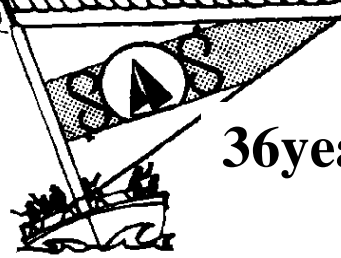


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The Cruising Corner

Check here each month for more cruising details

Get Ready!

By Cynthia Palmer, Peg Green and Jim Brooks

We had a terrific cruising season Kick-off on March 9, with over 75 invited Board members, Committee Chairs, Skippers, First Mates, Cruising Coordinators, and others actively participating and showing a lot of enthusiasm for this cruising season. The cruising co-chairs, Jim Brooks, Peg Green and Cynthia Palmer, send a huge thank you to all who helped them make the meeting a success. We're ready to roll. All we need is a little spring weather!

A few takeaways from the Kickoff meeting:

First, when you want to go sailing with SOS, register and do it early. No matter whether you're a skipper, a first mate or crew. The cruising coordinators follow a specific SOS protocol when handling sail registrations in order to be fair to all members and avoid confusion. So no matter who you are, or with whom you expect to sail— **Register. Early.**

Second, each member should check their profile on the SOS website and update it as needed. For example, did you provide your cell phone number? If a skipper can't reach you, you may miss a chance to be invited to sail. **So check your member profile online. Like right now.**

Third, SOS is exploring a **new racing program** starting this year! More details are on page 8.

Lastly, by the time you see this issue, the Cruising Committee will have introduced a new initiative at Spring Training to promote SOS members' sailing

participation and safe sailing for all in 2014. It's called "**Just Add 1**" or "+1". SOS members who meet one or more specific **Just Add 1** criteria will receive a lapel button that looks like this:



Examples of criteria for getting a 2014 lapel button are:

- ✓ any member who completes Basic Skills Level III
- ✓ any member who completes CPR, first aid or flare training
- ✓ any member who is acknowledged by a new skipper as having recruited him/her to SOS
- ✓ any Skipper who becomes a raft captain
- ✓ any Skipper or First Mate who assists with dockside training
- ✓ any Skipper or First Mate who adds at least 1 day sail or one weekend cruise to the number he/she sailed in 2013
- ✓ any Cruising Committee Co-Chair or Coordinator who recruits and trains a backup and/or 2015 replacement for the Chair/Coordinator's position
- ✓ any member who becomes a new First Mate

Members who meet one or more **+1** criteria in 2014 may request a button from a Cruising Committee Co-chair. Recipients may first be acknowledged (get a "virtual button") in the Whisker Pole and then receive a lapel button in person (e.g., from a raft captain during a weekend cruise or from a Cruising Committee Co-Chair or Coordinator at another SOS event). Show your support for a safe and active sailing club - **Just Add One!!**

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Great things are happening in SOS! In fact, I ended my portion of the General Meeting saying "we are on fire." We have two new energetic Membership Chairs who you will be hearing from momentarily. We have three great Cruising Chairs who are making a powerful push for everyone to do one more – the +1 campaign. Translation - one more, means more opportunity for more members to join in. (See page 1 for additional details on how you can earn a pin) And we are on our way to a fun racing program. We have in place a new vibrant administrative person, Tom Kreiner. Most importantly we have a super team at work who is engaged, responding quickly and helping things to move along. Spring Training well surpassed two hundred fifty people in attendance and we owe a huge thanks to Debra Roane and Linda Casucci and the extensive team of assistants who made it all possible. And thanks to Barbara O'Brien for making the Sprint Training after party a fun place to be.

At this very moment a huge undertaking is underway to find out more about your current club preferences. Wow! An opportunity for you to "say what you want to say." This survey is being fine tuned as I write, but likely there will be two or three club surveys that you will see in a period of a few weeks. The potential information gained will be dynamite. We need you to dedicate several minutes of your time and fill in your answers to each survey. We will review your input and determine how your interests can best be served. A team of about twenty-two members participated in the development of the survey in an effort to make it a worthwhile exploration. Soon it will be your turn to participate. Thank you Cathy Laws for this great initiative.

