS web site. During the annual renewal process members will acknowledge receipt of the current Participant policy.

Silent Auction

AT SPRING TRAINING

Of

Mark Bergan Personal Photographs

A silent auction will be held on the day of Spring Training to make photos by Mark Bergan available to four lucky winners!

SOS had the pleasure of Mark Bergan, of Deadrise Marine Photography, speaking to us at the November Brunch. He presented his wide array of marine photography which included the 1,095 foot-long Marine Corp. ship *Ever Forward* which ran aground north of the Bay Bridge last fall. *Ever Forward* sat for many weeks and was finally freed from over 20 feet of sand in April. At the end of the brunch event, Mr. Hergan generously donated four terrific color and matted photographs. They measure 10" x 15" unmatted and 13" x 19" matted.

There will be two days available to place your bid(s): Saturday, April 6th while on display in the cafeteria at the Anne Arundel Community College during our Spring Training event, and on Sunday, the following day at the Brunch at the DoubleTree Hotel in Annapolis.

The four lucky winners will be announced at the end of the Brunch giving people plenty of time to place their final bids.

The proceeds of the Silent Auction will be made available to the Fire and Safety Day Committee for their coming event.

Attending the Brunch is not required to win; however, the winners will be announced after the brunch has ended.

*Suzanne Vaughn
Brunch Chair*

SOS Boat Helpers Program

If the groundhogs are right, spring is coming early this year. Sailing time will soon be here! And our fleet must be ready to sail.

Preparing a boat for a fun-filled season involves many tasks including cleaning, painting, or varnishing, bringing cushions and other equipment aboard, hanking on sails, minor repairs, and possibly moving it from its winter home to its summer slip.



Many of our skippers need help to get their boats ready, particularly for those early season sails when everyone wants to sail. **So please be an SOS boat helper! Contribute to the success of our Cruising program!**

You don't need any mechanical skills but a willingness to pitch in and help. Sometimes even a good kibitzer is appreciated! It is more fun and safer not to have to work alone!

You can volunteer to be a boat helper in several ways. Call a skipper or skippers with whom you sailed in 2023 and whose boats and company you enjoyed and ask to lend a hand. Or send me a note (emilbec45@gmail.com), and I will match you up with an SOS skipper who needs help.

Skippers, if you need help, contact crew who sailed with you last summer or email me asking for someone to assist.

Let's get out on the water early and have a great 2024 sailing season!!

*Emil Becker
Skippers' Advisory Committee*

The First Mate Program Needs YOU!

You have been sailing with SOS for years and have gained valuable sailing knowledge and experience. Has anyone ever told you that you would be a "good" first mate? Have you sailed with your spouse or your partner for years and been their "first mate"? Have you ever thought about becoming an SOS recognized First Mate? Are you new to the club and have years of sailing experience and knowledge to share, but do not know enough about the First Mate Program? Well, now is the time to find out.

The First Mate Advisory Committee invites you to join us at Spring Training on April 6th to learn more about the First Mate Program and the First Mate Candidacy Program during our session entitled "Becoming a First Mate" from 9:10 AM to 10:00 AM, Session 1-D on the program registration form.

During this session we will discuss the purpose of the First Mate program and how it benefits the club, skippers, and crew. We will discuss the benefits of becoming an SOS recognized First Mate and the process of applying to the First Mate Candidacy Program.

For more information about the First Mate Program, visit the SOS Website and under "Forms and Such," this is where you will find comprehensive information on the Program.

We challenge you to complete the First Mate Self-Assessment form. Evaluate your skills and use Spring Training to enhance your skills, knowledge, and confidence. And finally, apply to the First Mate Candidacy Program during the 2024 sailing season. We look forward to seeing you at the First Mate session during Spring Training!

To discuss the program, you may also contact Lora Donia, First Mate Advisory Chair doniala@aol.com or John Parsons, First Mate Candidacy Coordinator FMCandidateCoord@singlesonsailboats.org

2024 Spring Training - Saturday, April 6, 2024

Registration Instructions

Spring Training is both a fun and educational event that includes many new members and non-members who are unfamiliar with the "routine." We ask that all registrants read the instructions below before calling with questions.

Cost:

- **\$85.00** for LEAP YEAR Early Bird MEMBER – **On or Before the** February 29 deadline (9PM)
- **\$95** for members after the February 29th deadline
- **\$100** for Nonmembers and walk-ins

The cost includes a \$5.00 nonrefundable fee if Spring Training is canceled for any reason, including weather.

Deadline: March 23 for online registration; March 23 POSTMARK for mail-in registration

Please note that presentations are filled on a first-come first-served basis, so don't delay registering!

Online registrations cannot be modified, so register carefully. Registration for some specific presentations is limited. SOS reserves the right to adjust the presentation schedule to meet the demand for key presentations. Upon arrival, check-in at the registration table and pick up your Personalized Spring Training packet of materials. Please be prompt and courteous; the presenters are all volunteers as are all the administrative staff.

Anne Arundel Community College is a non-smoking and alcohol-free campus, including parking lots. Please do not smoke or consume alcoholic beverages anywhere. Morning coffee and a buffet lunch are included in the cost of registration. Please note, however, that no food or drink is allowed outside the cafeteria.

