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Membership Renewal: Nov 1, 2022 - Jan 31, 2023 Membership Year: Jan 1 - Dec 31

Singles On Sailboats will celebrate 45 years of sailing, socializing, learning and friendship during 2023.

The Sunday November 6th Day Sail will mark the end of the sailing season.

On November 13th, the Club will kick off the winter events with a Sunday Brunch at the Double Tree Hotel in Annapolis. There are also Sunday brunches scheduled for December, January, February and March. Coming up Regional soon will be the Preand Thanksgiving Dinners, the Annapolis Parade of Lights Party and the return of the Friday evening Zoom happy hour and educational presentations. Registration for the Sea of Cortez Bareboat is underway and plans for a second 2023 bareboat trip to a destination in North America are in the works. The Cruising Committee will start work on the 2023 schedule after taking a short break.

Don't miss what Singles on Sailboats has to offer. Renew your membership for 2023. An email will be sent with detailed instructions and a link to renew online beginning November 1, 2022. To renew by mail, a downloadable form will be posted to the website that loads after login.

### **2023 Dues**

- Regular & Associate Members: \$60.00
- \*Life Members \$40.00
- Inactive Members: \$15.00
- Subscription for a printed copy of newsletter \$40.00

\*Requirements to become a life member: born on or before December 31, 1952, and you joined BEFORE March 31, 2009. Also, if you had a lapse in your membership since March 31, 2009, you are NOT eligible to become a Life Member. To change your membership to Life member, you must contact the membership committee to verify your eligibility for lifetime membership.

# **COVID - Winter Season Safety Protocol**



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# **VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE**



#### Wow!! November already!

Soon we will lose our warm days and moderate nights.

Sailing season is ending, leaving us with wonderful memories of rafts, sailing, parties and friendships. For our newer members, don't worry! Thankfully, SOS does NOT go dormant for the winter.

Congratulations to our newly elected board members. Craig Coltharp and Heide Harper will return for a second term. Welcome to Nancy Bromberg, Cathy Laws and Susan Zevin, who are joining the board for their first term. Our new board is meeting on November 3 to elect new officers for the coming 2022-2023 fiscal year. Chairpersons are being installed for each of our 12 committees. These hard-working volunteers will be looking for interested members to populate their committees, planning our social, sailing and educational events. Please show on your membership renewal that you are willing to serve on one of the committees.

So, what's on the schedule for these few months until we are back on the water in April?

- Brunches-Sunday brunches with interesting speakers November-March
- Educational Seminars
- Educational Zoom meetings
- Holiday parties in members' homes

- A bareboat cruise to the Sea of Cortez
- Spring Training: a day-long conference of seminars to improve your sailing skills
- CPR training, Flare demos, Safety demonstrations
- Helper days to assist skippers in putting away their boats

Whew! All these events are planned and executed by our able and appreciated volunteers; can you step up to lend a hand?

This month, we look forward to our first Brunch on the 13th, Cruising Wrap-up (by invite only), and our Preand Post- Thanksgiving parties. Check them out in our Fleet Exercises!

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as your Commodore for this past year. Please feel free to contact me or any of the board members with questions, concerns or suggestions!

I look forward to seeing you at the November Brunch. Sign up early; you don't want to miss it.

Carole, Commodore

# Welcome New Members

**Stan Dorman** Monkton MD

Richard Fuller Ashburn VA

# Whisker Pole NEWSLETTER

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# **Unofficial Notes of October 6, 2022, Board Meeting**

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

<u>Present:</u> Carole Jordan, Craig Coltharp, Robin Meigel, Wendy Adams, Doug Gage, Heide Harper, Pat Woodie, Robert Wright, Susanne Vaughn, Jon Bernheimer, Rob King, Chuck Fort, John McDonald, Emil Becker, Noreen McGuire, Linda Casucci, Janet Gonski, Lorraine Fassett, Bill Knapp, Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky, Susan Zevin

**Commodore:** Carole Jordan

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the September Board meeting have been approved. There were 266 views of the candidate's statements that were posted to the website. The 2022 Whisker Pole page on the site had over 300 hits from September 1st to October 4th. The online Zoom recording of the 2022 Town Hall had 20 views. There were 140 ballots cast from the 451 members eligible to vote. Voter participation was 32.3%.

<u>Vice Commodore</u>: Robin Meigel: town Hall Meeting had 86 persons registered, but there were 13 no shows and 1 walk-in. 5 members zoomed in vs. 12 last year.

