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Cruising Corner

It's June, the gateway to summer – and we have great sails and events coming up!!

We hope by now you have signed up for the June and July sails, but if not – please do so! We have a tremendous lineup of activities – multiple weekday and weekend day sails, the First Mate and General Cruise to Round Bay, SOS 47th Anniversary Party Cruise to Port Annapolis, and the Independence Day Cruise to St. Michaels.

First Mate Cruise & General Cruise, June 14-15 (Reg deadline June 4). Skippers, help support the First Mate Cruise! Please register for this cruise where First Mates will practice their skills on your boat, followed by a joint raft up with the General Cruise in Round Bay. (Crew is invitation only for the First Mate Cruise). The General Cruise follows the standard process for Skipper and crew registrations.

47th Anniversary Party Cruise, June 21-22 (Reg deadline, June 11). Help us celebrate 47 years of SOS at Port Annapolis with a sail & shore party! **Skippers need to book their slips with Dockwa directly** – our goal is to have at least 15 slips booked to get the discount on the marina pavilion.

Independence Day Cruise, July 4-6 (Reg deadline, June 24). We will welcome July with a cruise to St. Michaels for their Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Big Band night and fireworks on Saturday July 5, as well as experience what the wonderful town has to offer!

Skippers: Take Note!

Slips for 4th July Cruise

You need to book a slip early or choose to anchor and dinghy in. The club will reimburse you for 1 night of slip rental/electricity if you accept at least one crew from coordination. The second night cost can be shared between Skipper and crew.

St. Michael's Marinas: The two best options are the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) and Higgins Yacht Yard.

- **CBMM:** You must be a mariner or higher-level member to book a slip. It is a great organization to support through membership. For this holiday weekend, there is a 2-night minimum requirement.

You **MUST** make a reservation EXACTLY one month in advance at midnight (June 4 midnight for July 4) using Dockwa and noting that you are with Singles on Sailboats.

If you have questions, you can reach CBMM at dockmaster@cbmm.org Ph: 410-745-4946 or review the website: <https://cbmm.org/docking-at-cbmm>

- **Higgins Yacht Yard:** is an attractive option if you don't have a CBBM membership (adjacent to CBMM). They also require a 2-night minimum.

You can book through their website.

<https://higginsyachtyard.com>

The cruising schedule link for your convenience:

<https://www.singlesonsailboats.org/assets/documents/cruising/2025SOSCruisingCalendar>

I want to thank the many members that are working tirelessly behind the scenes to plan, coordinate, and execute our cruises.

See you out on the water!

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Cruising Co-Chairs



VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Susan Zevin, Commodore



Ahoy, Mates.

Thinking about our upcoming Anniversary in June, I wondered: How did we arrive at this remarkable place in time—

Singles on Sailboats, a 47-year-old, 400-person community of single sailors who share a passion for the Chesapeake Bay, the joys of sailing, and lifelong friendships? The answer, like the Bay itself, winds through centuries of exploration, culture, and human connection.

Our journey began across the Atlantic, in the Age of Discovery, when European mariners pushed past the edges of the known world. In the late 1300's, experts from the Majorcan School of navigation assisted Portuguese explorers like Henry the Navigator to sail the coastlines of Africa and the East Indies, and to map the world as they knew it. A century later Columbus sailed across the Atlantic into the Caribbean, thinking it was the Pacific, without understanding the size of the globe, though Ptolemy had defined it previously in the 2nd century AD.

Within a few generations, Captain John Smith was exploring the Chesapeake in the early 1600s, describing its beauty and abundance in vivid detail. He published the first chart in 1608, the map used to steer the ships Ark and the Dove to St. Mary's in 1633-1634. After John Harrison invented the chronometer in the mid-late 1700s, the oceans were opened for further discovery, especially by the British. Annapolis, a colonial outpost, grew into a vibrant port of trade and sailing.

Of course, for thousands of years before European contact, the indigenous people, the Piscataways, Choptanks, and other Algonquian peoples lived along these shores, fishing, trading, and navigating the same rivers and inlets we sail today.

Their presence and legacy are woven into the discoveries, and the land and water around us.

Now, our home waters are filled with everything from tall ships to high-tech racing yachts, following centuries of technological advancement and changing tastes. Yet some things remain constant: the wind, the waves, and the yearning to be on the water.

Out of this rich maritime tradition, Singles on Sailboats was born in 1978. What began as a small gathering of kindred spirits has evolved into a welcoming community, connected not by background or birthplace, but by a shared love of sailing and the Chesapeake. Our members come from all walks of life each with their own story of how they found this Bay and SOS.

We have grown with the times, embracing new technologies, and new ways to connect. We sail with GPS now, but we mostly sail with heart, laughter, friendship, and a deep respect for the waters that hold the history of generations past.

So how did we "get" here? By wind and courage, by chance and by chart. And we continue forward – buoyed by tradition, steered by community, and always guided by the timeless call of the Chesapeake Bay.

Susan, Commodore

Welcome New Members

Walter Engelhardt –
Annapolis MD

Tamuriel Dillard – Baltimore MD

Pam Evers – Annapolis, MD

Linda Banish – Woodbridge VA

Martha Williams – Springfield VA

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Unofficial Board Notes May 1, 2025 - Zoom

Official May full minutes will be posted on the SOS website when approved in June by the Board of Directors.

Commodore: Susan Zevin — Meeting Called to Order at about 6:01 pm.

Secretary: Doug Gage — Approval of Minutes of the April BOD Meeting was deferred.

Vice Commodore: Karl Scible — Hats off to Phil, Meeps, Jill, and Linda for taking the locker down to its bones and putting everything back in excellent order.

