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Annual Seafood Feast & Cruise

**Lankford Bay Marina
August 15-16**

Party Managers: Barbara Wise & Linda Casucci

Don't miss this year's Seafood Feast — hosted once again at the beautiful Lankford Bay Marina.

Registration Deadline for Cruise and Party:
August 4, 9:00pm

Registration Deadline Party Only:
August 6, 9:00pm

Cruising Fee: \$70

Meal: \$65.50



Party Schedule

- 4:00** - Check-In
- 4:30** - Bar opens
- 5:00** - Appetizers
- 6:00** - Dinner (with optional Steamed Crabs)
- 7:00** - Music & Dancing
- 9:30** - Last call

Meal w/all-you-can-eat crabs:
\$75.50

Menu

Appetizers:

- Peeled deveined shrimp
- Smoked salmon, and
- "Crabby" deviled eggs

Dinner:

- Crab Cakes
- Fried Chicken
- Broccoli Salad
- 3-Bean Salad
- Pasta Salad

Dessert:

- Brownies and Cake

Drinks include: wine, beer, lemonade, iced tea, non-alcoholic beer, and sodas.

Optional: All-You-Can-Eat Steamed Crabs 🦀

Back by popular demand! Add unlimited steamed crabs and corn for just \$10 additional. (Guests selecting this option will receive a wristband at check-in.)

Attendance is limited to 80 people, so sign up soon!

To register click: [Seafood Feast](#)

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.

See you at the party!

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Dana Tulis, Commodore



Ahoy Sailors!

We are now actively in Sailing Season, with day sails, extended cruises, and weekend sails all underway. If you haven't sailed yet, it's time to get out there. Upcoming weekend events include Sail250, July 4th, and the Anniversary Cruise and Shore Party. We have had some perfect sailing weather. It's time to sign up for the Appetizer and Desserts Cruise, July 25th, and the Seafood Feast, August 15 to 16th.

STOUTgear is also open to purchase SOS logo gear through July 10th. See page 6.

We had a highly successful First Mate Cruise, for existing First Mates as well as for Potential First Mates and First Mate Candidates. I am now a Potential First Mate and excited about the learning process. We had a successful raft up, practiced touch and goes and other skills. Our First Mates' Advisory Committee Co-Chairs are also streamlining the overall process to entice more of our members. We currently have 15 First Mates, including 4 Skippers. If you are an experienced sailor, please consider this Program as something to pursue.

Our June Board of Directors/Committee Chair/Co-Chair meeting included an extensive conversation about recruiting members to serve on our Board. Instead of calling over 100 members, we provided a number of activity lists (sailing, shore-based events) for the Nominating Committee to consider. The Board also approved the members of the Nominating Committee, at a subsequent meeting. This year, we will be voting for five new members. You can hear their presentations at the August 1st Town Meeting at the Galesville Memorial Hall. You will see an article from Richard Cordaro on page 6; please consider giving back to our club and running for the Board. It is a chance to influence the future of our Club.

The Board meeting continued to focus on questions about our broad-based survey that will be sent to members on all aspects of the club, from why you became a member, changes you would like to see,

what are your priorities for the Club, should we allow married members to serve on our board, and should we expand membership. Stay tuned as we continue to refine the survey.

Our Treasurer updated us on our current budget, and we started to address the high costs of our storage units and a future plan. Our Brunch Chair continues to reach out to potential speakers. Our Education Committee has been reviewing metrics from our three 2026 events, which look incredibly positive, as they plan next year's training events. We are still looking for a Membership Chair, please consider this as an option for volunteering. Review the February 2026 *Whisker Pole* article listing committee activities. Current committee members are already doing much of this work. Remember, we are a volunteer organization, and we need help to keep providing excellent support for the Club.

There also have been updates to our Policies and Procedures, dated April 2026, which can be viewed on the SOS website, under About - SOS Governance - Policies. The majority of the changes were introduced by the Cruising and First Mates Committees, with a focus on safety and streamlining procedures when appropriate. You can see the changes by looking at the dates, after each paragraph. 2026 dates are the new paragraphs. For example, there is a new definition for Skippers; more focus on the use of PFD's when underway for the safety of members especially non-swimmers, (I always wear mine, although I routinely swim); strengthening the policy for excessive use of alcohol; streamlining the renewal process for First Mates after five years, eliminating administrative fees for First Mates even if not placed in the "First Mate position"; and First Mate Emeritus status clarifications. Please review these changes. The document is only 13 pages long and the changes are a subset of that.

Finally, a big thank you to our volunteers on the Board, Committees, Sub-Committees, Skippers, First Mates, Cruise Coordinators, and Social Coordinators. The Club cannot operate without you!!

See everyone on the water and at Happy Hour!

Dana T. — Commodore

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Unofficial Condensed BOARD Notes June 4, 2026, via Zoom

Official June Minutes will be posted on the SOS website when approved in July by the Board of Directors.

Meeting called to order by Commodore Dana Tulis at 6:00 pm. A discussion was held about the process by which individuals are “selected” to run for the Board. A membership survey was also discussed. Ideally it would address ways that this Board could gather information from our membership to help make the Club more relevant, attract new members, crew as well as skippers.

Treasurer: Treasurer’s Report of June 4, 2026:

| | May 31, 2026 | April 30, 2026 | Dec 31, 2025 |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Club Checking Account | \$47,789 | \$41,227 | \$35,580 |
| 7-Month CD | 64,535 | 64,383 | 63,602 |
| Bareboat Account | 62,038 | 49,501 | 48,094 |
| Total Cash | \$174,362 | \$155,111 | \$147,276 |
| Club Credit Card | (22,705) | (8,144) | (16,127) |

Committee Reports:

Brunches: Margaret Schwartz. Brunch chair has two of the three speakers committed and a signed contract with the Doubletree for the three brunches.

Cruising: Laura Keough and Dana Stoffregen.