Driving Directions to 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 onto College Parkway. The first right turn is the campus entrance.

From Baltimore: From 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 for about five miles. Turn left onto College Parkway. The first right turn is the campus entrance.

Parking is Free. There will be SOS signage on campus directing you to the parking lot closest to the registration area located in the campus Cafeteria. Visitors may not park in any space marked *Reserved Parking*.

If you have reason to question if the college is closed on the day of the event, possibly due to the weather, this can be confirmed by calling the college for Closure Information at 410-777-2222.

To register online:

We encourage online registration. Go to the website, www.singlesonsailboats.org, and you will find a section for Spring Training. Please note that you can **only use a credit card online**. We cannot process checks online. If you do not wish to use a credit card, you can register by mail with a check. See "Register by U.S. Postal Mail" below.

Choose the presentations you want to attend by clicking on the drop-down menu. **If a presentation you select is "full," it will NOT appear on the menu. This is one of the advantages of registering online.** You will know your schedule when you register. Please note, however, that last-minute changes to the schedule MAY be required due to circumstances beyond our control, so be sure to check in at registration to pick up your Personalized Spring Training Packet of materials.

Cancellations must be received via phone (703) 403-5357 or e-mail casuccilj@gmail.com no later than March 30.

2024 Spring Training - Saturday, April 6, 2024

To register by U. S. Postal mail

If you wish to register by mail, fill in the registration form on page 13. If you are NOT registering online, send this completed paper form with a self-addressed stamped envelope and a CHECK payable to SOS, Inc. Address is: **SOS Spring Training, P O Box 5708, Annapolis, MD 21403** Checks will be destroyed unless you send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your registration!!! Fill out ALL the information requested on the form. Please print legibly because your information will be entered into the Spring Training database.

Cost:

- **\$85.00** LEAP YEAR Early Bird Member **POSTMARKED ON or BEFORE February 29th deadline.**
- **\$95.00** Member **POSTMARKED AFTER the February 29th deadline.**
- **\$100** for Nonmembers and walk-ins

Fill out ALL the information requested on the form. Please print legibly because your information will be entered into the Spring Training database.

There are five “time tracks” and six “presentation choices” per track. You choose one presentation per track. For each of the time tracks (1,2,3,4,5) indicate your first, second, and third choice of presentation by entering that presentation letter.

DO NOT write in the presentation name but use ONLY THE LETTER. Use a zero if you do not have a second or third choice, or if you do not wish to attend anything during that time track. Entering a zero will not assure you of your first choice because the presentations are assigned in the order of first-come first-served registration.

EXAMPLE: For each Time Track (1,2,3,4,5) choose a Presentation: First Choice, Second Choice, Third Choice

First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
1. A	1. F	1. C
2. A	2. E	2. B
3. A	3. C	3. E
4. D	4. C	4. F
5. A	5. B	5. E

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2024 Spring Training Registration Form BY POSTAL MAIL

Use this form **ONLY** if you are registering by U. S. Postal mail. Online registration is encouraged.

Today's date: _____ Check # _____

(Please Print Legibly)

Name: _____ State: _____

Email Address: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone _____

Circle All Appropriate SOS Status categories:

Circle Appropriate Skill Level:

SOS Member

New SOS Member (less than 12 months)

Not an SOS member (nonmember)

Skipper or SOS First Mate or Crew

1. Novice (New to Sailing)

2. Intermediate (inshore sailor to aspiring First Mate)

3. Advanced (First Mate, Offshore sailor, Many years sailing)

4. Skipper

Indicate your presentation preference by the presentation **Letter**; use zero if you don't have a preference.

Example for a NEW member with Level "L"- Limited Sailing Experience:

Under First Choice #1: A #2: A #3: A #4: A #5: A

<u>First Choice</u>	<u>Second Choice</u>	<u>Third Choice</u>
Time Track Period # 1: _____	1: _____	1: _____
Time Track Period # 2: _____	2: _____	2: _____
Time Track Period # 3: _____	3: _____	3: _____
Time Track Period # 4: _____	4: _____	4: _____
Time Track Period # 5: _____	5: _____	5: _____

