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**Cruising
Corner**



*Chuck Fort,
Cruising Chair*

It is almost time to start sailing another season! Reach out to your favorite Skipper and offer assistance in getting their boat ready. Spring Training is April 1st and you would be a fool not to go. The Cruising Kickoff will be held Saturday April 22 for invited Skippers, 1st Mates, and Coordinators to plan for the upcoming season. The Flare and Safety Day will be held at Camp Letts on the morning of April 30. There will be Dockside Training all day on April 29 and on the afternoon of April 30. Dockside Training is an opportunity to learn on a Skipper's boat the basics of sailing with Singles on Sailboats, and to get your Basic Skills 1 signed off in preparation for the upcoming sailing season.

The Extended Cruise this year is going up the bay. It will start DNR Cruise weekend with a party at the Wye Island DNR facility. The DNR Cruise is Saturday and Sunday, but some boats (and people driving in) arrive on Friday to help with the party preparations and enjoy a potluck barbecue Friday night. After leaving the DNR facility, those on the extended start working their way up the bay:

4/21	Sunday	Rhode River
4/22	Monday	Eagle Cove, Magothy
4/23	Tuesday	Worton Creek Marina
4/24	Wednesday	Sassafras River
4/25	Thursday	Chesapeake Inn Marina, Chesapeake City
4/26	Friday	Still Pond
4/27	Saturday	Rock Creek Patapsco River
4/28	Sunday	Skippers Choice
4/29	Monday	Sail to Skipper's marina

Because extended cruises must be "be financially self-supporting", the registration costs of this extended cruise will be \$95.00 for the DNR and Memorial Day weekends, plus the \$50.00 cost of the DNR Party. The marina costs for Worton Creek Marina (\$1.50/ft) and Chesapeake Inn Marina (\$2.50/ft) will be split between the skipper and crew of each of the boats. The Extended Cruise should be a great time for all that go!

**(DNR) Department of Natural
Resources Facility – Wye Island
Cruise & Party**

May 20-21

Time to sign up for the Sail-In/Drive-In for the Bar-B-Que Party at the DNR facility on the Wye River!! This is always our first land event of the season and each year it has been a wonderful start to the social activities of SOS. Many know the beautiful DNR setting overlooking Granary Creek and I know new members will come to love the venue as we "seasoned" members do! Those cruising in will anchor and dinghy ashore to join those who drive to the event. A timeline of the evening's events will be included in the May Whisker Pole article.

Whether you are cruising or driving in, get ready for great food, drinks and merriment with good friends and some new ones! Dinner, dessert & drinks will be provided. Lots of great bar-b-que food: Pulled Pork, BBQ Chicken, Salads, and Desserts. (For vegetarians, an entrée option will be available. PLEASE NOTIFY MEEPS YOX IF THIS OPTION IS CHOSEN.) Since S'mores have been a popular addition to the time we spend around the firepit later in the evening, they'll be included again this year...a double dessert! Music will be provided by **DJ Infinite Sounds**-the same company who has been getting SOSers to dance the night away at parties past few years!

SOS "takes possession" of the facility on Friday and if you are driving in, there are a few bunks available. The cost is \$25 for each night and will include a Continental Breakfast. To reserve a bunk, contact the Bunk Landlady Mary Chevalier at mary7570@yahoo.com. Remember to bring your own linens! Those renting bunks Friday night are welcome to bring food and drinks for dinner that evening. Information on that will be forwarded to those who sign up for lodging!

Those who are there early Saturday will be VERY welcome to participate in the party prep and/or hike/bike around the grounds. It's also great fun to watch the fleet arrive! Those driving in, please bring folding chairs so there is plenty of seating for relaxing by the creek and sitting around the firepit!

Any questions or those who would like to volunteer please contact Meeps Yox at mpsyx3@gmail.com.

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

April Prepares Her Green Traffic Light and The World thinks "GO"!

Quote from Christopher Markley - Welcome to spring!



April is here and this is our month to "prep". I hope that all of you took advantage of the annual Spring Training

(thanks Bill and Emil Becker and "crew"). Did you make it to the Brunch and General Meeting with the Retrospective? Thanks to Suzanne Vaughn and Bob Wright!

We are almost ready to embrace the sailing season! Are you ready? Have you located your PFD, your sailing gloves and shoes? Well, SOS and our wonderful volunteers have planned some April activities to make sure you are ready for the great sailing season that Cruising Chair Chuck Fort and his team have prepared for us.

Don't miss the opportunity to upgrade your safety skills for the season. Joan Tannen and her team have prepared the annual Flare and Safety demonstrations with the opportunity for you to launch flares, learn how an anchor really works, practice with a passing line, and many more skills to make us all safer.

