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Cruising Corner

John Rogers, Cruising Chair



Historically September has fantastic wind, so the Cruising Committee has planned some exciting sails

with two 3-Day Cruises, one marina weekend cruise, and four Day Sails.

We kick off the month with a **3-Day Labor Day Cruise to Solomons Island**. Saturday night we will raft up in Mill Creek which shares a joint entrance with Back Creek and has excellent anchorage.

Sunday night we will sail back north and raft up in Dun Cove, Harris Creek off the Choptank River before heading back to our home ports on Monday.

On both sailing days, be sure to check in with the raft captain (TBA) at 1315 hours on channel 78 for information about the location of the raft or pods.

The following weekend we have the first ever SOS organized cruise to the **Shaw Bay Concert** which usually features The Eastport Oyster Boys, but this year we will enjoy the music of The Wye River Band. (Here is link to video from their performance last year in Shaw Bay with The Oyster Boys:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheWyeRiverBand/videos/614822779404774.>)

This free concert is held each year (4:00-6:00) to raise funds and awareness for clean water efforts on Maryland's Eastern Shore (a boat will come around and collect donations during the concert). The concert is performed from the stern of a boat, but the music can be heard all over the bay. Bring your dinghy, paddle board, kayak, or sit on your boat to enjoy the music and scenery.

Because this concert is so popular (last year there were about 200 boats), Shaw Bay fills up quickly. Skippers can choose to anchor nearby or in Shaw Bay Friday night to ensure a good spot for the Saturday concert. The anchorage gets too crowded to form a linear or circle raft, so we will be in pods.

After the concert it is skipper's choice to remain in the anchorage overnight or move elsewhere to anchor before dark. Then it's heading for home on Sunday.

Shaw Bay Concert 2020



And of course, we **must** throw in themed docktails this month! We anticipate some excellent sailing to the **Oktoberfest Cruise** to Baltimore. Saturday night we will stay in the Anchorage Marina which **is in** the Baltimore Harbor in the historic neighborhood of Canton. (Skippers: The Cruising Committee will take care of making your slip reservation after you register for the event.)

Oktoberfest Happy Hour on the docks will be 5:00 – 7:00. German beer, wine and treats made by our very own Gabi **Van** Wie will be served.

Make your own arrangements for dinner at any of the nearby restaurants **or** enjoy a scrumptious meal on your boat.

Hopefully Sunday will have blustery fall winds to take us home.

Don't forget about those fabulous Day Sails – we have four of them this month! What a great way to get out on the water when you don't have a full weekend to devote to sailing.

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



COOL NEW STUFF IN 2021

In case you missed it, we had a really nice Town Hall meeting on Saturday, Aug 14. Many talented club volunteers were recognized. Skippers who went out regularly with crew were recognized, and we heard from a super slate of candidates running for board election in October. Plus, there was a good dinner, drinks, and camaraderie.

My motto this past year, has been, "it takes many hands". This Town Hall Meeting put the spotlight on some of those "hands". It was also a time to advertise some new initiatives and policies which I will summarize here.

There has been a policy change regarding "Inactive Members". The old policy required ten years of SOS membership to apply for inactive or non-resident status. This has been changed, with the ten-year membership requirement deleted. If anyone wishes to transition to either Inactive, or Non-Resident status, they are welcome to do so regardless of their years of SOS membership. This change might allow us to keep more transitioning members.

It's sometimes difficult to get new skippers into the SOS sailing groove. We have a ton of rules and Procedures! So, the following initiatives might help:

- a. There is a "Fast start Guide" for new skippers. This has, on 2 pages, the necessary steps to get a boat activated, join a cruise, and tune into the skippers io line. Thanks to Kathy Haven, Joan Tannen, and Bill Small for contributing.
- b. It can be confusing to join an SOS raft. We do it differently and better than most clubs. In a new change to cruise registration, there will be a box asking if this the first cruise to an SOS raft. Not just that this the first SOS cruise. This helps cruising coordinators to assign a first mate for this important entry into SOS club sailing.

After much discussion and a lot of suggestions, there is about to be a trial period to test a new paradigm for day sailing. Skippers have long lamented that there might be a beautiful day for a sail, but nothing planned. With this new experimental system, both skippers and

crew can sign up on a defined site to indicate willingness to sail with only a few days of notice. Skippers invite crew from the on-line list. More details later in an article about this experimental assignment system. Note, that this will not interfere with, or replace, the existing scheduled day sails.

Finally, we saw new kinds of parties (Backyard Gatherings), we saw new zoom happy hours for skippers only, and we saw two new Bareboat cruises on the table for 2022. If you don't want to try the BVI's in April, how about the Aeolian Islands of Italy, in September 10 – 17.