- Memorial Day Cruises, 5/23 – Weather caused the cancellation of the 3-day cruise and delayed the Extended Cruise by 1 day.
- One-week or 2-week Extended Memorial Cruise – 5 boats with 14 participants headed north through the fog to a wonderful shore party at Lynn Winkler’s house on Still Pond Creek.
- First Mate Cruise, 6/13 – Thanks to the skippers stepping up, we have enough boats to place all of the First Mates, First Mate Emeritus, First Mate Candidates, and Potential First Mates.
- Sail250, 6/25, Ten SOS skippers were able to reserve their slips at Lighthouse Point Marina for the upcoming cruise. Two SOS

skippers are on the waiting list at the marina. Josh Graff and Janet Gonski volunteered to organize the happy hour.

- Independence Day Cruise, 7/4. Skippers must be mariner members and reserve their slips at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) at 12:01 AM 6/5 to get a slip. There is an option to leave on Friday and enjoy the fireworks from a raft up near Peter Van Houten’s home.

Database: Carrie Will. DB is getting ready to work with Bareboat for putting the word out on the next adventure. We continue to support members at large, WP, and Cruising.

Education: Milyn Jordan. Based on the metrics reviewed and informal feedback received, the committee considers the three 2026 events (*i.e.*, *Skilled Sailors Education Day, extended Flare and Safety Day sponsored by the Safety Committee, and Welcome Aboard: Dock to Deck*) as successful alternatives to the traditional *Spring Training Day*. The team is leaning toward providing a similar program in 2027. The committee is also looking at the Basic Skills program to evaluate whether it is meeting the intended purpose or if modernization is needed.

FM (First Mates): Lora Donia and Jean-Pierre Plé. Education: The second of three planned educational sessions for First Mates will be held on Tuesday July 21 from 7–8 PM via Zoom. Skipper Chuck Fort will lead a presentation on “Transiting the Narrows.” The annual First Mate Cruise is on June 13–14, 2026.

Membership: Pat Tracey. In April there were 3 new members, and a skipper. Emil Becker and Barbara Wise are holding a meeting on the capabilities of Facebook in recruiting new members.

Public Relations: Janet Gonski and Victoria Rusakova. STOUTgear is ready to open the shop for members to order SOS logo items. Link: [Stoutgear.com](https://stoutgear.com) -> stores -> SOS

<https://stoutgearsailing.myshopify.com/collections/singles-on-sailboats>.

Safety: Joan Tannen and Michael Sommer. The Dinghy Dance has been rescheduled for Sunday, July 19th. There are 82 skippers in the Database and 46 are currently “activated.” The fact that ones’ boat is not “activated” does not prevent skippers from registering for sails. This is usually easily resolved between the coordinators and the safety Co-Chairs.

Skippers’ Advisory: Sandy Rosswork. One new skipper joined this past month. Raft Captain Coordinator (Chuck Fort): Looking forward to the opportunity to train some new raft captains on upcoming SOS cruises.

Social Committee: Tina Lavato and Linda Casucci.

- DNR cruise/shore party. The DNR shore party was well attended and came out with a surplus of about \$460. Many thanks to Event Managers Meeps Yox and Jill Montgomery, and the many other hands that made this annual favorite a success.
- Anniversary Party (AP). Very happy to report that Meeps Yox has agreed to be the Co-Event Manager with Tina Lavato.
- Seafood Feast. Barbara Wise and Linda Casucci, Event Managers, made a site visit in May to Lankford Bay Marina. They met the new Dock Master, who suggested skippers should call the Marina directly as soon as they can and speak to Candy (410-778-1414) to make a slip reservation.

Whisker Pole: Articles for the *Whisker Pole* are due by the 15th of each month, or earlier if you can.

Reminder: The August 1st Membership meeting is at the Galesville Memorial Hall. Richard Cordaro, Vice Commodore, reported that the venue has been reserved and the caterer has been hired.

Cruising Corner

Summer Is Here – Let's Go Cruising!

Summer is finally here, and the Chesapeake Bay is calling! After a busy spring filled with training, day sails, and the Memorial Day Extended Cruise, July and August offer something for everyone—from day sails and powerboat outings to overnight cruises and one of SOS's signature social events.

July kicks off with our **Independence 3-Day Cruise to St. Michaels (July 4–6)**. Participants will enjoy the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's (CBMM) Big Band and Fireworks Celebration, one of the Eastern Shore's premier Fourth of July events.

The month continues with several opportunities to get out on the water. **Mid-week Day Sails** are scheduled for **July 8 and July 16**, along with a **Mid-Week Day Power Boat Cruise on July 14**. These events are perfect for members who want to spend a day on the Bay without committing to an overnight trip.

On **July 11–12**, we'll gather at Maryland Yacht Club in Rock Creek, Pasadena, for the **SOS 48th Anniversary Party**. This annual celebration is always one of the highlights of the season, bringing together members from across the organization to celebrate another successful year of sailing, friendship, and adventure.

For those looking to sharpen their skills, **Dockside Training returns on July 18**, followed by a **Weekend Day Sail on July 19**.

July concludes with the always-popular **Appetizers & Desserts Cruise (July 25–26)** in Broad Creek on the Magothy River. Good food, good company, and a beautiful anchorage make this one of the most enjoyable social cruises of the summer. August keeps the

momentum going. Following the Town Hall Meeting on **August 1**, members can take advantage of multiple **Weekend Day Sails** on August 2, 8, 9, 29, and 30, as well as a **Weekend Day Power Boat Cruise on August 9**. A **Mid-Week Day Sail on August 20** provides another opportunity to get out on the water during the week.

The highlight of August will be the **Seafood Feast Cruise (August 15–16)** at Lankford Bay Marina on the Chester River. This event welcomes both boaters and drive-in participants and combines great cruising with great food and fun. If you've never attended a Seafood Feast, this is an excellent year to give it a try.