The March Brunch had another superlative retrospective thanks to Bob Wright and Harry Keith. Bob was to have this year off regarding this event but immediately stepped in to help when Samia was called away. We also had the pleasure of seeing the winning photographs for this year. They were all stunning, but the land and seascapes from foreign ports make one want to sign up for bareboat charters now.

We had an amazing Cruising Kick-off, productive Spring Training, and delightful after Party. Socks have burned, and Dockside training is about to happen. We have paid our dues.

Snow, snow stay away,
It is time for us to on the water play.

Sign up Now! See you soon.

Sandy Huberfeld, Commodore

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10th Fleet Exercises & Shore Leave

15th articles/photos/classified/HH

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See us on the web at

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adm_n_sos@singlesonsailboats.org

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info@singlesonsailboats.org

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Unofficial notes from March 16, 2014 Board Meeting

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

Commodore: Thanked everyone for their truly amazing efforts, coordination, and hard work during the last week, prior to Spring Training.

Vice Commodore: Thanked those involved in trying to get Tucker Thompson to speak to us. The Cruising Kick Off went very well and thanked the 3 Cruising Co-Chairs along with Debbie Goldberg, and the other volunteers.

Treasurer: All accounts are in good order. The Audit is complete. The Treasurer is analyzing the impact of increasing number of future Life Members.

Ad Hoc: No report.

Bareboat: The BVI trip was a success. The French Barge trip has 15 boats filled. 2015: Grenadines in Feb, Maine in July/Aug. A Coordinator is needed for the Fall 2015 trip. Mediterranean countries now require bareboat skippers to have government certification and the Bareboat chair is looking into courses offering certifications.

Branches: The Chair stepped down with thanks from the BOD, and a new chair is needed. The outgoing Chair made several recommendations to the BOD concerning future brunches.

Cruising: All weekend and day sails have coordinators. Forms have been updated and will be on the web. Eighty people attended the Cruising Kick Off and gave positive feedback. The +1 program has been successfully launched.

Database: Tom Kreiner is the new SOS Admin and is working hard on becoming familiar with SOS and its procedures. He attended Spring Training and the March Brunch. Updated forms will be put up on the web soon.

Education: Spring Training had over 250 attending and was well received. The Education Co-Chairs stepped down and a new chair is needed. The first dockside training day of the season is scheduled for March 29th.

First Mates: Requested that Brian Hanks be made FM Emeritus, which the BOD approved.

Membership Recruitment: The new Chair is gathering information on all existing recruitment materials with an eye to coordinating the SOS brand.

Membership Retention: A new survey (s) will be sent to the membership soon. Committee Chairs and BOD are asked to review the survey draft and provide feedback by Wednesday.

Newsletter: Nancy Parsons announced her resignation as Co-Chair effective April 30, which the BOD accepted with thanks. The BOD approved the revised Editor job description.

Safety: The Passing Line Safety Standard Operating Procedure was presented at the February 8th Rafting Seminar, the February 16th Skippers' Meeting, and the March 9th Kickoff Meeting. The March 1st First Aid for Mariners Course and CPR/AED training was well attended. Flare and Safety Demo will be held March 29th at Camp Wabanna.

Skippers Advisory: The Feb. Skippers meeting was well attended. Nine new skippers have joined SOS. A racing program is being explored and information will be in the newsletter.

Social: A list of upcoming events was included in the Spring Training packet. A flier advertising upcoming Social events has been developed. Most events for 2014 have been scheduled and coordinators assigned.

NEXT SOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 3 at 7:00pm

Common Room, Greenbriar Community Bldg., Greenbelt, MD

The meeting is open to all members. Directions are on page 12.



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**. A copy of this form can be found on the SOS website under Forms and Such – Cruising – Sailing Registration Form.

Plan to mail your check early to the **event coordinator, not the SOS mail box**.

Many events have limited capacity; therefore, an event may be filled even before the deadline date.

The postmark is the date used as the mail in cutoff/deadline date.