That same weekend is the Dockside Training days; an opportunity to go for a short sail and practice all that you have learned on a BOAT!! A must for newer sailors but valuable for all!

Our fantastic crew of cruise coordinators are attending the Cruising Kick-off this month also. This is designed for skippers, first mates, and the folks that organize the cruises (the coordinators). Did you know that the coordinators manage all the requests to sail (from you) and try to match you up

with skippers who are planning to sail for that event? It is a monumental task, but they have managed to do this for us for many years. For this reason, I have always advised you to sign up early!

The earlier the sign up, the better your chances of being offered to the skippers as crew members. Once you sign up online, the coordinator makes the effort to match you with a skipper in your geographic area, considering your skill level and your fitness level. It is a monumental task, but one they do willingly.

What happens if you can't make the sail once you have been invited to sail with a skipper? The coordinator attempts to replace you on that boat with another crew member, if possible. If he/she is successful, then you will get a refund of your fees. Of course, you are refunded your fees also if the sail is cancelled, either by the club (for weather) or by the skipper. Please check your calendars and circle the sails that you want to attend and "sign up early"!

Here's to a fabulous sailing season.... I will see you on the water!

Carole, Commodore

Welcome New & Returning Members

Tom Fort - Wilmington, DE
Carlyn Lowery - Annapolis, MD
Robin Pachtman - Silver Spring, MD
Bea Schwartz - New York, NY
Joanne White - Timonium, MD
Marsha Woods - McLean, VA

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Unofficial Notes of March 2, 2023, Board Meeting

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of February 9, 2023, board (BOD) meeting approved.

Commodore: Next BOD meeting will be held in person on April 2 at 10:00 am at the Double Tree, before the Brunch and General Meeting.

Vice Commodore: Plans for the Anniversary Party are going well.

Club Checking Account	30,124.21
Hi-Yield Savings Acc.	73,495.38
Credit Card	(2,809.68)
Bareboat Acc.	34,633.05

Membership net income for 2023 is \$15,731.91. Brunch net income Nov-Jan for 2023 is \$ 1,008.01. No funds had to be transferred from the High Yield Account into the Checking Account.

Secretary: Spring Training on-line registrations will end on Sunday, March 26th at midnight. Walk-ins and pre-walk-ins can be made by emailing Cathy Laws at lawscm55@gmail.com subject Spring Training.

Bareboat – SimpleSite needs to be updated. The site was migrated to new vendor and capabilities. We are still working to figure out some of the functionality.

-San Juan Islands: August 26, 2023 – September 2, 2023. Coordinator: Heidi Harper

-BVI: Spring 2024 Coordinator: Lynn Winkler. Considerations for fall 2024 include the Great Lakes.

Brunch – April 2nd Speaker Jahn Tihansky “Sailing Adventures through the Everglades”. There will also be a general meeting, photo retrospective and contest.

Cruising - In coordination with Skippers Advisory and Education, the Raft Captain Class will be held on March 4th and will include information regarding positioning of powerboats and catamarans in circle rafts, and the safe use of generators for cooking in SOS rafts. The Coordination Manual is under revision. Coordinators for the 2023 season are being recruited for daysails and weekend cruises. The Cruising Kickoff is scheduled for April 22 at the Doubletree Annapolis.

Education – Spring Training (April 1, 2023) 89 have registered. Dockside Training coordinator is Janet Gonski.

First Mates – The 2023 First Mate Advisory Committee members are Bev Nash, John Parsons, Nancy Parsons, and Meeps Yox. We have a list of 6-8 members who will be encouraged to consider becoming FM candidates. The First Mate Cruise is June 17-18. Bev Nash will be the cruise coordinator.

Membership – 18 new members in the last 90 days.

Newsletter – The 24-page March Whisker Pole was mailed to 33 members and 27 copies to Happy Hour coordinators at a cost of \$308.30 which equals to \$5.19 for each printed copy. I would like to form a 3-5 member task force to review the SOS newsletter content, design, and delivery and then make suggestions for improvement.

Public Relations – Backyard Gatherings are coming. Sunday, April 30 a lot is happening - Spin Sheet Crew Party for Annapolis, Flare and Safety, Dockside Training.

Safety –CPR Training on March 11 is full. 3/4 of the club boats have currently been activated.

Skippers’ Advisory – our Feb. 26th meeting included 43 skippers. We are close to finalizing docs for the skippers. Working on promoting small boat sailing.

Social – Venues have been booked for all Party locations and we are working on securing Caterers.

New Business – Pop-up Sails are being discussed.

