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The Cruising Corner Check here each month for more cruising details

By Cruising Co-Chair Cynthia Palmer

As we look ahead to 2014 cruising, let's all cross our fingers for some warm, sunny spring days to shake off the frigid winter we've had. Skippers are starting to think about getting their boats ready for a new season and our first two cruises – **IRS on April 12-13** and **Shakedown on April 26-27** – will be sooooooo welcome after these chilly, icy weeks of late.

Even though it still feels early, don't delay planning for cruises in May if you're a Kentucky Derby fan, a pirate at heart, you love rock n' roll, or you've a hankering to discover the hidden gems of Chestertown. On May 3-4 we'll raft in Eagle Cove by the horse farm (appropriately) for **the Kentucky Derby** cruise. Come decked out in prize-worthy big hats or fedoras with mint juleps in hand to toast the Derby winner!

On **May 17-18**, all wicked pirates and wickeder wenches are welcome to party with us at the **DNR**. Eye patches and bandanas. Daggers and grubby shirts. Rum. Got it?? ARRGG!!!

On **Memorial Day weekend (May 24-26)** we'll have a split cruise to two Broad Creeks (north on the Magothy and south on the Choptank). I don't know what the southern boats will be doing, but in Broad Creek on the Magothy, we'll be spinnin' 60s rock n' roll on *Neverland* and dancin' on deck.

Make a note right now in your IPhone for the **Extended Cruise to Chestertown from May 24-**

June 2. Cozy anchorages and serene countryside await you all along the Chester River. We'll anchor in Queenstown Creek and/or Reed Creek, spend a night at Lankford Bay marina, anchor again at Comegy's Bight, and then spend two nights at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club (CRYCC). CRYCC boasts an outdoor pool, spacious bar, lovely indoor/outdoor dining areas, and an18-hole golf course (and yup, they'll fetch your clubs from your boat if you like),

We'll want ample time to explore Chestertown, where there's something intriguing for everyone. Perhaps a guided tour of historic homes and buildings, an artists' studio tour, a meal or two at first rate restaurants, kayaking in local waters, or a relaxing day at CRYCC's pool and golf course. The trip home will include anchoring at least one more night, likely in Grays Inn Creek or the Corsica River.

Jim Brooks and I are coordinating this extended cruise and hope you can join us, We'd like to know early how many are interested for two reasons, First, slips and mooring balls are limited at CRYCC's marina. Second, we plan to poll those interested in visiting Chestertown to get a better idea of which excursions and activities to arrange in advance. If you want to be included in the poll, please email Cynthia at <u>cspsail@gmail.com</u> within 10 days of receiving your newsletter. We want to hear from you!



Pssstt . . . what's this? Come find out at Spring Training!

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VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Groundhog Day is celebrated on February 2nd but in SOS we have our own celebrations evidencing the coming of spring. The Awards Banquet, Skippers Advisory Meeting, Cruising Kick Off, Spring Training Weekend, Sock Burning and then it must be SPRING!

This year's path began with a beautiful

Awards Banquet. Our Master of Ceremonies, Dane Skagen, had Fred Astaire's dance moves, Clark Gable's savoir faire, and comedic tones of SNL. Young Frankenstein's monster was perfectly played by Mike Pittinger who joined Dane. Yes, it was a beautiful riot.

This year the serious awards were given to an incredibly outstanding group of people. Richard Green, winner of the Ed Kline Award for Member of the Year, has served seven years as Safety Chair. He responded to accidents, developed training programs and issued special safety bulletins. Brian Guptil, winner of the Elinor Abramson Award for Contributions to Education, tirelessly took members out on cruises and helped them learn sailing. He has also served on the Board of Directors and has done various education seminars. Rita Svec received the Commodore's Award. She diligently evaluated the Club's financial records and provided the Board with financial information so good decisions could follow. She continues to maintain those records on a daily basis. SOS's ambidextrous Rita is club treasurer and also a well skilled database administrator. She helps us swiftly get data needed and saves the club many dollars. And our Rookie of the Year Award goes to Jeff Talarico. He sailed more weekends than any other rookie, and he assisted one of our skippers on a beastly hot day to fix a leak. Jeff has also initiated programs at his place of business to help save dollars for our skippers. A huge THANK YOU to our winners! On the less serious side, see the Jibe Ho Awards on page 16 for a real hoot.

Then there was the laying down of the snow and the gathering of skippers at Howard Newman's house for a Skipper's Advisory meeting. Thank you Laura for managing this significant addition to our cruising foundation.

And the Stupendous Spring Weekend itself is nearly here. It begins with Spring Training at the Community College. (Have you remembered to sign up?) And the last brunch of the season March 17th is an especially fun one for members as we get to see ourselves in action via the Retrospective. Added this year will also be a showing of our award winning photographs. Just one week later will be the official Sock Burning!

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SUBMISSION DEADLINES

10th Fleet Exercises & Shore Leave 15th articles/photos/classified/HH

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And an era ends. Thank you Judy Clark for serving year after year as Database Contractor. You have been there day after day and helped us through numerous challenges through the years. We wish you a fantastic retirement. Teresa Scofield and Doug Gage thank you for taking on the quest, wading through all the data received, and making the selection of our new Database Contractor, Thomas Kreiner. Welcome Thomas!

Sandy Huberfeld, Commodore

Unofficial notes from February 6, 2014 Board Meeting Official February minutes will be posted on the SOS web site when approved in March by the Board of Directors.

Commodore: Welcomed Board to new meeting location. Will be presenting Awards on February 8th.

Vice Commodore: The photo awards will be presented at the March Brunch instead of the Awards Banquet. Bob Wright is assuming duties for the Retrospective to be presented at March Brunch as Samia had to resign.

Treasurer: All accounts are in good order. She will give Vice-Commodore, Hope Andruss, access to Quick Books so she can review payments made to Board Members.

Ad Hoc: No report.

Bareboat: No updates.

Brunches: Only 33 people signed up for February Brunch. Exploring the possibility of Tucker Thompson speaking at March brunch or adding an April brunch.

Cruising: 2014 Cruising schedule has been completed and published. All marinas have been contacted. Cruising kickoff is scheduled for March 9 at The Barns. Moving forward with +1 campaign.

Database: Twenty skippers and 176 members did not renew membership this year. Since Nov 1st, 24 new members and six new skippers have joined. One hundred fifty-five people have registered for Spring Training. New admin will be begin February 15 and the contract will run through June 1, 2015.

Education: Revision of Basic Skills program is complete. Spring Training registration is going well and we were able to successfully negotiate a \$1,000 reduction in the facility costs by changing the mix of AV equipment we will be using. The first dockside training day of the season is scheduled for March 29^{th.}

First Mates: No report

Membership Recruitment: No report.

Membership Retention: No report.

