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Membership Renewal: Nov 1, 2020 - Jan 31, 2021
Membership Year: Jan 1 - Dec 31

CURRENT MEMBERS:

Annual membership fee of \$60 plus \$40 if you choose to receive a hard copy of monthly newsletter for the whole year.

You are a member or associate member as of December 31, 2020 and you DO NOT meet the requirements of a LIFE MEMBER, or HONORARY MEMBER.

FEES & MEMBER PROFILE:

- You pay the \$60 renewal fee
- You must update your Member Profile
- For online renewal, payment is by credit card or check.
- For mail-in renewal, payment is by check only
- If you DO want to receive a printed newsletter, you MUST check the appropriate box and pay the \$40 fee.

LIFE MEMBER RENEWAL:

NEW: Annual Life Membership fee of \$40 plus \$40 if you choose to receive a hard copy of monthly newsletter for the whole year.

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE A LIFE MEMBER IF: you are 70 or older as of December 31, 2020 and you joined BEFORE March 31, 2009 and you have been a regular and/or associate member for over 10 consecutive years as of December 31, 2018. If you had any lapses

in membership in the past 10 years, you are NOT a Life Member.

FEES & MEMBER PROFILE:

- You pay the \$40 renewal fee. But you must email the Membership Chair if you were a dues-paying member this past year to get approval for Life Member status.
- You MUST update your Member Profile to prevent any lapse in membership.
- You MUST pay \$40 if you wish to receive a printed newsletter.

INACTIVE MEMBERS (NEW CATEGORY)

Annual Inactive Membership fee of \$15 plus \$40 if you choose to receive a hard copy of monthly newsletter for the whole year.

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE AN INACTIVE MEMBER IF: you live outside of the Chesapeake Bay area and/or have physical or other limitations, and therefore no longer sail or attend social functions and you have been a member for 10 years or more.

FEES & MEMBER PROFILE:

- You pay the \$15 fee
- You must update your Member Profile
- For online renewal, payment is by credit card or check.

• For mail-in renewal, payment is by check only.

• If you DO want to receive a printed newsletter, you MUST check the appropriate box and pay the \$40 fee

Inactive members:

- Will not have voting privileges.
- Will not be able to hold elected office.
- Would not have other benefits of membership.
- Could attend social functions only as the guest of a member, or by paying a non-member fee.

NEW MEMBERS:

First year membership of \$70 which includes a \$10 one-time administrative charge. New members will have the option of receiving a free hard copy of the Whisker Pole during the first year of membership; upon renewal the following year they will be able to opt in to continue receiving it with the same \$40 payment as current members.

Online renewal is preferred for all categories of membership. However, if you insist, paper forms will be accepted. All members will be sent an email reminder to renew with a link to the renewal from on November 1, 2020.

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Welcome New Board!



I am pleased to report that

although sadly, we had to cancel the November brunch at the Doubletree Hotel, we were able to hold the Board of Directors meeting there. With the help of our very skilled Education Chair (Bill Knapp) the meeting was held both in person and by Zoom.

The incoming board had met previously and decided upon a slate of officers for 2021. A vote was held electronically, with e ballots sent to an impartial judge (Becky Strandberg). You will be glad to hear that the vote was not rigged and nothing has been contested! Your officers for 2021 are: Commodore, Sandy Rosswork (continuing); Vice Commodore, Robin Meigel; Treasurer, Theresa Scofield (continuing); and Secretary, Craig Coltharp. The outgoing officers have been very helpful and we are making a smooth transition. Other incoming Board members are Wendy Adams, Suzanne Vaughn, Heidi Harper, and Pat Woodie. An enthusiastic and talented group!

Your incoming board has diverse backgrounds and experience. Some of us have been boating since childhood, others took their first sail a few years ago. Among the group we have owned dozens of boats, of varying sizes; sailed in both ponds and across oceans; and been members of SOS from many to very few years. We have a variety of goals for the year: promoting some new and different events, recruiting and keeping new members, rewarding our skippers while keeping them engaged, thinking outside of the box, and returning to normal activities as circumstances permit.