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	A	B	C
	1-A Levels: L, M, E	1-B GEN Levels: L, M, E	1-C GEN Levels: L, M, E
#1 9:10 - 10:00	INTRO TO SOS (How to Join the Fun)	QI GONG (chee-gong)	CHESAPEAKE LIGHTHOUSES IN 2024
	SOS Membership, Co- Chair Pat Tracey, and friends , introduce the roles of Skippers, First Mates and Crew in SOS. How to navigate the SOS website, register for our events, and what volunteer opportunities there are in the club.	SOS Member Heide Harper acquaints us with Qi Gong. An ancient holistic practice of self-healing exercise to prevent disease and improve health. It consists of EASY movements, postures, breathing techniques and self-massage, all while standing or sitting .	They survive storms, winds, and currents. Experts Bob and Adam Stevenson talk about the history, design, and changing conditions of these Chesapeake beacons. Questions are encouraged.
#2 10:10 - 11:00	2-A Levels: L, M	2-B Levels: L, M, E	2-C Levels: L, M, E
	BASIC SAILING TERMINOLOGY	ONBOARD COMMUNICATIONS TAKES MORE THAN A RADIO	BOATING MADE EASY WITH ARGO™
	ASA Instructor and SOS Member Carrie Will and Chris Burns discuss basic sailing terminology and how to talk "saillese".	SOS Member, Gene Jacob shares the use of VHF communication from the boat as well as crew communications on the boat. Bonding and team-making while sailing is done in a variety of ways!	Looking to go somewhere new or wondering where your friends are on the water? Argo is your go-to boating app for navigation & fun, social boating. Learn how to use all of the app's features from Jeff Foulk , the developer himself to help elevate your boating experience.
#3 11:10 - 12:00	3-A Levels: L, M	3-B GEN Levels: L, M, E	3-C Levels: L, M, E
	HOW TO PROVISION AND WHAT TO PACK	THE HEALING POWER OF SAIL	BASICS OF RAFTING
	SOS Member Janet Gonski tells you about what to wear, pack, and how to provision for both day sails and weekend SOS fun cruising on the Bay.	Suzanne Snyder , founder of Sail Beyond Cancer, shares some stories of compelling, uplifting and the treasured "freedom" experienced by over 1500 cancer patients and their loved ones as they enjoyed their free private sailing and lasting memories. One of our own SOS skippers enjoyed just such a gift !	SOS Skipper Chuck Fort discusses how to raft 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 Exhibits		
#4 1:00 - 2:20	4-A Levels: L, M, E	4-B Levels: M, E	4-C Levels: L, M
	BASIC NAVIGATION	DOCKING AND BOAT HANDLING UNDER POWER	BASIC SAILING and SAIL TRIM
	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 like cars, docking boats would be simple! SOS Skipper, Emil Becker , explains the dynamics of stopping, backing, & docking boats; along with how to make friends with that pesky WIND.	SOS Skipper, Craig Coltharp will briefly cover basic sailing techniques and terminology. We will then illustrate intermediate sail trim techniques utilizing the SOS "Not to be Sailed" for demonstration purposes.
#5 2:30 - 3:50	5-A Levels: L, M	5-B Levels: L, M, E	5-C GEN Levels: L, M
	BASIC SAILING KNOTS	EMERGENCIES ON THE BAY	THE VALUE OF SAILING LESSONS AND HOW TO BE A GOOD CREW
	SOS Skipper Chuck Fort and friends 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.	SOS Member Karl Scible -The first 10 minutes of an emergency while sailing may be the difference between life or death. Learn basic skills so you can know how to assist in preventing a life-threatening incident. For example, applying a tourniquet can stop severe bleeding. Learn other simple actions that may save a life.	Ian Morrison of the Annapolis Sailing School will share their "Seriously Fun" learning to sail method. Hear how learning to sail on a small boat makes you a more valuable crew and ultimately makes big boat sailing more fun and less stressful.

	D	E	F
#1 9:10 – 10:00	1-D Levels: M, E	1-E Levels: L, M, E	1-F Levels: L, M, E
	BECOMING A FIRST MATE	MARITIME LAW & YACHTING: Murphy Goes to Sea	ABC's of COOKING ABOARD
	Learn about becoming a First Mate. FM Committee Chair Lora Donia will talk about the realities and benefits of having a First Mate aboard during an SOS sail.	SOS Skipper Geoffrey Tobias discusses principles that might affect sailors: Limitation of Liability, Insurance, Crew, Salvage, Liens, and Collision Note: Not to be construed as legal advice.	SOS Member Carol Niemand will make cooking easy, fun and fabulous for both Skipper and Crew.
#2 10:10 - 11:00	2-D Levels: L, M, E	2-E GEN Levels: L, M, E	2-F Levels: M, E
	GOING FOR EXTENDED SAIL	GET FIT FOR THE SAILING SEASON!	RIGGING
	SOS Skipper Harry Keith and his wife Kati share lessons learned in 200 days- 7000 miles sailing north to Canada over two summers w/ longer passages. What worked, what didn't -lessons learned the hard way.	Susan Zevin, ACSM Certified Personal Trainer , provides simple, easy-to-do exercises to strengthen your tummy, back, arms, and legs and improve your balance. Be a fit sailor!	Collin Linehan of CL Rigging will discuss the creation and maintenance of all aspects of yacht rigging to ensure a seaworthy and enjoyable boat.
#3 11:10 - 12:00	3-D Levels: M, E	3-E Levels: L, M, E	3-F Levels: M, E
	YOUR BEAUTIFUL BOAT TOP TO BOTTOM	SOS BAREBOAT PROGRAM	DIESEL ENGINES
	Bill Griffin , rep for Interlux, Awlgrip and SeaHawk paints talks about boat finishes... topside to bottoms... and brightwork in between. Making your boat beautiful above the water and free of little critters below the waterline.	SOS Member and Bareboat Chair Deb Kauffman will presents the SOS Bareboat program and discuss pre-departure steps for crew and skippers. She will concentrate on the upcoming trips to Mallorca.	Karl Allen , will discuss what should be done for winterizing and spend the majority of time discussing springtime maintenance like sea water pumps, cooling systems, anodes, routine maintenance, and springtime start-up. Bring your owner manuals.
12:00 - 12:50	Lunch and Exhibits		
#4 1:00 - 2:20	4-D GEN Levels: L, M, E	4-E Levels: M, E	4-F Levels: L, M, E
	HIGHLIGHTS of CHESAPEAKE BAY HISTORY	NIGHT SAILING	ANCHORING
	Rachel Frazier, Dir. Reference Services, MD State Archives Discover Privateers on the Chesapeake, Freedom Seekers of the War of 1812 (eye-witness accounts), Oysters & the Oyster Wars, "A Briefe Relation of the Voyage Unto Maryland": first-hand story of journey from England to Maryland 1634. Mays: Indigenous Records	Capt. Pat Aaron, USCG Master will acquaint you with sailing in a night environment requiring a higher level of competency. Details taken from ASA 103 & ASA 104 courses are navigation, weather, boat setup and limitations, crew training, safety and safety procedures, and possible emergencies.	SOS Skipper Coco Lanquetuit will describe anchors, rode, scope, and how to anchor securely. She 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.
#5 2:30 - 3:50	5-D Levels: L, M, E	5-E Levels: L, M, E	5-F GEN Levels: L, M, E
	PERSONAL SAFETY ABOARD A SAILBOAT	NAUTICAL RULES OF THE ROAD	SKIPJACKS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY
	John Schafer , an experienced offshore racer and Director of the Ministry of Sailing, will discuss personal safety gear focusing upon inflatable life jackets and personal gear needed to be safe aboard. Participants are encouraged to bring their own inflatable life jackets for evaluation.	SOS Skipper Dennis Krizek presents the Nautical Rules of the Road w/ demonstrations, case studies and evolutionary history to emphasize the rights and responsibilities of approaching vessels. A nautical dichotomous key will be developed by class participants.	Capt. Rick Flamand , of the Skipjact Wilma Lee shares a brief history of the state boat of MD, a working oyster dredging sailboat known as a skipjack. Why has the fleet declined from over 1,500 to today's count of 24 floating skipjacks on the Chesapeake Bay?