All checks are to be made payable to SOS, Inc.

Non-members must submit a Sailing Registration Form.

	April 3	Thursday	SOS Board Meeting
Location:	Commons Room Greenbriar Community Building 7600 Hanover Parkway Greenbelt, MD		Time: 7:00 pm
			Notes: Open to all Members.
	April 12 - 13	Saturday – Sunday	IRS Cruise
Destination:	N: White Rocks Marina, Rock Creek S: Pirates Cove, West River		Cost: \$34 - Member or Non-member Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.
Deadline:	Mail: March 28 (postmark) Online: April 1 (6 pm)		Notes: Marina Cruise – Skippers and crew will need to make their own dinner reservations.
Coordinator:	Cynthia Palmer cspsail@gmail.com or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org		
	April 19	Saturday	Day Sail
Destination:	Skipper's Choice		Cost: \$17 - Member or Non-member
Deadline:	Mail: April 9 (postmark) Online: April 13 (9 pm)		Notes: Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.
Coordinator:	Peggy Green mbradpete@gmail.com or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org		
	April 23	Wednesday	Mid-Week Day Sail
Destination:	Skipper's Choice		Cost: \$17 - Member or Non-member
Deadline:	Mail: April 12 (postmark) Online: April 16 (9 pm)		Notes: Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.
Coordinator:	Barbara Wingrove bwingrove@jhu.edu or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org		
	April 26 - 27	Saturday – Sunday	Shakedown Cruise
Destination:	N: Jubb Cove, Bodkin Ck S: Rhode River		Cost: \$34 - Member or Non-member Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.
Deadline:	Mail: April 11 (postmark) Online: April 15 (6 pm)		Notes: Raft
Coordinator:	Bill Small smallfavors@hotmail.com or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org		



May 3 – 4 Saturday – Sunday Kentucky Derby Cruise

Destination: Eagle Cove, Magothy River **Cost:** \$34 - Member or Non-member
Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.

Deadline: Mail: April 18 (postmark)
Online: April 22 (6 pm)

Note: Prizes awarded for the best guy and gal outfits and the best decorated boat!!

Coordinator: Ellie Kallins ekallins@verizon.net or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



May 7 Wednesday Mid-Week Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice **Cost:** \$17 - Member or Non-member

Deadline: Mail: April 26 (postmark)
Online: April 30 (9 pm) **Notes:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator: Jean Judge eugeniaj@atlanticbb.net or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

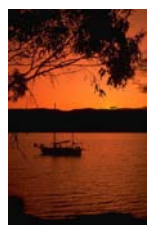


May 10 & 11 Saturday & Sunday Day Sails

Destination: Skipper's Choice **Cost:** \$17 - Member or Non-member

Deadline: Mail: April 30 (postmark)
Online: May 4 (9 pm) **Notes:** Must register for each day separately.
Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator: Willo Pequegnat lv1509@yahoo.com sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



May 17 - 18 Saturday - Sunday DNR Cruise and Wicked Pirates Party

Destination: DNR Facility, Wye Island,
Granary Creek **Cost:** \$79 - Cruise and Party \$45 - Party only
Member or Non-member

Prizes awarded for the best guy and gal outfits and the best decorated boat!!

Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.

Deadline: **Cruise and Party**
Mail: May 1 (postmark)
Online: May 6 (6 pm)
Party Only:
Mail: May 9 (postmark)
Online: May 13 (9 pm)

Notes: **Raft in pods & dinghy ashore**
Overnight lodging - \$25 Limited number of bunks available in the lodge. Contact Mary Chevalier at Mary7570@yahoo.com for inquiries and to reserve a bunk.

