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The Cruising Corner

Check here each month for more cruising details

Peggy Green, Cruising Co-Chair

We have been going full speed ahead and, by the time you read this, we will have passed the halfway mark on the cruising schedule. Let's take a look at where we've been and where we plan to go.

Small craft advisories in the wake of hurricane Arthur kept a few boats in their slips for the first day of the **Happy 4th Red, White and Blue Cruise**, but they eventually ventured out on day two. Boats participating in the Fun Race to Swan Creek were challenged by the predominantly N winds.

Weather permitting, we will have sampled each boat's tasty offerings as we made our way around the raft on the **Appetizers & Desserts Cruise**. Perhaps we enjoyed a hazy, lazy day of summer on a **Day Sail** or two, or demonstrated competency in order to be checked off on Basic Skills at **Dockside 2**.

The coordination for the **Seafood Feast** on August 9 is currently in progress. If you didn't make the deadline for the cruise, you can still sign up for the shore party, but **HURRY**, that deadline is August 5th.

Whether you are a Skipper, First Mate, or Plain Old Crew, we could put you to 'work' assisting the coordinator for the **Labor Day Cruise**. This three-day cruise is a split destination - the first night to either Middle River or the Choptank. The second day you can go with the wind to wherever the Skipper chooses.

All sailors enjoy the music of **Them Eastport Oyster Boys**, so sign up for our first weekend cruise after Labor Day. Our destination is Shaw Bay for **Shawlapalooza** on September 6th. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVXjheK3jNE>
They will be performing at this free concert on the water from 4 pm - 6 pm. This event will draw a crowd, so plan to be there early. Forming a raft may be difficult, so the Raft

Captain may direct boats to form pods.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10151842862029486&set=vb.319805808051623&type=2&theater>

Check out the SOS Event Calendar on the website and sign up for some day sails. There will be a **Mid-Week Day Sail** on August 20th, **Weekend Day Sails** on Aug 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th, and more to follow in September. Now is the time to spend a day on the water then meet up with others afterward for refreshments in a cool restaurant.

Speaking of Coordinations - many do not know how crews are assembled and offered to skippers. Below Ned Schwartz gives us a glimpse into that process. He and Molly recently coordinated a BIG cruise. If you want to find out THE REAL STUFF THAT HAPPENS WITH "ADJUSTMENTS", volunteer to assist by emailing the coordinator of any one of the upcoming Weekend Cruises or Day Sails.

The 2014 Anniversary/Summer Solstice Cruise/Party by Ned Schwartz

No, the coordination does not happen by magic. Yes, it began on May 1, 2014, with the first online registration. (We even had one person try to sign up before the registration was open, and the last request (by phone) for a Party registration, was satisfied at 9:30 pm on Friday night before the Saturday party.) Just over seven weeks to go until the big event. After a few MemberClicks issues in the beginning were solved by **Teresa Scofield** (Database Chair), we were off and running. It was a long seven weeks.

I did the logging of the registrations as they came in, printing and sorting each one to be used in the coordination. Some had special requests, one First Mate Candidate requested a check out, some did not have Basic Skills, some were already pre-invited, some could leave on Friday, some not, some were party only, and some were by regular mail, most were done online.

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VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Fun is afloat locally and internationally. As I write this column, it looks as though we will have great weather for our Bastille Cruise here in the Chesapeake, including favorable sleeping temperatures. Good wind is our piece de resistance, but cool evenings are also to be treasured this time of the year. And soon, record numbers of our members will be off storming the picturesque canals of France. Bring back wine to the rest of us who want to live more

than vicariously through you. We march on with additional bare boat activity. The Windward Islands Trip 2015 has just had a rousing kickoff. Heavy interest in sailing this spectacular blue-water area, experiencing the emerald green waters of the Tobago Cays, along with thoughts of finding unspoiled beaches and island paradise quickly necessitated the adding of more boats. Soon we will hear about Maine and possibilities there for next summer.

Though our members are continually on the move, so many take the time to give back to our wonderful club. At the Town Hall Meeting you have/had the opportunity to meet the nominees for the Board of Directors. Be sure to read their biographies in the upcoming *Whisker Pole* and choose those whom you feel offer the most for the club. Thank you Charlotte, Ed, and Emil for your hard work, and thank you esteemed candidates for the tremendous gift you offer to contribute to our organization.

There is much activity in August. It begins with the Town Hall Meeting highlighting our nominees. The Seafood Sail and Party is the **last great party of the sailing season**, and its value is superb. The price of crabs has soared, so including crabs, steamed shrimp, chicken and a live band is quite an accomplishment. A number of thoughtful meetings will be held during the month. Watch announcements for more information. Your input is desired. And of course, there are sailing possibilities with Weekend, Day and Sunset Sail opportunities sprinkled throughout the month. A little cooperation from the weather would be of course most helpful. Remember to sign up early.