**Treasurer**: Craig Coltharp

Club Checking Account	\$ 14,445.10
Hi-Yield Savings Account	\$ 73,463.59
Club Credit Card	\$ 1,230.10
Bareboat Account	\$ 60,723.96

Bareboat: Deb Kauffman

**Aeolian Islands:** September 10 – 17, 2022. Trip completed and after-party scheduled. One incident – member fell and hit head. Hospital visited and released without incident.

**Sea of Cortez:** Jan 28 – Feb 4, 2023. Coordinator: Needed. Five boats leased – 3 monohull/2 catamarans. Call for crew.

<u>Brunch</u>: Suzanne Vaughn: Kyle Pallozzi, Meteorologist, from the Weather Service with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will be the November 13 speaker. The December 11 will be from the Chesapeake Area Professional Captains Association (CAP-CA).

<u>Database</u>: John McDonald: Reviewed attributes that make up member profiles. Delete attributes that are no longer relevant, add new attributes that would support club activities.

	Oct 2022	Oct 2021	Oct 2020
Members	255	230	403
Skippers	64	60	81
Lifetime Members	98	108	
Lifetime Skippers	23	21	
Inactive Members	21	18	
Totals	461	437	484

<u>Cruising</u>: Chuck Fort: The cruising season is ending, but plans are beginning for the next year. Skipper Rewards will be provided to database for distribution to the Skippers involved for use at land-based parties and events. Preparations continue for the Cruising Wrap-up to be held at the Doubletree Annapolis on November 19.

**Education**: Bill Knapp: Encourage members to submit their completed check sheets electronically rather than by mail. Starting in November we will resume Zoom Educational seminars. Planning is underway for Spring Training.

**<u>First Mates:</u>** Rob King. 11 Active FMs.All FMs needing a renewal event are scheduled for check out by the end of the season.

<u>Membership</u> – Linda Casucci, Jon Bernheimer: Four new Members have joined since the last BOD meeting.

<u>Public Relations</u>: Karl Scible, Janet Gonski We are keeping a handle on Meet Up rsvp's to report to the HH hosts. We are also trying to set up a group of interested parties for Parade of Lights in order to have designers, detailers, crew for bringing Chuck's boat back and forth as well as the night of.

<u>Safety</u>: Joan Tannen: Safety has been collaborating with a small team on the club's new Fitness Index program and publicizing the program with the membership in the new year. Safety routinely reviews surveys after weekend and day sails and then follows up on any expressed concerns.

**Skippers Advisory**: Emil Becker and Lorraine Fassett: Monthly ZOOM Skipper

HH meetings were suspended in September due to one of SA chairs being on the bareboat cruise to Sicily. They will resume in October.

<u>Social</u>: Noreen McGuire: See new business.

<u>Unfinished Business</u>: Committee Chairs to resign.

#### New Business:

**2023 Dues, WP Cost to members**: Motion for the dues to remain the same was approved.

**Bareboat refunds/fees:** Discussion revolved around the cost inequity between monohull and catamaran boats. Catamarans are more available. Doug suggested waiving the third payment for monohull cruisers to reduce refunds.

**Social handbook revisions:** Social Committee Chair Handbook needs to be revised to be more specific about which parties Social Chair is and is not responsible for.

**Social budget:** Committee will decide which events the Social Committee handles, and which are 'stand-alone'.

**Covid Policy going forward**: Bob Wright made a motion to continue with the previous year's wording, Heide Harper seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion failed.

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must provide evidence of vaccination and boosters upon request during the period Nov 1 - Apr 15 as well as comply with the requirements of a specific venue then in effect. Members should expect to be denied admission without refund if they fail to comply with this winter season policy."

**Medical Forms:** Pat Woodie will create a proposal to implement the use of mandatory medical forms on cruises.

Committee chairs for 2022-23: Current committee chairs need to submit their resignations. Liaisons, please reach out to your committee chairs to request this.



The Parade of Lights is coming to Annapolis as it does each second Saturday in December and SOS plans to be represented with a boat complete with lights, banner, and action! We have formed a small committee to organize the details of design, decorate, crew, undo... and we need your input, vision, and capable arms. With a very simple design plan, we hope to take no more than a day or two to line up the lights and set up the décor.

So, contact Janet Gonski <u>JGSunset@yahoo.com</u> with any questions or if you are interested in being part of the action.