Treasurer: Janet Pennewell

	4/30/25	3/31/25	12/30/24
Club Checking	\$35,274	\$41,263	\$16,101
Hi-Yield Savings	0	0	13,594
7-Month CD	62,031	61,825	61,178
Bareboat	76,744	60,185	81,043
Total Cash	174,288	\$158,036	171,916
Club CC - Chase	(\$9,797)	(\$4,871)	(\$180)
Club CC Wells Far.	0	(\$362)	(\$3,760)

The balance in the checking account decreased due to normal seasonal fluctuations – influx of cash in January and February as membership dues come in. Our credit card balance is unusually high as we paid our insurance bill with the card.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bareboat: Deb Kauffman and Heide Harper Spring 2025 – New Zealand. Coordinator: Deborah Kauffman
Post trip party planned for Saturday, May 31 from 2 – 5pm. Working on refund checks.

Fall 2025 – Lake Huron. Coordinator: Carole Jordan
Week of September 7, 2025 – September 13, 2025, Canadian Yacht Charter. There are no more boats available to lease for the period we desire. Lake Huron informational briefing to be held May 10th from 3 – 6pm at the Hollendurskys'.

Spring 2026 & Fall 2026 – We believe that we have 2 coordinators for the spring trip and are working through logistical details before we announce a destination.

Brunches: Suzanne Vaughn. Carole Jordan will assist me to finding a replacement Brunch Chair. I've volunteered to train and work with that new person.

Cruising: Laura Keough & Dana Stoffregen
Cruising Kickoff: 67 people attended. Included breakout sessions for coordinators, Skippers and First Mates, and dinner.

Extended Cruise: May 24-June 8: Nine boats have signed up to go to Yorktown/Cape Charles. Laura Gwinn is developing a cruising guide, and Skippers are developing their specific itineraries.

SERC Weekend Cruise: May 2-4: Six boats have signed up. Twenty-four people have signed up for the SERC land tours.

Database: Chair TBD; DB Team: Dennis Krizek, Don Yerger, Esther Massey, Carrie Will, and John McDonald.

David and Carrie are continuing to build and publish Event Registration forms. Dennis is printing registration rosters for events and Don is continuing his support of *Whisker Pole*. Shirley is updating profiles with Basic Skills forms that she receives. Rita is completing the mailing of the Directory for a May mailing.

Starting to look at alternative video hosting platforms, so videos can be uploaded to the website. It would be fantastic to add instructional videos to the website, especially if there is a Rafting Video available, in addition to the Town Hall and Photo Retrospectives.

Dennis strongly exhorted folks to contact the DB Team through the DBRequest address, NOT directly to DB committee members. DB Team volunteers deserve kudos, not nitpicking criticism.

Education: Chair TBD; Spring Training Chair: Milyn Jordan

Milyn expressed chagrin that Spring Training showed a small loss (\$219), but Treasurer Janet Pennewell characterized the results as “breaking even.” Milyn held a Debrief Meeting of 12 folks who worked on ST. She is willing to do ST next year, with help from people who “know everyone” in SOS. Wants to do a deep dive into the curriculum, including more offerings for experienced folks.

First Mates: Lora Donia

The First Mate in-service on Electronic Navigation with Navionics is scheduled for Sunday, June 8th, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, presented by Mark Gordon via Zoom. A third in-service focused on First Mate/Raft Captain will be held in late July or early August.

Membership: Pat Tracey and Linda Casucci
Membership Report completed 4/13/2025:

	April 2025	April 2024	April 2023	April 2022
Members	231	234	219	228
Skippers	59	61	64	58
Lifetime Members	75	79	84	99
Lifetime Skippers	23	21	22	23
Inactive Members	15	16	18	21
Totals	403	411	407	429

An extensive discussion was held regarding the Recognition Program awards. Pat was tasked to research this, and she has reported back that Flavia Favali will be handling this under the Membership Committee.

Public Relations: Janet Gonski and Victoria Rusakova

- Annapolis Boat Show – Shared tent with Chesapeake Bay Sailing Clubs did not work well this year – 10+ clubs using a 10 X 5 space (half the size of last year).
- Spin Sheet Crew Party at EYC – We had an extremely busy two hours with many people asking and sounding interested.
- We met the PR lead for a new sailing club located in Baltimore and this Peninsula Sailing Club is interested in perhaps doing some things with our club.
- SOS Club visit to Thomas Point Lighthouse – Visit is scheduled for the morning of August 1. If we have more than 16, we could add a second group leaving at noon and returning at 2:30.
- We designed and purchased an SOS feather banner – it catches the eye while providing some information. It is available for anyone to use/any committee that wants a visual.
- An article about SOS recently appeared in the *Capital Gazette*, written by a young reporter who attended the April Annapolis Happy Hour.

Safety: Joan Tannen

Flare and Safety Day was a great success, and Camp Letts has been reserved for Saturday, April 11, 2026. Boat activations are in good shape. The Dinghy Dance is June 29.

Skippers Advisory: Sandy Rosswork

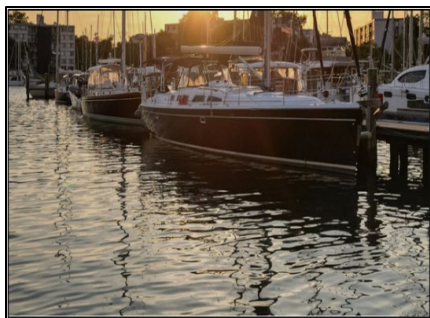
We had a well-attended Skippers meeting at the Cruising Kick off. The updated sailing voucher program was reviewed and the need for raft captains emphasized. Good discussion about the need for Skippers and First Mates to have practice in backing boats under power. Will explore options to provide both practice and instruction.

