SOS Brunch Jan 15
Suzanne Vaughn, Brunch Chair

Our first Brunch of 2017 will give us the unusual opportunity to learn about the hometown race proudly sponsored by the Eastport Yacht Club. It will be the 21st running of the biannual Annapolis Bermuda Ocean Race and one of the biggest international races originating from the Chesapeake Bay. We'll learn the basics of how the race is organized, how the course is set, who participates (the Academy sailing team is one example), in particular how the boats are rated and how the scoring is determined.

Former SOS Member Captain Beth Berry will be with us to give a presentation on the Annapolis Bermuda Ocean Race (A2B) coming up in June 2018. A lifelong sailor, Captain Beth holds a 100 ton Masters License, has skippered and crewed on many offshore and coastal passages from Maine to Central America and the Caribbean. She has extensively cruised all areas of the Chesapeake Bay, New England and Maine. Captain Beth is part owner and regular crew for AYC Wednesday Night racing on the J30 Bump… A ten-year member of the Eastport Yacht Club and the Annapolis to Bermuda Committee, she crewed in 2008 and 2010, and has chaired the Committee since 2012.

New Member Brunch
January 22
Ellie Kallins and Linda Casucci, Membership Co-Chairs

Do you have questions about SOS, and would enjoy getting to know other members in the club? Or if you would like to learn more about us, consider attending The New Member Brunch.

Whether you're an experienced skipper or a novice sailor, you are welcome to attend. You'll have a chance to meet new members and chat with some of the seasoned members in an informal setting. We'll provide brunch and beverages. Board Members and committee chairs will be available to explain how the club operates and to answer your questions.

We look forward to meeting and welcoming you in true SOS fashion with good food and conversation. So mark your calendars now and join us in the new year!

See Fleet Exercises for information about how to register for the Brunch. Directions will be sent via email after registering.

Regional Brunches
February 12

February Regional Brunches are back by popular demand!! Here’s how it works: Choose a location near you and email the host/hostess or ekallins@verizon.net to see if there is room. Directions will be sent to you separately. YOU MUST REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 6TH.

Arrive at 11:00 am with a dish to share; hosts will coordinate the menu. Pay $10 at the door to cover extra costs that the host has incurred (paper goods, wine, etc) Socialize and enjoy!!!

We are looking for Host/Hostess in Virginia, MD, DE, DC and Pennsylvania. Please let Ellie Kallins know if you would like to host.

Here is the list of brunches so far:

Annapolis:
John Murray, 14 guests
johnedward.murray@mac.com
Kathy Higdon, 10-15 guests
khigdon610@comcast.net

Severna Park:
Susan Veccia, 20 guests
susanveccia@gmail.com

Bradenton Beach, FL:
Molly Harrison and Ned Schwartz
mollyned@verizon.net, 12 guests

Key West, FL:
Leslie Bayliss/Les Vipond, 12 guests
leslie21403@yahoo.com
Each October SOS takes a beautiful fall weekend cruise to the Corsica River to enjoy nature's gifts... and the geese. There are lessons to be learned from the geese and their flight pattern as they soar forward – together. As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an "uplift" for the bird following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% more flying range than if each bird flew alone. **Lesson:** People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Each year in SOS, we recognize some of those who give our club its "flying range." As I was writing about this year’s recipients, I noticed that for each I felt a need to include a description of their smiles, warmth, and energy.... Which made me reflect on that commonality. The positivity, get it done, and energetic willingness are characteristics so important to the growth and sustainability of our club.

**The Commodore's Award** extends 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 multiple aspects of the club. This year’s honoree has been a member of SOS for many years and held countless roles – important positions that help hold the club together and achieve its goals of welcoming new members, providing education, and making memorable sailing adventures. This person sees what needs to be done and is among the first to volunteer to do it. Known as “Ms NoVA SOS,” Linda Casucci is a hostess, an arranger, an organizer, and an energizer. She brings new ideas to the table – it was her thought that SOS needed Fireside Chats during the summer to welcome, connect, and educate new members – especially those who may join after March’s Spring Training – and so the formula for BBQ Chats arose. Linda has stepped up to fill in as Education co-chair more than once, timeless years as a lynchpin in Spring Training – it is there I had the first pleasure of knowing her, seeing her sparkling smile as she digs in to make that year’s training work smoothly. Most recently she and Ellie have taken on the role of Membership Chairs and they are revamping the New Member Handbook, rewriting the role to reflect new social media outlets, as well as revitalizing the New Member Mentor program.