### WATCH THE LIGHTS PARADE IN COMFORT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Watch the 40 or more boats of the Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade burst into light on Saturday, December 10, at 6:00 PM. Enjoy the parade in warmth and comfort from a waterfront room at the Annapolis (Marriott) Waterfront Hotel. See this wonderful show of splendid color and twinkling lights with each boat decorated in a Christmas theme. This year, we have an SOS entry in the parade! Be there to cheer for our club boat!

**Drinks and eats** will be available in the room starting at about 5:00. Our overview of the Lights Parade will be fantastic from a large balcony which gives a view of "Ego Alley" and the immediate waterfront. This is a great opportunity for photographers to capture a winning view of this colorful holiday event.

Cost for this event will be \$50.00 per person. Send your check made out to SOS, to Sandy Rosswork (511 Chesapeake Ave, Annapolis, 21403). Beer, wine, sodas and sandwiches will be provided. Participants are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert. Call or email Sandy Rosswork for more information and to sign up and indicate what you will bring. Don't wait too long....attendance must be limited due to the size of the room!! Call 410-267-8739 or email [sgrosswork@aol.com].

Parking will not be provided at the hotel. Park in Eastport and walk across the bridge, or park at one of the city garages and take the free shuttle into town. The hotel room will be open from about 4:30 PM. The Parade starts at 6:00 and the Spa Creek Bridge will open about then to let the boats through. Traffic will be heavy as time gets closer to the start of the parade.

Oh yeah.....what happens to the room when the party is over?? Well, the plan is to draw a name from those who have signed up and..... the lucky winners will be able to stay for the night!

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# Brunch - November 13<sup>th</sup> NOAA Hurricane Preparation

The National Weather Service is a very busy organization, especially now with the recent devastations in Puerto Rico, Southwest Florida and the Central Southeast States. There couldn't be a better time this presentation SOS. We can learn how to be better prepared for the coming hurricane season! The photos of Florida and the boats stacked on one another are breathtaking. Could this have been prevented or the effects lessened?

Mr. Kyle Pallozzi has been a Meteorologist with the Baltimore/Washington forecast office for four and a half years, which is located in Sterling, VA. They cover marine forecasting and warning services for all of Chesapeake Bay north of Smith Point, as well as the Tidal Potomac. He is originally from the Albany area and enjoys hiking the Adirondack Mountains.

He says he's never been in a hurricane while it was fully tropical in nature but has lived through the remnants of several hurricanes after they've started to turn extratropical, namely Irene and Sandy (in upstate NY), and more recently Ian while living in northern Virginia.

At this Brunch we will once again collect items for the Anne Arundel Food pantry and will have a box to collect your donations. The food bank has needs for peanut butter and jelly, 1 lb bags of rice, baby food, ensure/nutritional supplements, healthy snacks like breakfast bars, dried fruit.

# Brunch – December 11<sup>th</sup> Sail Beyond Cancer

Harnessing the healing powers of wind, water, and sail, Ms. Suzanne Snyder Johnson established a group called Sail Beyond Cancer (<a href="www.SailBeyondCancer.org">www.SailBeyondCancer.org</a>) in 2014 after her own encounter with breast cancer. The idea is to take someone dealing with cancer, and five people they choose, out for a three-hour sail (at no charge to them) to take their mind off what they are going through and to give them a few hours of escape. She believes in the importance of taking time to celebrate life's beauty together, and do so by providing a unique therapeutic recreational experience for the whole family.

November 2022 Whisker Pole 5

# SOS Logo Gear Coming Your Way!

This year we have worked with a local business to offer SOS logo clothing and items. Most recently, it was possible to order in early August and StoutGear had created a design for the Sicily bareboat trip.

We plan to offer the online store again in early November for your holiday shopping and we are working on a design for the Sea of Cortez bareboal trip.

There will be a blast to the club members letting you know the SOS Logo Gear Shoppe is "open" for you to order items and after a couple of weeks it will "close" – the online order window will end. After that point StoutGear then makes the orders and ships them to you. So, look for the blast and scroll through the options offered. Then give us some feedback on what you would like for a future order opportunity.

Any questions can be directed to PR co-chair Janet Gonski at JGSunset@yahoo.com and she will do her best to address them!