Newsletter: Eighty-one copies of the November 24-page Whisker Pole were mailed to 61 members and 20 issues to Happy Hour coordinators at a printing and postage cost of \$371.78. The cost per issue was \$3.71. As a follow-up to discussion about paid advertising, eight organizations were contacted to compare their advertising rate structure. Recommend we not pursue paid ads in Whisker Pole.

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

Skippers Advisory: Three new skippers have been assigned a mentor. Have identified two skippers who can be added to the raft captain's list, and recruited four to train this spring/summer. There is Skippers' meeting February 16th at Howard Newman's home.

Social: After Parade of Lights Party big success. The Awards Banquet registrations not as high as anticipated.

NEXT SOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 16th, 2:00pm following the Brunch Doubletree Hotel in Annapolis Meeting is open to all members. Directions are on page 22.

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.

	March 8	Saturday	Montge	omery County Area Fireside Chat
A	Location:	Bethesda, MD	Cost:	\$15 by deadline \$20 after deadline
	Speaker/Topic:	John Parsons Nautical Jeopardy	Hosts: Time:	Bruce Beckert and Vicky Wood 5:30 pm
	Deadline:	Mail: February 28 (postmark) Online: March 4	Notes:	Non-members must be accompanied by a member. No smoking, no walk-ins. Limited to 30.
	Coordinator:	Dunya Hecht dunyahecht@verize	on.net or s	sign up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
	March 9	Sunday	Cruisir	ng Kick-Off
Bert	Location:	The Barn at Ulmstead Estates 883 Lynch Drive Arnold, MD	Cost:	Free to Skippers, First Mates, Cruising Committee Members, Coordinators, and BOD; \$20 for Guests of Invitees.
	Deadline:	March 4	Time:	12:30 pm
		<i>No online sign-up for this meeting. Please RSVP to the Coordinator by email.</i>	Notes:	By Invitation Only Directions on page 22
	Coordinator:	Debbie Goldberg <u>hidebbieg@cc</u>	omcast.ne	<u>t</u>
	Coordinator: March 15	Debbie Goldberg <u>hidebbieg@cc</u> Saturday		t Training
		Saturday Anne Arundel Community College 101 College Parkway		-
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	March 16	Sunday	Brunch	1
	Location:	Double Tree 210 Holiday Court Annapolis, MD	Cost:	\$28 before deadline\$32 after deadline if space available
	Speaker/Topic:	Photo Retrospective and General Membership Meeting	Time:	11:00 am Social hour 12:00 pm Brunch 1:00 pm Program
	Deadline:	Mail: March 7 (postmark) Online: March 11	Notes:	BOD meeting following the brunch – all members welcome. Directions on Page 22
	Coordinator:	Ruth Moore <u>Rmoore1433@msr</u>	n.com or s	ign up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
	March 22	Saturday	Howard	d County Area Fireside Chat
9	Location:	Columbia, MD	Cost:	\$15 by deadline \$20 after deadline
2	Speaker/Topic:	Bill Small & Barbara Billek South on the ICW: A Travelogue	Host: Time:	Bill Small 6:00 pm
	Deadline:	Mail: March 13 (postmark) Online: March 17	Notes:	Non-members must be accompanied by a member. No smoking, no walk-ins. Limited to 25.
	Coordinator:	Jill Montgomery jill.montgom@gm	<u>nail.com</u> c	or sign up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
	March 23	Sunday	Sock B	Burning
	Location:	Annapolis, MD Directions provided upon registration.	Cost:	\$23 by deadline \$30 after deadline
	Speaker:	Commodore Sandy Huberfeld	Time:	4:30 pm – 7:30 pm
	Deadline:	Mail: March 15 (postmark) Online: March 18	Notes:	Non-members must be accompanied by a member. No smoking, no walk-ins. Limited to 30.
	Coordinator:	Kitty St. Romain <u>k.st.romain@c</u>	comcast.ne	et or sign up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
	March 29	Saturday	Flare a	nd Fire Safety Demo
	Location:	Camp Wabanna 101 Likes Road	Cost:	Free for Members
		Edgewater, MD 21037	Time:	8:00 am – 10:00 am
	Deadline:	Mail: March 21 (postmark) Online: March 25	Notes:	Directions on page 22
	Coordinator:	Richard Green ragreen01@gma	<u>iil.com</u> or	sign up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
	March 29	Saturday	Docksi	de Training
Ideal Pre-Reg for pre-	Location:	Various Skippers' Boats	Cost:	\$15 by deadline
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inside of the state of the stat	Deadline:	Mail: March 19 (postmark) Online: March 23 (9 pm)	Notes:	Bring your own lunch, beverage, and Basic Skills Checkout Forms
	Coordinator:	Irene Aronian irene.aronian@gn	<u>nail.com</u> o	r sign up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>

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	April 3 Location:	Thursday Commons Room Greenbriar Community Building	Time:	7:00 pm
		7600 Hanover Parkway Greenbelt, MD	Notes:	Open to all Members. Directions on page 22
	April 13 - 14	Saturday - Sunday	IRS Cr	uise
MY Tax	Destination:	S: Pirates Cove, West River N: Rock Creek, Marina TBD	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.
abel Contract of the Transverse ise Contract of the Transverse is the Tra	Deadline:	Mail: March 28 (postmark) Online: April 1 (6 pm)	Notes:	Marina Cruise – Each boat will need to make onshore dinner reservations.
	Coordinator:	Cynthia Palmer cspsail@gmail.c	<u>om</u> or sig	n up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
*	April 19	Saturday	Day Sa	il
	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@gmai	l.com or s	ign up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
	April 23	Wednesday	Mid-We	ek 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.
<u></u>	Coordinator:	Barbara Wingrove bwingrove@jl	<u>nu.edu</u> or s	sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org
	April 26 - 27	Saturday - Sunday	Shaked	lown 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.
Tel and	Deadline:	Mail: April 11 (postmark) Online: April 15 (6 pm)	Notes:	Raft
	Coordinator:	Bill Small <u>smallfavors@hotmail.</u>	<u>com</u> or sig	n up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
	May 3 - 4	Saturday - Sunday	Kentuc	ky 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)	Notes:	Raft
	Coordinator:	Ellie Kallins ekallins@verizon.ne	t or sign	up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

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¥	May 7	Wednesday		eek 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	<mark>o.net</mark> or sig	n up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
	May 10 & 11	Saturday & Sunday	Day Sa	ils
	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 <u>lv1509@yahoo</u>	<mark>o.com</mark> sig	n up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
	May 17 - 18	Saturday - Sunday	DNR C	ruise and Wicked Pirates Party
	Destination:	DNR Facility, Wye Island,	Cost:	\$79 - Cruise and Party \$45 - Party only Member or Non-member
and the second		Granary Creek		Non-member may sail once with a member and
	Deadline:	Cruise and Party Mail: May 1 (postmark)	Notes:	must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator. Raft in pods & dinghy ashore.
		Online: May 9 (postmark) Party Only: Mail: May 9 (postmark) Online: May 13		Overnight lodging - \$25. Limited number of bunks available in the lodge. Contact Mary Chevalier at <u>Mary7570@yahoo.com</u> for inquiries and to reserve a bunk.
	Coordinator:	Charlotte O'Conor coconor@ao	l.com or s	ign up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>
	May 21	Wednesday	Mid-We	eek Day Sail
	Destination:	Skipper's Choice	Cost:	\$17 - Member or Non-member
1000	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@jl	<u>hu.edu</u> or	sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org
	May 24 - 26	Saturday - Monday	Memor	ial 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.
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	Coordinator:	Peggy Green mbradpete@gmail	<u>.com</u> or si	gn up online at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>

