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**Brunch – Nov 12**  
**Aground in the**  
**Chesapeake**



Mark Hergan will be with us to show images, tools and techniques used to capture everything from international shipping to Chesapeake Bay log canoes while spending over 100 days each year on the Chesapeake Bay.

Special to his presentation will be select images from “Aground in the Chesapeake, the grounding of the Ever Forward”. The 1,095-foot-long Marine Corp. ship carrying 4,964 containers went aground after departing from Port of Baltimore bound for Norfolk, Virginia. The Ever Forward was not freed until April 17.

Mark Hergan is an avid sailor and photographer on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. A graduate of St. Mary's College of Maryland and is also a founding member of the college's Offshore Sailing Team. He currently races his Tripp 33 Zombie on Tuesday Nights with Baltimore City Yacht Association and has enjoyed the challenge of overnight distance races on the Bay.

Click here to register: [November 12 Brunch](#).

**Brunch – Dec 10**  
**Annapolis**  
**Maritime History**



With his newly published book, *Working Waterfront, A maritime History of Annapolis and the Chesapeake Bay*, Stephen Ritterbush

will take us on a sail through the history of Annapolis. He starts at the formation of the Maryland colony in 1632 and the first forays into the Chesapeake Bay by European explorers. He moves to the oyster industry in the 19th century and the various boats and harvesting techniques that rose during that time. He will tell us about the city's transformation into the 20th century from the boom around World War II and the expansion of the Naval Academy to the rise of boatyards, before finally exploring the steady decline of the working waterfront in the 1970s.



In 2014 he fell and suffered a devastating spinal injury that left him completely paralyzed. Despite his love of the water, he didn't go on a boat for four years

until meeting the founders of the Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB) where he now serves on the Board.

Click here to register: [December 10 Brunch](#)

**Goose Cruise**  
**A Windy Tale**  
*Bob Morrow*

Twenty boats signed up for Goose Cruise, but high winds caused most to cancel. But I decided to head out from my marina off of Middle River on *Serendipity* with my crew Angela Weathers and Tim Nelms and two reefs in the main. I never shook out the second reef on the whole trip.

The maximum apparent wind that I saw was 32 knots during a brief gust, but 20 to 25 was almost constant. At first, I didn't put out the jib, because we were sailing about as fast with just the main as I usually go when motoring. But I was fighting the wheel the whole time to keep the boat from rounding up into the wind, so I put out just a little bit of jib, and that made the steering a little bit easier but still requiring quite a bit of effort.

We got into Whitehall Creek to raft up with Steve Garris and Bob Wright on *Sail-topia*. We had anchors out on both boats and had a calm and peaceful night with appetizers and good conversation on Steve's boat. The next morning there was a brief and minor entanglement of anchor rodes, but easily fixed because Steve had an all-chain rode.

I told my crew that even though they never saw any geese on the whole trip, we were officially on a “Goose Cruise” because before they arrived at my marina, I saw a flock of Canada Geese right off my dock!

## VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



The leaves are beginning to turn, although it seems like later than usual. As I write this, I am

looking forward to the last few sailing days with a colorful Chesapeake Bay! These are memories to cherish.

Congratulations to our newly elected board members. Welcome to Bob Morrow, Karl Scible and Michelle Watters, who are joining the board for their first term, and Doug Gage, for his second. Nancy Bromberg, Craig Coltharp, Heide Harper and Susan Zevin will complete their second year on the board. Bob Wright was appointed to the Board to complete Cathy Law's second year.

Thank you for voting! Our new board is convening on November 2 to elect new officers for the coming 2023-2024 fiscal year. Chairpersons are being installed for each of our 12 committees. Thank you to these hard-working volunteers for stepping up! They will be looking for interested members to populate their committees to plan our social, sailing and educational events. Please indicate on your membership renewal that you are willing to serve on one of the committees. Believe me, they will be happy to contact you!!!

Since sailing isn't the only activity that happens with SOS, please note the following opportunities for you to participate in the club. We are planning:

- Brunches-Sunday brunches with interesting speakers November-March
- Educational Seminars-January through March

- Education Zoom meetings, starting in December!
- Holiday parties in members' homes
- Fireside Chats through the winter
- A bareboat cruise to the BVI's in March
- Spring Training: a day-long conference of seminars to improve your sailing skills
- CPR training, Flare demos, Safety demonstrations
- Helper days to assist skippers with their boat projects, both fall and spring!

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

This month, we look forward to our first Brunch on the 12th, Cruising Wrap-up (by invitation only), and our Regional Thanksgiving parties. Check them out in our Fleet Exercises!