SOS truly offers something for everyone. Some members enjoy the challenge of multi-day cruises. Others prefer day sails, social events, or learning opportunities. Whatever your interests, July and August provide plenty of chances to get involved, meet new friends, and create lasting memories on the Chesapeake.

Fair winds, safe cruising, and we hope to see you on the water!

Laura Keough & Dana Stoffregen
Cruising Co-Chairs

Maryland Safe Boater Certificate -- Should You Get It?

By Harry Keith, S/V Circe

Most of us know that Maryland, like most states, has a requirement for a Safe Boater Certificate. Many of us also know (because we are in that category....) that anyone born before July 1, 1972 is exempt from that requirement in Maryland.

What most people don't understand is that while Maryland's Certificate is universally recognized in all other states, Maryland's exemption is **NOT** recognized by any other state. Virginia and DC, as the two most important examples, require a Safe Boater Certificate for ALL operators, and a Marylander in Virginia or DC cannot use "I don't need it in Maryland" as an argument.

All boaters in Maryland, regardless of age, **SHOULD** get a certificate, as we are all likely to boat in Virginia or DC. You can get it for free in many ways, a popular way is through BoatUS it takes about 5 hours, is all online, and can be taken in several sessions (<https://boat.us.org/free-courses/free-boating-safety-course/maryland/>).

Alternatively, you can take a challenge test from Maryland DNR (that was my solution) -- but now that there is a free course for under 5 hours, it's hard to justify the effort to test out.

The Database Team is Looking for Information...

The Database Team is sending out an SOS to members that have been with us for a while.

We want to know the history of our singlesonsailboats.org domain and of our email server. If you have any information about how the following were set up, [please email the DB Team](#):

- eNom account (domain registration)
- Cloudflare account (DNS)
- Rackspace account (email)

SOS 48th Anniversary Party and Cruise



Maryland Yacht Club

July 11-12, 2026

Party Managers: Tina Lavato
and Meeps Yox

Sign up now to join in the fun and help SOS celebrate nearly five decades of sailing, good times, and friendships!

Whether you sail in for the weekend or drive in for the evening, this is the event you don't want to miss. Join fellow members and friends at the beautiful Maryland Yacht Club for a night filled with everything that makes SOS special.

Schedule of Events

- 4:15 – Registration
- 4:30 – Bar Opens**
- 4:30 – Social Time
- 5:40 – Welcome and
Announcements
- 5:45 – Dinner Service Begins
- 6:50 – Commodore's Toast
- 6:55 – Cake & Dessert
- 7:05 – 10:00pm – Music &
Dancing

****Drinks include:** wine, beer, lemonade, iced tea, and non-alcoholic IPAs and Lagers.

Cruise and Party: \$130
Deadline: June 30, 9:00pm

Party Only: \$60
Deadline: July 6, 9:00pm

To register click:
[Anniversary Cruise/Party](#)

Dockside Training Saturday, July 18th

By Melinda Zimmerman

Dockside Training is presented by the Cruising Committee without cost to all SOS members. It is held on various members' boats to give newly joined members and old salts who want a refresher or an introduction to a boat, on sailing with SOS, and a head start on checking off some Basic Skills. It is traditionally held on a boat while tied to the dock, although some Skippers elect to go out for a day sail.

Dockside Training is designed to answer such questions as: What tasks do 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...

Skippers and First Mates will conduct standard pre-cruise and safety briefings and provide hands-on training. This is 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 crew member on a weekend cruise.

Please read the Basic Skills Manual Level I and II sections prior to Dockside Training and bring the Basic Skills checkout forms with you. The Manual and checkout forms are found on the SOS website in the Education Section of the Forms and Such tab.

If you are preparing for Basic Skills I you must study the nomenclature, practice the knots, and review the man overboard procedures. If time allows your Skipper may start on the Basic Skills II review and/or checkout. If you are preparing for Basic Skills II please study the nomenclature, practice the knots, and review the points of sail. If time allows your Skipper may start on the Basic Skills III review and/or checkout.

Register Now!!

Click on [7/18 Dockside Training](#)

Warmer Date for the "Dinghy Dance"!

Have you been thinking "Shoot! I missed this year's Dinghy Dance!" Well...good news! Because the spring was quite chilly...we postponed the Dinghy Dance to Sunday, July 19. So, you still have time to sign up!

To remind you what a Dinghy Dance is... it's the term we use to refer to the art of getting in and out of a dinghy on the water! It's great practice and a lot of fun!

This 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 club 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 on land and in deep water. 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 by using our tried-and-true techniques!

In addition, we bring various types of PFDs and participants are able to try them on and practice putting them on in deep water. We also 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 2026 Dinghy Dance has been rescheduled for Sunday, July 19 from 1:00 to 3:30. Space is limited, so sign up soon!

Contact Joan Tannen or Michael Sommer, SOS Safety Chairs, with any questions at
safety@singlesonsailboats.org



Galesville Memorial Hall

August 1st

By Richard Cordaro, Vice Commodore

Join us for Saturday August 1st at the SOS Town Hall Meeting, our most significant business event of the year!

In September, we'll be voting for new members to the Board of Directors for two-year terms and the votes will be counted in October. The 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 join for \$30, but remember, registration is mandatory! **No walk-ins will be allowed for dinner.**

Nominations from the floor are welcomed and add to the excitement. Any eligible member can be nominated and seconded during the Town Hall Meeting and will appear on the September election ballot upon acceptance.

Here's the schedule for the General Membership Meeting:

- 5:00 - Happy Hour
- 6:00 - Dinner
- 7:00 - Business Meeting and Meet the Candidates
- 9:00 - Clean up and close

This event is free for all members. Come out to reconnect with your SOS friends, meet the nominees, and hear their visions for the future of our Club. Remember, no walk-ins will be allowed for dinner, so make sure to register in advance!