Lots going on, and the club is moving forward! Enjoy the season and partake of our many late summer and fall events.

Sandy

Bareboat Committee Update

The Bareboat Committee is planning the club's next adventures after our long enforced period of inactivity.

We are excited about the 2022 destinations. In April, we have scheduled ten days in the BVI with five boats. This is a belated anniversary trip. SOS's first bareboat trip was to the BVIs 20+ years ago. We still have some openings and a huge thank you to our coordinators - Michael Sommer and Kathy Haven.

In the fall of 2022, we will be traveling to the Aeolian Islands, directly north of the Marina di Portorosa in the town of Tonnarello. The islands are a UNESCO World Heritage Site for their contribution to the world's knowledge of volcanos. We have reserved eight boats, thanks to the work of our coordinators, Debra Roane and Teresa Scofield, who are busy ironing out the myriad of details needed for a successful trip.

And while these trips have not taken place, we are already thinking about 2023 and beyond. If you are interested in New Zealand, mark your calendar for some time in 2025. Remember if you have someplace special that you would like to go, please drop us a line.

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Unofficial Notes August 5, 2021 Board Meeting

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

Approval of Minutes: Board Meeting minutes of July 8, 2021 were approved.

Commodore: Propose the next meeting be held on Zoom Monday Sep. 20.

Vice Commodore: There are 67 people currently signed up for the Town Hall.

Treasurers Report:

Revenue from membership dues lightly ahead of 2020.

Revenue from cruising shows strong participation in weekend and day sails.

Both the DNR and Anniversary Parties yielded positive net income. Congratulations to Social!

With increased activity comes an increase in expenses so total net income is behind 2020 by \$2000.

Secretaries Report: Nothing new to add

Committee Reports:

Bareboat –

France trip: Participants:
Week 1 – 31
Week 2 – 11

We continue to monitor the entrance and exit requirements pertaining to Covid-19 and international travel.

BVI: April 5 -15, 2022 Coordinators: Kathy Haven & Michael Sommer
Trip planning continues to move forward.

Aeolian Is. September 10-17, 2022
Coordinators: Teresa Scofield & Debra Roane

Brunch – Complete for the year.

Cruising – Summer Cruising is going pretty well. July opened with July 4th activities. While pitiful on the books (3 boats), many SOSers were out there for Independence Day. The Wine and Chocolate Cruise was up next, which brought out 7 boats. Later in the month the Wet and Wild Cruise brought out 7 boats. There were 3 daysails bringing out about 10 boats.

Presently a plan for Skippers to call a short response Day Sail is in the works. We will bring this on-line soon on a trial basis for a small fee for crew. It will be automated, not requiring the services of a coordinator. Stay tuned!

Database –

A guide for new members on navigating the SOS website has been written and given to membership for inclusion as part of the electronic documents sent to new members. The Quick Start Guide for skippers will be linked to the skipper member landing and also made available for download and added to the Forms & Such page of the website.

Education – At this time there are no new education activities planned

First Mates – First Mates have participated in 10 Daysails, and 13 Weekend sails. One new member is in the que for First Mate, and Gabi Van Wie has achieved First Mate status.

Membership – 12 new Members since July Report. Three of the 12 are new Skipper Members.

New Members May 1 to May 30: 12. New Member Packets sent.

Public Relations – Update on Triple Crown:

We have created a Virtual Skipper “Team Singles on Sailboats” and have received a couple of donations – Thank you for your contributions to this worthy charity. The funds from their CRAB Regatta allows CRAB to provide sailing for disabled persons and their families/caregivers, as well as Wounded Warriors and children from less served communities.

We have drafted a working definition for the levels of recognition categories and contacted our respective Committee Chairs for nominees for recognition. We have ordered and received note cards and envelopes with the SOS name and logo to write personal Thanks notes

Safety: The Dinghy Dance was held on July 18 and it was a great success. Thank you again to Shirley Brooks for organizing it.

Skippers Advisory – Monthly ZOOM Skipper HH meetings continued in May and will continue monthly throughout the sailing season on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Plans continue for summer Skipper Party on Friday, August 13th. Initial registration indicates that attendance at 20+ skippers and guests.

Raft Captains’ course will be held Sunday, August 15th. Initial registration is about 15 in attendance.

Social: Attempting a Halloween Party at Pirates Cove, but have not gotten their response.

Unfinished Business: Non-Resident Motion was passed since the last BOD meeting:

Anyone who qualifies, may apply for an “Inactive Member” status and be charged a nominal fee (to be determined by the board on an annual basis). This status allows inactive members, or those who do not live within the Chesapeake Bay area, to keep up with the club and club news without paying full dues.