Social: Tina Lavato and Kathy McFadden
SOS 47th Anniv. Party June 21st

Contracts with DJ (*Infinite Sounds*), have been finalized for this event, DNR party, and Seafood Feast. We encourage all Skippers to attend and consider staying overnight in one of the Marina's slips. SOS receives a nice discount for use of the facility if we reserve at least 15 slips. Plus, Skippers can use the Marina's numerous amenities. Reminder: registration is open, but attendance is limited to 100, so register now!

Seafood Feast – August 16th

The menu will almost be the same as last year with the addition of a vegetarian salad. Decorating committee is working on creative and festive ideas to show off SOS and food!



47th Anniversary Party Cruise and Shore Party June 21-22, 2025

Event Managers: Noreen McGuire and
Melinda Zimmerman

Ahoy! Please mark your calendars now for SOS's **47th Anniversary Cruise and Shore Party**, June 21-22! We will once again be holding the party on the Western Shore at Port Annapolis Marina.

This year's dinner will again be provided by Saucy Salamander, and will include Roast Beef Au Jus, Southern Fried Chicken, Garden Salad with a variety of dressings, and a choice of several side dishes. Vegetarian choices such as Mediterranean Penne Pasta with Artichokes, Roasted Red Peppers with Black Olives & Feta Cheese, Homemade Potato Salad, Marinated Vegetable medley (Broccoli, Cauliflower, Green Beans, and Mushrooms) and Fresh Fruit Salad will also be available. Our popular DJ *Infinite Sounds* will be providing the music to get the dancing started – feel free to email us with requests!

*****Attention Skippers!*****

Please note that the Marina offers us a discounted rate for use of their party space if we reserve at least 15 slips for overnight, so we hope you plan to stay at the Marina even if your home port is close by!

As an added benefit, those who sail in and stay overnight will have the use of the Marina's beautiful pool and all other boater-friendly amenities including laundry services, showers, restrooms, and pump-out station.

Plan to drive in? Simply navigate to Port Annapolis Marina, 7074 Bembe Beach Rd., Annapolis, MD.

**** Party is limited to 100 people so be sure to sign up early! ****

Cost: Cruise & Shore Party: \$102.00
Shore Party Only: \$64.00

Deadline: All mail and Online registrations must be received by June 11, 9:00pm.

Schedule for Saturday's Party:

5:00pm Appetizers
6:00pm Dinner
6:45pm Cake and Champagne to
Toast to our Past
Commodores
7:00pm Music and Dancing by DJ
Infinite Sounds

To Register, see pg. 9.

Name Tag Reminder:

Please remember to check in at the registration table when attending events, even if you're wearing a permanent name tag. This is essential for helping us ensure there are enough tables, chairs, and food for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation!

The 2025 "Dinghy Dance!" Sunday June 29, 1:00-3:30

Are you wondering what a Dinghy Dance is? We use that term to refer to the art of getting in and out of a dinghy on the water! That's one of the things we work on at the Dinghy Dance.

This fun training session begins with a brief presentation on various PFDs and a presentation on the safe and effective use of a dinghy. We show a video on techniques some members use to get in and out of a dinghy from a shore or a swim platform.

Then, since the training is held at a member's private pool with a real dinghy, we are able to jump into the water and practice getting in and out of a dinghy in deep water and on land. We test some of the techniques that experienced dinghy users rely on, like a stepping strap or a line with knots in

it, tied across the dinghy. Last year almost every participant who tried to get into the dinghy in deep water was able to use our tried-and-true techniques!

In addition, we bring various types of PFDs. Participants are able to try them on and practice putting them on in deep water. They quickly see how difficult that is and why it makes so much sense to already have a PFD on in the boat.

We will bring two inflatable PFDs and allow two people to jump into the pool with them on. It's interesting to experience and observe how the inflatable reacts. Afterwards we open up the inflated PFDs so people can see what's involved in re-arming them.



The 2025 Dinghy Dance is on Sunday, June 29 from 1:00 to 3:30. Bring a towel and wear a bathing suit because we are not offering a place to change your clothes. Space is limited, so sign up soon! To Register, see pg. 10.

Contact Joan Tannen, SOS Safety Chair, with any questions at safety@singlesonsailboats.org

Brunch Anyone?

By Margaret Schwartz

Greetings! My name is Margaret Schwartz, and I will be working to make the 2025-2026 series of brunches in Annapolis the best ever, — but I need your help. Please share your thoughts on topics you are interested in learning more about, speakers who you know have a great story to tell. And, most importantly, I need volunteers to be coordinators at each brunch.

We're working on the schedule now with the hotel and will have more details to share in the coming months. In the meantime, please contact me at mschwartzusa@aim.com with your ideas and offers to volunteer.

Thanks!!

Selecting & Maintaining Inflatable PFDs

By Joan Tannen
Safety Chair

PFDs (personal flotation devices, i.e., life jackets) save lives...but they need to be worn...and they need to be maintained!

Many people wear inflatable life jackets as a great option for protection on the water. They can be more comfortable than other life jackets. There are many options and it's important to know how they work and how to maintain them.

West Marine has a great video on [how to select an inflatable PFD](#) based on what water activity you will be engaging in and what your requirements are. You can access that video here:

[Buyer's Guide to Inflatable Life Vests](#)

I personally like a model with a harness so it would be easier for people to haul me back in the boat if I go overboard. I also hear a lot of recommendations to have leg straps (crotch straps), so your PFD doesn't ride up when you hit the water especially if you're wearing a lot of clothing...like jackets, foulies, fleece, etc.