Spring Training Presentations GO DIGITAL !! FIRST TIME!! BRAND NEW !!

By Jean Gough



WHAT? Yes, you read that right! For the first time, the presentations at Spring Training 2024 will be available to you digitally - online - easy access! There will be no printing of voluminous paper copies!

WHY? There are M A N Y reasons!

Money- Going Digital will help SOS save a significant amount of money by not having the significant expense of printing presentations for the attendees. Some presenters have even absorbed their own print costs in the past.

Access – Paid registrants will have access to ALL the presentations. This is a new advantage that is not possible when printing presentations limited to the “class attendees” only.

Notes- You can still take notes when you print out your own presentation and bring it with you to Spring Training. If you forget, there will be paper and pencil in your student packet.

Yes! - Yes! On April 1st (No, not an April Fool’s Joke!) we will send out the first of many EMAIL BLAST reminders with instructions for downloading your presentations to bring with you to Spring Training on April 6th.

WHEN? By the end of March, we will have received the presentations for uploading. From April 1st – April 6th you will be able to download your class presentations.

WHERE? The digital presentations will be made available online... to paid registrants, BOTH public as well as the SOS membership. If you are able to register online, you will be able to download the presentations.

HOW? Via EMAIL BLASTs that have a unique LINK ... Once the available presentations have been received and uploaded, along with your reminders ... we will send out instructions with the LINK for downloading your presentations.

Thank you all for helping to make this transition from paper to digital!

And finally, fondly ... please don’t worry about our fellow attendees who register via US Postal Service. We will be able to assist them and the “walk-ins” as well.

SOS GEAR – Available at Spring Training and Online

Looking for SOS Swag? Hats? Fleece? Polo tops? Boat bags? And more? Thanks to our relationship with a local small business Stout Gear, we will be offering access to online ordering of a variety of items for your boating needs (and wants.) In addition to the items we have previously had available to order through the online link to the “SOS Shop,” we plan to add a couple of new items including a ¼ zip top that will make a perfect layer for spring and fall boating events.



One of the Stout Gear owners will be at our Spring Training on April 6, and have available several sample items so you can see sizes and feel fabrics.

In celebration of the bareboat trip to Majorca, we are working on a t-shirt design that will be available to order during the March 25 – April 15 SOS Shop.

Look for a blast in mid-March with more information, pictures of the bareboat t-shirt and other logo gear, and a link to the ordering site.



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.

New SOS Wellness Protocol

All participants attending SOS in-person events should be feeling well. They should not attend an event if they have symptoms of a communicable respiratory or gastrointestinal illness, are “feeling like something is coming on”, have a recent significant exposure to someone with a communicable respiratory or gastrointestinal illness, or have not waited a recommended isolation time after a recent respiratory or gastrointestinal infection (for COVID this would be 10 days from your first symptoms or positive test).

In addition, a skipper/host may have further requirements or request other preventive measures (for example, crew or guests having received the currently recommended COVID-19 vaccine or wearing masks when below deck).



March 2

Saturday

Seminar – CPR & First Aid for Mariners

Location: Annapolis Fire Department,
620 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD.
Speaker: Annapolis Fire Dept., EMS Team.
Topic: CPR/AED and First Aid for Mariners.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Feb 26 (9:00pm).