# Jan 7th Seminar

Please join us for an exciting presentation by SOS members Harry & Katie Keith as they share their adventures this past summer on the Down East Loop. They will discuss trip planning, boat prep, provisioning, marinas, moorings, highlights, mis-adventures and share photos of their trip. This information will be invaluable if you are planning to make a similar trip, or just want to learn about an incredible adventure!

You may have heard of the "Great Loop," a well-traveled nautical circuit that involves the Hudson River, the Erie Canal, the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River. But there's another loop, less traveled by, called the Down East Loop. This route continues up the Hudson, through the Champlain Canal and Lake Champlain, the Richeleau



River, Chambley Canal, finally turning East at the St. Lawrence River. The only way home from here is around the Gaspé Peninsula, down the East coast of New Brunswick, through the Northumberland Strait past Prince Edward Island then the Canso Strait past Cape Breton Island. From there, the Loop continues along the East coast of Nova Scotia, ultimately ending up back in US waters along the Maine coast.

# Fleet Exercises and Shore Leave

Please <u>email</u> your questions and request for directions to the coordinator. If you are paying by check for any sailing event, a paper Sailing Registration Form must **accompany the check** mailed to the **coordinator**. A copy of this form can be found on the SOS website. All checks are to be made payable to <u>SOS, Inc.</u> The postmark is used as the mail in cutoff/deadline date. **Note: Individual request for refunds will incur a \$3 Administration Fee.** 

November 3 Thursday Board Meeting

Location: In person, TBD. Time: 7:00pm to 10:00pm. Hybrid Zoom option available for those Note: Open to all Members.

that can't attend.

Various

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays Starting in
November

Education Zoom Seminars

**Location:** Comfort of your home. **Time:** 6:30pm to 7:00pm Socializing.

7:00pm to about 8:00pm Presentation.

Invitation: Moderator will send out a Blast with Notes: Zoom application is needed for your PC,

sign on information prior to day of Laptop or Phone.

event. Dial-in option is also available.

Open to all Members.

November 5 Saturday Day Sail

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

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must Note: Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must

be received by Oct. 31 (9:00pm). mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator: Susan Absher susanabsher@gmail.com

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

November 6 Sunday Day Sail

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

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must Note: Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must

be received by Oct. 31 (9:00pm).

mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator: Susan Absher susanabsher@gmail.com

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

November 13 Sunday Brunch

**Location:** Double Tree Hotel, **Cost:** \$33 - Brunch.

Annapolis, MD. \$37 - After deadline and walk-ins.

Speaker: Kyle Pallozzi, Meteorologist - NOAA. Time: 11:00 am Social Hour.

**Topic:** NOAA's National Weather Service 12:00 noon Brunch. provides weather and climate forecasts 1:00 pm Program.

on which the Bay boating community depends.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must Note: Per SOS requirements - Only COVID

be received by Nov. 7 (9:00pm). vaccinated and boosted participants, please.

Coordinator: Linda Casucci casuccili@gmail.com,

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



#### **November 19 Saturday**

Destination: Double Tree Hotel,

Annapolis, MD.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must

be received by Nov. 6 (9:00pm).

Chuck Fort Saillrn@comcast.net



**Cost:** Free to invited Skippers, First Mates and

Coordinators only. \$20 for Guest of invitees.

BY INVITATION ONLY

Time: Starts at 5:00pm.

Per SOS requirements - Only COVID Note:

**Regional Pre-Thanksgiving Dinners** 

coordinated with host/ess.

**Cost:** Contribution up to \$15 and dish to share.

This is NOT an on-line coordination.

Per SOS requirements - Only COVID

vaccinated and boosted participants, please.

Coordination is thru Hope directly via email.

vaccinated and boosted participants, please.

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

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### **November 20 Sunday**

Location: Kent Island, MD.

Newark, DE.

Deerwood, MD.

Deadline: Registrations must be received by

Nov. 16 (9:00pm).

Last minute? Call Hope to see if

space is available.

To attend/host, contact Hope Andruss, <a href="https://hopeda@verizon.net">hopeda@verizon.net</a>, Coordinator:



Annapolis, MD. Location:

**November 26 Saturday** 

Directions upon request.

This is NOT an on-line coordination.

Deadline: E-mail: November 22

Last minute? Contact Meeps to see **Note**:

if space is available.

Meeps Yox mpsyx@earthlink.net Coordinator:

Contribution \$10 and dish to share,

coordinated with hostess.

Coordination is thru Meeps directly via email.

Time 5:00pm. Limit 18.