Years ago, an old Salt named Ed Klein initiated many of the ideas that have become SOS: he co-sponsored 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, 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. Though he has passed on, his spirit of sharing his love and knowledge of sailing remains with SOS. There are some adjectives may describe this year's award recipient while not touching the depth of his contributions: master coordinator… gracious host (both planned and unplanned)…. active supporter….. wise organizer … omniscient ….. yet subtle. **Ned Schwartz** is being honored with the designation of the Ed Klein Member of the Year. Ned and his sweet Molly have coordinated the Anniversary Weekend cruise with usually around a hundred participants, boats of all sizes and parameters... and they do it with a smile and a sparkle of joy. Ned has also welcomed hundreds of us into his and Molly’s home for Thanksgiving dinners, Fireside Chats, and unexpected Chili tastings. Always with a sly smile and deep chuckle, anyone feels immediately comfortable in his presence. His clear explanations have helped developed the sailing skills of many. As an active First Mate for years, he has taken on the role of chairing that committee and developing a cadre of potential First Mates as well as including others in candidate support and in developing a Spring Training session. Ned’s presence and smiling support are welcomed any time I see him. Most recently he has taken on the Fleet Exercises list which means he is looking at SOS happenings nearly three months in advance (which actually helps many of us with our planning and timelines). He also finalized the As Sailed list for this past sailing season. Though Ned tends to stay subtly in the background, he keeps an eye on what needs to be done and helps make it happen.

This next award, though it is not always given, is richly deserved by this year's recipient. Singles on Sailboats attracts many new sailors each year. And so the Board of Directors has established the **Rookie of the Year Award** to recognize the individual who, in his or her first year sailing with SOS, demonstrates superior...
Unofficial notes December 1, 2016 Board Meeting
Official September minutes will be posted on the SOS web site when approved in January by the Board of Directors.

Commodore: Review of Action Log. Gave dates for 2017 Board Meetings. Gave Treasurer contract to be signed for use of Greenbrier Community Center. Asks that all committee job descriptions include information about budget preparation.

Vice Commodore: Will prepare notes on Awards and Award recipients for Commodore.

Treasurer: Former Treasurer, Rita Svec, and current Treasurer met this week for transition. Rita attended meeting to answer questions from Committee Chairs about their respective budgets.

Bareboat: In process of revising crew information sheets. Leewards Cruise had crew cancellation and are seeking replacements. A survey will go out end of month to assess interest for future trips.

Brunches: No report.

Cruising: Sailing Emporium anticipates they will be able to host us next year. But knowing they have filed for bankruptcy, the Chairs will look for other possible venues.

Database: John McDonald will continue to assume the duties of the Web Admin who is on leave.

Education: Still seeking speakers for Spring Training and Fireside Chats. Working with Alan Osterholm on publicity for Spring Training.

First Mates: John Parsons will be FM Candidate Coordinator. Kitty St. Romain will lead a FM Training at Spring Training.

Membership: Revising the New Member Packet. Have arranged to have a Greeter for new members at each Brunch.

Newsletter: Ninety-three copies of the November 16-page Whisker Pole were mailed to 75 members and 18 Happy Hour coordinators at a cost of $228.62 which was $2.46 per copy. Beginning with the January issue, all members will receive a printed newsletter.

Public Relations: Beth Dumesco has agreed to write articles for Spin Sheet. Alan is working with Education Committee to create publicity for Spring Training.

Safety: No report.

Skippers Advisory: George Hollendursky will be Raft Captain Coordinator. Mike and Bill Small will be moderators for Skipper’s ‘Net. Tentatively have planned a Skipper’s Meeting for January 14.