Next, it's important to know [how to maintain your inflatable PFD](#). A great video on that can be accessed here: [How to self-service an inflatable life jacket | boatsales](#)

At the SOS Annual Dinghy Dance, which will be held on Sunday June 29 this year, we allow two attendees to jump in the pool wearing inflatables. It's interesting to watch and to experience. Everyone seems to think the inflatable takes a little longer to inflate than they anticipate. Afterwards we open up the inflatables and let people look at the inner workings and what would be involved in rearming them.

Bottom line, SOS encourages the use of PFDs. But just like seatbelts you have to get into the habit of using them.

If you are more likely to wear an inflatable than another type of PFD, select one that is compatible with your needs and learn how to safely maintain it! We want all our members to be safe!

A Sailors' Guide to Smartphone & Camera Photography

Eastport Annapolis Library
June 28, 10:30 – 12:30

Presenter: David Blecman, an award winning, internationally recognized photographer, instructor, and SOS Photo Contest judge.

David will share features and tricks that have helped him get the most out of his smartphone's camera. His advice is also applicable to users of traditional cameras.

Today, the latest smartphones are more like cameras than ever before.



So, before you head out on your next sailing adventure, learn how easy it is to produce high-quality images with the phone you already own.

With these newly acquired skills, you may be motivated to enter some spectacular images in the 2025 SOS Photo Contest! To register, see pg.10.

Questions: George Hollendursky
hollendu@yahoo.com



SOS Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse Tour

August 1, 2025

By Janet Gonski
PR Chair

Attendees at the December 2024 brunch enjoyed Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse Manager John Potvin's history and stories of the Light House. He shared that, in addition to the public schedule of lighthouse tours, clubs and small groups are able to arrange a tour event for their members.... And so, we did!

On Friday, August 1, 2025, sixteen SOS club members will be able to enjoy a tour up and into the living quarters of the lighthouse and a boat ride out and back. The cost is \$90 per person, and we launch from Annapolis Maritime Museum. The gathering will be 9:15 am with launch at 9:30 am and return at noon.

Agility to transition from the boat to the lighthouse pier and to climb up into the interior is needed. <https://thomaspointshoallighthouse.org/tours>
To register, see pg.12.

(If we have more than 16 interested, we can create a waiting list and then open an afternoon trip with departure at noon and return at 2:30. If you miss the first 16 tour and want to be on the waiting list, contact Janet Gonski JGSunset@yahoo.com to facilitate that opportunity.)

Annapolis Maritime Museum
Address: 723 2nd St, Annapolis, MD.

Dockside Training

July 19, 2025

Where Spring Training Meets the Water – Learn about halyards and draft, which way's forward, and how to move aft!



Contact Dennis Krizek for More Information
denniskri@msn.com

Learn and practice your skills at Dockside Training and get many of your Basic Skills Level I signed off!

To Register, see pg. 11.

Basic Skills Reminder...

Important Reminder: Did you complete a Basic Skills level at Dockside Training or during the Flare & Safety Demo? If so, please make sure you've submitted your completed form for it to be recorded in your profile.

ALERT: Double-check that the email address on your form is up-to-date. If it's outdated, be sure to send a scanned copy or photo of the form to the correct email: basicskills.sos.org@gmail.com.

The purpose of the Basic Skills Program is to educate members with the fundamentals for sailing safely with other SOS Members. The Basic Skills Program is not intended to teach sailing or piloting, but rather to give information needed to be safe and helpful crew.

CHECK SHEET FOR LEVEL I of the BASIC SKILLS PROGRAM

Name of Member: _____

You must present this form at the time in which you wish to complete your Level I Basic Skills Checkout. When all items have been initialed and the form has been signed on the lines provided, you must forward this form as directed in the packet. UNTIL THEN, YOU CANNOT BE GIVEN CREDIT FOR COMPLETION.

NOTE TO SKIPPERS AND FIRST MATES: Initial only those items that have been satisfactorily completed. Remember to sign and date on the lines provided below. Members may need to sail more than once to complete Level I.

Have the Member

- _____ Properly put on a PFD.
- _____ Read the instructions on a fire extinguisher and explain how to use it.
- _____ Read the instructions on a handheld flare and explain how to use it.
- _____ Identify throwable flotation devices (ring, cushion, etc.)
- _____ Describe what steps he/she is to take in a man-overboard drill.
- _____ Demonstrate safely getting on and off a boat and moving from boat to boat.

Seeking Nominations for Board Members

From the Desk of the Vice Commodore Karl Scible

This is the time of year that our BOD appoints a committee to nominate candidates for new Board members to fill vacancies of outgoing BOD members.

Candidates for the Board must have been members for two consecutive years, as of the date of the election. They should be active in multiple areas of SOS and knowledgeable of how the club operates. They should be ready to engage in all aspects of the club and bring new energy and creative ideas to the club.

Board members must be ready to provide positive leadership, guidance, training, and appreciation to Committee Chairs and other volunteers.

Even if not chosen by the Nominating Committee, any eligible member can be nominated and seconded during the Town Hall Meeting and will appear on the September election ballot upon acceptance.

In September, four members will be elected to the Board of Directors for two-year terms.

If you are interested in joining the Nominating Committee or running for the Board, drop me a line at: kscible2@aol.com or call me at 410-707-2833.

Town Hall Meeting

Join us for the August 9th SOS Town Hall Meeting, our most significant business event of the year! In September, we'll be electing new members to the Board of Directors for two-year terms. This Town Hall Meeting is your chance to meet the candidates and enjoy delicious food in good company.

The dinner is complimentary for registered SOS members. Non-members can attend for \$30, but remember, registration is mandatory! **No walk-ins will be admitted for dinner.** To Register, see pg.12.

Come out to reconnect with your SOS friends, meet the nominees, and hear their visions for the future of our club.