## Annual Singles on Sailboats Treasurer's Report

	2013 Actual Revenue and Expenses			penses	2014 Budget (Approve		oved	l Jan 2014)			
		Income	I	Expenses		Net Income	F	Revenue	Expenses	r	Net Income
Bareboat	\$	2,382	\$	-	\$	2,382	\$	1,700	\$ -	\$	1,700
BoD	\$	1,455	\$	15,485	\$	(14,029)	\$	122	\$ 20,987	\$	(20,865)
Brunches	\$	10,347	\$	10,295	\$	52	\$	14,533	\$ 14,533	\$	-
Communications	\$	-	\$	1,726	\$	(1,726)	\$	-	\$ 2,775	\$	(2,775)
Cruising	\$	24,103	\$	16,633	\$	7,471	\$	30,378	\$ 23,973	\$	6,405
Database	\$	-	\$	10,657	\$	(10,657)	\$	-	\$ 11,500	\$	(11,500)
Education	\$	20,512	\$	17,015	\$	3,497	\$	21,649	\$ 18,243	\$	3,406
First Mates	\$	20	\$	166	\$	(146)	\$	-	\$ 240	\$	(240)
Membership	\$	40,754	\$	6,716	\$	34,038	\$	41,720	\$ 8,040	\$	33,680
Newsletter	\$	718	\$	10,043	\$	(9 <i>,</i> 325)	\$	1,000	\$ 4,800	\$	(3,800)
Safety	\$	30	\$	563	\$	(533)	\$	200	\$ 1,843	\$	(1,643)
Skippers Advisory	\$	-	\$	1,895	\$	(1,895)	\$	-	\$ 2,910	\$	(2,910)
Social	\$	36,878	\$	37,567	\$	(689)	\$	40,725	\$ 41,772	\$	(1,047)
Total	\$	137,199	\$	128,759	\$	8,440	\$	152,027	\$ 151,616	\$	411

## March 2014

Bareboat Income is money from credit card rebate and admin fees transferred to club treasury.				
Bareboat Charters	Revenue			
2013 Antigua	\$ 725			
2013 Italy	\$ 1,782			
Total Bareboat Charter Revenue	\$ 2,507			
Bareboat profits are placed in bareboat escrow, which pays for initial deposits on future charters				

Bank Bala	nces as o	f 31 Jan 2	014
Date of Statement	Bareboat Escrow	Regular Checking	Hi yield savings
1/31/2014	\$83,081	\$40,434	\$73,086

## Spring Training - March 15

Linda Casucci and Debra Roane

This year's Spring Training will include paid vendors strategically located in the Student Union of Anne Arundel Community College. Bring your wallet, come early and check out their products.

Remember: non-members are signing up now, and classes will fill up quickly. Register now, and get the classes you selected.

Date: March 15, 2014 - Register now!

Place: Anne Arundel Community College, Arnold, MD

Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm



## After Spring Training Party March 15

Knots! Navigation! Nautical Terms! We've been learning about these all day, so now we deserve a night out after Spring Training at the *Ready, Set ... Launch Party*!

The party location is only minutes away from the Anne Arundel Community College classrooms at "The Barn at Ulmstead Estates". You can be there in a *short tack to the west*! Starting at 5:15 pm and running until 10 pm, we're ready to serve your favorite beverages, famous BBQ ribs and chicken by **Adam's Ribs** with rolls, salads, and desserts! AND there's more! We'll have live music by "the best blues band in the DC Metro area" – *The Smokin' Polecats*! All of this for only \$41.00 ... but YOU have to sign up! Go to <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u> for more details and to sign up so you can be part of the fun.

## Brunch: Retrospective & Photo Awards followed by General Membership Meeting - March 16

What better way to get ready for the upcoming sailing season than to review all the great moments of the past season! Come to the Brunch to see the **Retrospective** –

an entertaining compilation of photos taken at SOS events set to music. Share lots of laughs, oohs, and aahs.

There will also be a presentation of the **Photo Awards**; a way to recognize the many outstanding photographers in our club who capture our special moments.

The Annual Meeting of SOS will be held at 2:00pm following the Brunch. The meeting is open to all members of SOS without cost. The Commodore will report on committee activities during the past year and the Treasurer will provide a fiscal statement covering the preceding fiscal year of operations.

## Time to Burn your Socks: Welcome Sailing Season March 23

Kitty St. Romain, Event Manager

After the recent carnival winter ride of snow, freezing temperatures, melting ice and more snow and freezing temperatures, you must be ready to doff those socks, right? We are all ready for sailing in balmy breezes or at the very least sailing in a light jacket.

So sign up and join us in the traditional Sock Burning celebration of the end of cold blue fingers and toes and the start of our time on the water. SAILING, yeah!

In celebration of our up-coming time on the water, we bid the blustery winter season adieu! Just how do we do that? We burn our socks!

SOSers gather for the Annual Sock Burning to celebrate the Spring Equinox and to share stories of past and anticipated sails. No longer do we need to protect our toes and ankles from winter's wickedness. So bring those odd socks, you know: the ones that have lost their mates, socks with missing heel or toes, or just those that are on their last legs, and toss them into the fire in this celebration of the Spring Equinox.

We'll have a yummy supper and celebrate with friends, anticipate future sailing, tell tales of past adventures. Details are provided in Fleet Ex. Sock Burning is a tradition, and we WELCOME EVERYONE to join. Register early as attendance is limited to 30 with no walk-ins, and directions will be provided



after registration. This is always a festive and fun casual event which you will want to participate in. (Yes, I just ended a sentence in a preposition on purpose; just part of the irreverent mind set!)

#### March 2014

### 2014 SPRING TRAINING Registration

#### Saturday, March 15, 2014 Deadline: March 9th for online registration; March 5th postmark for mail-in paper registration

## **Registration Instructions**

Spring Training is both a fun and educational event that includes many new members who are unfamiliar with the "routine." We ask that all registrants read the instructions below before calling with questions.

Cost: \$55.00 Member, \$75.00 Nonmember and all after deadline (see below). Included in the cost is a \$5.00 nonrefundable fee in the event that Spring Training is cancelled for any reason, including weather. See snow emergency instructions on page 19.