You may not be able to change the whole world for the better, but you can make a difference to SOS. Remember to vote and to volunteer.

Hope to see you soon.

Sandy Huberfeld, Commodore

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Unofficial notes from July 8, 2014 Board Meeting

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

Commodore: No report in deference to the full agenda.

Vice Commodore: No report

Treasurer: Bank accounts are doing well. Using the October to October test (typically our lowest cash position of the year) we are on track to achieve an estimated reserve balance of \$95,000 in October.

Ad Hoc: No report.

Bareboat: Eleven boats have been booked for Windwards Cruise. Working on details for August 2015 trip to Maine. Presented proposal for subsidy to skippers obtaining certification that will allow them to skipper in the Med.

Brunches: No report.

Cruising: Number of boats and members sailed this year is as anticipated. Need to check with skippers to see who actually used power at Sailing Emporium as we may have paid for more than was used.

Database: The bareboat website is now linked to the SOS website. "Honing my Skills" is a new tab on the home page after you log in. Determine that MemberClicks is not able to send out text messages. Inquiries with MemberClicks are ongoing regarding a portal for a secure partition of confidential information such that important institutional memory can be made available to relevant committee chairs going forward.

Education: Cathy Laws will coordinate Dockside Training II. Working on Venue for Spring Training.

First Mates: A special Board Meeting will be scheduled to discuss procedures relating to the FM Program.

Membership Recruitment: A new SOS display was well received at SOS Happy Hour. Still need good SOS graphic to use for printing SOS business cards.

Membership Retention: Revised New Member Handbook has been reviewed. Results from Membership Survey were shared with BOD and committee Chairs.

Newsletter: Data files for newsletter will now be sent to Editor who will review and forward to printer.

Safety: An article will appear in August Whisker Pole reviewing safety procedures.

Skippers Advisory: Results of Skipper survey were shared with the BOD.

Social: Need a coordinator for After Parade of Lights Party.

NEXT SOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – August 7, 7:00 pm

Common Room, Greenbriar Community Bldg., Greenbelt, MD

The meeting is open to all members. Directions are on Page 9

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 mailbox**.

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.



August 6	Wednesday	Mid-Week Sunset Sail
Destination:	Skipper's Choice	Cost: \$17 - Member or Non-member
Deadline:	Mail: July 26 (postmark) Online: July 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:	Walt Flowers wflowers1218@gmail.com or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	



August 7	Thursday	SOS Board Meeting
Location:	Commons Room Greenbriar Community Building 7600 Hanover Parkway Greenbelt, MD	Time: 7:00 pm
		Notes: Open to all Members.



Aug 9-10	Saturday - Sunday	Seafood Feast and Cruise
Location:	Sailing Emporium, Rock Hall	Cost: \$84 Cruise and Party \$50 Party only Member or Non-member
Deadline:	Cruise and Party: Mail: July 25 (postmark) Online: July 29 (6 pm)	Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.
	Party only: Mail: Aug 1 (postmark) Online: Aug 5 (6 pm)	Notes: Marina Cruise
Coordinator:	Kathy Haven mskathha@gmail.com or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	



Aug 16 & 17	Saturday and/or Sunday	Day Sails
Destination:	Skipper's Choice	Cost: \$17 - Member or Non-member
Deadline:	Mail: Aug 6 (postmark) Online: Aug 10 (9 pm)	Notes: 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:	Darlene Frieman dfrieman@sbcglobal.net or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	



August 20	Wednesday	Mid-Week Sail
Destination:	Skipper's Choice	Cost: \$17 - Member or Non-member
Deadline:	Mail: Aug 9 (postmark) Online: Aug 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:	Jean Judge eugeniaj@atlanticbb.net or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	



Aug 23 & 24	Saturday and/or Sunday	Day Sails
Destination:	Skipper's Choice	Cost: \$17 - Member or Non-member
Deadline:	Mail: Aug 13 (postmark) Online: Aug 17 (9 pm)	Notes: 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:	Virginia Greenwood Virginia_greenwood@comcast.net or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	



Aug 30 – Sept 1	Saturday – Monday	Labor Day Cruise (3 day)
Destination:	N: Middle River S: Dun Cove, Harris Creek or Broad Ck, Choptank R 2 nd 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: Aug 15 (postmark) Online: Aug 19 (6 pm)	Notes: Raft
Coordinator:	Jean Logan free2b@rocketmail.com or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	



Sept 4	Thursday	SOS Board Meeting
Location:	Commons Room Greenbriar Community Building 7600 Hanover Parkway Greenbelt, MD	Time: 7:00 pm Notes: Open to all Members.