As many of you are aware, one of our existing board members, Doug Love, submitted his resignation a month ago. Doug will leave the board in December; we wish him well and hope to see him on the water next summer. As Doug's remaining term of office was less than a year, our bylaws permit a replacement Board member to be

selected and confirmed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Accordingly, we have confirmed Andy Katz to fill the 10 months remaining of Doug's unexpired term on the SOS board. Andy will bring the perspective of a new member and a new skipper to our deliberations.

Many thanks to all of the outgoing Board members. Looking forward to working with the new team!

With any luck, we will get there!

Sandy



New Board Members

Parade of Lights Cancelled

Due to unforeseen events, our volunteer skipper and boat had to withdraw from participation in the Parade of Lights 2020 shortly before Eastport Yacht Club announced the cancellation of the event.

We are so grateful to the several people who spent time with us brainstorming power, battery, and generator ideas and capacities, and design possibilities. Many helped locate and acquire banners and burgees, and were willing to be part of set up and dismantling.

Put it on your calendar for the second Saturday in December 2021 and we will try again!

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Unofficial Notes November 15, 2020 Board Meeting

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

Congrats to new Board members: Robin Meigel, Pat Woodie, Craig Coltharp, Heidi Harper, and Wendy Adams. Sandy Rosswork has agreed to continue as Commodore. Teresa Scofield has agreed to continue as Treasurer. Robin Meigel is the new Vice Commodore. Craig Coltharp is the new Secretary.

All former Committee Chairs are continuing except for Skippers Advisory where Lorraine Fassett and Emil Becker will act as Co-chairs and Social which is vacant. The Board of Directors action to confirm the Committee Chairs by email is confirmed at this meeting.

The Vice Commodore Burgee was presented to Robin Meigel.

Treasurers Report: There is \$13,712 in club checking account and \$73,449 in high yield savings. Net revenues steady, expenses minimal. There will be refunds for the cancelled Brunch of 15 November 2020.

Bareboat is considering possibility of promoting a "drive to" bareboat charter. Bareboat planning for 2022 will start soon.

Cruising stated that next year's cruising schedule will look very similar to the 2020 planned schedule.

Database reports that 74 members had renewed so far.

Education discussed the Zoom sessions held every Friday afternoon. People are encouraged to join the sessions, which are recorded. Spring training is proposed for May 1 at Camp Wabanna which may or may not include the Flare Demo.

Membership. New member packets have been sent out. The committee is looking into a policy for recognizing deaths of current and former members of SOS. To date 74 members have renewed for 2021. As a comparison at the same point of the renewal period last year 120 members chose to renew their membership. Life members who have chosen to pay dues to renew their membership is 34. Three members have chosen to renew as Inactive. This leaves a balance of 37 regular members as having renewed.

Public Relations reports that they have assumed ownership of the Club's Meetup platform.

Skippers Advisory reports a Skipper meeting is planned for the summer. They are looking into a session for skippers on raft building, and to hold a nautical flea market online.

Social Committee chair is **VACANT! Volunteers needed.**

The proposed Bylaw changes have been sent to the membership for approval. Final documents need to be sent to all.

New Business: The new member motion was passed. The 30-day dues refund motion **for new members**, was passed.

The motion passed giving an entire year of membership to new members who join from October 1.

Craig Coltharp, Secretary

Welcome New Members

Laurie Kiser
Brownsville, MD

James Malone
Washington, NJ

Berni Stevens
Annapolis, MD

VACANCY: SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Hey SOS.....we all like our parties.....right? But to have these, we need an organizer!

The position of Social Committee Chair is now vacant.

Please step up and **Volunteer** to be social committee chair or co-chair. You will have lots of help!

Contact: any Board member or sgrosswork@aol.com

Fleet Exercises and Shore Leave

For all events, please sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org. **Be sure to log-in first**, or contact the Coordinator via email if you have questions. Please see articles elsewhere in Newsletter with more details about most events.