Ahoy Sailors!

By Lora Donia

Chair, First Mate Advisory Committee

Welcome to the 2025 sailing season. I hope that it will be enjoyable for each of you and that we are all able to appreciate the beauty of the Chesapeake Bay once again this season.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the First Mates who attended the Cruising Kick Off in April and for sharing your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions to enhance the program. A special thank you to John Parsons for substituting for me and for providing valuable feedback from the session.

Since assuming the role of First Mate Advisory Chair, my objectives have been to support the First Mates through program-specific education and to expand the First Mate program through recruitment. Our first in-service session on Charting and Navigation using paper charts was presented by Geoff Tobias in January. It served as a refresher for all attendees and helped build camaraderie among the First Mates. John Parsons and I presented "How to Become a First Mate" at Spring Training in April. There were sixteen attendees, many of whom expressed interest in the First Mate Candidate program. We currently have 3 First Mate Candidates in the program, and it is anticipated that they will join the ranks as First Mates in the coming months.

The Cruising Committee has meticulously arranged an exceptional sailing schedule, including the annual First Mate Cruise to Round Bay on the Severn River on **June 14-15**. In conjunction with this Cruise, we have organized a second in-service session for the First Mates on electronic navigation using Navionics. This session will be presented by SOS First Mate Candidate, Mark Gordon, on **June 8** via Zoom with a live follow-up session on **June 13** at Castle Marina. A third in-service session will be held to inform and educate First Mates on becoming a Raft Captain. This session will be presented by Chuck Fort at the

Queen Anne's Co. Library on **July 25** in Stevensville, MD, on Kent Island, MD.

I strongly encourage all First Mates, First Mate Emeritus, First Mate Candidates, and any SOS members interested in becoming a First Mate Candidate to participate in these upcoming events. For more information regarding First Mate activities, please refer to the *Whisker Pole*, the SOS website, or contact me directly at doniala@aol.com

Thank you for your continued support of the First Mate Program. I look forward to seeing each of you out on the Bay this season!

SOS Recognition Program

By Flavia Favali

The SOS Membership Committee is restarting an award program that focuses on volunteers. There are many members who step in to help out over and over again to keep the club going and to make sure all SOS events and activities are a success. This is a great way to acknowledge their contributions. Award Categories are:

1. Jump in Whenever: An SOS member who has participated at SOS events to help in the set-up, teardown, or contributes to the conduct of the event on an ad hoc basis on multiple occasions.
2. Keeps SOS Floating: An SOS member who assists in the execution of SOS events on an ongoing basis for the benefit of the SOS members.
3. Above and Beyond: An SOS member who contributes significant time, effort and skills to ensure SOS events are successfully conducted.
4. Extraordinaire Category of Recognition: Each recipient shall be awarded a voucher good for one free shoreside activity, be it party or brunch of their choice.

Awards are Letters of Recognition for categories 1, 2, and 3, and a voucher for an SOS land event for the Extraordinaire Category.

We need YOU to nominate individuals that you see exhibit those qualities in these four categories. Please submit your recognitions in an email to me at flavia4222@comcast.net. I hope to receive a lot of emails because of the awesome volunteers in this club.

2025 SOS Photo Contest Begins Now!

By Bob Wright, SOS Photo Contest Coordinator

Have you taken some **stellar shots** at SOS activities this year? If so, keep on shooting! If not, start taking photos because recent studies have determined that reminiscing and nostalgia are good for your mental health and happiness. Besides, SOS members love to see great photos of themselves and their friends in the club at SOS events. AND, you could get recognition at the annual Photo Contest.

In the meantime, take lots photographs and submit your best ones soon after you take them. The final deadline for the Contest is not until Midnight on Sunday, January 11, 2026, but I will accept contest photos all year long. I already have one that was submitted last month! Send your photo to me at: robert.wright.bowie@gmail.com and put "2025 SOS Photo Contest" in the subject line. Changes or swapping photos are allowed up until the deadline.

NOTE: The 2025 SOS Photo Contest **Will Allow** some editing for the first time in years. Final Contest Rules are still being determined and will be published as soon as they are finished.

Lastly, SOS administration and volunteers try their best to comply with members' wishes if they do not want their image published. SOS asks all members to help in this effort.

Check out the June 28th Photography Seminar to help you take better photos to make them prize worthy – and sign up for this seminar on the SOS event calendar online. To Register, see pg. 10.

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.

SOS Wellness Protocol Revised (3/7/2024)

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. 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). All in-person participants should expect to be denied admission without a refund if they fail to comply with this policy.



**May 24 to
June 8**

Destination: Memorial Day Cruise – Choptank. Then Yorktown/Cape Charles, Chesapeake Bay.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by May 13 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Laura Gwinn laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [CBDB Extended Cruise](#)

16 Day – Saturday - Sunday

Chesapeake Bay Domestic Bareboat Cruise

Cost: \$57 + Crew self-supporting during the cruise - Member or Non-Member.

(options for 10 or 16 days) Skipper's choice.
Note: Before registering, contact Laura Gwinn with your interest in this cruise. Register after receiving an invitation by your Skipper.



June 3

Tuesday

Mid-Week Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice.

Cost: \$19 - Member or Non-Member.

Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by May 29 (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: Michael Sommer msommer414@gmail.com

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [6/3 Day Sail](#)



June 5

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.



June 7

Saturday

Weekend Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice.

Cost: \$19 - Member or Non-Member.

Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by June 2 (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: Carole Jordan seajay2844@gmail.com

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [6/7 Day Sail](#)



June 8

Sunday

Weekend Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice.

Cost: \$19 - Member or Non-Member.

Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by June 2 (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: Carole Jordan seajay2844@gmail.com

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [6/8 Day Sail](#)

**June 8****Sunday****Seminar: First Mate – Electronic Navigation**

Location: Zoom - Comfort of your home.
Zoom Link will be emailed prior to the session.

Speaker: Mark Gordon, First Mate Candidate.
Topic: First Mate in-service session on electronic navigation using the Navionics Boating application.

Deadline: Registrations must be received by June 4.

Coordinator: To register, RSVP to Lora Donia via email doniala@aol.com

Cost: Free to FM, FME, FMC and members who have expressed interest in the FM Candidate program.

Time: 7:00pm via Zoom.

Follow up on June 13th at 6:00 PM at the Castle Marina Pavilion, Chester, MD.

Note: Participants should download the Navionics app before the session.

**June 14-15****Saturday – Sunday****General Cruise**

Destination: Round Bay, Severn River.

Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by June 4 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Bev Nash beverlynash@verizon.net
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [General Cruise](#)

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.

**June 14-15****Saturday – Sunday****First Mates Sail**

Destination: Round Bay, Severn River.

Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by June 4 (9:00pm).
BY INVITATION ONLY. All Skippers welcome and invited.

Coordinator: Bev Nash beverlynash@verizon.net
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [FM Cruise](#)

Cost: No cost. Open to First Mates, First Mate Emeritus and First Mate Candidates.

Note: Spend the day honing FM skills, as well as enjoying the day. First Mates to join General Cruise Raft after the Saturday sail.

**June 19****Tuesday****Mid-Week Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.

Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by June 12 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Barbara Wingrove bkwingrove@outlook.com
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [6/19 Day Sail](#)

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.

**June 21-22****Saturday – Sunday****47th Anniversary Cruise & Party**

Destination: Port Annapolis Marina, Back Creek, Severn River.

Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by June 11 (9:00pm).
(Party limit 100, so be sure to sign up early!)

Coordinator: Molly Harrison & Ned Schwartz mollyned@verizon.net
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [Anniversary Cruise/Party](#)

Cost: \$102 - Member or Non-Member.
Party only: \$64.

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

Party Managers: Noreen McGuire & Melinda Zimmerman.

**June 28****Saturday****Weekend Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.

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

Coordinator: Esther Massey estheraamd@gmail.com
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [6/28 Day Sail](#)

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.

**June 28****Saturday****Seminar: A Sailors Guide to Smartphone & Camera Photography****Location:**Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library,
Annapolis, MD 21403.**Speaker:**David Blecman, professional
photographer & SOS photo judge.
Sailors Guide to Photography.**Topic:****Deadline:**Mail and Online registrations must
be received by June 24 (9:00pm).**Coordinator:**Shirley Brooks shirleybbrooks@yahoo.comTo register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [Smart Phone Camera Seminar](#)**Cost:**

\$5 - Member or Non-Member.

Time:

10:30am to 12:30pm.

Limit to 65 attendees.**Note:**

Coffee and light snack provided.

**June 29****Sunday****Weekend Day Sail****Destination:**

Skipper's Choice.

Deadline:Mail and Online registrations must
be received by June 23 (9:00pm).**Coordinator:**Esther Massey estheraamd@gmail.comTo register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [6/29 Day Sail](#)**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.**June 29****Sunday****Dinghy Dance Seminar****Destination:**Annapolis, MD - Private Home.
(Directions sent upon registration).**Deadline:**Mail and Online registrations must
be received by June 21 (9:00pm).
Space limited.**Coordinator:**Joan Tannen jtkeuka@gmail.comTo register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [Dinghy Dance](#)**Cost:**

\$15 - Members only.

Time:

1:00pm to 3:30pm.

Note:Bring a towel and wear bathing suit to event
as there will be no facilities to change
clothes. Beverages and snacks provided.**July 3****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.

**July 4-6****Friday - Sunday****Independence Day Cruise****Destination:**

St Michaels, Miles River.

Deadline:Mail and Online registrations must
be received by June 24 (9:00pm).**Coordinator:**Laura Keough Laurasan2@yahoo.comTo register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [Independence Day Cruise](#)**Cost:**

\$57 - Member or Non-Member.

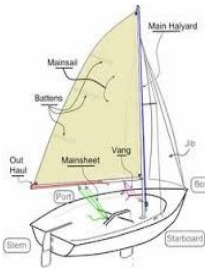
Note:Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must
mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the
coordinator.**July 8****Tuesday****Mid-Week Day Sail****Destination:**

Skipper's Choice.

Deadline:Mail and Online registrations must
be received by July 3 (9:00pm).**Coordinator:**Heide Harper Heidepatternpro@gmail.comTo register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [7/8 Day Sail](#)**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.

**July 12-13****Saturday – Sunday****North & South Raft-ups Cruise****Destination:** Based on boat signups.**Cost:** \$38 - Member or Non-Member.**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by July 10 (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:** Dorothy Nicholson Dorothy.m.nicholson@verizon.net
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [N/S Raft-ups Cruise](#)**July 17****Tuesday****Mid-Week Day Sail****Destination:** Skipper's Choice.**Cost:** \$19 - Member or Non-Member.**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by July 10 (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:** Lynn Gilley ltgilley@verizon.net
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [7/17 Day Sail](#)**July 19****Saturday****Dockside Training****Location:** Various Skippers' Boats.**Cost:** No charge.**Note:** Skippers may suggest going out for some sailing.**Time:** 9:00am.**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by July 16 (9:00pm).**Note:** Bring your own lunch, beverage and Basic Skills Checkout Forms.**Coordinator:** Dennis Krizek denniskri@msn.com
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [7/19 Dockside Training](#)**July 20****Sunday****Weekend Day Sail****Destination:** Skipper's Choice.**Cost:** \$19 - Member or Non-Member.**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by July 15 (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:** Teri Nachazel Terinachos33@yahoo.com
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [7/20 Day Sail](#)**July 25****Friday****Seminar – How to become a Raft Captain****Location:** Queen Anne's Co. Library, Rm 133, 200 Library Circle, Stevensville, MD.**Cost:** Free to FM, FME, FMC, and SOS members interested in the FMC program.**Speaker:** Chuck Fort.**Time:** 4:00pm to 7:00pm.**Topic:** Raft Captain Training.**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by Jul 23 (9:00pm).**Coordinator:** Lora Donia doniala@aol.com
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [FM Raft Capt. Seminar](#)**July 26-27****Saturday – Sunday****Appetizers & Desserts Cruise****Destination:** Based on boat signups.**Cost:** \$38 - Member or Non-Member.**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by July 16 (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:** Hope Andruss hopedruss@verizon.net
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [Appetizers & Desserts Cruise](#)