Coordinator: Charlotte O'Connor coconor@aol.com or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org




May 21 Wednesday Mid-Week Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice **Cost:** \$17 - Member or Non-member

Deadline: Mail: May 10 (postmark)
Online: May 14 (9 pm) **Notes:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator: Barbara Wingrove bwingrove@jhu.edu or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

May 24 - 26	Saturday - Monday	Memorial Day 60s Rock 'n Roll Cruise (3 Days)
	Destination: N: Broad Creek, Magothy R S: Broad Creek, Choptank R Sunday Night-Skipper's Choice	Cost: \$51 - Member or Non-member Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.
	Deadline: Mail: May 9 (postmark) Online: May 13 (6 pm)	Notes: Raft
	Coordinator: Peggy Green mbradpete@gmail.com or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	

May 24-June 1	Saturday - Saturday	9 Day Extended Cruise to Chestertown
	Itinerary: May 24 Broad Creek, Magothy May 25-26 Queenstown Creek and/or Reed Creek May 27 Langford Bay Marina May 28 Comegys Bight May 29-30 Chester River Yacht and Country Club May 31 Grays Inn Creek or Corsica River	Cost: \$160 - Member or Non-member \$ 80 - First Mate who is placed by coordinator Non-member must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.
	Deadline: Mail: May 9 (postmark) Online: May 13 (6 pm)	Notes: Marinas & Rafts Shore activities and excursions are being arranged and will be paid for individually by those wishing to participate.
	Coordinator: Jim Brooks lifeajake@gmail.com or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	



Cruise or crew more and earn your Button.



NAVIGATION Made Easieron the SOS WEBSITE!

We have **updated the website navigation document**. This will help you to figure out how to find your user name and password, how to sign up for events, and how to see what you have signed up for. To view this document, go to **Forms and Such**, then **Members**, then **Website Tutorial**.

Or paste this URL into your address bar:

<https://ss.memberclicks.net/assets/documents/membership/sos%20website%20tutorial.pdf>



BEWARE OF WICKED PIRATES ON THE BAY

Aarrgghh or is it AAARRRGGGHH? However you spell it, that is the cry of the Wicked SOS Pirates and Wenches gearing up their bloodthirsty cries in preparation for the **May 17-18 DNR Cruise and Wicked Pirates Party**. You can't start too early to plan boat decoration and gather up your intimidating pirate and wench gear. Awards for best boat and costumes! **Skippers, please have crew load your vessels with treasure or at least ONE appetizer per boat to share during happy hour.**

We be sailin' our vessels into the hideaway hole at the DNR Facility, Wye Island, Granary Creek that Saturday. There will be hoisting of tankards, gnashing of teeth over tasty Caribbean victuals from Paladar in Annapolis, and swinging around the shore to the sounds of piratical music from The Last Call Band (with our own Ron Pence) designed to wa-aarm the cockles of yer heart. And no doubt RUM! Aarrgghh!!

Lots of mates will be sailing by land and there are a few bunks available for these intrepid souls. So get yersel' over to the Shore Leave for more detail and the events calendar to sign up soon. Y'll not be wantin' to miss this party, so sign up early to make sure you can party hardy, me hearty. ARRGGHH!!!!



BAREBOAT HAPPENINGS

Attention Bareboat participants or Bareboat wannabes! You will soon be receiving information about two potential cruises for 2015. We are planning a cruise down the beautiful Grenadine (Windward) islands in February of 2015. This trip will have both 12 day and 7 day options. It will snow again next year and you will be very, very happy to have a warm-weather trip already planned! Stand by for an email message about this trip.

For your cruising pleasure during the dog days of summer on the Chesapeake, we are considering both a schooner trip and/or a bareboat charter off the coast of Maine. Think cool breezes and great seafood! You will be receiving an email message concerning this trip.

Both of these potential trips depend upon member interest. So.....check out the email blast when received and do let the coordinator know of your interest. Finally.....we are in **URGENT** need of a coordinator for a fall 2015 trip. Options are many and varied, but a coordinator is necessary to get a fall trip underway. **Please let me know if you are interested. Sandy Rosswork, Bareboat Committee Chair [sgrosswork@aol.com]**

SPRING TRAINING KUDOS!

Close to 300 attendees plus speakers thought Spring on Saturday, March 15th, which proved to be a beautiful day weather-wise and program-wise.