Please note that classes are filled on a first-come first-served basis, so don't delay registering! **Online registrations cannot be modified, so register carefully.** Registration for specific classes is limited. SOS reserves the right to adjust the class schedule to meet demand for key classes. Upon arrival, check in at the registration desk and pick up your class materials. Please be prompt and courteous; speakers are volunteers as are all the administrative staff.

Anne Arundel Community College is a non-smoking and alcohol-free campus, including the parking lot. Please do not smoke or consume alcoholic beverages *anywhere*. A continental breakfast, a buffet lunch and an afternoon snack are included in the cost of registration. Please note, however, that no food or drink is allowed outside the cafeteria.

#### To register online:

- We encourage online registration. Go to the website, <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>, and you will find a section for Spring Training. You will see something similar to the paper registration form, also published in the *Whisker Pole*. Please note that you can only use a credit card online; we cannot process checks online. If you do not wish to use a credit card, you can register by mail with a check. See below.
- Cost: \$55.00 Member, \$75.00 Nonmember and all after the March 9th deadline.
- Choose the courses you would like to attend by clicking on the drop-down menu. *If a course you select is "full," it will not appear on the menu.* This is one of the advantages of registering online. You will know your schedule when you register. Please note, however, that last-minute changes are possible due to circumstances beyond our control, so be sure to check-in at registration for your materials.
- Cancellations must be received via phone or e-mail no later than March 9th.

#### To register by mail:

- If you wish to register by mail, fill in the registration form included in this issue of the *Whisker Pole*. Mail the completed form together with your check to: SOS Spring Training, PO Box 5708, Annapolis, MD 21403.
- Cost: \$55.00 Member, \$75.00 Nonmember and all after the March 5th deadline.
- Fill out all information requested on the form. Please print legibly because your information will be entered into the Spring Training database.
- There are four 90-minute class periods, A-D. Indicate your first, second, and third choices by entering that course number. DO NOT write in the course name but use only the course number. Use a zero if you do not have a second or third choice, or if you do not wish to attend anything during that session. Entering a zero will not assure you your first choice, however, because classes are assigned in the order of registration.

Example:	<u>First</u>	<b>Choice</b>	Secon	d Choice	Third C	<u>Choice</u>
-	A:	1	A:	2	A:	0
	B:	3	B:	2	B:	1
	C:	7	C:	2	C:	3
	D:	0	D:	0	D:	0

• Cancellations must be received by phone or email no later than March 9th. Checks will be torn up unless you send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your registration.

## 2014 Spring Training Registration Form

	Use this form if yo	u are registering b	by mail. Online registration is encouraged.
Today's date:	Chec	k #	
( <i>Please Print</i> ) Name:			
State: Emai	I Address:		
Home/Cell Phone: _		Work Phone	
<u>Circle</u> All A	ppropriate Status o	ategories:	Circle Appropriate Skill Level:
Member			1. Novice (New to Sailing)
New Membe	er (Fewer than 12 n	nonths)	2. Intermediate (inshore sailor to aspiring First Mate)
Nonmembe	r		3. Advanced (First Mate, Offshore sailor)
Skipper	New Skipper	First Mate	4. Skipper
Spring Trail	ning Volunteer		
Speaker			

Indicate your course preference by the course number; use zero if you don't have a preference.

### Example: Under First Choice A: 1 B: 2 C: 7 D: 3

First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
A:	A:	
B:	B:	
C:	C:	
D:	D:	
	A:	A: A: B: B:

Cost:

\$55.00Member\$75.00Nonmember and all after deadline

How did you hear about Spring Training?

Online registration is available at www.singlesonsailboats.org

The exclusive member-only registration period expires January 15, 2014 at midnight Nonmember registrations will be accepted beginning January 16, 2014.

If you are not registering on line, send this completed paper form and a CHECK payable to SOS, Inc. to:

SOS Spring Training P O Box 5708 Annapolis, MD 21403

Mail registration DEADLINE: postmark dated Wednesday, March 5, 2014 (All nonmember forms will be processed beginning January 16, 2014



# **S.O.S. SPRING TRAINING**

	NATED			
	A – 1 * New Member Track	A-2 BASIC SAILING FUN- DAMENTALS	A – 3 READING NAUTICAL CHARTS (Lecture)	A – 4 ANCHORS AND ANCHORING
0	Levels: 1, 2	Levels: 1, 2	Levels: 1, 2	Levels: 1, 2, 3
9:00-10:30	SOS members Debra Roane and Bob Meadows introduce you the roles of Skippers, First Mates and crew, how to register for our events, and volunteer opportunities with the club.	<b>Rick Morefield, SOS Skipper,</b> uses things you already know to explain how a boat sails with specific emphasis on points of sail and getting a boat from point A to point B.	Harry Keith, SOS skipper, conducts an introduction to charts. Discussion about types of charts, their uses, data and symbols used and related resources, including web-based sources. Can be taken alone, or in conjunction with Part 2.	<b>SOS Skipper Ben Kaufman</b> will describe anchors, anchor rode, scope, how to anchor securely and the crews' jobs during the process. What affects a boat at anchor and how to "weigh" anchor for another destination.
	<b>B</b> – 1 * New Member Track	B – 2	B – 3	B – 4
10	BASIC SKILLS CHECK OUT	BASIC BOAT SYSTEMS	READING NAUTICAL CHARTS (Lab)	ADVANCED SAIL TRIM AND BALANCE
10:40-12:10	Levels: 1, 2 SOS Basic Skills program is a must for your sailing safety and enjoyment. Learn how this program works and what skills you are expected to know. <b>Brian Guptil and Betsy Kimmel</b> will present.	Levels: 1, 2 <b>SOS Skipper Emil Becker</b> will describe the various mechanical systems on a modern cruising sailboat, as well as how they work and how to utilize them safely for enjoyable sailing.	Levels: 2, 3 A practical "hands on" session is a follow up to the prior session, but can be taken alone. A series of questions and scenarios will be presented for students to solve. <b>Harry Keith</b> is the presenter.	Levels: 2, 3 Aaron Galvin, J World Annapolis Coach, describes the various controls on the sails and how to use each to shape your sails for all wind conditions. No more flogging sails; look good going down the Bay.
	12:15 -	1:15 PM – LUNCH	and DOOR PRI	ZES
	12:15 – C – 1 * New Member Track	1:15 PM – LUNCH C-2	and DOOR PRI	ZES C-4
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:50	C – 1 * New Member Track BASIC SAILING FOR BEGINNERS Levels: 1	C – 2 RULES OF THE ROAD Levels: 1, 2	C – 3 KNOTS Levels: 2, 3	C – 4 RAFTING WITH SOS Levels: 1, 2, 3
1:20-2:50	C – 1 * New Member Track BASIC SAILING FOR BEGINNERS	C – 2 RULES OF THE ROAD	C – 3 KNOTS	C-4 RAFTING WITH SOS
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:00-4:30 1:20-2:50	C – 1 * New Member Track BASIC SAILING FOR BEGINNERS Levels: 1 Ian Sanderson, SOS skipper guides beginning sailors through the basics of safe sailing, parts of the boat, what makes the boat move through the water, as well as some understanding of the crew positions.	C – 2 <b>RULES OF THE ROAD</b> Levels: 1, 2 <b>SOS Skipper Dennis Krizek</b> will review the "Nautical Rules of the Road". Topics will include: give- way and stand-on vessels, lights, shapes and sounds, with an emphasis on situations we encounter on the Chesapeake Bay.	C – 3 KNOTS Levels: 2, 3 SOS Skippers Chuck and Julie Fort demonstrate the proper knots to use on a boat and when to use them. Hands-on practice is included while viewing animation of each knot.	C – 4 <b>RAFTING WITH SOS</b> Levels: 1, 2, 3 <b>Skippers Hope Andruss and</b> <b>Dan Meier</b> lead this discussion on rafting in SOS, both circles and linear. What is the overall plan, what part does the crew play, and (for skippers) how to direct your crew for a smooth entry into the raft?