2023 Cruising Calendar

Date(s)	Location
May 3	Daysail
May 6-7	Shakedown Cruise Crab Creek, South River
May 9	Daysail
May 13	Daysail
May 14	Daysail
May 17	Daysail
May 20-21	DNR , Granary Creek, Wye River
May 24	Daysail, Blue Angels Demo USNA
May 26	Daysail, Blue Angels USNA
May 27-29	Memorial Day Cruise 5/27 Rock Creek, Patapsco River 5/28 Skippers Choice 5/29 Back to Home Marina
May 22- May 29	Extended Cruise 5/20 DNR, Granary Creek, Wye 5/21 Rhode River 5/22 Eagle Cove, Magothy 5/23 Worton Creek Marina 5/24 Sassafras River 5/25 Chesapeake Inn Marina, Chesapeake City, C&D Canal 5/26 Still Pond 5/27 Rock Creek, Patapsco River 5/28 Skippers Choice
May 31	Daysail
June 3	Daysail
June 4	Daysail
June 10	Daysail
June 11	Daysail
June 15	Daysail
June 17-18	First Mates/June Cruise Round Bay, Severn River
June 21	Daysail
June 25-26	Anniversary Party Lankford Bay Marina, Chester
June 27	Daysail
July 1-4	4th July , locations TBD
July 5	Daysail
July 8	Daysail
July 9	Daysail
July 11	Daysail
July 15-16	Appetizer & Desert Cruise Eagle Cove, Magothy River
July 20	Daysail
July 22	Daysail
July 23	Daysail
July 6	Daysail

Date(s)	Location
July 29-30	Christmas in July Cruise South River
Aug 1	Daysail
Aug 5	Town Hall Meeting Galesville
Aug 9	Daysail
Aug 12	Daysail
Aug 13	Daysail
Aug 17	Daysail
Aug 19-20	Seafood Feast & Cruise Haven Harbor South, Rock Hall
Aug 22	Daysail
Aug 26	Daysail
Aug 27	Daysail
Aug 30	Daysail
Sept 1-4	Labor Day 9/1 Boby Owl, Broad, Choptank 9/2 Zahniser's, Solomon's Island 9/3 Dun Cove, Harris Creek, Choptank River
Sept 8-10	Eastport Oyster Boys Concert Shaw Bay, Wye River
Sept 16	Daysail – Hospice Cup
Sept 17	Daysail
Sept 21	Daysail
Sept 23-24	Oktoberfest Anchorage Marina, Fells Point or Castle Marina, Chester River
Sept 27	Daysail
Sept 30	Daysail
Oct 1	Daysail
Oct 3	Daysail
Oct 7-8	Chili Cruise Hollendursky Cove, past Pickering Creek, Wye East
Oct 11	Daysail
Oct 14	Daysail
Oct 15	Daysail
Oct 19	Daysail
Oct 21-22	Goose Cruise Corsica River, Chester River
Oct 24	Daysail
Oct 27-29	Oysterfest Cruise CBMM, St. Michaels
Nov 1	Daysail
Nov 4	Daysail
Nov 5	Daysail
Dec 2	Cruising Wrap-up - TBD

Flare & Safety Day Sunday, April 30



The Sailing Season must be right around the corner because it's time for our annual Flare and Safety Day! This outdoor, fun, hands-on experience allows members to go from station to station practicing some safety skills.

Have you ever used a fire extinguisher or fire blanket to put out a fire? Have you ever lit a hand-held flare or shot off an aerial flare? These are just some of the skills you'll be able to practice! In addition, you'll be able to "walk through" the use of a passing line to enter a raft-up, practice the mechanics of setting an anchor, reinforce how to safely use a winch, practice tossing a line from one person to another, etc.

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

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

Questions? Contact Joan Tannen at safety@singlesonsailboats.org

Registration is free to members.

**Sunday, April 30, 2023
9:00 am – 11:00 am**

Camp Letts, Edgewater

Dockside Training April 29 & 30

Dockside Training provides an opportunity for new members and rusty members to have an introduction or refresher on sailing with SOS.

You will meet aboard various members' boats for a session structured to simulate an SOS cruise, but not leave the dock. (Sometimes if the weather is good and the boat is ready, you may go out for a day sail.)

Skippers and First Mates will conduct standard pre-cruise and safety briefings and provide hands-on training. Dockside Training is designed to answer such questions as: What tasks does the crew perform on a boat? How do I tie a clove hitch or stopper knot? What am I expected to do when leaving the dock and more?

You may sign up for a combination of a Day Sail and Dockside Training on Saturday the 29th or a half day of Dockside Training on Sunday the 30th after the Flare Demo. Please indicate your preference when you register using the Event Calendar at www.singlesonsailboats.org.