Sept 6 – 7	Saturday – Sunday	Shawlapalooza Cruise
Destination:	Shaw Bay, Wye 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: Aug 22 (postmark) Online: Aug 26 (6 pm)	Notes: Pods
Coordinator:	Alex Doyle and Barbara O'Brien alexdoyle@comcast.net or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	



Sept 10	Wednesday	Mid-Week Day Sail
Destination:	Skipper's Choice	Cost: \$17 - Member or Non-member
Deadline:	Mail: August 30 (postmark) Online: Sept 3 (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 barbaras_mail@yahoo.com or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	



Sept 13 - 14	Saturday – Sunday	Let Them Eat Cake Cruise (‘Cause I’m Not on the Barge Trip)
Destination:	Harness Creek, South 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: Aug 29 (postmark) Online: Sept 2 (6 pm)	Notes: Raft
Coordinator:	Teresa Scofield tmscofield@verizon.net or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	



Sept 20	Saturday	Hospice Cup XXXIII
Who:	Skippers, Crew, Racers, Non-Racers, Sponsors, Volunteers, Spectators	
What:	Hospice Cup is a charity sailing regatta, raising funds for hospice programs throughout Maryland, Washington DC and Northern Virginia.	
When & Where:	Regatta: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Chesapeake Bay Dinghy Poker Race: 1:30 pm – 5:30 Bert Jabin's Yacht Yard (NEW THIS YEAR) Party: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Bert Jabin's Yacht Yard	
Notes:	Food, Open Bar, Live Music	
More Info:	http://www.hospicecup.org/events	



Sept 21	Sunday	Day Sail
Destination:	Skipper's Choice	Cost: \$17 - Member or Non-member
Deadline:	Mail: Sept 10 (postmark) Online: Sept 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:	Peggy Green mbradpete@gmail.com or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	



Sept 24	Wednesday	Mid-Week Day Sail
Destination:	Skipper's Choice	Cost: \$17 - Member or Non-member
Deadline:	Mail: Sept 13 (postmark) Online: Sept 17 (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:	Walt Flowers wflowers1218@gmail.com or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	



Sept 27 & 28	Saturday and/or Sunday	Day Sails
Destination:	Skipper's Choice	Cost: \$17 - Member or Non-member
Deadline:	Mail: Sept 17 (postmark) Online: Sept 21 (9 pm)	Notes: 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:	Carly Sargent c4carly@verizon.net or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	

Cruising Committee +1 Campaign 2014

Recipients of Virtual +1 Button

Skippers who added at least **1 Day Sail** to the number sailed in 2013:

Dennis Krizek

Harry Keith



Skippers who added at least **1 Weekend Cruise** to the number sailed in 2013:

Ron Ahlers

Dane Skagen



First Mates who added at least **1 Day Sail** to the number sailed in 2013:

John Parsons



First Mates who added at least **1 Weekend Cruise** to the number sailed in 2013:

Lorraine Fassett

Robin Meigel

John Parsons



John Dombach

Rita Svec

Dean Collins

Donna Higbee

Bill Small

Angela Eggleston-Howard

Kitty St Romain

Thank you for supporting a safe and active sailing club.

Anniversary Party Coordination

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Many of them required emails to clear up questions or missing information. As a courtesy, I emailed the members who sent checks by mail, confirming I received their check. The biggest thing here is to keep up with things as they arrive.

Coordination was on Wednesday, June 11 (10 days before the event). The coordination team was **Molly Harrison, Pat Clarke and Ned Schwartz**. Skipper **John Murray** arrived later to help with the calls to the skippers which worked out well, for he was able to mentor one of the newer skippers.

The coordination started with setting aside the pre-arranged crew and skippers. The team checked for boats/skippers that need or want a First Mate and we filled them from the available FM list. After arranging the skippers alphabetically and sorting the crew registrations in order by when they signed up (first in first out), we were ready to start.

The selection process then continues. Using a color-coded Cruise Log I assembled, we post a skipper's name next to each member as we go to be sure we don't miss anyone. This is done while paying attention to restrictions of things like smoking, pets, available to leave on Friday, links to others, distance to the boat, as well as trying to balance the sailing skills on each boat.

Speaking of links, we did have one couple that failed to indicate they wanted to sail with each other. Yes, we initially put them on separate boats, creating adjustments later. Hours later we have filled each boat and have no one left to place.