A SPECIAL THANKS goes to the Spring Training Committee, Room Monitors, Helpers and Speakers. They are: Anne Bastian, Speaker Assoc. Chair, Lesley Greenberg, Door Prize/Vendor Assoc. Chair, Carol Holmes, Room Monitor Assoc. Chair, Carole Jordan, Grand Advisory, Cathy Laws, Registration Assoc. Chair, Barbara Mistrik, Publicity Assoc. Chair and John Parsons, Speaker/Class Schedule Assoc. Chair.

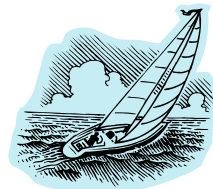
To: Ron Pence and Dennis Krizek who assembled and took apart (help from Ian Sanderson) the "Not-to-be-Sailed," which is no easy task. Ellie Kallins, who assisted in directing attendees to their classroom and Betsy Kimmel who assisted speakers and was herself a speaker.

To: the Room Monitors: Steve Craig, Kathy Haven, Kathy Higdon, Ann Hiller, Judy Crews-Hanks, Rebecca Mason, Ben Payne, Ellen Penndorf, Loraine Fassett, and Jean Judge.

To: the SOS Speakers: Bob Meadows, Debra Roane, Rick Morefield, Harry Keith, Ben Kaufman, Sandy Daugherty, Nancy & John Parsons, Brian Guptil, Betsy Kimmel, Emil Beaker, Sandy Rosswork, Ian Sanderson, Dennis Krizek, Chuck & Julie Fort, Dan & Teeja Meier, Hope Andruss, June Ejk, Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky, George Hollendursky, Jeff Talarico, and Richard Green, Teresa Scofield, Laura Gwinn and Kitty St. Romain.

As we have said, IT TAKES A VILLAGE to put on such an event.

Thank you again! Linda Casucci and Debra Roane, Past Co-Chairs, Education



Racing Anyone?

SOS Racing Update

A racing program is being considered for the 2014 sailing season, and, thus far, has received a great deal of interest from skippers and crew alike. The Board has formed an exploratory committee to further consider issues relate to racing. We are considering "fun" racing, not "blood-sport" racing. Three types of events are being considered:

1. **Races during Saturday or Sunday day sails.** The skippers would rendezvous at a designated government mark. The race would start at noon and last about two hours. Following the sail, the boats would continue their day sail. We are considering the May 10th 2014 day sail for the first race of this type.
2. **A race during a weekend cruise.** Boats leaving the raft-up would start together at a nearby government mark and race to another government mark near the next evening's location; **OR**, boats going to the raft-up would meet at a designated government mark and race from there to another mark close to the raft up location.
3. **Races sponsored by other organizations**, such as Hospice Cup, in which several SOS boats normally participate. Although SOS management of that race is not needed, scoring of the SOS boats will be applied towards an SOS season award.

Awards (to be determined) would be given for the top performing boats and crewmembers.

ANY INTEREST? Keep watching the *Whisker Pole* for more information. If you are interested in learning more about the racing initiative, contact Joe43438@gmail.com or daneskagan@gmail.com.

CPR and First Aid Class



Practicing CPR



Susan Donaldson & Peggy Green



Instructors demonstrate proper use of an AED.

Photos by Richard Green and John Parsons

Spring Training 2014



Pete Sarelas demonstrates winch maintenance



Up Left: Linda Casucci, Education Co-chair, welcomes attendees.

Left: Sandy Huberfeld, Commodore, leading the "SOS Shuffle"



Ken Piel and Kent Green learning charts



Geri Walker and Jim Burton mastering knots



Anne Bastian at the Speakers' Table

SCUTTLEBUTT

By **Suzanne**

Send items to sofarr@aol.com (If you sent an article to "Scuttlebutt" and it hasn't been published please resend to sofarr@aol.com)



Brian Hanks is now First Mate Emeritus. Congratulations Brian!!