Social: Had first meeting this week with newly formed Social Committee. Still looking for files from previous events. Not sure why low attendance for the Awards Party as plenty of publicity. Need an Event Manager for the After-Spring Training Party.

NEXT SOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 5
7:00 pm, Common Room, Greenbriar Community Bldg., Greenbelt, MD
Meeting is open to all members.

We Wanna See Your Smile!

Did you know that you can put a photo of yourself AND a photo of your boat on your SOS profile?

Just think how convenient it would be if everyone posted their photo to help put faces and names together!

It’s easy to do following these steps to add your photo (looks complicated, but is not):

- Go to singlesonsailboats.org
- Click “Member Login” and enter your password
- Click on “My Profile”
- Click on “Edit Profile” (found on far right side of page)
- click on “My Profile” tab at top for dropdown menu
- Click on “Change Profile Picture”
- Click on “Choose File” and select photo from your computer that you want to use
- Click on “Upload”
- You’re done!

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We Wanna See Your Boat!

To put Boat Photo on your profile follow these steps:

- Go to singlesonsailboats.org
- Click on “Member Login” and enter your password
- Click on “My Profile”
- Click on “Edit Profile” (found on far right side of page)
- Scroll about half way down page and check box on left of “photo”
- Click on “upload” button and select photo from your computer that you want to use
- Click “Save”. You’re done!
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.

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<td>Deadline: Mail: January 7 (postmark) Online: January 10</td>
<td>Host: Nancy and John Parsons</td>
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February 12  Sunday  Regional Brunches

| Location: Private homes of SOS members Directions will be sent to attendees | Cost: $10 payable at the door plus a dish to share. |
| January: Members contact host to register and receive directions | Time: 11:00 am Social Hour 12:00 noon Brunch |
| Deadline: Contact host by February 6 | Note: No online sign-up for this event. Please RSVP directly to the coordinator |
| Coordinator: To volunteer to host a brunch, contact Ellie Kallins ekkallins@verizon.net |

February 2017  Leeward Islands Bareboat

| Destination: Leaving out of St Martin | Cost: $500 Deposit (7-Day) $500 Deposit (10 Day) |
| 7 day  February 18-25 (Sat – Sat) | Note: Accepting applications for Wait List. |
| 10 day  February 18-28 (Sat – Tue) | Contact Coordinator for details. |
| Coordinator: Carole Jordan seajay281@comcast.net |

March 2  Thursday  Board Meeting

| Location: Commons Room Greenbrier Community Building 7600 Hanover Parkway Greenbelt, MD 20770 |
| Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm |
| Notes: Open to all Members |

March 3  Friday  Annapolis Fireside Chat

| Location: Annapolis, MD |
| Speaker/Topic: Jerry Axler & Sandy Huberfeld Adventure Sail North (with photographs) |
| Deadline: Mail: February 25 (postmark) Online: February 28 |
| Coordinator: Bev Nash beverlynash@verizon.net 410-349-1467 |
| Note: Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins. Limited to 25 |

March 11  Saturday  Spring Training

| Location: Anne Arundel Community College Arnold, MD |
| Speaker/Topic: Various |
| Deadline: Mail: March 1, 2017 (postmark) Online: March 6, 2017 (postmark) |
| Coordinator: TBD |
| Note: See Whisker Pole for details |

March 11  Saturday  Spring Into Sailing Party

| Location: The Downs Club House Annapolis, MD |
| Band: Music by DJ Dinner and Dancing |
| Deadline: March 7 |
| Coordinator: Irene Aronian irene.aronian@gmail.com |
| Note: Directly after Spring Training |

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March 12  Sunday  Brunch
Location:  DoubleTree Hotel,  Cost:  $31 - Brunch
          Annapolis, MD           $33 – After deadline and walk-ins.
Speaker/Topic:  Teeja Meier  Time:  11:00 am Social Hour
               Film Retrospective  12:00 noon Brunch
Deadline:  Mail:  March 3 (postmark)  1:00 pm Program
           Online:  March 7
Coordinator:  Meeps Yox  mpsyx@earthlink.net
             Note:  Please be sure to log-in first, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