Per SOS requirements - Only COVID

vaccinated and boosted participants, please.

#### **December 1 Thursday**

.ocation: In person, TBD.

Hybrid Zoom option available for those Note: Open to all Members.

that can't attend.

#### **Board Meeting**

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

#### **December 3** Saturday

Location: Annapolis, MD

Speaker: John Parsons.

Topic: Nautical Jeopardy

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must

be received by Nov. 28 (9:00pm).

\$25 after deadline. Host:

Nancy Parsons

5:30pm. Limited to 12 Time: Note:

\$20 by deadline.

**Annapolis Area Fireside Chat** 

Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.

Per SOS requirements - Only COVID

vaccinated and boosted participants, please.

Coordinator: Barbara Mistrik mistrikbabara@gmail.com

To host one of these events, contact Barbara Mistrik mistrikbabara@gmail.com

Cost:

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

### **December 10 Saturday**

Location: Annapolis Waterfront Hotel,

Autograph Collection, Annapolis,

MD.

Coordinator Sandy Rosswork sgrosswork@aol.com and Hostess:

### **Parade of Lights Viewing**

\$50 per person. Plus, bring an appetizer or Cost:

dessert.

Time: 5:00pm in room, 6:00pm Parade starts.

Note: Contact the coordinator directly.

Space limit of 25.



**December 11** Sunday

Location: Double Tree Hotel.

Annapolis, MD.

Speaker: Suzanne Snyder Johnson. Topic: Sail Beyond Cancer Inc. We give

our patients and caregivers a

unique opportunity to enjoy sailing.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must Note:

be received by Dec. 5 (9:00pm).

**Coordinator:** Bev Nash beverlynash@verizon.net

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



**December 25 Sunday** 

Home of Barbara Mistrik.

Edgewater, MD

Only vaccinated members,

please

Deadline: December 21

phone. Note: Last minute? Call Barbara to see if space is

available. There is a limit.

\$10 and Food contribution

\$37 - After deadline and walk-ins.

Per SOS requirements - Only COVID

**Christmas Day Dinner - Annapolis Area** 

This is NOT an on-line coordination.

Coordination is thru Barbara directly via

vaccinated and boosted participants, please.

11:00am Social Hour.

12:00 noon Brunch. 1:00pm Program.

Call Barbara Mistrik via phone only, AFTER DECEMBER 1. 410 956-1445. Coordinator:

Be prepared to request your buffet contribution.



January 5

**Thursday** 

ocation: In person, TBD.

Hybrid Zoom option available for

those that can't attend.

**Board Meeting** 

**Seminar** 

Cost: \$TBD.

**Holiday Brunch** 

Time:

Cost:

Note:

Cost: \$33 - Brunch.

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

Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm.

Note: Coffee and Snacks provided.



January 7

Saturday

Location: Edgewater Library,

25 Stepneys Lane, Edgewater, MD

Speakers: TBD. TBD. Topic:

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must

be received by Jan 4 (9:00pm).

Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky Shirleybbrooks@yahoo.com Coordinator:

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



Jan. 28 -Feb. 4

7-day trip Saturday to Saturday

**2023 Bareboat Cruise** 

Destination:

Sea of Cortez.

Cost: La Paz. Mexico.

Must be fully COVID vaccinated & Note:

boosted to sign up for this trip

per SOS requirements.

Members \$1400 = Boat Cost and Admin Fee. Air Fare and Insurance are separate.

To Download Registration Form with Payment Information:

http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/453350884

Coordinator: TBD Need a coordinator. Contact Deb Kaufman debkauffman@comcast.net

Go to http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/. for more details.

# Awards, Awards, and More Awards!











At an awards event to be announced, SOS will recognize four members for their significant contributions of time, energy and talent (the serious member recognition awards) to our all-volunteer Club. Members will also be recognized for contributing whimsical, good-natured humor through their foibles, bloopers, and flim-flams (the Jibe Ho awards).

Nominations from the membership are requested .and should include nominee's name, award for which she/he is nominated, and a description of why the nominee qualifies for the particular award. Nominations for both the Board Awards and the Jibe Ho Awards should be sent to Vice Commodore Robin Meigel at rmeigel@hotmail.com.

# So, What Are The Serious Board Awards?

<u>Commodore's Award</u>: The Board of Directors established the annual Commodore's award so that the highest-ranking officer of the Club could extend public recognition and many thanks to an individual who has made significant contributions in fostering the goals of Singles on Sailboats, and who continues to contribute to many aspects of the Club. Nominations for the award are accepted from the general membership.