New Business: The following new motions were passed by the Board:

1. Ed Menegaux is hereby approved as a Skipper Emeritus.
2. Richard and Peggy Green are hereby each approved as Skipper Emeritus.
3. John Dombach is hereby approved as First Mate Emeritus.
4. Accept the Volunteer Recognition Program which includes the following categories:
 1. “Jump in Whenever”
 2. “Keeps SOS Floating”
 3. “Above and Beyond”
 4. “Extraordinaire”

Submitted by Craig Coltharp, Secretary

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** mailed to the **coordinator**. A copy of this form can be found on the SOS website. All checks are to be made payable to **SOS, Inc.** The postmark is used as the mail in cutoff/deadline date.

Note: individual request for refunds will incur a \$3 Administration Fee.



Sept. 4-6

Saturday – Monday

3-Day Labor Day Cruise

Destination: Solomons Island, Choptank River, Home Port.

Cost: \$51 - Member or Non-member

Deadline: Mail: Aug 19 (postmark)
Online: Aug 24

Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator: Nancy Briggs nancybriggs@hotmail.com

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



Sept. 10-12 Friday – Sunday

3-Day “Wye River Band” Concert Cruise

(Change in Band)

Destination: Skipper's choice on Friday, Saturday - Shaw Bay, Wye River, Rafting in Pods

Cost: \$51 - Member or Non-member

Deadline: Mail: Aug. 26 (postmark)
Online: Aug 31

Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator: Lynn Gilley ltgilley@verizon.net

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Sept. 16

Thursday

Mid-Week Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice

Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member

Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by September 10

Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator: Anne Bastian bastian.anne@gmail.com

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Sept. 18

Saturday

40th Hospice Cup Regatta

Destination: Severn River and adjacent Bay waters

Note: Regatta Registration Information:

After Party: Hospice Cup Shore Party
Bert Jabins Yacht Yard

<https://hospicecup.org/>

Time and ticket price for shore party not yet

Note: available

Coordinator: Hosted by Chesapeake Sailing Club



Sept. 18

Saturday

Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice

Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member

Deadline: Mail: September 8 (postmark)
Online: September 12 (9 pm)

Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator: Samia AbdelWahed samia.wahed@gmail.com

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Sept. 19

Sunday

Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice

Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member

Deadline: Mail: September 9 (postmark)
Online: September 13 (9 pm)

Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator: Samia AbdelWahed samia.wahed@gmail.com

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**Sept. 23****Thursday****Mid-Week Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by September 16

Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.**Coordinator:** Barbara Wingrove BKWingrove@outlook.comPlease **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**Sept. 20****Thursday****Board Meeting**

Location: Via Hybrid Zoom and/or in person,
Contact Commodore for details

Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm**Note:** Open to all Members.**Sept. 25/26****Saturday – Sunday****Octoberfest Cruise/Happy Hour**

Destination: Anchorage Marina, Baltimore Harbor
Deadline: Mail: September 11 (postmark)
Online: September 14

Cost: \$34 - Member or Non-member
\$10 – HH not part of Sailing Fee/cash dockside
Note: Dockside Happy Hour/German Octoberfest Saturday. - Sail in or walk-ins welcome.

O'zapft is: 5:00pm – 7:00pm
 Prost! Die nächste Runde zahlen Sie!

Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.**Coordinator:** Linda Casucci casuccilj@gmail.comPlease **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**October 2****Saturday****Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice
Deadline: Mail: September 22 (postmark)
Online: September 25 (9 pm)

Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.**Coordinator:** Teresa Scofield tscofield55@gmail.comPlease **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**October 6****Wednesday****Mid-Week Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by September 30

Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.**Coordinator:** Barbara Wingrove BKWingrove@outlook.comPlease **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**Oct. 9/10****Saturday – Sunday****Chili Cruise**

Destination: Cove North of Pickering Creek,
Wye East River
Deadline: Mail: September 25 (postmark)
Online: September 28

Cost: \$34 - Member or Non-member**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.**Coordinator:** Cindy Turner Cynthia.turner@verizon.netPlease **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**October 14****Thursday****Board Meeting**

Location: In person, location TBD
Contact Commodore for details

Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm**Note:** Open to all Members.**October 19****Tuesday****Mid-Week Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by October 12

Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.**Coordinator:** Anne Bastian bastian.anne@gmail.comPlease **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

**October 21 Thursday**

Destination: Skipper's Choice
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by October 14
Coordinator: Anne Bastian bastian.anne@gmail.com

Mid-Week Day Sail

Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member
Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

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

**October 23 Saturday**

Destination: Skipper's Choice
Deadline: Mail: October 13 (postmark)
 Online: October 17 (9 pm)
Coordinator: Teresa Scofield tscofield55@gmail.com

Day Sail

Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member
Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

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

**Oct. 30/31 Saturday – Sunday**

Destination: Pirates Cove, West River
Deadline: Mail: October 15 (postmark)
 Online: October 19
Coordinator: Hope Andruss hoped@verizon.net

Halloween Cruise

Cost: \$34- Member or Non-member
Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.