You will be notified **by email** regarding your boat/skipper assignment. Just pack your water bottle, picnic lunch, and Basic Skills form. Then head to your assigned SOS boat generously offered by an SOS skipper for a day of fun, camaraderie, and learning.

Questions? Contact Janet Gonski at JGSunset@yahoo.com



Please update and carry your Medical Information Form!

The need to have an Emergency Medical Information Form on hand when we sail is not something we all like to think about, but in the event of an emergency it could be critical.

SOS developed this form for members to have on hand "just in case." Click here to download from SOS Website: [Medical Form](#)

On this form you put information on your emergency contacts, health conditions, medicines you are taking, health insurance information, and contact information for your doctor.... all the information a medical professional might need to care for you in an emergency.

To respect privacy, most club members fill out their form and keep it in a sealed envelope. When they sail, they leave their sealed envelope on the boat's nav station to be turned over to a medical professional in an emergency. When the member completes their sail, they take the sealed envelope back home with them to use again on their next sail. And yes...there have been times when a skipper and crew have been glad they had this information readily available for medical specialists! So, if you haven't been carrying this form on sails...please start. And even if you have been...please make sure it's up to date.

Lastly, please make sure your emergency contact is someone we can call on in an emergency and their phone number is valid seven days a week.

The Annapolis Fire Department EMTs (emergency medical technicians) think this is a great system that could make a big difference for them in handling an emergency!

Fleet Exercises and Shore Leave

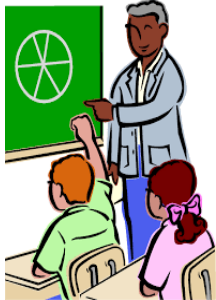
Please email your questions and request for directions to the coordinator.

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 COVID Safety Protocol

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



April 1

Saturday

Spring Training

Location: Anne Arundel Community College, Arnold, MD.

Cost: \$95, \$100 – Non-Member and walk-ins.

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

Time: 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Note: Details in the *Whisker Pole*. Per SOS requirements - **Only COVID vaccinated and boosted participants, please.**

Registrar: Cathy Laws lawscm55@gmail.com

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



April 1

Saturday

After Spring Training Happy Hour

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

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

Time: 4:00pm to 7:00pm, after the Spring Training event.



April

2nd & 4th Fridays

Education Zoom Seminars

Location: Comfort of your home.

Time: 6:30pm to 7:00pm Socializing.
7:00pm to about 8:00pm Presentation.

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

Notes: Zoom application is needed for your PC, Laptop or Phone. Dial-in option is also available. Open to all Members.



April 2

Sunday

Brunch/General Membership Meeting

Location: Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD.

Cost: \$31 – Brunch.

Speaker: Jahn Tihansky
Topic: Nontraditional Everglades Challenge.

Plus: 2022 SOS Retrospective & Photo Contest Results.

\$35 – After deadline and walk-ins.

Walk-ins CANNOT be guaranteed a seat.
Time: 11:00am - Social Hour, 12:00noon – Brunch, 1:00pm -Program.
General Membership meeting will be after the program.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Mar. 28 (9:00pm).

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

Coordinator: Kitty St. Romain k.st.romain@comcast.net

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April 6

Thursday

Board Meeting

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

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



April

Weekends

Skipper Helper Days

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

Cost: A little bit of your time and energy.
Note: See details in March *Whisker Pole* Possible April 8th, 15th or 22nd weekends. Skippers, pick your date.

Point of Contact: Laura Gwinn laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com



April 16

Sunday

Regional Backyard Gathering

Location: Private home, Mt Airy, West Howard County, MD.
Host: Karl Scible.

Cost: No cost.
 BYO: Chair, Drink & Snack. (Check with Host for Preference).
Time: 2:00pm to 5:00pm.
 Limit 18 persons.
Note: Non-Members must be accompanied by Member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by April 14 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Janet Gonski JGSunset@yahoo.com

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



April 16

Sunday

Regional Backyard Gathering

Location: Private home, Northern Virginia.
Host: Chilo Obolensky.

Cost: No cost.
 BYO: Chair, Drink & Snack. (Check with Host for Preference).
Time: 2:00pm to 4:00pm.
 Limit 20 persons.
Note: Non-Members must be accompanied by Member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by April 14 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Chilo Obolensky theobolenskys@aol.com

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



April 22

Saturday

Cruising Kick-off Meeting

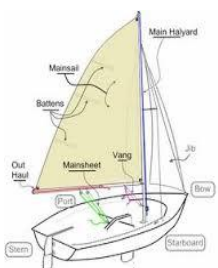
Location: Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD.

Cost: Free to Skippers, First Mates, and Cruising Committee Members and Coordinators. \$30 for guests.