To register click [Town Hall Meeting](#)

Seeking Nominations for Board Members

By Richard Cordaro, Vice Commodore

The 2026 Nominating Committee, comprised of Richard Cordaro (richardjcordaro@aol.com), Emil Becker (emilbec@msn.com), Martha Baer (mbaer25@gmail.com) and Terri Nachazel (terinachos33@yahoo.com), is seeking to fill a slate of well qualified and inspired members to serve as SOS Board Members. In September, you will be voting for five members to be elected to the Board of Directors for a two-year term. The voting results will be tallied in October.

According to SOS Bylaws (see the front of your membership directory) candidates for the Board must have been members for two consecutive years, as of the date of the election, and cannot be married. Also, no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms, at which time he/she shall become ineligible for one term.

The Nominating Committee will be actively seeking members who meet the above criteria, but will also be looking for members who:

- Are active in multiple areas of SOS and knowledgeable of how the club operates.
- Are personally committed to serving the best interests of SOS members.
- Have a positive attitude and are open to new ideas.
- Will become knowledgeable of existing SOS by-laws and policies and be capable of creating or amending policies when appropriate.
- Can provide positive leadership, guidance, training, and appreciation to Committee Chairs and other volunteers.

If you feel that you are ready to provide leadership to SOS, please contact the Nominating Committee.

SOS Logo Gear & Ireland Memorabilia

By Janet Gonski, PR Co-Chair

Are you looking for layers in preparation for the trip to Ireland? Thinking rain gear, warmth, sunny days... OR are you looking for sailing shirts, hats, and totes for the summer cruising on the Chesapeake? Through our arrangements with a small local business, STOUTgear, all your dreams can come true! Using a "pop up shop" (short-term opportunity to order online) STOUTgear has made a variety of items available with our club SOS logo.

They have also designed a sketch of an Ireland boat & village scene to have on shirts as well as a Celtic harp on a baseball cap design. Great keepsakes for those going on the bareboat to Ireland. In addition, they will offer the permanent, magnetic name tags you have seen some of us wearing (remembering to wear 😊) at events. (In the shop listing, the name tag option looks like Henry Meyer.)

Two of my personal favorite acquisitions have been the softshell jacket and another has been the microfleece. I have worn them in layers at the Oyster Fest weekends a few times. They also are offering a light weight rain coat based on members' request. Check out all the options available this time.

The pop-up shop will collect orders through July 10. At that time, they make all the items and ship them to you. Plenty of time to enjoy in Ireland and for the rest of the sailing season. You can find the selections with the following link, or go to stoutgear.com, look for "stores" then click on SOS.

Enjoy!

Link:

[Stoutgear.com](http://stoutgear.com) -> stores -> SOS
<https://stoutgearsailing.myshopify.com/collections/singles-on-sailboats>

First Mates' Deck Notes

Lions, and Tigers, and Dredges, Oh My!

By Jean-Pierre Plé, FM Co-Chair

Some of the Inland Rules of the Road we know, or should know, as second nature. What about the rules for situations we rarely encounter? For example, do you recall the rule if you encounter a working dredge, and what do all those white, red and green lights or black balls and diamond shapes signify? Since many harbors and channels in the Bay experience silting, we should not be surprised to see working dredges.

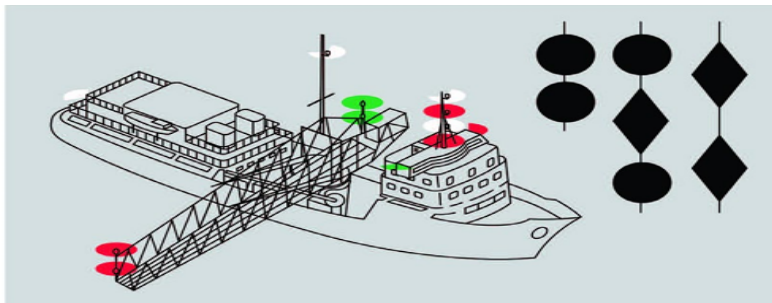
In July 2025, during one of my First Mate Checkout cruises, as we departed Kent Island from Castle Marina on the Chester River, all aboard saw that there was a dredge working in the entrance channel. The narrow width of the channel made it obvious which were the safe and the obstructed sides of the dredge for us to pass.

The diagrams on this page illustrate the lights (green, red, and white) and black day shapes (balls and diamonds) we would encounter on a working dredge: (1) underway and making way; or (2) when not making way. See Rule 27 (d) for the details for vessels engaged in dredging or underwater operations (the rule is the same for inland and international waters).

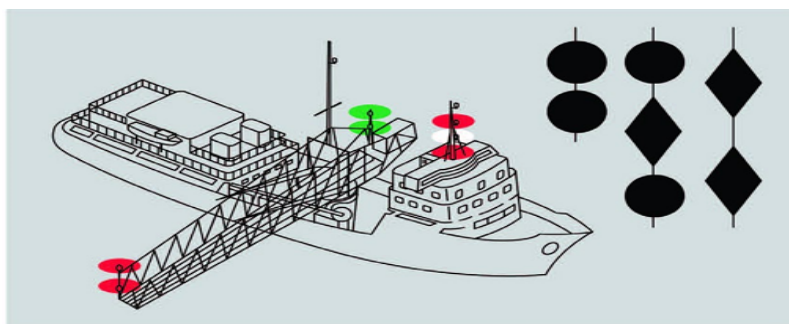
Keep in mind:

- The middle black “ball over diamond over ball” day shape and the corresponding “red over white over red” lights signify a vessel restricted in its ability to maneuver (Note: most vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver, e.g., certain vessels engaged in towing or a vessel launching/recovering aircraft, shall exhibit these day shapes/lights; an exception is made for a vessel engaged in mine clearance operations).
- The red over red lights or corresponding black ball over ball

1. Vessel engaged in dredging or underwater operations when restricted in ability to maneuver -- **making way** with an obstruction on the starboard side. Same for Inland.