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

**November 4 Thursday**

Location: In person, location TBD
 Contact Commodore for details

Board Meeting

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

**Nov. 13?? Saturday**

Destination: TBD
By Invitation only
Deadline: Mail: TBD (postmark)
 Online: TBD
Coordinator: TBD

Cruising Appreciation - Wrap-up Meeting

Cost: Member Meeting/Dinner: Free
 Guest fee: \$TBD
Time: 5-6pm Happy Hour
 6-7pm Dinner
 7-9pm Meeting

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

**November 14 Sunday**

Location: Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD
Speaker/Topic: TBD
Deadline: Mail: November 8 (postmark)
 Online: November 9
Coordinator: TBD

Brunch

Cost: \$ TBD - Brunch
 \$ TBD – After deadline and walk-ins.
Time: 11:00 am Social Hour
 12:00 noon Brunch
 1:00 pm Program
Note: Mainsail East Room

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

**April 5-15 2022 10-day trip**

Destination: British Virgin Islands
Note: Must be fully vaccinated to sign up for this trip per BVI Immigration requirements.
Coordinator: Michael Sommer msommer414@gmail.com
 Go to <http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/> for more details

Belated 20th Anniversary – Bareboat Cruise

Cost: Members \$2000 = Boat Cost and Admin Fee. - Air Fare and Insurance are separate.
Note: To Download Registration Form with Payment Information:
<http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/449637246>

What We Learned at the Dinghy Dance

Joan Tannen, Safety Chair

We recently brought back the Dinghy Dance training which we used to hold annually. It was fun and very informative. The session started with videos and presentations on different types of PFDs, how to put a PFD on in the water, demonstrations on which PFDs will give you the most protection if you fall out of a boat, and a video on how to inspect and maintain an Inflatable PFD. Then we had a presentation on what a dinghy is, safety in a dinghy, what the legal requirements are in a dinghy, dinghy etiquette, and more.

We went out into the pool and did some demonstrations and testing. We jumped in with various types of PFDs...including inflatables. And we practiced putting PFDs on in the water. We tested various techniques to get into a real dinghy from deep water and we practiced getting into a dinghy from land.

Here are some of the things we learned!

It's a good idea to have a PFD on before you fall into the water because it's hard to put them on in the water. It's also good to have the PFD adjusted for your own body and cinched up snugly before you accidentally fall in, so the PFD doesn't ride up around your neck. Those orange PFDs may be a little uncomfortable, but they sure do a good job keeping your head and face out of the water. So do the inflatables if used correctly.



It's hard to get into a dinghy in deep water!!! Long legs help, but so do various "tools of assistance." We tested a yellow strap with a loop and then a nylon ladder to step up while getting in the dinghy. Both helped a lot. (It helps to try to keep both behind you while getting in as opposed to letting them slip under the dinghy. This takes practice.)

Then we used the dinghy seat and discussed using a line tied from one dinghy handle to the other to pull on while getting into the dinghy. Both were deemed to be very helpful. There was a lot of cheering when anyone successfully got into the dinghy!



Last we practiced stepping from the pool deck into a dinghy and spreading people out to balance the dinghy well. One person described sitting on the swim platform of a boat and swinging her legs around to kind of slide into a dinghy.

All techniques are worth trying to determine what works best for you...especially with waves and any other challenging conditions.

Attendees declared the training a great success and recommended we continue it next year. Hope to see you then!

Do you know how to inspect and maintain your inflatable life jacket?

Inflatable life jackets can be a great option for protection out on the water. It's important however to know how they work and how to maintain them.

Did you know that inflatables have various options such as automatic inflation, a pull cord to inflate, and a tube to blow into to inflate? You can buy an inflatable with a built-in harness to make it easier to pull you out of the water. Some even have crotch straps.

Did you know that you should see a green glow in the window of your inflatable if it is ready to be used? Always check.

It's important to understand that inflatables have a small water-soluble device, such as a bobbin or a pill, that allows the gas in the CO2 cartridge to release. These bobbins or pills have a limited shelf life requiring them to be replaced every one to three years. The expiration date should be imprinted right on the bobbin or pill. Re-arming kits for your specific inflatable can be purchased. In addition, you can purchase just the bobbin for some inflatables without incurring the expense of the whole re-arming kit.

Boat U.S. has a great video on inspecting and maintaining your inflatable. It can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KD5AgfQXxw>

Bottom line...get to know your individual inflatable life jacket so you can use it safely out on the water!

Meet the Candidates

Angela Eggleston-Howard

I grew up on the water in Pensacola, Florida where I began sailing and racing through the Pensacola Yacht Club's junior sailing program at the age of eight.