Susan Absher and Bob Hohl chartered in the BVI early Feb. with Susan's sister Patti (she was on Turkey trip) and brother-in-law. We used BVI Yacht Charters in Road Town which treated us very well and gave us a 5-year old Beneteau 40 which had some nice features such as an inverter with lots of outlets for our electronics and a large screen GPS in the cockpit. Some wildlife sightings: green turtles at East End Harbor, Yost; squid at Privateer Bay on Norman; good bird watching at Little Harbor, Yost; and we had a flamingo fly-by while moored at Saba Rock. We also had a couple of days before sailing at Sebastian's on the Beach resort on Tortola – lovely unspoiled beaches at resort and nearby and reasonably priced accommodation. No matter how many times you sail in the BVI it is always a rewarding experience!

Carol Williams joined Bobbie Thomas in Costa Rica to visit good friends Sandy Blumberg Caswell (former Commodore of SOS) and her husband Mike. Sandy and Mike have built a house in C. R. and spend 6 months a year there. Prior to Carol's arrival Dick Saunders also visited the Caswell's with fiancée, Bobbie. All helped Sandy celebrate her 70th birthday.

After Costa Rica, Carol flew to Florida to visit Sue and Bill Schadt in St. Petersburg. Later in the week, Bill, Sue and Carol went to Clearwater and then on to Dunedin where they met Brian and Judy Hanks and saw Barbara Mistrik's condo. In March, Carol joined her bookgroup in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

Carol is convinced that SOS is "the gift that keeps on giving" because of the wonderful friendships that have developed over the years and the chance to travel to see those friends. It didn't hurt that she missed much of this endless winter.

In late January, Nancy and John Parsons, Doug Townsend, and Marian Scheinholtz joined up for a 10 day sail through the BVI. They enjoyed great wind, rainbows, and marvelous snorkeling daily, including a vigorous windy sail to Anegada. After Doug and Marian departed for home and the frigid north, the Parsons went on to St. Petersburg FL for a week to visit family. There, they also caught up with Sue and Bill Schadt for a couple of days during the Schadt's tour of Florida in their land yacht/motor coach. They missed catching up with Carol Williams by a couple of hours.

At the end of July Sea Kaplan had the unexpected pleasure of taking a river cruise in Russia with a friend. This was exciting - my mother was from Zvenyhorodka, a town north of Kiev in the Ukraine, my father from a suburb south of Kiev. The cruise started out in St. Petersburg and wound up in Moscow. On a scheduled bus trip in Moscow, we went to the Museum of the Jewish History in Russia, the only Jewish museum and Holocaust memorial in the country.

When we got to the museum, the men were laying tefillin - wearing black boxes on their foreheads containing verses from the Torah that serve as a reminder of God's intervention during the Exodus from Egypt - so we were ushered upstairs to the balcony for the service. While we were walking up, a voice called out, "Is there a kohen in the group?" (A kohen is a priest in the Torah, and the word now refers to one of the three tribal affiliations in Judaism, passed from father to son. In most Orthodox and Conservative synagogues, it is customary for a kohen to recite the blessing before the start of the Torah reading.)

I said, "Yes, I'm a kohen." The response: "Well, come on, we are going to read from the Torah and we need you." I got so nervous that I almost forgot my Jewish name, Zacharia, and completely forgot my father's, ben Yosif Laib. They brought me down to the bimah and put a tallis (prayer shawl) on me. I asked for the transliteration card for the service - it's been a while. But when I looked at it, it was in Russian. Ouch.

So someone said the prayer aloud and I repeated it after him. When we finished, I was so relieved. It was the highlight of my trip. I was nervous, excited, and feeling so special - all at the same time.

Paul Liebman just got back from Placencia, Belize where we SOS'ers sailed with Moorings from Southwater Beach in 2003. I was with Harry Rutemiller and 5 other boats then. Quite a contrast to what is there now after conversion from a dirt road town population of 100 then to a paved international one of 5,000? today. It now seems to be THE international IN place to be. But we still arrived on the original two block long Tropic Air landing strip that is still there next to the new international one!

Zonia Acton recently visited Myanmar (Burma) which has just opened to tourists in the past couple of years. It is a country with welcoming people still tied to ancient traditions. Myanmar is known for thousands of Buddhas and gilded temples. A country that should be seen before there are a lot of tourists.