Cost: \$48 (the club is paying the other half of the training and certification costs).
Time: 9:00am to approximately 3:00pm.
Note: Limit of 20.
Note: A light breakfast and lunch will be included.

Coordinator: Joan Tannen jtkeuka@gmail.com
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. [CPR Class](#)



March 7

Thursday

Board Meeting

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

Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm.
Note: Open to all Members.



March 9

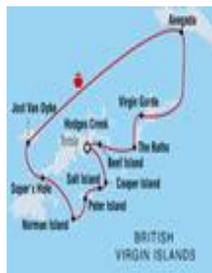
Saturday

Area Fireside Chat

Location: Annapolis, Maryland.
Speaker: Craig Coltharp.
Topic: Potpourri - Scuba Diving, Sailboat Racing, and NASA.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Mar. 2 (9:00pm).

Cost: \$20 by deadline.
\$25 after deadline, if space available.
Host: Sara Doolittle & Dave Enos.
Time: 5:00pm. **Limited to 15.**
Note: Non-Members must be accompanied by Member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.

Coordinator: Janet Gonski JGSunset@yahoo.com
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. [Mar 9 FSC](#)



March 9

7- or 10-Day Trip

2024 Spring Bareboat Cruise

Destination: British Virgin Islands, details, go to: [BVI Bareboat Cruise](#)

Cost: Members \$2,300, 7-day, \$2,800, 10-day - Boat Cost and Admin Fee.
Air Fare and Insurance are separate.

Note: **To Download Registration Form with Payment Information, go to:** [2024 BVI Registration APP](#)

Coordinator: Emil Becker emilbec@msn.com

**March 16****Saturday****Area Fireside Chat****Location:** Edgewater, Maryland.**Cost:** \$20 by deadline.
\$25 after deadline, if space available.**Speaker:** Guest Gameshow Host.
Topic: All Tied Up – gameshow style contests. Knot tying, nomenclature & more.**Host:** Donna Kachura.
Time: 5:00pm. **Limited to 18.****Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by March 9 (9:00pm).**Note:** Non-Members must be accompanied by Member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.**Coordinator:** Janet Gonski JGSunset@yahoo.comTo register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Edgewater FSC March 16](#)**March 23****Saturday****Seminar – EZ Sextant Demo & Training****Location:** Broadneck Library
1275 Green Holly Drive
Annapolis, MD 21409.**Cost:** \$10 for all.**Speaker:** Mike & Janet Novey,
Sailors & Developers of EZ Sextant
Smartphone App.**Time:** 10:30am to 12:30pm.**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by March 20 (9:00pm).**Topic:** EZ Sextant Demo.**Coordinator:** Lynn Gilley ltgilley@verizon.net**Note:** Coffee and snacks provided.To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Mar 23 Seminar](#)**March 24****Sunday****Fireside Chat/Sock Burning: Annapolis****Location:** Annapolis, Maryland.**Cost:** \$20 by deadline.
\$25 after deadline, if space available.**Speaker:** George Hollendursky.
Topic: Sock Burning.**Host:** Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky.**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by March 17 (9:00pm).**Time:** 5:00pm. **Limited to 20 persons.****Coordinator:** Bev Nash - beverlynash@verizon.net**Note:** Non-Members must be accompanied by Member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Mar 24 Sock Burning](#)**April 4****Thursday****Board Meeting****Location:** Zoom option only. Contact
Commodore if interested in attending.
commodore@singlesonsailboats.org**Time:** 6:00pm to 7:00pm.**Note:** Open to all Members.**April 6****Saturday****Spring Training****Location:** Anne Arundel Community College,
Arnold, MD 21012.**Cost:** **\$95.00** Member postmarked on or before
the March 23 deadline.**Presentations:** Classroom setting with various
levels of experience, covering
sailing/boating topics.**\$100** for Non-Members and ALL walk-ins.**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by March 23 (9:00pm).**Time:** 8:00am to 4:00pm. **Update****Registrar:** Linda Casucci casuccilj@gmail.com**Note:** Registration details in this Whisker Pole.To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Spring Training](#)



April 6

Saturday

Spring Training After-Party

Location: O'Loughlin's Restaurant and Pub, 1258 Bay Dale Dr, Arnold, Maryland.
Come and share your experiences from the day's Training.

Cost: Everyone will be on their own for ordering drinks and any food.
Time: 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, after the Spring Training Event.

Coordinator: Janet Pennewell janet.pennewell@gmail.com
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. [After Training Gathering](#)



April 7

Sunday

Brunch/General Membership Meeting

Location: Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD.
Speakers: John Parsons and Bob Wright.
Topic: 2023 SOS Retrospective & Photo Contest results.

Cost: \$36 – Brunch.
\$40 – After deadline and walk-ins.
Walk-ins CANNOT be guaranteed a seat.
Time: 11:00am Social Hour.
11:45am Brunch.
1:00pm Program.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Apr. 2 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Melinda Zimmerman melbay22@gmail.com

Note: To be held in the Coastal room.

To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. [April 7 Brunch](#)



April

Weekends & Weekdays

Skipper Helper Days

Location: Pick your Skipper.
Description: Help those Skippers that so graciously provide us with their boats throughout the sailing season.