It was a very successful coordination. We were able to place 82 members on 29 boats with no one left on shore and no berths empty. Whew!

Of course each skipper was contacted by phone and/or emailed the contact information of their suggested crew. We filled out and sent the Cruise List to the Skippers. THEN THE REAL STUFF HAPPENS WITH "ADJUSTMENTS".

The team felt good about this coordination. We enjoyed doing a good job, and yes, we would love to do the Anniversary Coordination again next year. That, my friends, is the magic of a successful coordination!

Great Spinach Artichoke Pasta Salad

1 package fresh mushroom (or any type) filled tortellini –from the fresh case

½ pound fresh baby spinach

15-ounce can baby artichoke hearts in water, drained and chopped

1 red roasted pepper, drained and chopped

½ small red onion, chopped

1 clove garlic, cracked from skin

1 lemon, zested

2 teaspoons lemon juice

2 tablespoons red wine vinegar

¼ c. extra-virgin olive oil

1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves, chopped or ½ teaspoon dried

1 package crumbled feta cheese

Black pepper

Boil tortellini in salted water until they float, just 3-4 minutes. Drain tortellini and cool. Coarsely chop baby spinach. Combine with artichoke pieces, roasted red pepper and red onion. Chop garlic, then add salt to it and mash it into a paste with the flat of your knife. Transfer garlic paste to a small bowl and add lemon zest, lemon juice and vinegar to it. Whisk in oil, thyme and pepper. Store dressing in a separate container to add before serving. I tossed all ingredients in a bag, including the feta cheese and spinach. Add dressing about 20 minutes before serving.

This easily fed 4 hungry sailors....could have served 5.

****This is a Rachel Ray recipe that I made for the 4th of July cruise. It kept nicely from Thursday night (when prepared) until lunch on Sunday. Ymmmmm!

Carole Jordan



SOS Seafood Feast at The Sailing Emporium August 8th

Ready for number 1 river crabs?
Grilled Italian chicken? Big, juicy
shrimp?

Seafood feast event managers
Suzanne Vaughn and Nancy Pond
have a treat in store for you. Now is
the time to sign up.

Also on the menu: smoked salmon and
cream, crab dip, potato salad, macaroni salad,
corn on the cob, rolls and butter. Cake and
brownies to finish the meal.



Don't forget the best part of it all –
seeing all your SOS friends and
dancing the night away to the sweet
sounds of the New Shakedown Band.

Bar opens at 5:30 pm. Appetizers
served between 5:45 and 6:00 pm.

Main Course served between 6:30 pm and
6:45 pm

Sail in or drive in!
\$50.00 per person/no walk-ins!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	July 2014	July 2013
Members	548	598
Skippers	122	108
Total	670	706

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bareboat Escrow: \$105,757
Regular Checking: \$27,741
CDs + Hi yield savings: \$73,113
End of Month Cash: \$103,270

DIRECTIONS DIRECTIONS

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.

SAILING EMPORIUM: 410-778-1342 (by sea: go to sailingemporium.com for marina layout)

From the South

East over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge to Rt. 301. Take Rt. 213 north to Chestertown. Proceed through Chestertown- turn left at Rt. 291 (Morgne Rd) go to end, turn right onto Rt. 20 to Rock Hall (12 miles). Turn left at the blinking light (Main St.). Go through town of Rock Hall. Turn right onto Green Lane. Continue to the Sailing Emporium entrance on your right.

From the North

Interstate 95 to Rt. 896 S to Rt. 896/301 Take 301 (past Middletown, DE) to exit right onto Rt. 290 to Galena. Go through light at Galena. Now on Rt. 213. Continue to Chestertown. Turn right on Rt. 291. Go to the end; turn right on Rt. 20, to Rock Hall. Continue as above.

Meet the New Skippers



Karl McHenry receiving a Burgee from **Dane Skagen**.
Photo by Ellen Penndorf.



Betsy Kimmel, Karl McHenry, Susan Fletcher
and **Debra Roane**.



John Parson presenting a Burgee to **Peter Rellas**.
Photo by Kate Duffy.



Joe Mumaw receiving a Burgee from **John Halstead**.
Photo by Pat Clark.

Meet the New First Mate



Joan Tannen with her
First Mate Certificate.
Photo by Paul Liebman.

4th Of July Cruise



Flag cake by Dale Mayes
Photo by John Parsons



Dale Mayes and Mike Lefaive
Photo by John Parsons



Cheers! **Lorraine Fassett and Shirley Brooks Hollendursky**
This and following photos by George Hollendursky.



Sixteen Sailors in one cockpit!!