Ed Klein Member of the Year Award: Singles on Sailboats owes its beginnings to Ed Klein. He cosponsored the first rafts of two or three boats, the first brunches, the first social gatherings. But Ed offered more. He would teach you to sail without regard for your past experience or future expectations. Ed would take you aboard his boat, The Mai Kai, give you the helm, and develop your skills. He would challenge you to extend your horizons. He was one of those unique individuals who shared his joy of sailing with you. Ed sailed beyond this world in 1987. Nominations for the award come from the general membership.

Elinor W. "Elli" Abramson Award for Contributions to SOS Education Programs: Elli Abramson created educational many new programs for the members of Singles on Sailboats. After serving on the Board of Directors for two years, she gradually built an all-encompassing education program that provides the opportunity to broaden one's knowledge of sailing at minimal cost. She transformed the spring education program so that it attracts more participants than any other SOS event. Elli sailed beyond this world in 1992. Nominations are accepted from the general and the Education Committee membership, Chairperson(s) recommends the recipient.

Rookie of the Year Award: Singles on Sailboats attracts many new sailors each year. The Board of Directors established the annual Rookie of the Year Award to recognize the individual who, in his or her first-year sailing with SOS, demonstrates superior interest in and learning about sailing, and who becomes highly involved in one or more of the many SOS programs. Nominations for the award come from the general membership.

# **Goose Cruise**



Sunset across the deck of Fortunate Soul



(L to R): John and Nancy Parsons, Debbie Daugherty, John Rogers, and Jill Montgomery



(L to R): Debbie Daugherty, John Rogers, and Jill Montgomery



(L to R): Melinda Zimmerman and Suzanne Vaughn



(L to R): Nancy Parsons and Debra Roane



(L to R): Debbie Lyle and Debra Roane



Water Music arriving at the Raft-up



Paul Anderson (NM)



(L to R): Connie Walvatne-Wilde and Peter Wilde

(NM) means New Member



Let the party begin!

# **Oktoberfest**



(L to R): Gabi Van Wie and Heide Harper



Gabi Van Wie and the food spread.



(L to R): Samia AbdeWahed, Judy Barral, Lora Donia and Heide Harper



Lora Donia



Crowd of SOS'ers around dessert table



(L to R): Samia AbedWahed and John Rogers

# **Oktoberfest**



Bill Small



(L to R): Rich Stewart and **Janet Gonski** 



**Bob Morrow** 





(L to R): Dane and Ursula Skagen



Kathy Haven



(L to R): Mary Chevalier and Bob Wright



(L to R): Lora Donia, Judy Barral and Samia AbdelWahed



s/v 'Jazzy Cat' heading home.

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# Chili Cruise



(L to R): Catherine Fox, Cindy Turner and Cindy Gross



George Hollendursky (Raft Capt) and Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky



(L to R): Jack McKim, Linda Perkins and Cindy Turner



(L to R): Flavia Favali, Steve Garris and Shelley Castle



Cynthia Browne (NM)



(L to R): Janet Gonski, Hope Andruss and Doug Gage



(L to R): Melinda Zimmerman, Jocelyn Duffort, Andrew Normand and Janice Bladley



(L to R): Bill Knapp, Pat Tracey, Coco Lanquetuit and Leo (Bill's dog)



(L to R): Cherie Comly, Noreen McGuire and Rich Stewart

(NM) means New Member Photographs submitted by Samia AbdeWahed

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(L to R): Rita Svec, Vernon Owens, and Judy Barral



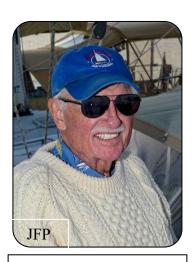
(L to R): Gregory Cream, Mary Moore, Kathy Haven, and Hope Andruss



Ellen Rosenberg



Emil Becker Skipper of Coney Island



Ray Harris



(L to R): Jody Hutchinson,
Pete Wilde and
Connie Walvatne-Wilde



**Bob Wright** 

Photographers: John Parsons (JFP); Bob Wright (RAW)

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# **SCUTTLEBUTT**

# (A communal water cask around which sailors traded gossip)

A Spain and Portugal Road Scholar trip was the post-COVID getaway for **Anne Bastian** this October. This was the first time for Anne to visit some of these beautiful places. The tour started in Lisbon; then a road trip to a number of towns and historic sites in Portugal. After Portugal, the tour explored Southern Spain including the Alhambra and Seville, before flying home from Madrid! She will be glad to share some of the highlights of the trip with others that might be interested!