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

Time: Cash Bar at 11:00am to 12:00pm.
 Lunch at 12:00pm to 1:00pm.
 Group meetings 1:00pm to 2:00pm.
 Coordinator Training 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Coordinator: Chuck Fort sailrn@comcast.net



April 29

Saturday

Dockside Training

Location: Various Skippers' boats.
Note: Skippers may suggest going out for some sailing.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by April 22 (9:00pm).

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

Coordinator: Janet Gonski JGSunset@yahoo.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

**April 30 AM Sunday**

Location: YMCA Camp Letts,
Edgewater, Maryland.

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

Coordinator: Joan Tannen jtkeuka@gmail.com

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

Flare and Safety Day

Cost: Free.

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

Note: Final details in the Whisker Pole.

**April 30 PM Sunday**

Location: Various Skippers' boats.

Note: Skippers may suggest going out for
some sailing.

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

Coordinator: Janet Gonski JGSunset@yahoo.com

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

Dockside Training

Cost: No charge.

Time: Noon, (following Flare & Safety).

Note: Bring your own lunch, beverage and Basic
Skills Checkout Forms.

**May 3 Wednesday**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must
be received by April 26 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Barbara Wingrove bkwingrove@outlook.com

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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.

**May 4 Thursday**

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

Board Meeting

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

Note: Open to all Members.

**May 6/7 Saturday – Sunday**

Destination: Crab Creek/South River.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must
be received by April 25 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Jill Montgomery jill.montgom@gmail.com

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

Shakedown 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.

**May 9 Tuesday**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must
be received by May 3 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Barbara Wingrove bkwingrove@outlook.com

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

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.

**May 13****Saturday****Regional Backyard Gathering**

Location: Private home, Northern Virginia.
Directions upon registration.

Cost: No cost.
BYO: Chair, Drink & Snack.
(Check with Host for Preference).

Host: Dorothy Nicholson.

Time: 2:00pm to 5:00pm.
Limit 20-25 people.

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

Note: Non-Members must be accompanied by Member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.

Coordinator: Dorothy Nicholson dorothy.m.nicholdon@verizon.net
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

**May 14****Sunday****Regional Backyard Gathering**

Location: Private home, Annapolis, MD.
Directions upon registration.

Cost: No cost.
BYO: Chair, Drink & Snack.
(Check with Host for Preference).

Host: Meeps Yox.

Time: 2:00pm to 5:00pm.
Limit 20 people.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by May 7 (9:00pm).

Note: Non-Members must be accompanied by Member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.

Coordinator: Janet Gonski JGSunset@yahoo.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

**May 13****Saturday****Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.

Cost: \$19 – Member or Non-Member.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by May 7 (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: Anne Bastian bastain.anne@gmail.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

**May 14****Sunday****Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.

Cost: \$19 – Member or Non-Member.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by May 7 (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: Anne Bastian bastain.anne@gmail.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

**May 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 May 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: Emil Becker emilbec@msn.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

**May 20/21****Saturday – Sunday****DNR Cruise/Party (Fun Times)**

Destination: Granary Creek, Wye River.

Cost: \$88 – Member or Non-Member
\$50 – Party only.

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

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

Coordinator: Cherie Comly mectwist@aol.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

**May 20 - 29 Saturday to Monday a week**

Destination: After DNR destination, various anchorages and marinas north of Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

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

Coordinator: Cherie Comly mectwist@aol.com

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10-Day Extended Cruise

Cost: \$95 – DNR and Memorial Day Cruise.
\$50 – DNR Party.

\$\$\$ – No registration cost for M-F. Marina fees for each boat will be split by Skipper and crew.

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

**May 24 Wednesday**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by May 17 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Nancy Bromberg nbromberg78@verizon.net

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Mid-Week Day Sail - Blue Angels Demo

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.

**May 26 Friday**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by May 19 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Emil Becker emilbec@msn.com

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

Mid-Week Day Sail - Blue Angles Flyover

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.

**May 27-29 Saturday – Monday**

Destination: 5/27 Rock Creek, Patapsco River, 5/28 Skippers Choice

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

Coordinator: Samia AbdelWahed samia.wahed@gmail.com

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

Memorial Day Cruise

Cost: \$51 – 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.

**May 31 Wednesday**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by May 24 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Kitty St Romain k.st.romain@comcast.net

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

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.

**June 1 Thursday**

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

Board Meeting

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

Note: Open to all Members.

**June 3 Saturday**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by June 28 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Janet Gonski JGSunset@yahoo.com

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

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 3****Saturday****Regional Backyard Gathering**

Location: Private home, Northern Virginia.
Directions upon registration.