Dane Skagen and Ursula Loucks.



Captain John Murray instructing **Lynn Gilley, Ned Schwartz, Lorraine Fassett and Shirley Brooks.**



Shirley Letourneau back on a sailboat.

Appetizers and Deserts



Raft Captain
John Halstead.
*Photos by Ed
Petersohn.*



Mike Pittinger
aboard "Ariosa"
helping to close
the raft.



Dennis Krizek
and
Howard Newman
closing the raft.



The RAFT is closed!



Mary McCellan

Parade of Lights 2014?

Christmas isn't that far away and the Parade of Lights Elves start planning the Christmas Jaunt now!! We are searching for a skipper to volunteer his/her boat, and we are searching for some ideas. Top of the idea list is a Christmas theme of gifts! But other ideas are indeed welcome. Please volunteer to help. Contact the head elf, Frank Florentine (410-279-2451) or send an e-mail to FAFLOREN@aol.com.



The Parade of Lights will be held Saturday, December 13, 2014. All the work will be done at Frank Florentine's house in Annapolis unless it is done somewhere else! No reservation required; no cost; no fuss! It couldn't be easier. *The Parade of Lights: where all the lights are bright, all the elves are light, and all the fun is above average!!*

SKIPPER CERTIFICATION UPDATE

Sandy Rosswork, Bareboat Chair

Here is some new information concerning skipper certification and easier ways to obtain it. Two SOS members have stepped up with nice opportunities to earn the necessary certificates to be a skipper in the Mediterranean.

A previous article explained that the Mediterranean countries (EU and non EU) were now requiring ASA 104 or equivalent, and/or the International Proficiency Certificate, or, a valid USCG Captains license. (Despite various rumors to the contrary, the head of Moorings group charters advises that a USCG license is indeed valid for Med charters.) So, here are two easier ways to obtain the requirements to skipper in the Med.

Pete Stogis is a qualified ASA instructor. He can administer the 3 exams (ASA 101, 103, and 104) to experienced sailors.. There are costs involved, but they are minimal: Texts are \$23 each, exams are \$10 each, and you must join ASA for one year at \$45. If you want the International Proficiency Certificate (IPC), that's \$59.. Call Pete directly to arrange for this procedure.....Pete is not charging for his time! Thanks Pete! 301-680-0864 or [\[pedsto@compuserve.com\]](mailto:pedsto@compuserve.com).

Carole Jordon advises that J World can offer the US Sailing equivalent of ASA 101, 103, and 104. Experienced sailors can take the written exams for all 3 levels in 1/2 day and then demonstrate their sailing skills on a 40 ft boat for a 4 to 5 hour period. The cost for this is \$895 with a 15% discount for SOS members. Texts are included and the IPC may be obtained. Contact Carole at 410-320-5017 mobile, or 410-280-2040 work.. Thanks Carole!

The SOS board has approved a proposal to partially reimburse some skippers who wish to gain certification and then captain a boat during an SOS bareboat charter. More details on this reimbursement offer will be out ASAP.

Questions? email Sandy Rosswork at: sgrosswork@aol.com



Sailing and Safety with SOS

Richard A. Green, Safety Chair

Sailing is not without risk!! We are halfway through the 2014 sailing season and thankful that there have been no serious sailing accidents – some lapses of judgment, perhaps – but no serious sailing accidents. How do we keep it that way?? In the spring we attended a number of safety related events and as the season got underway we practiced those skills. Unfortunately, as we become complacent, we allow lapses of attention and judgment to creep into our activities – little things ignored. Now, halfway through the season, it is time again to stop and reflect on what it is that we do to make our sailing experience pleasurable - **and safe!**

The bottom line: Maintain an awareness of where you are and what is happening around you. Plan your activities so as to **minimize risk**, while **avoiding fatigue, dehydration, or dangerous situations that you are unprepared to handle given your skills, training, and experience.** If you are uncomfortable, **speak up!** If you have concerns about safety or for anyone's well-being, **speak-up!** If someone is disoriented or behaving erratically, **speak-up!** **Let others know of your concern.** The idea is to **take care of each other!**

- **Assess the risks as well as levels of skill, experience, and comfort of all the crew before undertaking various sailing maneuvers.** You may be comfortable with 15-20 knots gusting to 25 or 30; single reef; close reach; rail in the water – exhilarating!! But are you and your crew prepared to execute your directions given their level of skill and experience? And with the boat bouncing around, don't forget the PFD *before* stepping up on the windward deck to free a fouled sheet. Some temperance (i.e.: dump some air out of the main) might make the journey safer and more enjoyable for all. Are PFDs close at hand? (During the last raft breakup - after dinner, drinking, and in the dark - only one boat had crew put on PFDs before going on

deck!) Make sure that *all* are prepared in case of that unexpected emergency.