2. Vessel engaged in dredging or underwater operations when restricted in ability to maneuver -- **not making way** with an obstruction on the starboard side. Same for Inland.



day shapes indicate the dredge's obstructed side.

- The green over green lights or corresponding black diamond over diamond day shapes indicate the dredge's safe side to pass.
- When at anchor, a working dredge will show the lights of Rule 27 instead of the lights or shapes prescribed in Rule 30 for anchored vessels.

In addition to the dredge itself, we must also be vigilant because dredges sometimes **utilize pipelines to transfer the dredged material**. These pipelines can be floating or supported on trestles. Knowing which the safe and obstructed sides of a dredge is especially important if

pipelines may be present because these pipelines are not required to display day shapes; they are only required to show lights at night or during restricted visibility. See U.S. Inland Navigation Rules (33 CFR Part 88, § 88.15) for more information about lights required on pipelines.

My way to remember which is the **safe side**: The points on the diamond shapes “point” to the safe side to pass.

Text and diagrams in the box above are from: Navigation Rules and Regulations Handbook (August 8, 2024 edition)

https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/navRules/Handbook/NavRules_Handbook_Corrected_08_08_2024.pdf

Fog, Fair Winds, and Great Friends

2026 Memorial Day Extended Cruise

By Laura Keough, Skipper S/V Satori

Five boats and fourteen SOS members participated in this year's adventure, with two boats joining for one week and three continuing on for the full two-week cruise. The 2026 Memorial Day Extended Cruise proved once again that cruising plans are written in pencil and weather forecasts always get a vote.

Our original departure date was delayed by weather, and the challenges began almost immediately. As the fleet headed toward Still Pond Creek, dense fog created some of the most difficult visibility conditions many of us had experienced. The fleet stayed out of shipping channels whenever possible, sounded fog signals every two minutes, and relied on AIS, radar, chartplotters, and constant communication to make our way north safely.



S/V Satori By Jean Gough

At one point, *Satori* diverted into Tolchester Marina hoping the fog would lift. It didn't. Like many cruising decisions, there was no perfect option—only a series of judgments based on the information available at the time.

Our destination was Still Pond Creek, where Lynn Winkler and Jill Gaumer had graciously invited the fleet to a barbecue at their waterfront home. Thanks to advance scouting and route marking of this shallow creek by Chuck Fort and Lynn Winkler, all five boats arrived safely despite the day's



challenging conditions. Crews gathered ashore overlooking Still Pond Creek to

enjoy wonderful food, great conversation, and the kind of hospitality that makes SOS cruising so special.

By Melinda Zimmerman

The uncertainty continued the next morning when dense fog and rain temporarily closed the C&D Canal, forcing the fleet to adapt its plans once again. Different boats chose different options while waiting for conditions to improve. *Odyssey* chose to continue north to be prepared when the canal opened and ultimately made it to Chesapeake City! *Eudaimonia*, *At Last*, *Satori*, and *Innisfree* went to the Sassafras River spending a night in the Georgetown Yacht Harbor.

The fleet later reunited at Tidewater Marina in Havre de Grace where sunshine and steady breezes provided a welcome change.



From Laura Gwinn

We enjoyed exploring the town, visiting the Maritime Museum, gathering with local SOS members, and sharing meals together on the waterfront.

Leaving Havre de Grace brought yet another challenge. Strong northerly winds struck the boats directly on the beam while exiting the long channel causing significant rocking. Concern grew when the fleet noticed *Odyssey* stopped in the channel. The conditions had caused their dinghy to flip over while being towed. Thankfully, the crew wrestled the dinghy upright (minus the oars and seat!) and were able to continue on their way. The reward came soon afterward as the fleet turned south and enjoyed a fast, exhilarating downwind sail to the Magothy.



By Laura Keough

One of the most memorable moments of the cruise happened in the early morning hours. At 5:10 a.m., *Satori* and *Odyssey* slipped away from the Rhode River under moonlight for an early departure. As darkness gradually gave way to dawn, the Chesapeake put on a spectacular sunrise display. Watching the colors spread across the horizon while sailing in the quiet morning air was a moment none of us will soon forget.

Oxford proved to be one of the highlights of the second week. Thanks to Judy Barral, the group enjoyed a special visit to the Oxford Museum. Docent Pam graciously opened the museum specially for us and shared stories about Oxford's importance as a colonial port and its role in the tobacco trade. The garden included a fountain with three sailboats!



By Judy Barral



Several cruisers also enjoyed a round-trip ride on the Oxford-Bellevue Ferry, where they met Captain Gretchen, who was fulfilling her lifelong dream of serving as captain of the historic ferry. In a small-world connection, her mother had been an SOS member during our organization's early years.

From Laura Gwinn

No SOS cruise would be complete without honoring one of our unofficial traditions: searching for ice cream whenever we arrive at a marina. We found excellent ice cream in both Havre de Grace and Oxford — good enough to justify multiple visits in each town. **By Judy Barral**



Special thanks are due to Emil Becker and Laura Gwinn who planned this year's extended cruise. Their preparation and thoughtful itinerary provided the foundation for a successful trip, even as weather and conditions required adjustments along the way.



S/V Satori, Odyssey, and At Last in Oxford - By Laura Keough



By Laura Keough

The 2026 Memorial Day Extended Cruise will be remembered for much more than the destinations we visited. We encountered fog, rain, strong winds, changing plans, and a few navigational challenges along the way. But we also enjoyed outstanding sailing, beautiful anchorages, local history, great hospitality, wildlife encounters, and the friendships that make SOS cruising special.

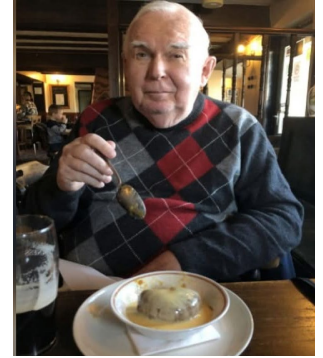
As often happens on extended cruises, some of the best memories came not from following the original itinerary, but from adapting together and embracing whatever adventure the Chesapeake decided to offer next.