Cost: No cost.
BYO: Chair, Drink & Snack.
(Check with Host for Preference).

Host: Karla Address.

Time: 2:00pm to 4:00pm.
Limit 15 people.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by May 31 (9:00pm).

Note: Non-Members must be accompanied by Member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.

Coordinator: Linda Casucci casuccilj@gmail.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

**June 4****Sunday****Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.

Cost: \$19 – Member or Non-Member.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by June 28 (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: Kathy Haven mstkathha@gmail.com
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**June 10****Saturday****Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.

Cost: \$19 – Member or Non-Member.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by June 4 (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: Samia AbdelWahed samia.wahed@gmail.com
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**June 11****Sunday****Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.

Cost: \$19 – Member or Non-Member.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by June 4 (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: Samia AbdelWahed samia.wahed@gmail.com
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**June 15****Thursday****Mid-Week Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.

Cost: \$19 – Member or Non-Member.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by June 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: Barbara Wingrove bkwingrove@outlook.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

**Aug. 25 -
Sep. 1****7-day Trip Friday to Friday****2023 Summer Bareboat Cruise**

Destination: San Juan Islands,
Bellingham, Washington, USA

Cost: Members \$2,000 = Boat Cost and Admin Fee.
Air Fare and Insurance are separate.

Note: **Must be fully COVID vaccinated & boosted to sign up for this trip per SOS requirements.**

Note: **To Download Registration Form with Payment Information:**
<http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/??>

Coordinator: Heide Harper heide.patternpro@gmail.com
Go to <http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/> for more details.

Another opportunity during a busy April weekend... The last weekend in April SOS will be busy with our full day of Dockside training on Saturday and the morning of Flare and Safety with an afternoon of Dockside training on Sunday. In between those SOS events, Annapolis Boat Shows is holding its spring Boat Show from April 28-30. This year, SOS is taking advantage of an offer from the Boat Shows for discount tickets and a bit of publicity. **Our club members can have a ticket for \$12 with the following discount code: SSABS23** (not case sensitive) [Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show – Annapolis Boat Shows](#)



We will also participate in a shared Chesapeake Bay Clubs table with our logo and some "Join Now" postcards. We do not have to maintain a presence the whole weekend, but please stop by chat with others for a bit, tell your own SOS story. While you are there, look for a "Welcome" banner with our club logo posted on the boat show fence and wear your SOS Logo gear as photographers will be looking for photo ops with participating clubs.

After the boat show on Friday, Dockside all day Saturday, Flare & Safety Sunday morning (and perhaps an afternoon of Dockside) come join the Spin Sheet Crew Party at the Eastport Yacht Club from 4-6 pm – meet other sailors, find people to connect with, learn about the racing community in Annapolis. And stop by our Singles on Sailboats table there, too. Phew! Sounds like a fun and busy boating weekend, right? See you there.

Backyard Gatherings

Open your Fleet Exercises and find the first regional Backyard Gatherings listed.

April 16 – Howard County
 April 16 – Northern Virginia
 May 13 – Northern Virginia
 May 14 – Annapolis



To sign up for one of these go to the Event Calendar at www.singlesonsailboats.org

In June and July there will be more Backyard Gatherings – some may even include a pool element. Watch for more details in future newsletters.

If you have any questions or want any further information, just reach out to Janet Gonski JGSunset@Yahoo.com or Linda Casucci CasucciLJ@gmail.com.

S.O.S. Celebrates its 45th Anniversary with Sapphires and Sparkles

Please join us at Lankford Marina on Saturday, June 24, 2023, to help celebrate *Singles on Sailboats'* 45 years of sailing, teaching, and camaraderie. We've endured hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and pandemics, but we are still 45 years strong!



Due to the size of the venue, participation is limited to 100, so sign up early. Drive in or sail in well before the party so you can enjoy the marina's pool. And, we'd love to see you in your finest sapphire and sparkly attire! Overnight accommodations may be available in Rock Hall.

6 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Drinks and hors d'oeuvres
 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. – Dinner
 8 p.m. – 10 p.m. – Dancing to DJ

VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS WANTED - SAIL BEYOND CANCER

For those of you lucky enough to attend the November brunch, our speaker was Suzanne Johnson, founder and Executive Director of Sail Beyond Cancer, a non-profit started in Vermont a few years ago by Suzanne. The mission of this 501(c)3 is to bring the healing experience of wind, water, & sail to support the well-being of those facing the literal & figurative trials that living with cancer often present.

Sail Beyond Cancer had a booth at the 2021 Annapolis Sailboat show, and found enough interest to start an Annapolis Chapter. They own one sailboat (which is really too small to handle the person nominated and the five guests that person can bring) and have the use of a few others. But that is not nearly enough to handle the number of folks who have already been nominated for these free three-hour sails, once the season begins.