- **Whether it is summertime, spring, or fall – be aware of the air and water temperatures and dress accordingly.** Be aware of the weather and our notorious summer storms, while rafting as well as sailing. **If the heat index is over 105 degrees, consider the weather dangerous** – the high humidity prevents evaporation, making cooling less efficient. Consider a refrigerated spray bottle of cold water to cool people off - watch closely for sun burn, heat exhaustion and/or signs of disorientation. Stay properly hydrated. In the early spring and late fall, avoid becoming chilled or sudden immersion in cold water, even if the air temperature is warm.

- **Practice your man overboard procedures.** When was the last time you practiced a person overboard drill? Have you ever actually deployed that lifesling – were you actually able to get it to the person in the water? Have you ever actually used the block and tackle to lift a wet body from the water? Try to hoist someone from the deck while you are in the raft or dockside – you will be surprised at just how difficult it can be – but the practice will make you confident when the need arises.

- **Remember, sailing and alcohol don't mix!** While sailing, any alcohol consumption is to be discouraged. Drink responsibly and limit your consumption of alcohol to when you are secured in the raft or ashore. Consider whether or not you are sober enough to manage or assist with the boat in case of an emergency, especially in the middle of the night.

- **Remember that alcohol and meds do not often mix well!** If you are taking meds for any of a variety of conditions, especially if you are older, make sure that you know how you will

react on the meds, and equally important, how you will react if you have just one or two drinks in addition to the meds. **Please, always let your skipper know if you are taking meds, are diabetic, or have allergies or other medical conditions that might impair your ability to function.**

- **When using a passing line**, make sure that the crew person has been trained in its use and has completed Basic Skills Level III, is using gloves, and that the line is properly wrapped on a winch for mechanical advantage. If you have a problem with the line or run out of line – **let it go!**

- **When docking or rafting**, make certain that your boat is properly secured with minimal gaps over the water - if necessary, angle the boat somewhat in the slip to make sure that where people transfer from your boat is safe. Consider adding handholds or lines to aid in maintaining balance. Consider running lines under the finger pier to avoid a tripping hazard. **Do not allow anyone to step on or off the boat while it is still moving!!**

- **Do not allow your crew to go swimming while building a raft, or where engines and boats are maneuvering in close proximity**, even though your boat may already be secured; SOS policy is for swimmers to stay out of the water until the raft is closed or the raft captain has authorized swimming.

- **When transferring from boat to dock or to another boat, keep at least one hand free for the boat** – even better, ask someone to hold onto your drink or food, etc. Use handholds or hang onto something rigid such as the shrouds (not the loose jib sheets). Don't linger with one foot on the boat and the other on the dock – transfer your weight swiftly. **If possible provide some lighting where people transfer from boat to dock or to another boat.** When returning to your boat after dark, use a flashlight – finger piers and midship transfer points are rarely well lighted.

Did you get all of that? Now that we are halfway through the sailing season, **don't get complacent. Be proactive, not just a**

passenger. One of the best antidotes for routine and complacency is to **actively develop your sailing skills.** If you haven't completed Basic Skills Level II or III take the opportunity to do so on your next cruise. Participate in one or more of the fun races – a fast way to really develop skills. Do you have what it takes to become a First Mate? Look over their requirements as well – they can be found under Forms and Such on the SOS website.

As we said at the beginning: **Maintain an awareness** of where you are and what is happening around you. Plan your activities so as to **minimize risk**, while **avoiding fatigue, dehydration, or dangerous situations that you are unprepared to handle given your skills, training, and experience.** If you are uncomfortable, **speak up!** If you have concerns about safety or for anyone's well-being, **speak-up!** If someone is disoriented or behaving erratically, **speak-up!** **Let others know of your concern.** The idea is to **take care of each other! Be safe!**

And after the sail is over, complete the survey monkey comment forms – let us know as well.

**Safety is everyone's responsibility!
Be a part of the safety team!**

Fair winds! Good sailing! See you on the water!

Committee Help!

Many people volunteered to serve on a committee in response to the recent Membership Survey. However, several of those respondents failed to provide their name and contact information.

If you are interested in helping out any of the SOS Committees, please take a moment to contact the particular committee coordinator found on the last page of the Whisker Pole or on the SOS web site.

Please remember to update your SOS Profile as well.