March 18  Saturday  Montgomery County Fireside Chat
Location:  Bethesda, MD  Cost:  $20 by deadline
Speaker/Topic:  Michael Wilson – Naval Architect  $25 after deadline
               What goes on at the David Taylor  Host  Vicky Wood and Bruce Beckert
               Model Basin.  Time:  6:00pm to 10:00pm
Deadline:  Mail:  March 11 (postmark)  Note:  Non-members must be accompanied by
           Online:  March 14  member.  No Smoking, no walk-ins.  Limited to 25
Coordinator:  Bruce Beckert  brubeck9@gmail.com
             Please be sure to log-in first, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

September 2017  Croatia Bareboat Cruise Adventure
Destination:  Dalmation Coast,  Cost:  1 Week $1200 or $1300 (boat size)
             Adriatic Sea  2 Week $2131 or $2330 (boat size)
1 Week:  Starts September 9 or Sept. 16  Note:  Contact trip coordinator if interested.
2 Week:  Starts September 9
Coordinator:  Laura Gwinn  laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com
             Please be sure to log-in first, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

DIRECTIONS

The DoubleTree Hilton Hotel:  210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD, 21401; 410.224.3150
Take Route 50 East to Exit 22, Riva Rd. Follow signs to Riva Rd. and make left at light onto Riva Rd.
Second light, left onto Holiday Court.

SOS Board Meeting, Greenbriar Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD
From Washington Beltway (Interstate 95/495): Exit onto Baltimore/Washington (BW) Parkway
toward Baltimore. Exit BW Parkway at the first exit (to Greenbelt), bear left on exit ramp to
Greenbelt Road (east), make first left at light onto Hanover Parkway and turn immediately left
into Greenbriar Center parking lot. Enter side door off lot, walk through room to stairs and take
to second floor room.
interest in and learning about sailing, and who becomes highly involved in one or more of the many SOS programs. Again, when I picture this person, I think of her sparkling eyes and willing nod. She exudes joy as she shares her weekend sailing adventures. This new member sailed on NINE weekend cruises! **Linda Nelson**...though she joined SOS such a short time ago, she had a great New Member Mentor and got right into helping with the planning of the Anchor Down party ideas... and took the lead on implementation of two. Linda is very outgoing and is highly attentive to other new members. She has chosen to participate as a member of the Social Committee.

The fourth award will be given to the recipient at a future date – perhaps **Spring Training on March 11**. Come join us there and find out!

In the meantime, there are plenty of fireside chats sprinkled throughout the region, January brunch in Annapolis and February brunches served in many homes, check the Fleet Exercises and join your fellow sailors.

And so, I close with another lesson to be learned from the geese. When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the point position. **Lesson:** It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership – with people, as with geese, interdependent with one other. So, if there is an activity, event, opportunity in SOS that you enjoy, contact that chairperson. If they have meetings, attend, learn, take a role. If it is a smaller committee, ask the chair to “shadow” him or her – to fly in their wing span. If you have ideas for the new season and 2017, email them to the committee chairs and/or myself, and come join us as we work to implement them.

**Janet**

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**Sharon Healy Challmes** was a highly visible member of SOS for many years who died Nov 24 at the age of 69. She served on the Board of Directors from 2008 to 2012, served as Whisker Pole Editor from 2009 to 2012, and led the Skippers Advisory Committee Chair for many years. She will be remembered for more than the many roles she held in SOS. Sharon shared her boat, her live aboard home, and her enthusiastic love of sailing with many. Her boat was well named because time spent with Sharon was definitely a “Bon Temps.” Fair winds....

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**Membership as of Dec 4**

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**Welcome New Members**

- **Stephen Keib** - North Wales, PA
- **Lori Koppel** - San Juan Capistrano, CA
- **Carleen Kulsar** - Doylestown, PA

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**SOS Bank Accounts - Nov 31**

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**Ode to Hydra**  
Lyrics by Marcia Cole, with apologies to Rogers and Hammerstein.  
Sung to the tune of  
“On the Street Where You Live” from *My Fair Lady*

We had never sailed down that strait before;  
Never seen those rocky cliffs or barren peaks on shore before.