Cost: A little bit of your time and energy.
Note: See details in this Whisker Pole. Possible April 6, 13 or 20 weekends. Weekdays also an option. Skippers, pick your dates.

Point of Contact: Emil Becker emilbec@msn.com



April 13

Saturday

Cruising Kick-off Meeting

Location: Galesville Memorial Hall.

Cost: Free to Skippers, First Mates, Cruising Committee Members and Coordinators. \$25 for guests.

Note: **By Invitation Only.**

Time: Coordinator training from 1:00pm-3:00pm, Skippers join at 3:00pm, Happy Hour at 4:00pm, Dinner at 5:00pm.

Coordinator: Carole Jordan seajay2844@gmail.com
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. [Cruising Kick-off](#)



April 27 AM Saturday

Flare and Safety Day

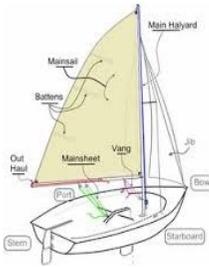
Location: YMCA Camp Letts, Edgewater, Maryland.

Cost: Free.
Time: 9:00am to 11:00am.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Apr. 23 (9:00pm).

Note: Final details in the Whisker Pole.

Coordinator: Joan Tannen jtkeuka@gmail.com
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. [April 27 Flare & Safety](#)

**April 27****Saturday****Dockside Training**

Location: Various Skippers' Boats.
Note: Skippers may suggest going out for some sailing.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Apr. 19 (9:00pm).

Cost: No charge.
Time: Noon to 3:00pm (following Flare & Safety)
Note: Bring your own lunch, beverage and Basic Skills Checkout Forms.

Coordinator: Cindy Kalkwarf CindyKalkwarf@comcast.net

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here. [April 27 Dockside Training](#)

**April 28 PM Sunday****Dockside Training, Continued**

Location: Various Skippers' Boats.
Note: Skippers may suggest going out for some sailing.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Apr. 19 (9:00pm).

Cost: No charge.
Time: TBD by the Skipper.
Note: Bring your own lunch, beverage and Basic Skills Checkout Forms.

Coordinator: Cindy Kalkwarf CindyKalkwarf@comcast.net

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here. [April 28 Dockside Training](#)

**April 28****Sunday****Weekend Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by Apr. 22 (9:00pm).

Cost: \$19 - Member or Non-Member.
Note: Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator: Linda Casucci casuccij@gmail.com

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here. [April 28 Day Sail](#)

**May 1****Tuesday****Mid-Week Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by April 24 (9:00pm).

Cost: \$19 - Member or Non-Member.
Note: Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator: Barbara Wingrove bkwingrove@outlook.com

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here. [May 1 Day Sail](#)

**May 2****Thursday****Board Meeting**

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

Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm.
Note: Open to all Members.

**May 4/5****Saturday – Sunday****May Day Cruise**

Destination: South River.
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by Apr. 23 (9:00pm).

Cost: \$38 - Member or Non-Member
Note: Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator: Susan Vasco suvasco@comcast.net

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here. [May 4/5 May Day Cruise](#)

**May 8****Wednesday****Mid-Week Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by May 1 (9:00pm).

Cost: \$19 - Member or Non-Member.
Note: Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator: Michael Sommer msommer414@gmail.com

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here. [May 8 Day Sail](#)



May 11 Saturday Weekend Day Sail
Destination: Skipper's Choice. **Cost:** \$19 - Member or Non-Member.
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by May 5 (9:00pm). **Note:** Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
Coordinator: Laura Gwinn laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. [May 11 Day Sail](#)



May 12 Sunday Weekend Day Sail
Destination: Skipper's Choice. **Cost:** \$19 - Member or Non-Member.
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by May 5 (9:00pm). **Note:** Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
Coordinator: Laura Gwinn laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. [May 12 Day Sail](#)



August 31- Sept. 7 7 - Day Trip 2024 Fall Bareboat Cruise
Destination: Mallorca, Spain. **Cost:** Members \$1,700. Boat Cost and Admin Fee. Air Fare and Insurance are separate. for details, go to: [Fall Bareboat Cruise](#)
Note: Contact Janet if interested. **Note:** **To Download Registration Form with Payment Information, go to:** [Fall Appl.](#)
Coordinator: Janet Pennewell - fall.bareboat@singlesonsailboats.org



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 1/2 mile. The Fire Department will be on your right.

Broadneck Library, 1275 Green Holly Drive, Annapolis, MD 21409 Take Rt. 50 N towards the Bay Bridge. Take exit 29B toward Cape St Claire Rd/East College Pkwy for 1.4 miles. Merge onto MD-179 E to continue onto St. Claire Road for 0.2 miles. Turn Left onto College Parkway for 0.7 miles. Turn right onto Green Holly Dr, then turn right into the parking lot.

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 for about five miles. Turn left on College Parkway. The first right turn is the campus entrance.