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as your Commodore for this past year. Please feel free to contact me or any of the board members with questions, concerns or suggestions! I look forward to seeing you at the November Brunch. Sign up early; you don't want to miss it.

**Carole**, Commodore

### Welcome New Members

Duda Duda  
Owings Mills, MD

Randi Martin  
New Bern, NC

Susan Meredith  
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## Unofficial Board Notes October 5, 2023

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

**Commodore:** Presented the newly elected Board Members: Doug Gage, Bob Morrow, Karl Scible and Michelle Watters. The November 2nd Board Meeting will be held in person at the Mariners Point Clubhouse on Georgetown Road in Annapolis.

**Vice Commodore:** No Report

**Treasurer:**

Club Checking Account	\$14,404
Hi-Yield Savings Acc.	\$73,560
Credit Card	\$(3,372)
Bareboat Acc.	\$48,572

The DNR party made a profit of \$1,779.  
The Anniversary Party lost -\$3,409.  
The Seafood Feast lost -\$3,493.

**Committees:**

All the committee chairs have submitted their resignations as is required by our by-laws. All but 5 committee chairs have indicated a desire to continue as chair for the next year. The new Chairpersons will be: Social - Janet Pennewell, Skipper's Advisory - Sandy Rosswork, First Mates - Lora Donia, Education - Jean Gough, Cruising - Carole Jordan and Dennis Krizek.

**Bareboat** – BVI cruise set for 9 March 2024. One boat will be going for 10 days. Janet Pennewell will coordinate the Mallorca trip.

**Brunch** – No report.

**Cruising** – The cruising season is ending with only a few more weekend cruises and day sails. If warm weather lasts into November, the Pop-Up Sailing program can be used to organize additional sailing opportunities. The Chili Cruise was cancelled due to weather but the cookoff was held at Dane Skagen's house.

**Database** - 2024 Dues and Membership Renewal: Will need the Board to determine the dues amount each member type, Member, Life Member and Inactive Member, will be required to pay for 2024. Renewal for 2024 will start November 1<sup>st</sup>. Notices will be sent on the first of the months November, December

and January then again prior to the end of January. On February 1 a list of members who have not renewed will be compiled so that those members can be contacted and encouraged to renew. Found an instructional video that explains electronic signatures and gives step by step directions on 3 different methods to sign a document electronically.

	October 2023	October 2022	October 2021
Members	240	255	230
Skippers	69	64	60
Lifetime Members	87	98	108
Lifetime Skippers	20	23	21
Inactive Members	18	21	18
<b>Totals</b>	<b>434*</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>437</b>

**Education** – Spring Training 2024 possible dates are 4/6/24 or 3/2/24; waiting for confirmation from the Community College. Spring Training Sub-Committee chairs are:  
Jean Gough - Coordinator  
Emil Becker – speakers  
Dana Stoffregen – Vendors  
Cathy Laws – Registration  
Linda Casucci – Room Monitors  
Allen – facilities & catering  
Suzanne Vaughn – Promotions  
Phil Smith & Jill Montgomery – Signage

Friday night zoom:  
Nov 10, Zoom Functionality – Bill K.  
Nov 24, BVI Trip? - Deb Kauffman  
Dec 8, San Juan Bareboat – Emi Becker  
Dec 22 – no Zoom due to Christmas  
Jan 12 – Safe Boating Course  
Overview – Emil Becker

Fireside chats will be coordinated by Cindy Gross and Genienne Navarro.

**First Mates** – The First Mate Candidate Coordinator and the First Mate Chair continue to review and edit the online FM information and anticipate having those updated pages posted soon.

**Membership** – No report

**Newsletter** – The 16-page October Whisker Pole was mailed to 59 members and 30 copies to Happy Hour coordinators at a cost of \$485.95 which equals to \$5.46 for each printed copy.

**Public Relations** – There would be no Chesapeake Bay Sailing tent available at the Annapolis Boat show.

Our next project is to go forward on the EYC lights parade and we plan to speak with Skipper Chuck and John Rogers about decorative and banner ideas.

**Safety** – Camp Letts for Flare and Safety Day next spring on April 27, 2024.

**Skippers' Advisory** – No activities to report.

**Social** – No report.

**Old Business:**

Deb Kauffman and Susan Zevin reported on investigations for a unified SOS approach to web/video conferencing. "Go To", "Google Meet", "Enterprise Zoom", and "Microsoft teams" were evaluated. Zoom is the preferred choice due to lack of complexity and current familiarity.