By Laura Keough



In Memory of Bob Dorothy

Dr. Robert (Bob) Dorothy, 85, of Glen Mills, PA, passed away on March 3rd, 2026, surrounded by those who loved him.



He built a life marked by kindness, humor, and steadiness. He had a brilliant mind—drawn to science, language, and mathematics—but it was the way he shared that intellect with others, patiently and generously, that defined him even more.

Bob had a PhD in Nuclear Magnetic Resonance and spent his career as a Physicist at DuPont, where he was respected for his work and held multiple patents in his field. Bob traveled all over the world for work and thoroughly enjoyed it.

He loved sailing, snorkeling, and diving—whether on familiar waters or far-off coastlines. He appreciated a good glass of wine, a well-told story, and the simple pleasure of being together. He was a perfect match for SOS. For many years he welcomed SOS members to his boat Synergy, a Catalina 38'. He also was the skipper for many SOS bareboat cruises to far-flung places including the Windward Islands, Guadalupe, Croatia, Belize, Tonga, and more.

Bob is survived by his children, Dr. Christopher Dorothy (Alyssa) and Kristen Bedsole (Andrew) and by his six grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be made to the American Cancer Society's Memorial and Honor Giving program, a cause close to Bob's heart.



By Judy Barral

Fleet Exercises and Shore Leave

By Ned Schwartz, Editor sosfleetexercises@gmail.com

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.** Mail-in forms must be received by the 9:00pm on the Register By 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.



July 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.

July 4-6

3-Day – Saturday to Monday

Independence Day Cruise

Big Band & Fireworks Celebration

Destination:

Sunday, CBMM, St. Michaels, Miles River; **Marina, 2-night min.** Option to leave Friday and view Severn River fireworks from a raft.

Cost: \$105 - Member or Non-Member. No additional cost for Friday.

Deadline:

Mail and online registrations must be received by June 23 (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 hoped@verizon.net

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [4 July Cruise](#)



July 8

Wednesday

Mid-Week Day Sail

Destination:

Skipper's Choice.

Cost: \$25 - Member or Non-Member.

Deadline:

Mail and online registrations must be received by July 1 (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:

Heide Harper Heide.patternpro@gmail.com

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [7/8 Day Sail](#)



July 11-12

Saturday – Sunday

48th Anniversary Cruise & Party

Destination:

Maryland Yacht Club, Pasadena, Rock Creek off Patapsco River.

Cost: \$130 - Member or Non-Member. Party only: \$60.

Deadline:

Mail and online registrations must be received by June 30 (9:00pm). Party only by July 6 (9:00pm).

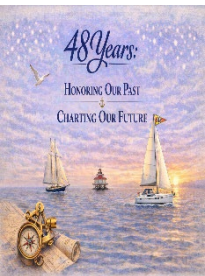
Note: Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

Party Managers: Tina Lavato and Meeps Yox

Coordinator:

Molly Harrison & Ned Schwartz mollyned@verizon.net

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



July 14

Tuesday

Mid-Week Power Boat Day Trip

Destination:

Skipper's Choice.

Cost: \$25 - Member or Non-Member.

Deadline:

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

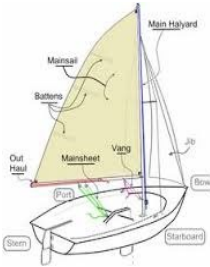
Note: Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator:

Michelle Watters michelle.watters@gmail.com

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [7/14 Power Boat Day Trip](#)



**July 16 Thursday Mid-Week Day Sail****Destination:** Skipper's Choice.**Cost:** \$25 - Member or Non-Member.**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by July 8 (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:** Selma Manizade selmanizade@gmail.com
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [7/16 Day Sail](#)**July 18 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 12 (9:00pm).**Note:** Bring your own lunch, beverage, and Basic Skills Checkout Forms.**Coordinator:** Melinda Zimmerman melbay22@gmail.com
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [7/18 Dockside Training](#)**July 19 Sunday Weekend Day Sail****Destination:** Skipper's Choice.**Cost:** \$25 - Member or Non-Member.**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by July 12 (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:** Janet Gonski jgsunset@yahoo.com
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [7/19 Day Sail](#)**July 19 Sunday New Date Dinghy Dance Seminar****Destination:** Annapolis, MD – Private Home. (Directions sent upon registration).**Cost:** \$15 - Members only.**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by July 12 (9:00pm).
Space limited.**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.**Coordinator:** Joan Tannen & Michael Sommer safety@singlesonsailboats.org
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [Dingy Dance](#)**July 21 Tuesday Training Seminar****Location:** Zoom; details to be provided before the event to invitees.**Cost:** None, just a bit of your time.**Topic:** Training on Transiting Narrows (e.g., Kent Narrows).**Time:** 7:00pm to 8:00pm.**Deadline:** No Registration required.
By invitation only.**Note:** Training open to First Mates, First Mate Emeritus, First Mate Candidates, Potential First Mates, and Skippers.**Coordinator:** Lora Donia (doniala@aol.com) and Jean-Pierre Plé (ple.jpp@gmail.com)
For more details, (Log on first) click here: [7/21 Seminar](#)**July 25-26 Saturday – Sunday Appetizers & Desserts Cruise****Destination:** Broad Creek, Magothy River.**Cost:** \$50- Member or Non-Member.**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by July 14 (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:** Esther Massey estheraamd@gmail.com
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [Appetizer & Desserts Cruise](#)



August 1 Saturday Town Hall Meeting

Destination: Galesville Memorial Hall. **Cost:** Member Meeting/Dinner: **Free.**
Non-Member: **\$30.**

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by July 26 (9:00pm). **Time:** 5:00pm to 10:00pm.
Limit 120 persons.