The Doubletree Hotel: 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD, 21401; tel. 410-224-3150 From US-50W take exit 23 onto Rt. 665 (Aris T. Allen Blvd.) for 1.5 miles. Take Riva Road Exit and turn right onto Riva Road for 0.3 miles. Turn right onto Holiday Court. From US-50E take exit 22 onto Rt. 665 (Aris T. Allen Blvd.) for 1.1 miles. Take Riva Road Exit and turn right onto Riva Road for 0.3 miles. Turn right onto Holiday Court.

Fireside Chat in Solomon's island

(All names are listed L to R)



Nancy Briggs, Carole Jordan,
and Gabriel Ruiz

Wendy Adams,
Nancy Briggs,
Carole Jordan, and
Harry Keith
(FSC Host)



Samia AbdelWahed
and Julie Fort



Kris Smith and
Cindy Kalkwarf



Laura Gwinn and
Bill Ostrander



Cindy Kalkwarf
and Robin Meigel

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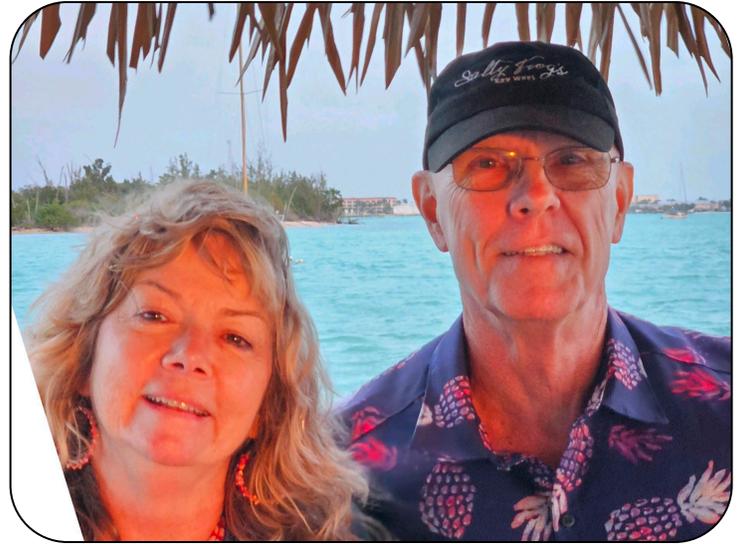
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Photos from Florida

(All names are listed L to R)



Key West HH Tiki Cruise
(no name-local), Lynn Winkler, Teri Craig, Karl Gevecker, Jill Gaumer (Lynn's wife), and
(no name-local)



Key West HH Tiki Cruise
Teri Craig and Karl Gevecker



Sunset from the Key West
Happy Hour Tiki Cruise



SOS Bradenton Beach Brunch
Seated: Molly Harrison and Ned Schwartz (Hosts)
Standing: Jo Ann Lovell, Dave Tuttle,
Hope Andruss, John Halstead and Pat Clarke
Submitted by Molly and Ned

Photographs submitted by Lynn Winkler, except as noted

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January Brunch and more (All names are listed L to R)

Karl Scible (Vice-Commodore) and Susan Zevin (Commodore) present the following awards:



Commodore's Award
to **Julie Fort**



Ed Klein Member of the Year Award
to **Kathy Haven**



Rookie of the Year Award
to **Josh Graff**

Elli Abramson Award
(Education) to
Alan Osterholm
NOTE: Not in attendance.



Center photo:
Speaker:
Kathy Bergren Smith,
Author of "Deadly Gamble: The Wreck of Schooner Levin J Marvel"



DURING

January 10, 2024
Storm at
Port Annapolis
Marina



AFTER

Photographs submitted by
January Brunch: Barbara Wise
Port Annapolis Marina: Kevin Farley

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



Virtual Happy Hours on ZOOM VARIOUS DATES: Get in touch with your Area Contact, listed in back of your Whisker Pole to be put on their HH notification list. Or check out the SOS website for dates and ZOOM links to all the Virtual Happy Hours.

KEY WEST, FL: SOS HAPPY HOUR place and time to be Determined. **Contact: TERRI AND KARL, 410-707-4319 or 267-221-6312**

1st Wednesday
NOVA/DC: Mar 6th 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: Mar 6th 5:30-7:00 PM
MT WASHINGTON TAVERN, 5700 Newbury St., Baltimore, MD 21209. 410-367-6903 www.mtwashingtontavern.com
COORDINATOR: JOSH singlesonsailboats@JoshuaGraff.com

2nd Thursday
ELLCOTT CITY: Mar 14th 5:00-7:30 PM
La Palapa Grill, 8307 Main Street, Ellicott City MD 21043 410-465-0070 www.lapalapagrill.com
COORDINATORS: KATHY - muskathha@gmail.com
JANET - jgsunset@yahoo.com

3rd Wednesday
WILMINGTON: Mar 20th 5:30 PM
TIMOTHY'S Restaurant and Bar, 930 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 Wilmington Riverfront by Blue Rock Stadium, facing the waterfront. Drink and appetizer specials until 7PM. 302-429-7427 www.timothysontheriverfront.com
COORDINATOR: JULIE - jafort@comcast.net

3rd Thursday
ROCKVILLE: Mar 21st 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 - hidebbieg@yahoo.com