In Memoriam

Victoria Clark Waidner

By Judy Clark



Years ago, when I first joined SOS, Vicky Waidner was catering many SOS events. It may have been my first experience with Spring Training and Vicky's catering there, when I was drawn to make her acquaintance because I always saw her with a smile. During the last weeks of her life I was blessed to be with her on

many occasions; the smile was still present.

Vicky and I quickly realized we shared birth names, though probably not related, and our brothers are both named Bill. Though Vicky was born in Boston and I in New Jersey, Annapolis was OUR HOME. Vicky's family moved to Annapolis very early in her life when her father Captain Clark was assigned to the US Naval Academy to teach and coach track and cross country.

She began her lifelong interest in the arts as a student of her mother Grace, who was a locally prominent ballet instructor. A Patron and member of the Metropolitan Opera's Encore Society, she was a long term season ticket holder and never missed attending all the Met's performances. Vicky also supported many local cultural activities. She was a former trustee of the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County and in 2009 received the Council's Lifetime Achievement Award. Vicky was also involved in many community activities including membership in the Annapolis Yacht Club.

Many of Vicky's achievements are noted in various awards and citations in her Annapolis home, but my favorite enjoyment was sharing in her fabulous collection of Christmas-themed memorabilia. The unrelated Clark girls shared a love of this holiday and collecting Christmas décor.

She and I enjoyed discussing travel and she encouraged me to not wait "until later," but to take advantage of any travel I could as soon as possible. I am grateful for her encouragement and, though I certainly have not traveled as extensively as Vicky, it's

been wonderful to visit a variety of places. Her favorite destination was to be on safari in Africa. While in a local rehab facility earlier this year, Vicky and I again enjoyed looking at her photos from her travels in Africa. It was obvious that her heart was in Annapolis AND with the wildlife in Africa.

At her retirement party, it became quite obvious that Vicky was loved by many as an outstanding educator. During her 44 year career in the Anne Arundel County Public School system she served as a classroom teacher, assistant principal and principal. For 19 years she served as principal of Mayo Elementary School. During that time, she led the school to become the country's first National Blue Ribbon School. Following her retirement, she returned to school to read to the students and enjoyed sharing her travel adventures with them also.

I have been extremely blessed to have known Vicky Waidner and to have shared in part of her life. She and I both have been through some very dark days, but during mine it was Vicky who knew just how to help me. An extremely talented and gifted person, Vicky shared her life not only with SOS, but with all through her many associations around the world ... smiling. What a treasure!!



Vicky with her cousin Nancy Parsons



Vicky at a March Brunch



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- August 4th - 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 - pattievans@aol.com

Virginia/DC: Our first of two NVA/DC Happy Hours- 5 pm
1st Wednesday - August 6th - 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- August 7th - 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 - August 7th - 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 - - August 14th - - 5 PM Michaels Cafe Restaurant & Lounge, 2119 York Road, Timonium, 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 – August 20th - - 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- August 21st - 5 -7pm TIMPANO, 12021 Rockville Pike. Contact - Jim Randall: jrand1@gmail.com

Virginia/DC: Our second NVA/DC Happy Hour- 5 pm
3rd Friday- August 15th 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 – August 28th - 5:30 – 7 PM - New location at Coconut Joe's, 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, MD. 443-837-6057. cocojoes@comcast.net. . Go south on Rte 2 (Solomons Island Rd) and go over the South River bridge in the left lane. There is a left-turn lane, or a traffic light just after. Keep left to come back to the waterside location. From the road a sign on the building says "Hawaiian Bar and Grill", but the sign in the parking lot says CJ's. We HOPE to go to the rear (upper) deck and towards the right side. Order at the bar, or there is waitress service. \$1 off drinks and a few \$5 appetizers from 4 to 7.
Contact Ron 301-717-2770

SE Pennsylvania: Our second Happy Hour.-6-10 P M
3rd Thursday – August 21st --Desmond -featuring live music- The Desmond, Malvern, Pa. Meet a great group of social people who like great food!
Contact: PATTI - pattievans@aol.com

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

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Joanne	Alford	Grasonville	MD
Bob	Fay	Rockville	MD
Shirley	Franko	Arlington	VA
Klaus	Gruner	Port Saint Lucie	DE
Cindy	Harper	Parkville	MD
Walter	Kastner	Lancaster	PA
Michael	Lefave	Greensboro	NC
Joe	Mumaw	Baltimore	MD
Sandra	Nash	Annapolis	MD
Diane	Poorman	Chesapeake City	MD
Cindy	Turner	Timonium	MD
Sharon	Waters	Lutherville	MD
Frederick	Wenderoth	Alexandria	VA