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: Rich Cordaro richardjcordaro@aol.com
To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [8/1 Town Hall](#)



Aug. 2 Sunday Weekend Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice. **Cost:** \$25 - Member or Non-Member.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by July 26 (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: Susan Vasco suvasco@comcast.net
To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [8/2 Day Sail](#)



Aug. 6 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.



Aug. 8 Sunday Weekend Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice. **Cost:** \$25 - Member or Non-Member.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Aug. 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: [8/8 Day Sail](#)



Aug. 9 Sunday Weekend Day Sail and Power Cruise

Destination: Skipper's Choice. **Cost:** \$25 - Member or Non-Member.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Aug. 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: [8/9 Power or Sail Day Trip](#)



Aug. 15-16 Saturday – Sunday Seafood Feast Cruise/Party

Destination: Lankford Bay Marina, Langford Creek, Chester River. Skippers should book slips early with Lankford Marina directly, **NOT** Dockwa.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Aug. 4 (9:00pm). Party deadline: Aug. 7.
(Party limit 95).

Cost: \$135.50 or \$145.50 (with crab option)– Member or Non-Member.
Party only: Meal - \$65.50.
Party only: Meal with crabs - \$75.50.

Note: Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.
Party Managers: Barbara Wise & Linda Casucci

Coordinator: Kathy Haven mkskathha@gmail.com
To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Seafood Feast](#)



Aug. 20 Thursday
Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Aug.12 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Michael Sommer msummer414@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [8/20 Day Sail](#)

Mid-Week Day Sail
Cost: \$25 - 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.



Aug. 29 Sunday
Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Aug. 23 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Kerry Siebein ksiebein@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [8/29 Day Sail](#)

Weekend Day Sail
Cost: \$25 - 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.



Aug. 30 Sunday
Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Aug. 23 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Kerry Siebein ksiebein@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [8/30 Day Sail](#)

Weekend Day Sail
Cost: \$25 - 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.



Sept. 2-7 Wednesday to Monday
Destination: Chestertown, Chester River.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Aug. 25 (9:00pm).
Skippers: Please register per the link below.
Contact: Laura Keough lurasan2@yahoo.com.
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [6 Day Labor Day Cruise](#)

Labor Day 6-Day - Extended Cruise
Cost: \$75 Plus costs associated with extended cruising - Member or Non-Member.
Note: **Crew:** Contact Laura Keough to be added to a list of potential Crew. **Only register after receiving an invitation by your Skipper.**



Sept. 5-7 Saturday to Monday
Destination: Old Man Creek/Magothy River, Gray's Inn Creek/Chester River.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Aug. 25 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Mary Chevalier mary7570@yahoo.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [3 Day Labor Day Cruise](#)

Labor Day 3-Day Cruise
Cost: \$75 - 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.



Sept. 9 Wednesday
Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Sept. 2 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Janet Gonski jgsunset@yahoo.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [9/9 Day Sail](#)

Mid-Week Day Sail
Cost: \$25 - 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.



Sept. 12-13 Saturday - Sunday
Destination: Shaw Bay; Sail & Dinner
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Sept. 11 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Laura Keough laura@whiskerpole.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: TBD

CANCELED
Stand by for replacement

Oyster Boys Concert
Cost: \$50- 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.



Sept. 5-12 7-Day Trip Saturday to Sunday Fall 2026 - Bareboat Cruise

Destination: River Shannon from Carrick-on-Shannon to Portuma, Ireland.

Note: Details can be found on Le Boat Cruising Guide [Le Boat Cruise information](#). Plus [Ireland 2026](#)

Coordinator: Doug Gage douggage@gmail.com

Cost: Members \$1,000 = Boat Cost and Admin Fee. Air Fare and Insurance are separate.

Note: To Download Registration Form with Payment Information, click here [Ireland Register](#)

Directions

Anniversary Cruise and Party – July 11-12

Maryland Yacht Club, 1500 Fairview Beach Rd., Pasadena, MD 21122

www.mdyc.org

- Route 695 (Baltimore Beltway) to Route 10 South (exit 2).
- Route 10 South to Route 100 East, toward Gibson Island.
- Turn LEFT on Magothy Bridge Road and continue on Hog Neck Road.
- Go to second traffic light to "T". Turn RIGHT onto Ft. Smallwood Road.
- Travel on Ft. Smallwood Road for 2.3 miles. Turn LEFT onto Fairview Beach Road.
- Travel on Fairview Beach Road to very end.



Townhall Meeting – August 1

Galesville Memorial Hall, 952 Main Street, Galesville, MD

From Annapolis:

- Take MD Rt 2 South to MD Rt 255 East (LEFT) to Galesville.
- Cross MD Rt 468.
- Continue on Rt. 255, which becomes Main Street. Just after the post office and before the firehouse, the hall is on the left.

Seafood Feast Cruise and Party – August 15 - 16

Lankford Bay Marina, 23002 McKinleyville Road, Rock Hall, MD 21661

410-778-1414

- 301/50 travel north on 213 to Chestertown.
- Follow Route 290 to Route 20 towards Rock Hall - Do NOT turn on Lankford Bay Road.
- Turn LEFT on Crosby Road - Route 288.
- Turn LEFT at stop sign. Follow Route 288.
- When road splits, go LEFT onto McKinleyville Road and follow to end of road to Lankford Bay Marina.

Extended Cruise

(All names are listed L to R)



Chuck & Julie Fort, Laura Gwinn, Stefan Striffler, Laura Keough, Tom Fort, Judy Barral, Rob King, Lora Donia, and Pam (Oxford Museum Docent)



Women's Morning Workout



Laura Keough and Chuck Fort



Peter Van Houten and Judy Barral



Lynn Winkler and Jill Gaumer (Co-Hosts of the land party)



Melinda Zimmerman and Peter Van Houten



Peter Van Houten and Melinda Zimmerman



Stefan Striffler



Tom Fort, Laura Gwinn, Stefan Striffler, Chuck & Julie Fort, Lora Donia, Judy Barral, Laura Keough, and Rob King

Photographs submitted by Laura Keough (not necessarily the photographer)

PHOTO EDITOR: Bob Wright – robert.wright.bowie@gmail.com

Please include names with your photos so we can learn everyone's names.