After undergraduate college I lived in the Bahamas where I sailed extensively in that area with friends. I later lived in the Pacific Northwest and sailed the San Juan and Gulf Islands in my Santana 27. After moving to the Chesapeake Bay area, I began crewing in Wednesday Night Races on the Middle River with a Singles on Sailboats, Inc. (SOS) member, Don Chiarello, on *Ski Bum*, a Ranger 33. I also met Louse Burke through SOS who was to become a wonderful friend and mentor.

Additionally, since moving here I have had the opportunity to enjoy more blue water sailing. During these trips I took my turn as helmsman, watch captain and navigator as well as doing other tasks. I also became a member of the Naval Academy Sailing Program serving as Principal Race officer, Treasurer, and a D Qual offshore coach. I live in Eastport and am a member of the Corinthian Association, Inc., and the Annapolis Yacht Club.

SOS is a wonderful organization. We have fun, we party, meet folks some of whom become life-long friends, sail safely on the Bay as well as organize bare boat sailing elsewhere in the world.

I have been a SOS skipper, first mate, plain old crew, served on the Safety and Cruising Committees, taught seminars on sailing, safety gear and how to set and trim spinnakers. I have twice been a board member, also serving as treasurer and commodore.

Career wise: Undergraduate chemistry, graduate biochemistry then worked in research at NCDC, Aerospace Medical Institute, Children's Hospital in Seattle, and University of Virginia. Only claim to fame, I observed the phenomena that lead to the molecular understanding of exercised induced asthma. Midlife, I completed a major in accounting at UVA, professional CPA license, and an MBA at Johns Hopkins University. I retired from JHU after 13 years on the senior administration staff.

It would be my privilege to again serve on the board if the membership wishes me to do so. If elected, I will do whatever I can do to help us increase our membership numbers and see that we continue to have fun while safely sailing on the Bay.

Doug Gage



I learned to sail as a young teen in small boats on Long Island Sound, sailed occasionally on friends' larger boats over the years. I became a part owner of a 62-foot charter ketch sailing out of St

Thomas and spent one full charter season on it as crew. I have sailed with friends in New England for a week or two most summers, sailing in Maine and moving boats between Maine and New Jersey. I crewed for Sandy Daugherty on *Siesta* on the 2011 Caribbean 1500, and for Emil Becker on the 2013 DelMarVa Rally (we did complete the first leg!).

I retired in 2004 after working as a scientist/engineer for the Navy and spending four years as a program manager at DARPA. My areas of focus were robotics, network communications, and sensor systems. Since retiring I have worked as a part-time consultant. I also sing in The Arlington Chorale.

I joined SOS in 2003 and have been a regular at SOS brunches and at the Northern Virginia Happy Hours. My sailing activity with the club has mostly focused on bareboat cruises; eighteen of them, and mixing in a number of weekends and Day Sails, and one extended. I have served as Bareboat Committee Purser/Treasurer since 2007, offloading work from the Club Treasurer by helping each trip coordinator structure cruise finances and making sure that the financial records reflect actual bank deposits and disbursements. I served as Bareboat Committee Chair from 2009-2011, and served on the SOS BOD from 2013-2015.

I see several issues that the Board should be thinking about: (1) the "graying" demographics of the club membership; (2) motivating skippers so as to balance the supply of crew sailing slots with demand; (3) keeping the Club finances on a long-term even keel, and not overreacting to either short term surplus or short term deficit; (4) establishing/maintaining the most appropriate relationship between the Bareboat program and other Club activities -- given that the annual Bareboat cash flow is approximately as large as that of the entire rest of the Club; (5) taking a serious look at Travel Insurance for Bareboat trips. I welcome suggestions for additions to this list.

SOS is a real treasure, and it requires a lot of work from a lot of people to keep it that way. I hope to be able to contribute to that effort as a Board member. In any event, I am looking forward to being involved in more SOS events, having just bought a weekend-plus getaway townhouse on Back Creek.

Carole Jordan

When I joined SOS in 2001, I had just moved to Annapolis from Pittsburgh and knew no one. I had sailed for years with my former husband and kids, and was excited to be in the "Sailing Capital of the US". Since I was eager to meet people and to sail, I visited the local SOS Happy Hour. What a great choice on my part. I met great people and was told how to get out on the water. My first sail, the skipper told me that if I wanted to get the most out of SOS, VOLUNTEER!!



I took his advice and joined the Education Committee, coordinated a Fireside Chat and I was hooked. Since then, I have been on the Board as Secretary (2005-2007), been Education Chair in 2008, Brunch Chair in 2014-2015 and Cruising Co-Chair in 2016-2017. I have most enjoyed coordinating many weekend cruises and organizing several marina parties. It was fun chairing the Lake Huron Bareboat, as well as the one to the Windward Islands.