All the ferry boats, yachts, and fishermen  
Gave us wide berth as we sailed down the strait.

People stopped and stared, they didn't bother us,  
For there was nowhere else we'd rather be than Hydra Gulf.

As the knots slipped by, no cares came to mind,  
'Cause we were headed straight for Hydra town.

Then oh! the towering shoreline  
Let us know that we were near.

The quay and four layers of sailboats,  
With cruise ships and ferries that suddenly appeared!

Mules with backpacks roamed up the hills and down,  
Because no cars can ever enter into Hydra town.

And enchantment poured out of every door,  
That our sailors visited when they came ashore.

In the harbor there were many types of boats;  
Taxis, ferries, cruise ships and, of course, the fishing boats.

But the ones that Cherie watched were the charter boats  
That tried Med docking without dropping a hook!

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Members!  
**Why join SOS Yahoo Group?**

This Yahoo group is the unofficial online communication for SOS members. This is where a skipper may post a notice that she would like some crew for an impromptu day sail; or to help move a boat from here to Charleston!

This forum is also a great place to post your questions (and get answers) about anything sailing related. Often someone will post news about a sale on boat related items or a maritime speaker who is coming to town.

To join the group with no fees or subscriptions go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SinglesOnSail

For questions, e-mail the list monitor at singlesonsail-owner@yahoogroups.com

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Skippers!  
**Why join Skipper ‘Net?**

Skippers@yahoogroups.com is the Singles on Sailboats email alias for the SOS Skippers discussion group. To participate, you must be a skipper in SOS, on the BOD, or Chair of Cruising, Safety, or First Mates Advisory Committee.

Postings should be limited to information directly of interest to SOS Skippers or pertaining to the discussion of issues important to SOS Skippers.

Generally, that will have something to do with boats and/or the activity of sailing.

To join send a request to skippers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com .
Help Wanted: SOS Directory Editor

Are you short on time but want to volunteer for something in SOS? Here is a perfect one-shot opportunity for you to edit the annual SOS Directory! All you need are merge file skills and a couple of free hours. Data files, templates and guidelines will be provided.

The Directory is printed in May, so preparation would need to be done late April.

Please contact Linda Casucci at casuccilj@gmail.com if you would like to help.

Membership Renewal Through Jan 21st

**Current members:** $70.00 renewal which includes a PRINTED COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER! Of course, a color version of the Whisker Pole is always available to everyone online. Those of you who want to go paperless can modify your online profile to let us know to not mail you a newsletter.

**New members:** $80.00 (includes $10.00 one-time administrative charge and printed newsletter).

**Life Members:** Free membership. $20 if you want a printed newsletter.

Jibe-Ho “Just for Fun” Awards presented at Awards Banquet (Note Each Award is a Song Title)