Sail Beyond Cancer is seeking sailboats in the 40 to 50 foot range, to buy, have donated or to use with the skipper/owner participating. If interested, or possibly know someone who is interested in unloading a large sailboat, or if you would like to make a financial donation, please contact Suzanne at info@sailbeyoncancer.org 802.825.WIND (9463)



AHOY SKIPPERS

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



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

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

If you have any question, email to smallfavors@hotmail.com

SOS FACEBOOK

The SOS Facebook page is open to the general public as well as to SOS members.

This is a place to share photos, stories, or to seek advice from fellow sailors.

SOS frequently will post information about upcoming events, nautical items for sale, or opportunities for a last minute sail.

It's easy to join the group. Just click on this link: [SOS Facebook](#) Then click on the "Join Group" button to become a member.

Questions? Contact page administrator Emil Becker at emilbec@msn.com



AHOY CREW

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

You can join, leave and rejoin most subgroups without moderator intervention. You can turn on or off emails from any subgroup you are part of and even to the main "All" group. So you could restrict your emails, for example, to only Skippers@sos.groups.io if you were a member of that subgroup. NOTE: Skippers group membership is moderated, and restricted to only be skippers, board members or relevant committee chairs.

Here are the *very simple* steps for you to join the SOS email group.

STEP 1 - Get a groups.io account

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

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

STEP 2 - Connect to the SOS group

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

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

STEP 3 - Optional - Join one or more subgroups.

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

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

CPR & AED Training



(L to R): Doug Love, Linda Casucci and Shirley Letourneau watching the Instructor apply the AED pads



Partial Group of SOS Participants

Raft Captain Training



Instructor
Chuck Fort



Group of Participants



(L to R): Gabri van wie and Suzanne Vaughn

CPR & AED Photographs submitted by George Hollendursky
Raft Captain Training Photographs submitted by John Parsons.

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

Skipper's Party



(L to R): Laura Gwinn watches as Harry Keith sets up the monitor.



Chuck Fort



Laura Gwinn standing (L to R): Sandy Rosswork and Emil Becker sitting



Chuck Fort standing, (L to R): Sandy Rosswork and Laura Gwinn sitting. Submitted by Emil Becker.



(L to R): Joan Tannen, Gabi Van Wie and Susan Zevin



Skipper Participants – submitted by Emil Becker

Photographs submitted by George Hollendursky (Except as noted)

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Sock Burning

Hosted by Shirley and George Hollendursky



(L to R): Meeps Yox, Kevin Garvey (NM) and Linda Casucci



GREAT Fire George!



(L to R): Genienne Navarro and Cynthia Gross



Official SOS Sock Burning Ceremony



(L to R): Carole Jordan, Genienne Navarro and Joy Meacham



The Food Line



(L to R): Carole Jordan, Kevin Garvey (NM) and Fred King (NM)

Photographs submitted by Bob Wright

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TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD:

- **Due 10th of month** for publication the following month
- Send email to NancyBriggs@hotmail.com with "classified ad" in the subject line
- You will receive a confirmation email back
- Ads will appear for only three months unless you notify me earlier to delete or continue.
- 75 word limit

Nancy Briggs, Classified Page Editor

BOATS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 1982 Canadian Sailcraft CS-36T "Triton" This 36 ft shoal draft 4'11" classic is perfect for the Chesapeake Bay. Well maintained with new upholstery 2012, CruiseAire heating and AC 2014, new bimini-dodger 2015, VHF w/AIS and Garmin chartplotter 2016, rebuilt transmission 2017, solar panels 2018, new house batteries 2019, new autohelm 2019, and all routine maintenance. Triton has been on the hard since 2020. Asking price reduced to \$38,000. Seller has moved to PA and is highly motivated. The unused dinghy and motor are also available, asking \$1,000. Contact Richard Green at ragreen01@gmail.com or 703-328-1399 5-23

FOR SALE:

Sail Away, a Sabre 402 that you have seen on many SOS cruises and raft ups, and you may even have crewed her



with Shirley and me. She is 40' long, 13' 4" beam, 4' 11" draft. She has a Yanmar diesel, two air conditioning systems, Generator, Quantum loose-footed Mail Sail with Dutchman flaking system, 135% Genoa, 145% Genoa, 95% self-tacking Jib, asymmetrical spinnaker (gennaker) with snuffer) and much, much more. Excellent condition. Contact me for more info: George Hollendursky, hollendu@yahoo.com 410-573-5229 5-23