FM Cruise & June 4th DaySail

(All names are listed L to R)



JP Plé, Lora Donia, and Melinda Zimmerman by JP Plé



Harry Keith and Melinda Zimmerman submitted by Melinda Zimmerman



John Rogers, Mary Beth Roska, and Marina Sauco by Melinda Zimmerman



Kathy Higdon by JP Plé



GREAT Sunset from SOS Website post



JP Plé, and Sandy Roswork by JP Plé



June 4th Day Sail Susan Absher by Bob



June 4th Day Sail - Susan Absher and Barbara Wingrove with [s/v Pride of Baltimore](#) in the background by Bob Wright



June 4th Day Sail - [s/v Pride of Baltimore](#) sailing into the Annapolis Harbour by Bob Wright

Photographs submitted by those noted.

PHOTO EDITOR: Bob Wright – robert.wright.bowie@gmail.com
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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: July 1st 5:30-7:00 PM
TRUE CHESAPEAKE, 3300 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 400, Baltimore, MD 21211. (443) 913-6374.
<https://TrueChesapeake.com>

Email coordinator to be added to notification email.
COORD: JOSH singlesonsailboats@JoshuaGraff.com

1st Wednesday
NOVA/DC: July 1st 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: July 9th 5:00-7:30 PM
LA PALAPA GRILL, 8307 Main Street, Ellicott City MD 21043. 410-465-0070.
www.lapalapagrill.com
COORDINATORS: KATHY – miskathha@gmail.com
JANET – jgsunset@yahoo.com

3rd Wednesday
WILMINGTON: July 15th 5:00 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 6PM. 302-429-7427.

<https://riverfrontde.mytimothysrestaurants.com>
COORDINATOR: JULIE – jafort@comcast.net

3rd Thursday
ROCKVILLE: July 16th 5:00-7:00 PM
SEASONS 52, 11414 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852 301-816-0369. Free parking at Whole Foods.

<https://seasons52.com/home>
CORDINATOR: DEBBIE – hidebbieg@yahoo.com

3rd Thursday
KENT ISLAND: July 16th 5:00-7:00 PM
LIBBEY'S COASTAL RESTAURANT, (formerly Hemingway's) 357 Pier 1 Road, Stevensville, MD 21666. 410-604-0999.

www.Libbeyscoastalkitchen.com
COORDINATOR: PETER – Beneteau461@gmail.com

4th Thursday **CANCELLED until new Host found**
PHILLY AREA: 4:30 PM
DI FABIOS, 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: July 23rd 5:00-7:00 PM
COCONUT JOE'S BAR & GRILL, 48 South River Road, Edgewater, MD 21037. 443-837-6057.

www.coconutjoesmd.com
COORDINATOR: JERE – jerewglover@msn.com



Baltimore Happy Hour

L-R: Renee, Kathy Haven, Josh Graff, Steve Fisher, Bill Small, Joe McNeely, Janet Gonski, Joanne White, Blanch Cody.

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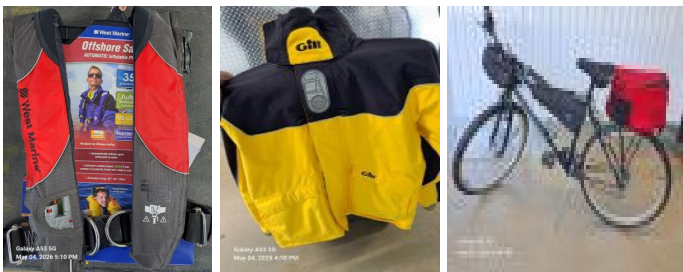
5 HP Honda 4-stroke outboard, tank and dolly. Older, but gently used. Professionally serviced. \$600.00 or best offer. Located in Annapolis. Contact John Halstead at jhalstead@mindspring.com or 410-336-3575. 7-26



FOR SALE:

- West Marine offshore automatic Inflatable life jacket with harness. NEW, \$205.
- Gil women's sailing jacket, size 6, yellow and black. Only worn twice. Like new \$195.
- Nishiki men's charcoal 21-speed mountain bike with hybrid tires, Shimano gears, and upgraded seat and handlebars. Additional storage rack and three storage bags. Asking \$325.

If interested, contact Joy at serendipity1sm@yahoo.com or 443-850-4088. 9-26



FOR SALE:

- 3.5 diameter para-anchor, \$20.
- Marincos 30-amp, 50 foot shore power cable, \$35.

If interested, call Gabe at 240-304-1072 7-26

Welcome New Members

Heather Angelo - Millersville, MD

Lisa Alfieri - Philadelphia, PA

Lee Bao - Ellicott City, MD

Frank Leonard Sangiorgi - Ellicott City, MD

Patti Aston - Herndon, VA

Cara Reymann - Annapolis, MD

Sharon Teger - Fairfax, VA

Marty Kiely - Ellicott City, MD

Membership Numbers

| | June 2026 | June 2025 | June 2024 | June 2023 |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Members | 227 | 243 | 249 | 226 |
| New Members | +5 | | | |
| Skippers | 60 | 60 | 64 | 65 |
| New Skipper | 1 | | | |
| Lifetime Members | 70 | 76 | 79 | 87 |
| Lifetime Skippers | 21 | 23 | 64 | 20 |
| Inactive Members | 13 | 15 | 16 | 18 |
| Totals | 397 | 417 | 472 | 416 |

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July Activities

Anniversary Cruise and Party – July 11-12

Mid-Week Day Sails – July 8, 16

Mid-Week Powerboat Day Trip – July 14

Dockside Training – July 18

Weekend Day Sail – July 19

Dinghy Dance – July 19