## 4:30 PM WRAP - UP AND DOOR PRIZES IN THE CAFETERIA

2 = **INTERMEDIATE**, inshore sailor to aspiring 1st Mate ** Recommended for Skippers

## SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2014

A – 5 <b>**</b> Skippers, exp. PREARING FOR EXTENDED CRUISING	A – 6 <b>** Skippers</b> SAIL CONSTRUCTION, CARE & SELECTION	A – 7 DOCKING & MANEUVERING IN TIGHT QUARTERS	A – 8 WOMEN AT THE HELM	A – 9 PHOTOGRAPHY FUNDAMENTALS 101+
Levels: 2, 3	Levels: 3	Levels: 2, 3	Levels: 2, 3	Levels: 1, 2, 3
Checklist for heading south: are there islands in your dreams? How to go about planning: boat, house and personal prep, route selection, crew recruitment and training. Much more with Sandy Daugherty, veteran cruiser.	The differences and difficulties of performance versus durability. Common sense care of your investment. Sails for heavy weather. Bary Gately, Quantum Sails	Matt Benhoff (Cap'n Matt) from Annapolis School of Seamanship, presents the concepts and techniques of maneuvering your sailboat under power, including safely docking without fear or shouting!	Join Skippers Laura Gwinn & Nancy Parsons, FM Kitty St. Romain, and Crew Teresa Scofield in a discussion on the opportunities for women at the helm. Ask the questions you have wanted to ask!	Learn how to improve your skills to capture beautiful photos of the Chesapeake Bay. SOS Photo Guy, John Parsons, will address topics including digital cameras, light, composition and storing digital images.
B – 5 ** Skippers	B – 6 ** Skippers	B – 7 ** Skippers	B – 8	B – 9
DIESEL ENGINES	BOAT ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS	MARITIME LAW	NATIONAL SAILING HALL OF FAME	SOS BAREBOAT CHARTERING
Levels: 3	Levels: 3	Levels: 2,3	Levels: 1, 2, 3	Levels: 1, 2, 3
Karl Allen, Diesel Guru will discuss basic operating theory, anatomy, routine maintenance and trouble- shooting for marine diesel engines. Karl may be able to bring his engine model, space permitting.	Andrew Fegley, owner of Yacht Electrical Systems helps in understanding and maintaining your boat's electrical system.	JoAnne Zawitoski of Semmes, Bowen & Semmes discusses tort issues (liability for personal injuries, violation of navigation rules, collisions and acts of God). A must for all skippers.	Geoff Cuneo from NSHOF brings us up to date with the plans for the Sailing Hall of Fame. He will introduce us to the various programs that they run, including the STEM program and the Bull and Bear sailing program.	Sandy Rosswork, Bareboat Chair for SOS, introduces us to the future possible trips, as well as memories of some favorites. She will explain how we go about organizing a trip and how you can get involved!

## 12:15 – 1:15 PM – LUNCH and DOOR PRIZES

C-5 <b>** Skippers</b> SAFETY ON BOARD AND CREW RECOVERY	C – 6 <b>** Skippers</b> WINCH TEARDOWN AND SERVICING	C – 7 DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER	C-8 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES ON THE BAY	C – 9 EAGLES AND OSPREYS
Levels: 2, 3 Aaron Galvin, J World Annapolis coach, reviews necessary crew safety gear and safety procedures on board, with a special emphasis on crew recovery. Know what to do in the event of a "man overboard".	Levels: 3 Pete Sarelas, Director of Maintenance, Naval Academy Sailing Program, demonstrates how to maintain your winches – large and small.	Levels: 1.2,3 How to choose some good foul weather gear? Logan Hearn from Annapolis Performance Sailing (APS) will show some of the latest innovations and what features suit you and your sailing.	Levels: 1, 2, 3 June Ejk, one of our favorite speakers, brings her medical knowledge to us on how to cope with any unfortunate medical emergencies that we may encounter while sailing.	Levels: 1, 2, 3 <b>Melanie Lynch</b> , self- proclaimed osprey-holic, enchants us again with her slides and information about the ospreys and eagles who are our companions on the Bay.
D – 5 OUTBOARD MOTORS Levels: 2, 3 Bob Pierce, long-time Annapolis delivery captain and outboard guru, helps us to understand the care and feeding of that balky	D – 6 ** Skippers MARINE ELECTRONICS Levels: 2, 3 Ryan McQueen of Marine Technical Services (MTS) will present new electronics for Chesapeake Bay Sailors	D – 7 <b>**Skippers</b> DINGHIES? WHICH IS RIGHT FOR YOU? Levels: 2, 3 Jesse Tucker, Fawcett Boat Supplies Sales & Service will discuss your questions about buying the right dinghy, how to repair	D – 8 SAILING SAFELY WITH SOS Levels: 1, 2, 3 Sailing is not without risk! Everyone needs to be aware of basic safety rules and what to do in the event of an accident. Richard	D – 9 WEST/RHODE RIVERKEEPER Level 1, 2, 3 Jeff Holland is the director of the organization that is dedicated to protecting our communities by stopping pollution. Learn about
outboard.		and store them.	Green, SOS Safety Chair. Safety is a team effort!	Riverkeeper programs and how you can work to improve rivers and our Bay.