**August 1 Friday****Location:** Annapolis Maritime Museum.**Note:** Additional information Click here:[Thomas Point Light](#)**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by July 15 (9:00pm).**Coordinator:** Janet Gonski JGsunset@yahoo.comTo register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [TP Lighthouse Tour](#)**Thomas Point Lighthouse Tour****Cost:** \$90.**Time:** 9:15am to 12:00noon.**Limit of 16 people.****Note:** Must have agility to transition onto lighthouse deck and climb ladder to interior.**August 2 Saturday****Destination:** Skipper's Choice.**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by July 28 (9:00pm).**Coordinator:** Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky shirleybbrooks@yahoo.comTo register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [8/2 Day Sail](#)**Weekend Day Sail or Power Boat Raft-up****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.**August 3 Sunday****Destination:** Skipper's Choice.**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by July 28 (9:00pm).**Coordinator:** Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky shirleybbrooks@yahoo.comTo register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [8/3 Day Sail](#)**Weekend Day Sail****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.**August 7 Thursday****Location:** Zoom option only. Contact Commodore if interested in attending. commodore@singlesonsailboats.org**Board Meeting****Time:** 6:00pm to 7:00pm.**Note:** Open to all Members.**August 9 Saturday****Destination:** Galesville Memorial Hall.**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by Aug. TBD (9:00pm).**Note:** There is not a coordinated sail for this event. Skippers who wish to sail, may invite crew and arrange for their own dockage or anchor out.**NO WALK-INS - If you do not sign up you will not get dinner.**

Time to meet the Board of Directors candidates.

Coordinator: Karl Scible Kscible2@aol.comTo register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [TBD](#)**Town Hall Meeting****Cost:** Member Meeting/Dinner: **Free.**
Non-Member: **\$TBD.****Time:** TBD.**Limit TBD persons.****August 10 Sunday****Destination:** Skipper's Choice.**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by Aug. 5 (9:00pm).**Coordinator:** Cindy Kalkwarf cindykalkwarf@comcast.netTo register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [8/10 Day Sail](#)**Weekend Day Sail****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.**August 12 Tuesday****Destination:** Skipper's Choice.**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by Aug. 7 (9:00pm).**Coordinator:** Mary Chevalier Mary7570@yahoo.comTo register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [8/12 Day Sail](#)**Mid-Week Day Sail****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.

Fleet Exercises and Shore Leave (cont'd)



Sept. 6 - 13 8-Day Trip Saturday to Sunday 2025 Fall Bareboat Cruise

Destination: Lake Huron,
Gore Bay, Ontario, Canada.
Note: Openings still available.

Cost: Members \$1500 = Boat Cost and Admin
Fee. Air Fare and Insurance are separate.
Note: *To Download Registration Form with
Payment Information* [2025-Lake-Huron-
Charter](#)

Coordinator: Carole Jordan seajay2844@gmail.com

SERC Cruise & Tour

(All names are listed L to R)

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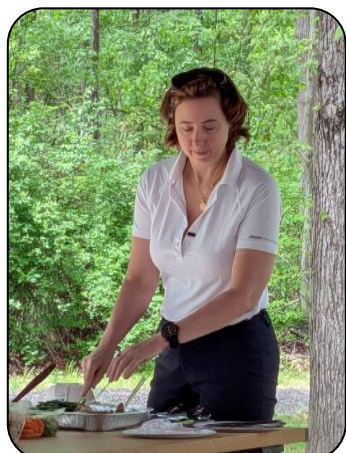
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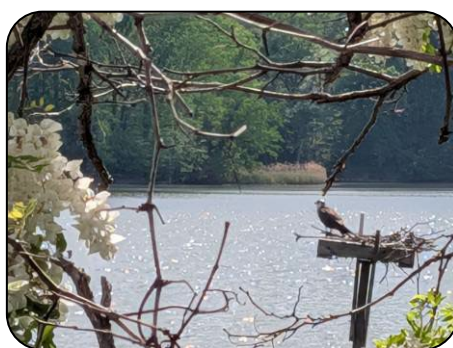
Laura Keough
and Tom Fort



Doug Gage and
Bev Nash



Robin O'Neill (NM)



Osprey on the nest
in Fox Creek

New Member (NM)
Photographs submitted by Bob Wright



The Raft-Up
in Fox Creek

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

Cruising-Kickoff

(All names are listed L to R)

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Linda Casucci starting
the Coordination Meeting

JFP



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Skippers Emil Becker
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Group Photo

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Skipper
Karen Lundgren

JFP



Catherine Fox, Heide Harper,
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Catherine Fox, Barbara
Wingrove (back), John Rogers,
and George Hollendursky