December 3

Thursday

Board Meeting

Location:

Via TBD

Time: 7:30 to 10:00pm

Notes Open to all Members



Various

Fridays

Education Zoom Seminars

Location:

Comfort of your home

Time: 6:30pm to 7:00pm Socializing.
7:00pm to 9:00pm Presentation.

Invitation:

Moderator will send out a Blast with sign on information prior to day of event.

Notes Zoom application is needed for your PC, Laptop or Phone.
Dial-in option is also available.
Open to all Members.



Various

Various

Fireside Chats

ON HOLD

Pending relief from COVID restrictions



December 13

Sunday

Brunch - CANCELLED



January 7

Thursday

Board Meeting

Location:

Via TBD

Time: 7:30 to 10:00pm

Notes Open to all Members



January 17

Sunday

Brunch - CANCELLED



February 4

Thursday

Board Meeting

Location:

Via TBD

Time: 7:30 to 10:00pm

Notes Open to all Members



February 14

Sunday

Regional Brunches

Location:

Held in private homes of SOS members. List of hosts will be published in January. Then members contact host to register and receive directions.

Cost: \$10 payable at the door plus share

Time: 11:00 am Social
12:00 noon Brunch

Deadline:

Contact host by February 11

Note: No online sign-up for this event. Please RSVP directly to the host.

Coordinator:

To volunteer to host a brunch, contact ??

**STAND BY
COVID Rules may
impact this event**

You Ought to be in Pictures: The 2020 SOS Photo Contest

Have you taken **stellar shots** of this year's SOS activities? If so, keep on shooting! If not, start taking photos to be submitted to the 2020 Photo Contest.

1. **Entries must be taken at events with other SOS members in 2020 by the member of SOS submitting the photo.** Happy Hours are **not included**.
2. Each photo **must** identify at which SOS event it was taken and the name of the photographer.
3. This is an amateur photographer contest.
4. Each member may submit up to a **total of eight (8) photos**.
5. Photos may **NOT** be edited to achieve color balance that reflects the scene as you observed it. Cropping is also acceptable.

Categories: People, Bay scenes (including sunsets), Sailboats (sailboats under sail, raft-ups), and Destination Cruises. The

Destination Cruises category includes photos taken during the actual SOS destination cruises and photos taken on days when traveling prior to or after a destination cruise, provided the photos are from the same area. (A destination cruise of the Mediterranean may **not** include photos from a layover in Amsterdam.)



Other Useful information: Submit your photos in digital format. Send photos attached to emails, Drop Box or contact Bob Wright for instructions to upload the Photo Editor's Google drive.

Judging: The Photo Contest Manager and Judge may put your photos in the best applicable category.

SEND Photo Entries or inquiries to Bob Wright at: Robert.Wright.Bowie@gmail.com

In Memory of Barry LaZar

Longtime SOS member Barry M. LaZar died on October 31st at age 80, after a three-year battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born in New York City, although he was an Annapolitan for close to 50 years.



He traveled worldwide for the National Security Agency and was honored for many achievements there, before his retirement.

Barry loved living near the water and was enthusiastic about sailing, owning a handful of boats. Also he was a lifelong, active amateur radio operator, or "Ham".

Barry always helped others, a priority of his.

His ashes will be scattered at Thomas Point Light at the coordinates he specified. Barry's family will plan a ceremony in the Spring to celebrate his life.

Memorial Donations: Call Jeannie Bessmer, 301-925-7283.

In Memory of Pete Stogis



Peter Douglas Stogis passed away on October 22, 2020 at the age of 84. He is survived by his loving and grieving wife of 17 years, Joan Stogis, and by many friends from his long active life.

After graduation from Purdue University Peter began his US Navy career as a pilot. He retired in 1983 with the rank of Commander, and turned his energy and talents to a passion for sailing.

A longtime member of SOS, Peter contributed his knowledge and experience to support the start of bare boat charters. In recent years, as European countries began requiring bareboat charter skippers to be licensed, Peter, who was an American Sailing Association instructor, offered the courses which qualified several SOS sailors as charter skippers.