**Angela Weathers** is on a road trip traveling north to Minnesota and North Dakota, through the Badlands, then down to Las Vegas for a conference on "The center for enquirer" and ending up in Arizona for the winter.

### **Chili Contest Winners**



On October 2 & 3. fourteen SOS boats rafted together to participate in the SOS Annual Chili Cookoff Contest. Saturday evening, members roamed from boat to boat. tasting and judging. Sunday morning, the winners were announced and prizes awarded just before raft breakup.

Most Imaginative - Gabi van Wie aboard Eureka
The Hottest - Mike Swift aboard Braveheart
Best Tasting - Laura Gwinn aboard Estar
Least Meaty - Pat Tracey aboard Bonne Idee
Definitely Different - Noreen McGuire aboard Hedy

## **Food Bank donations**

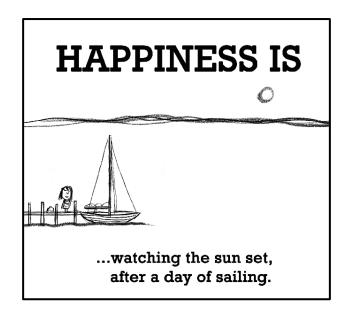
The generosity of SOS members is legendary and much in view this year... starting with donations to the Valhalla Sailing Project whose mission is focused on Veterans with PTSD. You offered scholarships for their members to attend Spring Training, and the additional funds you donated aided the non-profit in its missions.

Then you supported the beneficiaries of the Triple Crown of Charity Sailing with donations to the Annapolis Leukemia Regatta, the CRAB Cup, and the Hospice Cup. In addition, CRAB benefitted from the passion of our members as several have volunteered their time and talents as skippers and crew to provide sailing opportunities for those with disabilities, wounded warriors, and children from least served communities.

And now, in November we will once again collect items for the Anne Arundel Food pantry. We will have a box to collect your donations at the Brunch on November 13. The food bank has needs for peanut butter and jelly, 1 lb bags of rice, baby food, Ensure/nutritional supplements, healthy snacks like breakfast bars, and dried fruit.

We will also work with a local organization and its needs for a focus in December – look for the article next month with updates.

As always, thank you for the many ways in which you benefit our communities.



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#### **BOATS FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE:** Pearson 30 with many upgrades - Renovated Atomic 4, wiring, wheel, large bimini, new rigging, toilet, roller furler, mainsail, traveler, depth finder, cabin carpet, tiller box, Galvanic isolator, Garmin plotter, gel coat, and newly painted bottom. \$12,000 Maureen Wright, 410-268-1058

**FOR SALE:** 8'10" hypalon roll-up Walker Bay 270 dinghy. No leaks or patches on tubes. Removable high-pressure floor has one patch. Includes oars, seat, pump, and carry bag. Pick-up in Annapolis. \$950, or make an offer. Contact Dennis at sailor@aweigh.com 12-22

FOR SALE: 1998 Pacific Seacraft Crealock 34 Cutter for sale in Annapolis. See the full listing at: <a href="https://www.yachtworld.com/yacht/1998-pacific-seacraft-crealock-34-cutter-8504317/">https://www.yachtworld.com/yacht/1998-pacific-seacraft-crealock-34-cutter-8504317/</a> If interested, please contact Cynthia Palmer (301-938-9142) or <a href="mailto:cspsail@gmail.com">cspsail@gmail.com</a>) or Jim Brooks (302-598-1269) or <a href="mailto:lifeajake@gmail.com">lifeajake@gmail.com</a>) for further information.