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<td>Emil Becker</td>
<td>For always, and rightfully, asking for a little help from his SOS friends; it seems to happen like clockwork around this time every year just before Spring Training</td>
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<td>Hands Across the Water Award</td>
<td>Hope Andruss</td>
<td>By demonstrating to us proper safety procedures when docking a boat in rough seas. By her example we are all much better and safer sailors. And who could resist poking a little fun at the Commodore with the perfect musical accompaniment.</td>
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<td>Carole Jordan Meeps Yox</td>
<td>For chairing the Cruising Committee and getting us to get out there on the water. These two at least had the sense to do it as a team!</td>
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<td>Piece of My Heart Award</td>
<td>Linda Nelson</td>
<td>For the best Janice Joplin impersonator anywhere, particularly at the Halloween party this year. She is just so damn good.</td>
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<td>Kokomo Award</td>
<td>Sandy Roswork</td>
<td>For annually filling our heads with dreams of romantic, tropical exciting places to which we can sail. All of which are totally awesome and one could make a career of going on every one.</td>
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<td>We are the Champions Award</td>
<td>Joe Lombardo</td>
<td>For the hardy soul who raced his life away, work, win, lose, make mistakes, practice and paid dues to become first place Champion the Cruising Class Hospice Cup race.</td>
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<td>I Can’t Get No Satisfaction Award</td>
<td>George Hollendursky</td>
<td>For the hardy soul who raced his life away, work, win, lose, make mistakes, practice and paid dues to become SOS third place Cruising Class Hospice Cup race. He’ll keep trying.</td>
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<td>Pencil Thin Mustache Award</td>
<td>George Hollendursky</td>
<td>For having one. Not everyone appreciates a stash and some look askance at it on this longtime member. But so long as Shirley likes it nothing else matters!</td>
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<td>Still Crazy Award</td>
<td>Nancy Briggs Herb Pierson</td>
<td>Because this couple pretty much are “still crazy”, and for naming their boat such.</td>
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<td>So Happy Together Award</td>
<td>Ned Schwartz Molly Harrison</td>
<td>For a wonderful couple who truly are so happy together and helped many of us find someone in SOS. Just celebrated 25 years together!</td>
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<td>Come Sail Away Award</td>
<td>Hope Andruss Emil Becker</td>
<td>For two people who sailed and sailed this year, 10 or so times each, getting many sailors to Come Sail Away with them, doing what SOS’ers do, having fun.</td>
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Awards Banquet

Kathy Higdon presents Linda Sherman with Rookie of the Year Award
Photo by Samia AbdelWahed

Commodore Janet Gonski presents Ned Schwartz with Member of the Year Award
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Linda Casucci is presented The Commodore’s Award by Hope Andruss, and Commodore Janet Gonski
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Kati Sabin and Harry Keith, banquet attendees
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Ursula Skagen, Dane Skagen (Emcee) and Kathy Higdon
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Nancy Parsons & John Parsons
Photo submitted by John Parsons

Pam Ledford & Dan Bacot
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Emcee Dan Skagen aka Sgt. Pepper
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Chuck & Julie Fort
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December Fireside Chat

Barbara Wise
FSC Coordinator
Photo by Molly Harrison

Pat Clarke & Lorraine Fassett
Photo by Molly Harrison

Janet Gonski, Anne Bastian, Judy Crews-Hanks, Brian Hanks
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December Brunch

Beth Dumesco & Kitty St. Romain
Photo by John Parsons

Teresa Scofield, Patricia Remele, & Lora Donia
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Albert H. Todd, from The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
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Eileen Smith, Pam Corwin, & Marina Soutorikhina
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Sandy Demento & Dana Stoffregen
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Brian Hanks, Judy Crews-Hanks, & Fran Wright
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BOATS

1978 LASER WITH ALL EQUIPMENT. Yellow hull. Photos available. Comes with trailer. $1200. Photos available. Contact kristine0407@gmail.com 12-16

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BOAT EQUIPMENT & MISC

CRUISING SPINNAKER by North Sails. 1.5 oz. premium Dacron, 49’ luff, includes snuffer, two 94’ sheets, tack line, tack strap and launch bag. Excellent condition, custom colors, used about 6 times, never raced, stored at home. Original cost: $2,912. Asking $900. Jim Harrison 410-278-0641 or 410-391-2028 james.r.harrison2@gmail.com 12-16

SAMSON YACHT BRAID - 7/16 LST Red 35 Feet $19; 7/16 LST Blue 40 Feet $22; 7/16 Trophy Blue 43 Feet $32; 3/16 SS 7X19 Flexible 65 Feet $48. 703 339 8786 frank7777@cox.net 1-17

NEW WHIRLPOOL stainless steel electric range for sale. Model #: Item #:683187 | Model #:WFE515S0E? Smooth surface top. Never used except that Dane boiled some eggs to test it out. All blank warrantee forms included for you to fill out. Price reduced for quick sale. $300. Call Dane at: 917 743-4415. 12-16

REAL ESTATE

ANNAPOLIS HOME for sale by SOS owner – near Back Creek marinas. 2BR 2 bath duplex off Edgewood Road. Light filled and bright; natural gas fireplace and appliances; huge Trex composite deck; community pool and clubhouse. Moving - offered to fellow SOS member for quick private sale prior to Real Estate Listing. Contact MaryEllenMcMillin@gmail.com 2-17
Happy Hours are not official SOS functions. Hours are in chronological order.