FOR SALE: Pearson 30 with many upgrades - Renovated Atomic 4, wiring, wheel, large bimini, new rigging, roller furling mainsail, traveler, toilet, batteries, depth finder, cabin carpet, tiller box, Galvanic Isolator, Garmin plotter, gel coat. Call Maureen Wright at 410-268-1058 6-23

BOAT PARTNERSHIP

FOR SALE: Share in a 20+ year sailing partnership of a 1983 Hunter 34 located at White Rocks Marina in Pasadena, MD. Sails great and very room for her size. \$3,000 to buy in + \$750 annual maintenance dues. For experienced sailors only. Ad with more pictures on *Craig's List Annapolis*. Call/Text Floyd 443.454.8210 or Eric Swift 540 907-8767. 6-23

ITEMS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Bottom Siders – I have a set of closed foam white cockpit cushions made for my Catalina 36. Two are 35" long, one is 70" long, and all are 17" wide and 1.75" thick. Also, two aft cushions 35" X 17". New cost \$700; will sell for \$100 firm. Contact Ray Harris at 410-279-3673 or harris.ray@verizon.net 5-23

FOR SALE: Power Cable Splitter - Heavy yellow dock cables with one male connector for dock outlet and two female connectors for boat input. New, in box, \$40. Photos available upon request. Contact Ray Harris at 410-279-3673 or harris.ray@verizon.net 5-23

FOR SALE: Suzuki 9.9 Outboard motor. Sill in break-in period. \$1,300. Contact Richard Joklik at 443-618-6469 or rioklik@gmail.com 6-23

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: "Marsh Magic," a 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath house is for rent in west Ocean City, MD. Overlooks Sunset Marina. Photos and description available at www.vrbo.com, listing #164950. Contact Sharon Taylor at ocmarshmagic@yahoo.com 4-23

FOR RENT: Thinking about a winter retreat? Check it out anytime of the year. Rent my two bedroom, ground floor apartment in delightful Dunedin, FL for a short term. Interested? E-mail Barbara Mistrik at mistrikbarbara@gmail.com 4-23



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



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

1st Wednesday
NOVA/DC: **Apr 5th 5:00-7:00 PM**
MYLO'S GRILL, in the back dining room, 6238 Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA. 22101. (in the Chesterbrook Shopping Cntr) 703-533-5880 www.mylosgrill.com
COORDINATOR: HOPE – hoped@verizon.net

1st Wednesday **CANCELLED**** this month Only**
BALTIMORE: **Apr 5th 5:00-7:00 PM**
MT WASHINGTON TAVERN, 5700 Newbury St., Baltimore, MD 21209. 410-367-6903 www.mtwashingtontavern.com
COORDINATOR: PAT – pptracey63@gmail.com

2nd Thursday
ELLCOTT CITY: **Apr 13th 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
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3rd Wednesday
WILMINGTON: **Apr 19th 5:30 PM**
TIMOTHY'S Restaurant and Bar, 930 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 Wilmington Riverfront by Blue Rock Stadium, facing the waterfront. Drink and appetizer specials until 7PM. 302-429-7427 www.timothysontheriverfront.com
COORDINATOR: JULIE - jafort@comcast.net

3rd Thursday
ROCKVILLE: **Apr 20th 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
COORDINATOR: DEBBIE - hidebbieg@yahoo.com

3rd Thursday
PHILLY AREA: **Apr 20th 4:30 PM**
DiFabios, 1243 Providence Road, Media, PA 19063 (location of the Old Rose Tree Inn) 484-444-0850. Great food, lots of parking. Gather in patio area.
www.difabiosevents.com
COORDINATORS: PATTI - evansapatti@gmail.com
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3rd Thursday
KENT ISLAND: **Apr 20th 5:00-7:00 PM**
RAMS HEAD SHORE HOUSE (in the back room) 800 Main Street, Stevensville, MD 21666. 410-827-6666
www.ramsheadshorehouse.com
COORDINATOR: BARB – bbb Brooks@aol.com

4th Thursday
ANNAPOLIS: **Apr 27th 5:00-7:00 PM**
THE PIER WATERFRONT BAR & GRILL, 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, MD.
Rt 2 on the south river bridge. If we are not in the bar area, we will be in the enclosed, heated upper deck.
443-837-6057 OR for their most up to date info, refer to their facebook page: The Pier Waterfront Bar & Grill
COORDINATOR: JEAN - jqough4you@gmail.com



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Hoist the Sails!

April 30 – Flare & Safety Day

April 29 & 30 – Dockside Training

May 3, 9, 13, 14, & 17 - Day Sails

May 6/7 - Shakedown Cruise, South River

May 20/21 - DNR Cruise & Party, Wye River