## 4:30 PM WRAP - UP AND DOOR PRIZES IN THE CAFETERIA

**Skill Levels of Classes:** 1 = **NOVICE**, new to sailing 3 = **ADVANCED**, Skipper, 1st Mate, Offshore sailor * New Members and/or Inexperienced Sailors

2 = **INTERMEDIATE**, inshore sailor to aspiring 1st Mate ** Recommended for Skippers

Schedule for Saturday, March 15, 2013			
TIME		FUNCTION	
<u>Start</u>	End		
8:00 AM	8:30 AM	Registration and Continental Breakfast	
8:30 AM	8:50 AM	Welcome/Announcements	
9:00 AM	10:30AM	Session A	
10:30 AM	10:40 AM	Break	
10:40 AM	12:10 AM	Session B	
12:15 AM	1:15 PM	Lunch, Door Prizes	
1:20 PM	2:50 PM	Session C	
2:50 PM	3:00 PM	Break	
3:00 PM	4:30 PM	Session D	
4:30 PM	5:00 PM	Wrap-up, Door Prizes	

#### Directions to Anne Arundel Community College: 101 College Parkway Arnold, MD 21012

#### From Washington or Annapolis

Take Route 50 east to exit 27, Route 2 north (Governor Ritchie Highway) toward Baltimore. Stay on Route 2 for about three miles. Turn right on College Parkway. The first right turn is the campus entrance.

#### From Baltimore

From Interstate 695 take exit 2, Route 10 toward Severna Park. Stay on Route 10 until it ends at Route 2 (Governor Ritchie Highway). Follow Route 2 south about five miles. Turn left on College Parkway. The first right turn is the campus entrance.

#### Snow Emergency Procedure



**ATTENTION -** If there is snow on Saturday, March 15th (and we certainly hope there isn't!), we MAY have to cancel Spring Training. In the event the weather is questionable, the Education Committee will leave a message on the SOS Spring Training Weather Hotline, *available only on March 15th!* The \$5 non-refundable fee will be retained in the event of cancellation; other fees paid will be refunded.

#### Snow Emergency Recorded Message: 410-798-4098

Other questions: casuccilj@gmail.com or msdebrar@verizon.net

## **REVISED BASIC SKILLS PROGRAM**

**Debra Roane Co-Chair Education** 

## LET'S GO SAILING!

The Cruising Committee put together an exciting 2014 cruising schedule for all SOS members. For those of us who sail as crew it is important that we are current on our basic skills so that we can be of value to our Skipper and make our sailing experience more enjoyable and safe.

During the off-season, the Education Committee, in conjunction with representatives from the Skippers Advisory, First Mates Advisory, and Safety Committees as well as crew, met to discuss the current basic skills program and to assess if it meets our current needs. The Skippers were very clear that they need crew that will participate in a safe and knowledgeable way.

#### The SOS Board has approved the following revised **Basic Skills Program:**

The current program has four levels (I and II, III and IV). The revised program has three levels I, II, III). Level I tests boat safety, and simple basic skills. It is designed to be completed at a dockside training day or on a day sail. In Level II you will need to demonstrate skills related to sail handling, docking, and rafting. Level III tests skills related to maneuvering the boat under sail, navigation, and "Rules of the Road". Once you complete all three levels, you will be listed in the SOS database as a Basic Skills Graduate.

#### How does this change impact me?

You will need to know the basic skill level you have completed to answer this question. If you are unsure of your skills status, go to your profile on the SOS website to find your basic skills status.

- 1. I am currently a Basic Skills Graduate. All current Basic Skills Graduates are grandfathered under the program. Therefore, you are considered a Basic Skills Graduate under the new program.
- 2. I have completed Basic Skills I & II. Under the new program, you will be considered to have completed Level I. You will need to complete levels II, and III before you will earn the status of a Basic Skills Graduate.
- 3. I am a new member and have not completed any skill level. You will need to complete Level I, II, and III.

A copy of the new Basic Skills Program can be downloaded from the SOS website

http://www.singlesonsailboats.org/forms-and-such. The Basic Skills Program and Basic Skills Checkout Sheets are found in the Education box. They are dated February 2014.

#### What does SOS offer that will help me to master these skills?

Sign-ups are underway for the **Spring Training day on** March 15, 2014. Several courses will address skills you will need to demonstrate under the Basic Skills Program. So if you have not yet signed up please do so now so you get the courses you want to help you prepare to pass the program.

The first **Dockside Training** day is scheduled for **Saturday** March 29. Sign up now and get started on the Basic Skill Program so you won't be left ashore because you have not qualified to serve as crew. And for members who are Basic Skills Graduates, Spring Training is a great way to refresh your skills to be ready to GO SAILING! Any questions, contact Debra Roane at MsDebraR@verizon.net



#### **Revised Board-approved Cruising Policy**

02/06/14 The Basic Skills Program (as updated in 2014) is designed to provide members with a working knowledge of sailboats and sailing. This should enable them to safely participate in SOS sailing activities.

Completion of Basic Skills I is a minimum skill requirement for sailing as a crew member on a weekend cruise. Basic Skills I is generally completed at dockside training or on a day sail. Basic Skills I may be completed on a first weekend cruise, on a space available basis, if the skipper is willing to do a skills checkout.

It is expected that all crew members complete Basic Skills II on their first weekend sail. If a crewmember does not complete Basic Skills I on his or her first weekend cruise, he or she must complete Basic Skills I on a day sail or non-SOS cruise prior to being invited to another SOS weekend cruise. Also, Basic Skills II must be completed on his or her next weekend cruise. It is anticipated/expected that a member who wishes to participate in the SOS sailing platform will complete Basic Skills III within his or her first year of sailing. All Basic Skills checkouts may be administered by SOS skippers and First Mates.

With the adoption of the new Basic Skills Program, members who had completed Basic Skills I-IV of the previous Program are grandfathered in as having completed the Basic Skills Program. Members who previously had completed Basic Skills I-III will be acknowledged as having completed the new Basic Skills I.

## The following awards were presented at the January Awards Banquet.



## SOS Awards presented by Board of Directors

Jeff Talarico	Rookie of the Year Award	This award is to recognize the individual who, in his or her first year of sailing with SOS, demonstrates superior interest in sailing and in learning more about sailing and becomes involved in one or more of the SOS programs.
Rita Svec	Commodore's Award	Provides for the club's highest-ranking officer to extend a grateful thanks and public recognition to a member who has made significant contributions in fostering the goals of SOS and continues to contribute to many aspects of the club.
Brian Guptil	Elinor W. (Ellie) Abramson Award	This award is presented to that individual who has made special contributions to education programs during the previous year.
Richard Green	Ed Kline Member of the Year Award	This award is presented to an active (although not necessarily expert) sailor who has made major contributions to more than one area of club activity. The member cannot be a current or recent past board member.