Thanks, all. Keep the information flowing. There is no column without you. Don't forget to send me your birth month and day; **it does not get published without your sending it to me. I do not take it from any SOS records.**

Suzanne

Happy Birthdays!

March (I am sorry we missed you last month)

3: John Halstead; 4:Lynn Winkler; 8: Geri Walker; 10: Teeja Meier; 27:Nancy Parsons; 29:Jody Hutchinson.

April 4:Judy Hanks; 6:Dee Doyle; 7:Lynn Gilley; 12:Mary Swift; 25:John Parsons; 30: Neil Lowin

May 1: Cherie Comly; 7:Joy Meecham; 9: Ginger Eanes; 20: Ed Jowett; 21: Lorraine Fasset



DIRECTIONS

DNR

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/eastern/wyeisland.html>

632 Wye Island Road
Queenstown, MD 21658

From Bay Bridge (East bound):

Travel 12.5 miles eastbound on Route 50 and turn right onto Carmichael Road. Travel 5.1 miles on Carmichael Road until you cross the Wye Island Bridge. From the Wye Island Bridge, travel south on Wye Island Road for approximately 4.2 miles. Numerous public parking areas are available along Wye Island Road.

From Easton (West bound):

Travel westbound on Route 50 to the Maryland Route 213 traffic light. Continue west on Route 50 for three miles and look for sign (Wye Island NRMA). Turn left onto Carmichael Road. Travel 5.1 miles on Carmichael Road until you cross the Wye Island Bridge. From the Wye Island Bridge, travel south on Wye Island Road for approximately 4.2 miles. Numerous public parking areas are available along Wye Island Road.

SOS Board Meeting at Greenbriar Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD

From Washington Beltway (Interstate 95/495): Exit onto Baltimore/Washington (BW) Parkway toward Baltimore. Exit BW Parkway at the first exit (to Greenbelt), bear left on exit ramp to Greenbelt Road (east), make first left at light onto Hanover Parkway and turn immediately left into Greenbriar Center parking lot. Enter side door off lot, walk through room to stairs and take to second floor room.

From Baltimore/Phila: Take I-295 to Greenbelt/MD 193 exit. Left at end of ramp, then bear left. Take the second left onto Hanover Pkwy and turn immediately left into Greenbriar Center parking lot. Enter side door off lot, walk through room to stairs and take to second floor room.



Sailors and non-sailors interested in sailing are invited to attend our SOS Happy Hours. We welcome new or potential SOS members. We meet at local restaurant in the bar area. Check below or SOS website for locations.

Happy Hours are not official SOS functions.

The Happy Hours are in chronological order.

SE Pennsylvania: Our first of two Happy Hours. - 6 pm
1st Tuesday- April 1st - McKenzie Brew House - 7 dinner
 324 W Swedesford Road, Berwyn, 610 407 4300
 South of Trader Joe's & Gateway Shop Ctr. off 202.
 Meet a great group of social people who like great food!
Contact: PATTI - pattievs@aol.com

Virginia/DC: Our first of two NVA/DC Happy Hours- 5 pm
1st Wednesday - April 2nd - Mylos Grill, mylosgrill.com
 Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA in McLean/ Chesterbrook shopping center. **in the bar** area Free parking, great food!
Contact: CHARLOTTE coconor@aol.com

Ellicott City, MD: 1st Thursday- April 3rd 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Bare Bones Grill & Brewery barebonesgrill.com
 9150-22 Baltimore Natl. Pike 410 461 0770
 Corner of St. Johns Lane & Rte 40, Ellicott City, MD 21042
Contact: JILL jill.montgom@gmail.com

South-Central PA, 1st Thursday April 3rd - 6:30 – 9PM
Heritage Hills Golf Resort, 2700 Mt. Rose Ave. PA-124,
 York, Pa. on the lower level of Knickers Pub.
Contact: BOB sosrjmorrow@aol.com