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BOATS --

2009 JEANNEAU SUN ODYSSEY 32i. Spacious 2 cabin layout. Comfortable cockpit seats 6. See photos at: http://www.yachtworld.com/boats/2009/Jeanneau-Sun-Odyssey-32i-2717275/British-Virgin-islands#.U27L9_IdWSo. Lightly used and in excellent condition. Registered and owned in the U.S. Currently located in the BVI's. Price lowered to \$49,000 for quick sale. Contact Kris Smith at 443-691-4788 or at kristine0407@gmail.com. 8-14

BOAT SLIPS --

BOAT SLIP IN ANNAPOLIS - Located just a mile from downtown Annapolis, **35' Boat Slip** available on Back Creek. Special rate of \$1800 for 8 month lease. Rent includes electricity, water and dock box.

Slip can fit boat with 13' beam and 5'5" draft.

Please call Sailor Sara with questions 571-723-3196 9-14

SLIP FOR RENT: Deep water slip in protected cove off **Mill Creek (SEVERN RIVER)**. Newly rebuilt, rewired pier. Water and electricity available at pier. Plenty of parking available for cars. Easy access to the Chesapeake Bay. Contact Bev Nash, 410-349-1467 or beverlynash@verizon.net 9-14

2 BOAT SLIPS AVAILABLE in protected Martins cove off of Mill Creek (from Whitehall Bay) for sailboats up to 28 ft. Water and electricity at the dock.. Join 3 other SOS slipholders. Call Walter Flowers 410-757-8062 (H) or 703-969-2048.

JOIN GREAT DOCKMATES with a DEEP WATER SLIP on Mill Creek just past Cantler's restaurant. Water, electric, dock carts. Contact sofarr@aol.com or 410 757 3553 10-14

DEEP WATER SLIP ALONG SIDE 32 ft pier FOR RENT

On protected Martin's Cove. Can handle up to 46 ft. Includes electric, water and parking. Easy access to the Bay, minutes by car to RT50 or downtown Annapolis. Contact Nancy Thomas nthomas637@aol.com 410-349-2792 9-14

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SOS NET: The unofficial online communication for SOS members. To join, simply navigate in your browser to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SinglesOnSail> (Yahoo! ID required).with no fees or subscriptions.For questions, e-mail the list owner at:singlesonsail-owner@yahoo.com

MISC BOAT EQUIPMENT

USED FORCE 10 STOVE ... \$700. AS IS. This is a 3 Burner Stove with Oven and Broiler for. The stove is in good mechanical condition; all burners, Oven and Broiler function. Igniter module works on all but front left burner. (Needs the local spark unit replaced.). The oven is a manual temperature control via oven knob. The stove has a front mounted oven thermometer. Mounting brackets are included, along with battery holder for the spark unit. This was the working stove from Ariosa. I have replaced it with a stove that will maintain oven temperature automatically. Contact Mike, 410-833-8123, or Ariosa@Ariosa.us

GARMIN 78sc unit with protective floating case and PDF manual. Almost new, never wet. Paid \$350 new in Aug 2013. Unit sells for \$250 at West Marine. Selling **all for \$200**. Contact Eric Smaridge, esmaridge@gmail.com 9-14

BOAT TRAILER FOR SALE: 2001 custom Elite dual axle 5000 Lb. cap. Surge brakes, new tires, recent inspection asking \$800. In Annapolis. Bob Coffey 410-224-3838 9-14

BASIC SKILLS CHECKOUTS

Are you having trouble fitting in to the SOS Schedule?
 Are you intimidated at the prospect of a Basic Skills Checkout?
 Are you experienced but don't want to take an entire day to demonstrate the obvious? **Let me help !**

Call or email skipper Robin Meigel at
rmeigel@hotmail.com or 202 550 8089

REAL ESTATE

LUXURY SENIOR WATERFRONT LIVING, 7101 Bay Front Dr #207, Annapolis with every imaginable amenity! 2 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, including Jacuzzi in master bath, fully carpeted; Assigned parking space in garage. Pristine 2BR, 2 BA coop unit overlooking the Chesapeake Bay and pond. Spacious living/dining area, screened covered balcony, gourmet kitchen, washer/dryer, great views. Outstanding amenities incl. pool, fitness center, movies, trips, maid service, 1 meal per day, bar, library, and more! Owner financing possible. Home warranty. **For sale or rent.** Broker: Long & Foster Real Estate, Listing Agent: Judy Oldfield, (301) 367-3477. \$299,000 7-14

KITCHEN & BATHROOMS: Upgrade or Repairs for your Home or Vessel, mark.rybas@rocketmail.com or call Mark Rybas: 610-585-9037. 10-14

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