## Jibe-Ho Awards (just for fun)

Karl Geveker	Took My Ball and Went Home Award	For running away to Key West to avoid having to be the Emcee for the Awards Banquet
Brian Guptil	Strength and Dignity Through Adversity Award	For never losing his sense of humor while losing his leg
Bob Meadows	Bond, James Bond Award	For having a job he can't tell us about or he would have to kill us
Mike Pittinger	Best (not crab) Picker Award	For spending at least an hour picking parts of his alternator belt out of his drive shaft pulley while drifting helplessly in the bay
Sandy Huberfeld	What Was I Thinking	For getting elected Commodore twice in a row and actually accepting the position a second time
Ed Menegaux	The Silent Service Award	For outstanding past Commodore performance, not complaining and just pushing ahead silently and steadily
Whisker Pole	For Finally Moving to the 20 ^m Century Award	For saving some trees and getting into the new computer and Internet world by moving the Whisker Pole into a primarily electronic format
Art Turriff and Robyn Day	Complicated Knot Award	For getting married in 2013
Sid Bergman & Carol Killian	Complicated Knot Award	For getting married in 2013
Pete Stevens & ???	Complicated Knot Award	For getting married in 2013
Carol Niemand	USA or The Unexpected Skipper Award	For surprising everyone by buying a boat, being a great skipper all over the bay, and especially surprising herself
Jean Judge	Subway Navigation Award	For getting off at the wrong subway stop in Pompeii and being unable to get back on before it left her at the station
Barbara O'Brien	Girl Friday Award	For always pitching in to help with the Board minutes, etc., mostly on Sunday, or whenever, but we still call it the Girl Friday Award
Ron Pence	Santa's Little Elf Award	For always being there for every parade of lights workday, even on days when the work was cancelled.
Cruising Chair	Music Chair Award	For playing musical chairs with the Cruising Chair by job by having three people use the same chair at the same time
Education Committee	Finally got My GED Award	For finally graduating from Broadneck High School to Anne Arundel Community College for Spring Training
Joy Meacham	Vanna White Award	For being a great helper and coming back the year a recipient, here on this stage, bent her over backward and kissed her right on the lips





Richard Green (Ed Kline Award) Brian Guptil (Elinor W. Abramson Award) Rita Svec (Commodore's Award) Sandy Huberfeld (Commodore)



Dane Skegan (Emcee) Mike Pittinger



Hope Andruss (Event Manager) Sandy Huberfeld (Commodore) Barbara Mistrik (Decorations)



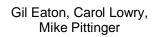
Perry Brown Irene Aronian

Carly Sargent Ken Piel





Meeps Yox, Shirley Brooks, Judy Barral, Irene Aronian (The Blondies)







Teri Dunn Peggy Green Carol Harn



Pete Breit Lorraine Panaccio Emil Becker

Photos by Richard Green



Nancy Anderson Joe Lombardo

February Brunch



Jennifer Dameron, Cathy Laws, Joy Meacham



Ron Pence, Sandy Huberfeld



**The Subsidiaries** 



Robyn & Art Turriff



Brunch attendees





Art Hoffman Kathy Haven Walt Blakeslee Jill Montgomery



Joy Meacham Barry Recame



## French Wine Jasting



Alex Daly and Mary Mulvihill (speaker)



George Hollendursky Shirley Brooks Hollendursky Teeja Meier Wayne Singley Lynn Singley (seated)



John Parsons

In Memory of Charlie Le Journeau 1937 - 2014







Longtime SOS Skipper Charlie Letourneau passed away at home on February 17, 2014. Charlie was an expert sailor who gained the trust and confidence of his peers, who welcomed new members and novice sailors, and gave of his time and talent to the club in a number of areas including Social, Education, Cruising, and Safety. He served as raft captain more times than we can remember, often lent a helping hand to another member, or a tow to another skipper with a disabled boat, and he once invited 80 or so members to his home on New Year's Eve. Charlie will live on in the memories of all of us to sailed, worked, and played with him. Once again, "Thank You, Charlie".

.....John Halstead



## "Listers" Wanted!!! For SOS French Canal Bareboat Cruise

The SOS Bareboat Committee has arranged a French Canal Trip in the Burgundy region, east of Paris, in September 2014. The SOS arrangements include a hotel night's stay in Paris at the beginning of the trip, a bus ride to the canal boats, a bus ride from the end point of the canal trip and another night's stay in Paris. The hotels both arriving and leaving are in central Paris.

The specific cruise being offered is called the CLASSIC NIVERNAIS CRUISE. The first week starts in the town of Migennes and proceeds to the charming Canal du Nivernais to end up at the town of Tannay. The second week is the same trip in reverse. The Nivernais is reputed to be one of the prettiest in France, and its surrounding network of equally pretty waterways (the River Yonne) gives access to some of the most beautiful and varied cruising areas of France. The canal boats putt-putt along at about 3 knots and pass through several locks along the way, giving crew members ample time to relax, enjoy the scenery and to ride adjacent bike paths and explore nearby towns. Le Boat, the charter company advertises "No experience necessary, no license required."

The first week is September 12-19, 2014.

The 2nd week is September 20-27, 2014. The Wait List puts no obligation on you at this time, but it gives you access to the information and activities of the group that signed up.

- Information updates via email and on the trip's website http://soscanal.simplesite.com
- Social gatherings: 'meet and greet'
- Wine tasting parties
- Please go to <u>http://soscanal.simplesite.com</u> for up to date information on all aspects of the cruise.

To be placed on the Wait List, please go to the SOS website, under 'Forms n Such' and fill out the application for the French canal trip. Mail it, with a check for \$200.00 made out to Singles on Sailboats to:

#### Teeja Meier PO Box 1439

Huntingtown, MD 20639

- The check will not be cashed until you accept an invitation on a boat.
- Please email me, (<u>teejameier@verizon.net</u>) with any questions, and go to: <u>http://soscanal.simplesite.com</u> for a complete overview of the trip.

## Flare & Fire Safety Demo March 29, 8-10am

The location for the event is Camp Wabanna (see directions on page 22). Following safe-use techniques demonstrated by instructors, you will have the opportunity to fire aerial flares, set off hand-held flares, and extinguish a small controlled fire using a fire extinguisher. This is a rare opportunity for hands-on experience for dealing with emergencies. You will also practice coiling and heaving lines, a skill that is used frequently during the sailing season at raft-ups, and setting an anchor. There is no fee for this event, but please register online.

**Skippers**: are invited to exchange out-of-date flares for new flares provided by SOS. Skippers exchanging flares are asked to please email Richard Green to reserve either one hand-held flare packet or one 12-gauge aerial flare packet.

## New Member Dockside Training March 29, 10am – all day

Dockside Training provides an

opportunity for new members to have an introduction or refresher on sailing with SOS. You will meet aboard various members' boats at 10 AM for an all-day session structured to simulate an SOS cruise, but not leave the dock. 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 do 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?

It is possible to complete most of the Level I checkout requirements during the day. The Basic Skills Manual (dated February 2014) and checkout forms can be found on the SOS website, <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>, under the Education section of Forms and Such. Note: *The Basic Skills Manual was revised for 2014. The current Basic Skills Program Manual is dated February 2014. Please make sure you are working with the current manual.* Please read the Basic Skills Manual Level I section prior to Dockside Training and bring the Basic Skills checkout forms with you.