3rd Thursday
KENT ISLAND: Mar 21st 5:00-7:00 PM
THE DOCK HOUSE, 110 Piney Narrows Road, Chester, MD 21619. 443-446-4477 www.dockhouserestaurant.com
COORDINATOR: GAIL - gail@islandship.com

4th Thursday
PHILLY AREA: Mar 28th 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 the patio area.
www.difabiosevents.com
COORDINATORS: PATTI - evansapatti@gmail.com
MARY - mary.payne@comcast.net

4th Thursday
ANNAPOLIS: Mar 28th 5:00-7:00 PM
Mike's Restaurant & Crabhouse, 3030 Riva Road, Riva, MD 21140. Meet us at the dining area. 443-956-2784 OR www.mike'scrabhouse.com
COORDINATOR: JEAN - jgough4you@gmail.com



HAPPY HOUR IN ANNAPOLIS
 Top: Kathleen McFadden, Steve Garris, Donna Kachura, Janet Gonski, Ralph Crenshaw, Sandy Rosswork, Melinda Zimmerman. Bottom: Kris Smith, Janet Pennewell, Craig Coltharp, Karen Proffitt, Joy Meacham, Deb Kuba, Bill Schwab.



AHOY SKIPPERS

Why should you join SOSskippers@groups.io? It is for SOS skippers and run by SOS skippers.

SOSskippers@groups.io is an official means of communication among SOS skippers. To participate, you must be a skipper in SOS, on the BOD, or Chair of the Cruising, Safety, or First Mates Advisory Committee.

To become a member of this group and have questions, contact Chuck Fort, sailrn@comcast.net and ask to be invited to join. You may also go to groups.io and follow the instructions to join. Either way, be sure to use the email address in your profile in the SOS online directory or one that clearly identifies you. This is needed to allow those handling approvals to know that you meet the criteria for group membership.

AHOY CREW

The SOS io group is the official online communication for SOS members, providing a convenient way for discussion of various sailing related topics. It is also a tool skippers can use to recruit crew for an impromptu day of sailing or to request a boat helper. Need to arrange a carpool to an SOS party – this is a good way to reach out to members. Here are the *very simple* steps for you to join the SOS email group.

STEP 1 - Get a groups.io account

1.1 In a browser, go to <http://groups.io> and click Sign Up in the upper right corner. Follow the directions to register an account email (use the one you get SOS email at).

1.2 In your email, look for the "Verify your account" email and click the link to verify you are the owner of the email address you registered with.

STEP 2 - Connect to the SOS group

2.1 In a browser, go to <http://sos.groups.io> and click the blue "Apply for Membership In This Group" button near the button.

2.2 Wait until a moderator okay's your subscription (the moderator will first verify that you are an SOS member, based on your email used to subscribe). You will know this is done when you get an email welcoming you to the group. Read that email, then browse to the site <http://sos.groups.io>.

STEP 3 - Optional - Join one or more subgroups.

3.1 On the main SOS page on the left is "Subgroups". Click that. From the list of subgroups, click one that you are interested in. Read the description and if you want, the Message History of that subgroup. If you want to join the conversation and get an email when someone posts there, go to 3.2

3.2 On the main subgroup page, click "+Join This Group" near the bottom. You will be automatically added to the Subgroup.

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- 75 word limit

Nancy Briggs, Classified Page Editor

BOATS FOR SALE

BOAT FOR SALE: The time has come; "Drambuie" needs a new owner. One owner, 1985 Bavaria 960 (32') Sloop. Great sailing, well-built boat with nearly new sails. Sailed hard for many years and needs some TLC. A Severn House slip on Back Creek is available to the new owner. Realistically priced at \$12,500. For details, contact John Halstead at 410-336-3675 or jhalstead@mindspring.com

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BOAT FOR SALE: 1982 Canadian Sailcraft CS-36T "Triton" This 36 ft. shoal draft 4'11" classic is perfect for the Chesapeake Bay. Well maintained with new salon flooring in 2023. Asking price reduced to \$37,000.

<https://www.yachtworld.com/yacht/1982-canadian-sailcraft-36-t-8800830/>

Contact Richard Green at ragreen01@gmail.com or 703-328-1399, or contact Rick St. Cyr, Integrity Yacht Sales at rick@integrityyachtsales.com or

443-294-5161

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BOAT SLIP

BOAT SLIP FOR RENT: Available NOW. Large, 6ft. deep boat slip in a protected Mill Creek cove off the Severn River. Safe harbor for bad weather. Water, electricity, and plenty of parking available. Can accommodate a boat up to 50 feet long. Contact Bev Nash at 410-349-1467

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Marinco Y adapter, slightly used, bought by mistake, 2-30 amp/125V female plugs with sealing collar to 50 amp/125/250V male plug. \$100. Picture available. E-mail Karl Scible at kscible2@aol.com

6-24

FOR SALE: 5HP Honda Outboard with fuel tank. Low hours. Always starts. \$600 or best offer. Contact Chuck Fort at sailrn@comcast.net or 302-584-3938

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March – Time for Sailing Prep!

March 2 – CPR & First Aid Training

March 9 & 16 – Fireside Chats

March 23 – Seminar: EZ Sextant App

March 24 – Sock Burning, Annapolis

April 6 – Spring Training & After Party

April 7 – Brunch: General Membership Meeting