Photographs submitted by John Parsons (JFP); Bob Wright (RAW); Mary Chevalier (MCC)

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DNR Party

(All names are listed L to R)

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DNR Cruise
Water Taxi

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John Parsons

JFP



Rita Svec, Dennis Krizek,
and Samia AbdelWahed

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Gathering

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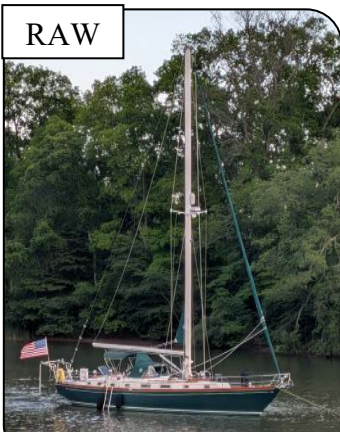
How many SOS members
does it take to set up the
canopy?

JFP



Ray Harris and
Sandy Rosswork

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s/v 'Innisfree'
New Skipper Peter Van Houten

JFP



Chuck Fort and Sandy Rosswork
presenting a burgee to New
Skipper Peter Van Houten

RAW



Noreen McGuire and Samia
AbdelWahed setting up
appetizers

Photographs submitted by John Parsons (JFP); Bob Wright (RAW)

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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 Web site for dates and ZOOM links to all the Virtual Happy Hours.

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

1st Wednesday
BALTIMORE: **June 4th** **5:30-7:00 PM**
MT WASHINGTON TAVERN, 5700 Newbury St., Baltimore, MD 21029. 410-367-6903. Email coordinator to be added to notification email. www.mtwashingtontavern.com
COORDINATOR:
JOSH singlesonsailboats@JoshuaGraff.com

1st Wednesday
NOVA/DC: **June 4th** **5:00-7:00 PM**
MYLO'S GRILL, in the back dining room, 6238 Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA. 21218. 703-533-5880. www.mylosgrill.com
COORDINATOR: **HOPE** – hoped@verizon.net

2nd Thursday
ELLCOTT CITY: **June 12th** **5:00-7:30 PM**
La Palapa Grill, 8307 Main Street, Ellicott City MD 21043 410-465-0070 www.lapalapagrill.com
COORDINATORS: **KATHY** – mskathha@gmail.com
JANET – JGsunset@yahoo.com

3rd Wednesday
WILMINGTON: **June 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 and appetizer specials until 7PM. 302-429-7427 www.timothysonthriverfront.com
COORDINATOR: **JULIE** – jafort@comcast.net

3rd Thursday
ROCKVILLE: **June 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** – hidebbieg@yahoo.com

3rd Thursday
KENT ISLAND: **June 19th** **5:00-7:00 PM**
THE DOCK HOUSE, 110 Piney Narrows Road, Chester, MD 21619. 443-446-4477. www.dockhouseresturant.com
COORDINATOR: **BARB** – bbb Brooksao@aol.com

4th Thursday ****CANCELLED until new Host found****
PHILLY AREA: **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: **TBD**

4th Thursday
ANNAPOLIS: **June 26th** **5:00-7:00 PM**
Coconut Joe's Bar & Grill (formerly The Pier), 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, MD. Rt 2 on south side of South River bridge. If we're not in the bar area we'll be in the enclosed, heated UPPER deck. 443-837-6057 www.coconutjoesmd.com
COORDINATOR: **JERE** – jerewglover@msn.com



Rockville Happy Hour

Left to Right: Lorna Bradley, Bill Small, Marybeth, Steve Kurtz, Phil Smith, Barry Herling, Debbie Goldberg, Barbara Wise. Jill Montgomery (photographer)

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1984 Danish LM-32 Pilothouse Diesel Sloop for sale, \$47,000. Amazing sailboat. Virtual one owner and hauled most winters. Lying in Naval Station Annapolis.

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7-25

BOAT FOR SALE:

1985 one owner Bavaria 960 sloop (31.5' LOA), \$17,500. Well-built, excellent sailing boat. Nearly new sails. New sail drive seal and bottom paint. Severn House slip available for rent to new owner. Contact John Halstead at jhalstead@mindspring.com or 410-336-3575



6-25

In Memory of Donna Kachura



Donna Kachura, long time member of SOS, passed away at her home on April 30, 2025, after a brief but rapid decline in her health. Donna was a devoted mother, grandmother, and lifelong educator who touched the lives of many. She spent over 25 years teaching kindergarten and first grade in Anne Arundel County and was honored to be nominated for Teacher of the Year. She is survived by three sons and eight grandchildren.

During her time in SOS, she served in a variety of roles and frequently volunteered at events where needed – usually at the registration table where she greeted everyone with a smile and welcome.

Donna worked on the Spring Training committee organizing the registration tasks, folders, and materials for the weeks leading up to the event and welcoming participants and speakers the day of. She also served as Membership Co-Chair and organized winter Fireside Chats as Fireside Chat Coordinator. Additionally, she spent a season as a board member.

Donna enjoyed the sailing opportunities on the Bay, but her best sailing adventure was probably sailing in Scotland with one of our former members. Her greatest strength, which touched many, was her warm welcome and hostess ability. She opened her home for Backyard Gatherings of new and veteran members. Donna also hosted many Fireside Chats over the years: from live-aboard stories of lavender soap bubbles to Irish Beef Pies and soda bread just last year.

We wish strength and fond memories for her family and for all who knew Donna.



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Upcoming Activities

Midweek Day Sails: June 3, 19,

Weekend Day Sails: June 7, 8, 28, 29

Weekend Cruise: June 14-15

47th Anniversary Cruise and Party: June 21-22

Photography Seminar: June 28

Dingy Dance Seminar: June 29