Check below or SOS website for locations.

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

NVA/DC: 1st Wednesday – January 4th 5 pm.
MYLOS GRILL (in the bar area) mylosgrill.com Our first of two NVA/DC Happy Hours. Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA in the McLean/ Chesterbrook shopping center. Free parking, great food!
Contact: CHARLOTTE: coconor@aol.com

ELLIOTT CITY, MD: 1st Thursday – Jan 5th- 5:30- 7:30 pm
Corner of St. Johns Lane & Rte 40, Ellicott City, MD 21042
Contact: JILL- jill.montgom@gmail.com

SOUTH-CENTRAL PA: 1st Thursday, Jan 5th - 6:30 - 9
HERITAGE HILLS Golf Resort, 2700 Mt. Rose Ave. PA-124, York, Pa.on the lower level of Knickers Pub.
Contact : BOB - sosrjmorrow@aol.com

SE PA: - 1st Thursday, January 5th at 6 pm.
MCKENZIE’S Brew House– 324 W Swedesford Road, Berwyn, (610) 407 4300. Our first of two Happy Hours. This is South of Trader Joe’s (Gateway Shopping Ctr). off Rt. 202. Meet a great group of social people who like sailing, conversation & great food!
Contact: PATTI - pattievans@aol.com

NORTH BALTIMORE: 2nd Thursday- January 12th - 5 pm.
MICHAEL’S Cafe Restaurant & Lounge (in the bar area) 2119 York Road, Timonium (opp Fairgrounds) MD 21220. 410-252-2022, michaelscafe.com. Free parking, great food, drinks and Happy Hour prices. Food service until 11 pm. Cozy atmosphere, friendly staff.
Contact: Barb O’Brien barlo@comcast.net

WILMINGTON, DE: 3rd Wednesday – Jan. 18th - 5:30 pm.
TIMOTHY’S Restaurant and Bar, Wilmington Riverfront by Blue Rock Stadium, facing the waterfront. 930 Justison Street, (19801) 302-429-RIBS (7427). timothysontheriverfront.com Drink specials ‘til 7pm
Contact: GERI - grwalker12@verizon.net

ROCKVILLE, MD: 3rd Thursday - January 19th 5 to 7pm
THE MARRIOTT Hotel, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda. (near the White Flint Metro station). Meet in the bar area or outside patio as weather permits.
Contact - Jim Randall - jrrand1@gmail.com

KENT ISLAND: 3rd Thursday- January 19th 5-7PM at
FISHERMAN’S INN Crab Deck, 3116 Main Street, Grasonville-(410) 827-6666
Contact: Martha Wagner mwagnerx224@gmail.com

SE PA: 3rd Thursday- Jan 19th 6-10 pm (our 2nd HH)
at AZIE ON MAIN - - 789 East Lancaster Ave., Villanova, near the Blue Route, 1 block West of Rt. 320, Mall area behind FedEx. In back of mall, w/lg bar area and outside Fire Pit Patio, super low long HH prices Meet a great group of sailing people!
Contact: PATTI - pattievans@aol.com

NVA/DC: - 3rd Friday - - January 20th - meet at 5 pm
at the bar. SUR la PLACE, Our second Happy Hour - 5105 MacArthur Blvd. (Site of the old L’Appetito) Wash. DC.
surlaplaceindc.com
Contact - CHARLOTTE: coconor@aol.com

ANNAPOLIS, MD: 4th Tuesday - January 24th - 5-7 pm
and later at Coconut Joe’s, 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, cocojoes@comcast.net 443-837-6057.. From Annapolis, go south on Route 2. Cross over the South River Bridge in the left lane. The first left turn after the bridge then another left leads you back to the waterfront restaurant. Happy hour food / drinks.
Contact: 301-717-2770 repence@msn.com

PLEASE E-MAIL Happy Hour PIX to: sailhither@hotmail.com
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