SOS has offered me so many great opportunities to sail that I am not sure I could have found on my own. Vancouver, Maine, Australia, and Italy are a few of my favorite memories. Needless to say, I am a bareboat charter fan!!!

I was honored to earn the First Mate level in SOS, (after some tough skippers said I was okay), which gave me confidence to get certified to skipper on charter trips.

I chaired the SOS Spring Training for 5 years and I would like to see this event revived, as it always attracted new members from the local community.

This is a great club and we are facing many challenges in the coming years. Health issues and aging have led to declining membership. We **can and will** begin to attract new members and I am excited to earn your confidence that I can contribute to that effort. If we all step up to participate, not only will the club benefit, but we'll have lots of fun along the way.

Bob Wright

I'd like to thank the nominating committee for inviting me to run for the Board of Directors. . . . again. I guess we're called retreads? I am more than happy to be considered, because like many before me, I feel that it's not only important, but necessary to give back to the club which has given me so much.



I joined SOS in 2006 as a Skipper. Previous to sailing on the Chesapeake Bay, I sailed with the Port Huron Yacht Club, raced in the Port Huron to Mackinac race, sailed on Lake Ponchartrain in Louisiana and into the Gulf of Mexico, and Lake Lanier in Georgia. I also participated in a couple of the SOS sponsored Hospice Cup Races.

Eventually I sold my boat, *Firewater*, and became a First Mate. Throughout the 15 years I've been a member I've held various positions within the club: Social Committee Chair, Cruising Committee Chair, Vice Commodore, Treasurer, and currently, Photo Editor. And, I've also been known to be the Grill Meister at the DNR for the past several years.

I am a Professional Engineer (Mechanical) and currently working as a Senior Energy Engineer for the US government to reduce the government energy, water, and greenhouse gas consumptions in a few of its facilities. Although I don't think any of these skills can transfer to the workings of SOS, this just tells you a little bit more about me.

I, along with many of you, am concerned about bringing on and mentoring new members and skippers. I don't have answers or solutions to the downward trend, but I am willing to dig in and help where needed.

I love this club and the people in it. I want it to succeed, grow, and mentor new sailors for another 40 plus years.

Meet the Candidates

SCUTTLEBUTT

(A communal water cask around which sailors traded gossip)

Sometimes you don't have to travel far to go on a vacation. Just ask **Debbie Goldberg** and **Henrietta Hyatt-Knorr** who recently made a three-day trip to Chestertown on the Eastern Shore to visit **Carol Niemand**. They went out on a two-hour lunch cruise aboard The River Packet with 18 other "invited" guests. Fellow SOSer's, **Judy Hunt** and **Paul Miller**, joined the group from Annapolis. Most of the folks didn't know each other upon boarding, but quickly bonded as we glided down the Chester River, and disembarked as friends. The day was capped off by a "pig-out" on local crabs and corn on Carol's porch (a lot cheaper there). The day before and day after were filled with treasure hunts of sorts at all the local thrift stores and a snugly sleepover that let everyone get up whenever they felt like it. They all remarked, "When was the last time you let yourself sleep in without any alarm clock?"

John Swahn is open to any sailing on the bay. His boat is having the rigging redone so if anyone needs crew, single or a couple, give him a call

This fall **Catherine Fox** sets out exploring with a cute little new-to-her travel trailer. The brand name T@da is rather apt, as Catherine has been hoping for a long time to hit the road. She'll head to Vermont and Rhode Island, taking along her very own Covid-safe bubble. And next January, if she can't get to the Bahamas for some sailing, she'll head south to see friends in Miami with plenty of great stops along the way, including Flavia Favelli's place in South Carolina.

Barbara Shoemaker and **Laura Gwinn** visited SOS member **Martha Wagner** in Plattsburgh NY on Lake Champlain in early August. Before arriving there, they stopped in Poughkeepsie to traverse the Walkway Over the Hudson and the mid-Hudson Bridge. Days in Lake Champlain were spent sailing, hiking, kayaking, and catching up. Just like summer camp!

The **Skagen** scuttlebutt is that their sloop, *Fortunate Soul*, is finally back in the water after a three-year hiatus in the boat yard balancing on those silly microphone stands. As would be expected, the gremlins and hobbits moved aboard while they were gone and played with some of the systems. They are hard at work replacing air conditioners, fresh water pumps, sails, canvas, radar and chart plotter, dinghy, plus there must be a lot of stuff that they haven't yet discovered. Hopefully, the boat will be sailable sometime in September at which point they will try some SOS sails. They are looking forward to heading south until the butter melts around December after their usual rush of yacht deliveries in November.