Baltimore, MD: 2nd Thursday - April 10th - 5 PM
Michaels Cafe Restaurant & Lounge, 2119 York Road,
 Timonium, opp Fairgrounds, MD 21220, 410-252-2022,
www.michaelscafe.com **in the bar.** Free parking, great food, drinks and Happy Hour prices. Food service until 11 pm. Cozy atmosphere, friendly staff. **Contact: Barb O'Brien, barlo@comcast.net**

WILMINGTON, DE: 3rd Weds - April 16th - 5:30 PM
Timothy's Restaurant and Bar, Wilmington Riverfront,
 by Blue Rock Stadium, facing the waterfront.
 930 Justison Street, (19801) 302-429-RIBS (7427).
timothysontheriverfront.com Drink specials 'til 7pm
Contact: GERI grwalker12@verizon.net

Rockville, MD: 3rd Thursday- April 17th - 5 -7 PM
Marriott Hotel, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD
 20852, (301) 822-9200; by the White Flint Metro station.
Contact: Jim Randall: jrrand1@gmail.com

SE Pennsylvania: Our second Happy Hour.- 6 pm
3rd Thurs- April 17th - McKenzie Brew House - 7 dinner
 324 W Swedesford Road, Berwyn, 610 407 4300
 South of Trader Joe's & Gateway Shop Ctr. off 202.
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Virginia/DC: Our second NVA/DC Happy Hour- 5 pm
3rd Friday- April 18th meet at 5:00 p.m. at the bar,
Sur la Place, 5105 MacArthur Blvd. (Site of the old L'Appetito) Wash. DC. surlaplaceindc.com
Contact: CHARLOTTE coconor@aol.com

Annapolis, MD: 4th Thursday - April 24th - 5:30 – 7 PM
The Smoke House annapolis-smokehouse.com bar area
 107 Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis, MD 21403 410.571.5073
 Bay Ridge Plaza (near Bay Ridge Liquors & West Marine).
 H H prices: \$3 house wines, \$3 rail drinks, \$2 off draft beer and \$2.25 for domestic beers; 2-3 food selections for \$5.
Contact: Patricia Duvall PatCd0917@verizon.net

UPDATE changes to Happy Hour info VIA E-MAIL to:
sailhither@hotmail.com by the 12th of the month.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME !

Cliff	Baker	Elkton	MD
Roger	Barnett	Sterling	VA
Jim	Burton	Annapolis	MD
Adam	Chubinski	Springfield	PA
Carol	D'Agostino	Chester	MD
Susan	Fletcher	Baltimore	MD
Theresa	Florez	Millersville	MD
Bill	Gildea	Annapolis	MD
Cheryl	Green	Bethesda	MD
Carol	Gridley	Crofton	MD
Patricia	Holtzman	Baltimore	MD
Jenny	Hopkins	Washington	DC
Stephanie	McKew	Towson	MD
Helen	McMahon	Washington	DC
Guy	Naftali	Bensalem	PA
Chloe	Nichols	Annapolis	MD
Donna	Nielsen	Severn	MD
Amanda	Noss	Annapolis	MD
Lisa	Orr	Silver Spring	MD
Bobbi	Pedrick	Annapolis	MD
Tim	Peek	Pasadena	MD
Barbara	Reese	Bethesda	MD
Mary	Reintsma	Arlington	VA
Dean	Ringer	Edgewater	MD
Sherry	Schiller	Alexandria	VA
Barbara	Shoemaker	Baltimore	MD
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Puong	Wolfe	Catonsville	MD



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INFLATABLE RAFT For Sale: West Marine RU260 (2009) Length 8'6", never used, make offer. PVC fabric, rollup wood floor, 51 lbs, holds 2-4 persons 4hp max originally sold for \$840 make offer. Call George at 703 323 1012, or 301 467 8391 or email to ggoldenb22@verizon.net

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Balances as of February 28:

Bareboat Checking: \$83,351
 Regular Checking: \$45,021
 CDs + Hi yield savings \$73,092
 Credit Card Balance **(\$9,530)**

End of Month Cash Totals w/o Bare Boat: \$108,582



Membership Totals

March 2014	March 2013
605	638

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