Please register online using the Event Calendar at <u>www.singlesonsailboats.org</u>. 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 the SOS boats generously offered by SOS skippers for a day of fun, camaraderie and learning!

And at the end of the day, we'll all meet at a fun place in Annapolis for refreshments and sharing the day's experiences with your new friends!



## Happy Hours are not official SOS functions.

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.

The Happy Hours are in chronological order.

<u>SE Pennsylvania</u>: Our first of two SE PA Happy Hours. 1stTuesday-March 4th at McKenzie Brew House 324 W Swedesford Road, Berwyn, 610 407 4300 (near Trader Joe's off 202). Starting at 6 pm; dinner around 7 pm. SOS Contact: Patti Evans, <u>pattievans@aol.com</u>

<u>Virginia/DC</u>: There are two NVA/DC Happy Hours! 1st Wednesday (CHANGE IN DAY) - March 5th meet at 5:00 p.m. at the bar: Mylos Grill, Old Dominion Drive in McLean/ Chesterbrook shopping center. www.mylosgrill.com. Free parking, great food! SOS Contact: Charlotte O'Conor <u>coconor@aol.com</u>

Ellicott City, MD:1st Thursday- March 6th 5:30 – 7:30 PM at Bare Bones Grill and Brewery, 9150-22 Baltimore Natl. Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042. Corner of St. Johns Lane & Rte 40. www.barebonesgrill.com 410.461.0770 SOS Contact: Jill Montgomery jill.montgom@gmail.com

<u>South-Central Pennsylvania</u>,1st Thursday March 6th at Heritage Hills Golf Resort, 2700 Mt. Rose Ave. (PA-124), York, PA starting at 6:30 on the lower level of Knickers Pub. **SOS Contact**: Bob Morrow, <u>sosrjmorrow@aol.com</u>

Baltimore, MD: 2nd Thursday - March 13th, meet at 5 PM in the bar. Michaels Cafe Restaurant & Lounge, 2119 York Road, Timonium, opp Fairgrounds, MD 21220, 410-252-2022, http://www.michaelscafe.com Free parking, great food, drinks and Happy Hour prices.Food service until 11 pm. Cozy atmosphere, friendly waitstaff. SOS Contact: Barb O'Brien, barlo@comcast.net

Delaware: 3rd Wednesday – March 19th, 5:30 PM, at Timothy's Restaurant and Bar, Wilmington Riverfront, 930 Justison Street, Wilmington DE 19801. 302-429-RIBS (7427). by Blue Rock Stadium, facing the waterfront. http://timothysontheriverfront.com/ Happy Hour drink specials good until 7PM. SOS Contacts:Sue Donaldson <u>sbdonaldson713@verizon.net</u> Geri Walker grwalker12@verizon.net

<u>Rockville, MD</u>: 3rd Thursday- March 20th , 5 -7 PM at Marriott Hotel, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD 20852, (301) 822-9200; by the White Flint Metro station. SOS Contact: Jim Randall: jrrand1@gmail.com **SE Pennsylvania:**Our second Happy Hour for SE PA is the **3rd Thursday-March 20th,McKenzie Brew House** 324 W Swedesford Road, Berwyn, 610 407 4300 (near Trader Joe's off 202). Starting at 6 pm; dinner around **7 pm. SOS Contact:** Patti Evans, <u>pattievans@aol.com</u>

<u>Virginia/DC</u>: The second Happy Hour for NVA/DC is the 3rd Friday- March 21st 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 SOS Contact: Charlotte O'Conor <u>coconor@aol.com</u>

<u>Annapolis, MD</u>: 4th Thursday, March 27th, 5:30 – 7 PM at the Smoke House, 107 Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis, MD 21403) Tel. 410.571.5073.

www.annapolissmokehouse.com located in the Bay Ridge Plaza with Bay Ridge Liquors and West Marine. We meet in the bar area. Happy Hour prices: \$3 house wines, \$3 rail drinks, \$2 off draft beer and \$2.25 for domestic beers; 2-3 food selections for \$5.

SOS Contact: Patricia Duvall at PatCd0917@verizon.net

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

### **Member Profiles**

Please update your online information so that it will be accurate in the printed April Directory.

> Members 2014: 563 Members 2013: 629

## **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**

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LEWMAR 30-ST -Ocean series-2 speed, SELF TAILING WINCH. Chrome.Brand New (never mounted) \$600. Retails for \$1K. Ruth Moore 410-267-0599 Rmoore1433@msn.com.

**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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**KITCHEN & BATHROOMS**: Upgrade or repairs for your Home or Vessel, <u>mark.rybas@rocketmail.com</u> or call Mark Rybas: 610-585-9037.(exp. 6-14)

## **DIRECTIONS TO EVENTS**

#### March 15: AFTER SPRING TRAINING PARTY

At "The Barn" in Ulmstead Estates, 911 Lynch Drive, Arnold MD 21012

**From Rt. 2 (Ritchie Hwy.) in Arnold**, turn onto College Pkwy. Turn left onto Shore Acres Rd. Turn left onto Bayberry Dr. then left onto Lynch Dr.

From Rt. 50 between Annapolis and the Bay Bridge, exit on Cape St. Clair Rd . Turn left on College Pkwy. Turn right onto Shore Acres Rd. Then continue the same as above.

#### March 16: BRUNCH & SOS ANNUAL MEETING

At Doubletree Hotel, 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis MD 21401

Take 97 South to Route 50 East. Take Exit 22 and turn left on Riva Rd. Turn left at 2nd light onto Holiday Court.

#### March 29: FLARE AND SAFETY DEMO

#### At Camp Wabanna, 101 Likes Rd. Edgewater MD 21037

#### From Washington, D.C.:

Take Capital Beltway to MD Route 214, Central Avenue. Follow Route 214 approximately 20 miles, (about 4 miles past Rt. 2) passing the "Entering Beverly Beach Community" sign. Turn right on Beverly Place. Turn left on Maryland Avenue, turn left on Maryland Avenue (not a misprint), turn right on Elm Street, left on Likes Road, and proceed to the camp.

**From Baltimore and Annapolis**: From Aris T. Allen Blvd. take Route 2 south about 2.5 miles to the second traffic light. Turn left onto Mayo Road. Follow to the 214 intersection (at a light), and turn left onto 214 east. Follow Route 214 about 4 miles passing an "Entering Beverly Beach Community" sign. Turn right on Beverly Place. Turn left on Maryland Avenue, left on Maryland Avenue (not a misprint), right on Elm Street, and left on Likes Road. Proceed to the camp.

#### April 3: SOS BOARD MEETING

At Greenbriar Community Building, 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 Balto/Phila: Take I-295 to Greenbelt/MD 193 exit. Left at end of ramp, then bear left. Take the second left onto Hanover Pkwy. Then as above.

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**Spring Training - March 15** 

Sock Burning - March 23

Dockside Training; Flare and Safety Demo - March 29