In the meantime, **Dane** continues to replenish the cruising kitty with yacht deliveries. Right now, he is on a delivery from the BVI's to Middle River with SOS member Rob King.

In **July Susan Zevin** purchased a Back Cove 37 power yacht (made by Sabre Yachts) which she had trucked from the state of Washington to Maryland. After new bottom paint and a few repairs, *YOLO* was commissioned and moved to the South River where she now lives in a slip at Susan's house. After all, "You Only Live Once."

Unknown to Susan, **Shirley Brooks and George Hollendursky** had also been looking for a Back Cove 34 to purchase and found one in Minnesota. With Susan's advice and guidance, they had it trucked to Maryland where she received new bottom paint, a few repairs and was commissioned. *Slip Away* was moved to the West River where she now lives in a slip at Chesapeake Yacht Club on the same dock where *Sail Away* lives. Shirley and George plan to keep both boats and let the weather dictate which one they will use on any given day.

Welcome New Members

Larry Anderson - Annapolis, MD
 Karen Armstrong - Silver Spring, MD
 Jacy Carroll - Lancaster, PA
 Ross Crawford - Perkasie, PA
 Phil Gallagher - Annapolis, MD
 Michael Hauck - Dillsburg, PA
 Peter Holden - Annapolis, MD
 David Matus - Wyncote, PA
 Nancy McGovern - Washington, DC
 Jack McKim - West River, MD
 Bill Merritt - Germantown, MD
 Betsy Schreitmueller - Annapolis, MD
 Pat Tracey - Baltimore, MD
 Victoria Turco - Chevy Chase, MD
 Catina Webster - Hedgesville, WV

Hospice Cup 40th Regatta September 18th

Hospice Cup, a unique charity regatta, is America's largest charity regatta in numbers and dollars. This year's funds raised at the regatta will help hospices in Maryland, Washington, DC and Northern Virginia with their Grief and Bereavement Services which is not often covered by insurance. To **donate** to Team Singles on Sailboats us the "donate" button on the SOS web page or click here: <https://mtyc.co/qra8eg>

Sailing: Skippers click here to register your boat in the regatta: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14355>

There will be no **shore party** this year, instead sailors are invited to stop by Horn Point Marina for a drink and cake.

Town Hall Meeting



(L to R): Lorraine Fassett✦, Emil Becker✦ and Bill Knapp✦



(L to R): Carole Jordan✦, Meeps Yox✦, Craig Coltharp and Janet Gonski



(L to R): Craig Coltharp, Linda Casucci✦ and Janet Gonski



(L to R): Nancy Pond✦ and Linda Perkins



(L to R): Sandy Rosswork✦ and Craig Coltharp



(L to R): Shelley Castle✦ and Ruth Connell✦



Steven Kurtz✦ and Marcy Kleinman✦



(L to R): Michelle Watters✦, Irene Aronian, David Tuttle, Hope Andruss and Nancy Briggs



Mary Beth Jalickee✦

✦ - Recognition Awards Recipients
✦ - Indicates a New Member

Photographers: Samia AbdelWahed (SAW); John Parsons (JFP); Bob Wright (RAW)
NOTE FROM PHOTO EDITOR: Please include names with your photos so we can learn everyone's names.

SOS CPR Training



SOS Safety Chair, Joan Tannen and Annapolis F.D. Instructor, Bud Zapata



(L to R): Anne Bastian and Kate Collins



Instructor, Bud Zapata



(L to R): Frank Beck and Joan Tannen



(L to R): Suzanne Vaughn and Ben Kaufman



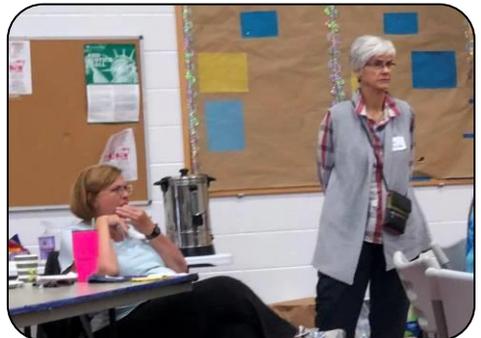
(L to R): Irene Ironian, Barbara Wingrove, Michael Sommer and John Rogers



Ben Kaufman



Annapolis Fire Department Instructor, Bud Zapata



(L to R): Joan Tannen and Anne Bastian

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Carole Jordan, Classified Page Editor

BOAT SLIPS

FOR ANNUAL LEASE: DRIVE THROUGH boat slip in Martins Cove behind Cantlers Riverside Inn on Mill Creek for sailboat 32 ft or less. \$2600.00.
Call Spud Flowers: 703-969-2048. 10-21