### **BOAT PARTNERSHIP**

### **BOAT SLIPS**

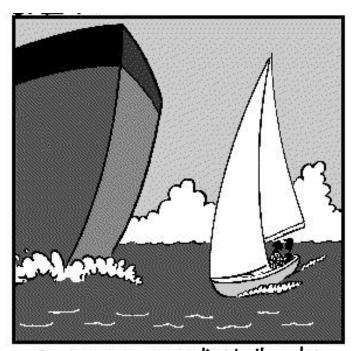
### **ITEMS FOR SALE**

FOR SALE: West Marine offshore life jacket, unused, automatic inflatable, \$100
Same as above, but used, \$75
Safety tethers (3), \$50 each
Gill foul weather boots, Women's size 8, \$100
Foul weather pants, unused, Women's medium, \$40
Blue Water binoculars, 7 X 50, with pouch, \$40
Or best offer for all; lots of free giveaways with purchase!
Bruce Beckert, 301-908-7641
11-22

#### **FOR RENT**

**FOR RENT:** Two bedroom apartment available for rent December-April in Dunedin, FL. On the gulf, discounted price. Garage parking, pool, tennis, in-apartment laundry, cable TV, WiFi. E-mail Barbara Mistrik for more information and photos. mistrikbarbara@gmail.com 12-22

FOR RENT: "Marsh Magic" A serence vacation rental in West Ocean City, MD. <a href="https://www.ocmarshmagic.com">www.ocmarshmagic.com</a>
4 bedrooms, 3.5 bath house; 5 decks, 2 kitchens, elevator; overlooks Sunset Marina; walk to marinas and local restaurants; near inlet and Route 50 bridge; sleeps 12. For photos, go to <a href="https://www.vrbo.com">www.vrbo.com</a> and search for #164950. Contact Sharon Taylor, <a href="https://ocmarshmagic@gmail.com">ocmarshmagic@gmail.com</a> 11-22



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1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

NOVA/DC: Nov 2nd 5:00-7:00

**PM** 

**MYLO'S GRILL**, in the back dining room, 6238 Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA. 22101. (in the Chesterbrook Shopping Cntr) 703-533-5880 **www.mylosgrill.com** 

COORDINATOR: HOPE - hopeda@verizon.net

1st Wednesday

BALTIMORE: Nov 2nd 5:00-7:00 PM
MT WASHINGTON TAVERN, 5700 Newbury St., Baltimore, MD
21209. 410-367-6903 www.mtwashingtontavern.com
COORDINATOR: PAT – ppttracey63@gmail.com

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

ELLICOTT CITY: Nov 10th 5:00-7:30 PM

La Palapa Grill, 8307 Main Street, Ellicott City MD 21043 410-

465-0070 www.lapalapagrill.com

COORDINATOR: JILL - jill.montgom@gmail.com

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

WILMINGTON: Nov 16th 5:30 PM

**TIMOTHY'S Restaurant and Bar**, 930 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 Wilmington Riverfront by Blue Rock Stadium, facing the waterfront. Drink specials until 7 PM. 302-429-7427 www.timothysontheriverfront.com

COORDINATOR: SUE-<u>Sbdonaldson713@verizon.net</u>

3rd Tuesday

PHILLY AREA: Nov 15th 4:30 PM

**DiFabios**, 1243 Providence Road, Media, PA 19063 (location of the Old Rose Tree Inn) 484-444-0850. Great food, lots of parking. Gather in patio area.

www.difabiosevents.com

COORDINATORS: PATTI - <u>evansapatti@gmail.com</u>

MARY - mary.payne@comcast.net

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

ROCKVILLE: Nov 17th 5:00–7:00 PM

**Seasons 52**, 11414 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852 301-816-0369. Free parking at Whole Foods.

www.m.seasons52.com

CORDINATOR: DEBBIE - hidebbieg@yahoo.com

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

KENT ISLAND: Nov 17th 5:00-7:00 PM

**RAMS HEAD SHORE HOUSE** (in the back room) 800 Main Street, Stevensville, MD 21666. 410-827-6666

www.ramsheadshorehouse.com

COORDINATOR: BARB - bbbrooksao@aol.com

4th Tuesday \*\*\*NOTE: Different day due to Thanksgiving

ANNAPOLIS: Nov 22nd 5:00-7:00 PM

**THE PIER WATERFRONT BAR & GRILL**, 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, MD. Rt 2 on the south side of South River bridge. If we are not in the bar area, we will be in the enclosed, heated, UPPER deck. 443-837-6057 OR for the most current info, refer to their Facebook page: The Pier Waterfront Bar & Grill.

COORDINATOR: JEAN-jqouqh4you@gmail.com



#### **Baltimore Happy Hour**

Dave Kates, Kathy Haven, Jim Floyd, Marianna Mujica, Janet Gonski, Richard Fuller, Stanley Dorman, Susan Wolsfield, Robbie Bishop-Monroe, Bob Marrow,

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