Friends will gather to share memories and celebrate Peter's life when permitted by COVID -19 conditions.

In Memory of Dave Henkin (1944-2020)



Dave, a long-time skipper member of SOS, boat partner on *Triton*, and friend to many, died the November 16th, succumbing to the ravages of COVID. After moving to this area from Atlanta, Dave became very active guiding and promoting the sailing program of the Ski Club of Washington, DC. He came to SOS in 2003, and bought a boat docked where low tide often left him aground, hence his friendly moniker, "Hard Aground Henkin." Later he partnered aboard *Triton*.

He considered SOS family and over the last few years gave back by welcoming and mentoring new skippers into the club, for which he was given the Ellie Abramson Award in 2019. May you rest in peace, and know that many people will remember you. Please start preparing a place for us sailors-at-heart to come join you, so we don't end up as seagulls.

TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD:

- Due 10th of month for publication the following month
- Send email to seajay2844@gmail.com with "classified ad" in the subject line
- You will receive a confirmation email back
- Ads will appear for only three months unless you notify me earlier to delete or continue.
- 75 word limit



Carole Jordan, Classified Page Editor

SCUTTLEBUTT

(A communal water cask around which sailors traded gossip)

Sharing positive outcomes during this incredible pandemic

Lora Donia, Bill Knapp and Gabi Van Wie helped a friend bring his 35 cat down the ICW. In Beaufort they found the right place for a scuttlebutt picture!



BOATS FOR SALE

FOR SALE by owner: Bristol 29.9, 1979 Yanmar diesel engine, 15 hp. New jib; self-furling. Fully battened mainsail. Lazy jacks 2 years old. New halyard. Bottom painted last season. Modified full keel. Shoal draft. Dodger. In slip at Castle Harbor Marina (Chester, MD) paid through December 2020. \$13,000

Contact: david.crosland@usdoj.gov 12-20

BOAT SLIPS

DEEP WATER SLIP: Join other great dock mates. Available immediately on Mill Creek, Annapolis Contact Suzanne Farr sofarr@aol.com 12-20

ITEMS for Sale

FOR SALE: GIL OS5 Jacket
Medium Red, Like new, Hardly worn \$75 Contact: Lynn Winkler beachlynn@comcast.net 12-20

OTHER

VARNISH, BRIGHTWORK, WAX, and PAINT. Flabo Brightworks, LLC. Call Julian Sargeant 985-227-5389 or email julianflabo@outlook.com (Recommend by Dan and Teeja Meier.) 12-20

FOR RENT: "Marsh Magic" - A serene vacation rental in West Ocean City, MD. www.ocmarshmagic.com. 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath house; 5 decks; 2 kitchens; elevator; near inlet and Route 50 bridge. Sleeps 12. Contact Sharon Taylor at ocmarshmagic@gmail.com 12-20

FOR RENT: Large waterfront bedroom and bath in Annapolis. Contact Suzanne Farr sofarr@aol.com 12-20

Kitchen and Bathroom Renovations : Home or Vessel . Contact Mark Rybas @ The Craftsman Connection or mark.rybas@rocketmail.com 12-20

FREE Type III PFDs! Assorted life preservers, handy if you have grandchildren or guests onboard. One adult large ski vest; one adult small/medium paddling & sailing vest; one youth ski vest. Please call or email Susan Veccia: 410/693-4538 or susanveccia@gmail.com. 3-21

SOS MEMBERSHIP

	Nov 2020	Nov 2019	Nov 2018
Members	402	431	439
Skippers	83	91	91
Totals	485	522	530

SOS FINANCES OCTOBER 31, 2020

Club Checking Account	13,712.17
Hi-Yield Savings Account	73,449.53
Club Credit Card	-640.26
Bareboat Account	30,058.98

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Friday Night ZOOM Seminars

6:30 – 7:00 Happy Hour and chat time

7:00 – 8:00 Education session

Watch for email from Education Committee each week
with topic, speaker, and ZOOM link.