ITEMS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Marincio day/night plus solar vent 4" white plastic. Works on rechargeable battery at night. Ventilation for boat or RV. Advertised at West Marine online for \$224.99. **Asking \$100.** Never used. Mint condition in original box. Bob Morrow, cogito28@aol.com 10-21

FOR SALE: Fujinon 229.99 VHF handheld transceiver, ICOM with recharger. Reduced \$50.00 or Best Offer!
Lorraine Fassett, 410-573-1030, hfassett@verizon.net 10-21

OFFER: Henry Lloyd heavy duty foul weather outfits - one WM Medium; one Men's XL top and L pants - pristine condition- from former SOS members. Cost is charitable donation to CRAB. Largest donation for each set by September 30 wins the outfit. Send bids to Bev Nash. beverlynash@verizon.net 12-21

FOR SALE: Juki Double Stitch industrial sewing machine (used 150 hours) and the table, miscellaneous yards of Sunbrella, canvas tools, foam cutter, thousands of snaps, twist & turn, and other fasteners, high- speed Singer factory sewing machine, pipe bender, stainless steel piping. webbing, Contents of my canvas shop. Make an offer nancierpark@gmail.com 12-21

FOR SALE: Two stainless steel folding bikes: One with custom canvas cover, baskets. Also, plastic gas cans, one diesel can, stainless steel horseshoe buoy rack. nancierpark@gmail.com 12-21

FOR RENT

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 10-21

FOR RENT: Large waterfront bedroom and bath in Annapolis. Contact Suzanne Farr sofarr@aol.com 10-21

FOR RENT: "SANDS SOUCI" a family beach vacation home on the Outer Banks, Duck, North Carolina. 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, Jacuzzi bath, 5 decks. View sunsets on the Currituck Sound. Beach accessories and Golf Cart included. Contact Judy Barral for availability at jbarral60@gmail.com 10-21

SOS Members	Aug 2021	Aug 2020	Aug 2019
Members	214	403	429
Skippers	57	78	90
Lifetime Members	110		
Lifetime Skippers	20		
Inactive Members	18		
Totals	419	481	519

SOS Finances August 2021	
Club Checking Account	35,492.09
Hi-Yield Savings Account	73,455.02
Club Credit Card	-17,133.80
Bareboat Account	31,430.88



Welcome to the SOS Happy Hour page!
Be sure to check here for a Happy Hour event in your area.
Send any changes, updates or new information about Happy Hours to Jill Montgomery
jill.montgom@gmail.com



Virtual Happy Hours on ZOOM VARIOUS DATES:
Get in touch with your Area Contact, listed in back of your Whisker Pole to be put on their HH notification list. Or check out the SOS Web site for dates and ZOOM links to all the Virtual Happy Hours.

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

1st Wednesday
NOVA/DC: Sept 1st 5:00-7:00 PM
Salt & Pepper Restaurant (sheltered 2nd floor terrace), 5125 MacArthur Blvd. NW, Washington, DC 20016 ***NOTE*: RSVP TO COORDINATOR REQUIRED by Sunday, Aug 29th at 4pm, for venue reservation with headcount.** No walk-ins.
COORDINATOR: WENDY wladams11@verizon.net

1st Thursday
ELLICOTT CITY: Sept 2nd 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



3rd Wednesday
Southeast PA: Sept 15th 6:00 PM
The historic **Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia**, 300 W 2nd Street, Essington, PA 19029. ***NOTE*:** Cash bar with snacks, \$6 cover charge. Reservations are required. **RSVP TO COORDINATOR.**
COORDINATOR: MARY Mary.payne@comcast.net

3rd Thursday
ROCKVILLE: Sept 16th 5:00-7:00 PM
Fontina Grill, 801 Pleasant Drive, Rockville, MD 20850 301-947-5400 www.fontinagrill.com
COORDINATOR: DEBBIE hidebbieg@yahoo.com

3rd Wednesday
WILMINGTON: Sept 15th 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 - Sbdonaldson713@verizon.net**

3rd Thursday
KENT ISLAND: Sept 16th 4:00-6:00 PM
FISHERMAN'S INN 3116 Main Street, Grasonville, MD 21638. 410-827-6666 www.fishermansinn.com
COORDINATOR: BARB - bbb Brooksao@aol.com

3rd Thursday
SOUTH CENTRAL PA: Sept 16th 6:30 PM
O'REILLY'S TAP ROOM 800 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA. 17111 717-561-2800
www.oreillystaproom.com
COORDINATOR: BOB - cogito28@aol.com

4th Thursday
ANNAPOLIS: Sept 23rd 5:00-7:00 PM
THE PIER, 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, MD. Rt. 2 on south side of South River Bridge. If we are not in the bar area, we will be on the UPPER deck outside. 443-837-6057 cocojoes@comcast.net
COORDINATOR: RON- repence@msn.com

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