Motion was passed to have Bill Knapp serve as the administrator for the "Enterprise and Business Zoom"

Email Carole Jordan to suggest Board replacement for Cathy Laws who is unable to complete the second year of her term.

To evaluate dues for 2024 for regular members, Life Members, and Inactive Members, the treasurer is asked to provide data to show the annual club fixed expenses.

**New Business:**

John McDonald said the database could accommodate using credit cards for Bareboat registrations.

A motion was passed to reserve boats for a Bareboat trip in March for the BVI's.

A motion was passed to reserve up to 6 boats for a bareboat trip to Mallorca in September of 2024.

The motion to approve the minutes of the September Board meeting was approved.

**Executive Session.** To be held after the meeting on Zoom. Deb Kauffman will attend as well.

## Celebrate the Holidays with SOS!



Coming soon to a home near you...Regional **Pre-Thanksgiving Dinners** on Saturday, November 18. The host/ess arranges for the turkey, beverages, decorations, etc. for ten or more SOS members. The guests bring their favorite holiday dish to share and contribute up to \$15 to cover expenses.

A fun time is had by all. Members have volunteered their homes in West Chester, PA, Bethesda, MD, and Annapolis. Sign up by Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> by sending an email to Hope Andruss at [hoped@verizon.net](mailto:hoped@verizon.net)

Missed the deadline? Call the respective host/ess to see if they can accommodate you.



**The Christmas Day Dinner** gathering on December 25 will be at the home of Barbara Mistrik in Edgewater.

The cost is \$10 per person and a food contribution. **There is no on-line registration.** To sign up contact Barbara via cell phone only at 410-956-1445. Let her know which dish you plan to bring and pay the \$10 at the door.

## Parade of Lights December 9<sup>th</sup>



We did it last year, we plan to do it again this year – on December 9th. With gratitude to a willing skipper and his boat, we need lots of volunteers to participate in decorative design, crewing back and forth from home marina to Annapolis dock, riding the boat the night of and other supporting roles (ferrying crew back to cars, providing lunch for decorating team, etc.)

Let me know you are interested and willing to help (Janet Gonski at [JGSunset@yahoo.com](mailto:JGSunset@yahoo.com)) and we will figure out roles and timing via zoom meeting in late October/early November.

## Watch the Lights Parade in Comfort

**Watch** the forty or more boats of the Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade burst into light on Saturday, December 9, at 6:00 PM. Enjoy the parade in warmth and comfort from a waterfront room at the Annapolis (Marriott) Waterfront Hotel. See this wonderful show of splendid color and twinkling lights with each boat decorated in a Christmas theme. Avoid the cold and wintry night and join your friends at the Annapolis (Marriott) Waterfront Hotel to watch the Parade and to cheer the SOS entry as the boat passes by our waterfront balcony. **Drinks** and eats will be available in the room starting at about 5:00 PM.

Our overview of the Lights Parade will be fantastic from a large balcony which gives a view of "Ego Alley" and the immediate waterfront. This is a fantastic opportunity for

photographers to capture a winning view of this colorful holiday event.

**The cost** for this event will be \$55.00 per person. Send your check made out to SOS, to Sandy Rosswork (511 Chesapeake Ave, Annapolis, 21403). Beer, wine, sodas, and sandwiches will be provided. Participants are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert.

**Call or email** Sandy Rosswork for more information and to sign up and indicate what you will bring. Don't wait too long....attendance must be limited due to the size of the room!! Call 410-267-8739 or email [sgrosswork@aol.com](mailto:sgrosswork@aol.com).



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

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

## Boat Helpers Needed to Winterize The Fleet

SOS is calling for volunteers to help skippers prepare their boats for winter. Volunteering will make you a better sailor as you get to see up close how things are taken apart and then come together on a boat. You also get to understand how systems work without pressure, so if and when an emergency repair has to be made at sea, you can better assist!



Owning and maintaining a sailboat is not only costly, but a lot of hard work! In fall much has to be done to get a boat ready for SOS winter storage, much has to be done. Sails and cushions have to be taken off and stored away. Water systems, the generator, and the engine need to be drained and winterized. Lockers, lazarettes, and storage areas need to be cleaned out with items taken ashore for the winter.

A few boats have to be moved from their summer dock to their winter home (on land or to a more protected dock) and then covered under canvas or with shrink wrap. This might sound mundane, but it is not! Everything gets done quicker and easier when people are working together. It is a team effort.

No special skills are required. All that is needed is a willingness to come and help with this important fall ritual. Please volunteer!!!

Skippers and crew should contact Emil Becker [emilbec@msn.com](mailto:emilbec@msn.com) to request a Boat Helper or to volunteer to become a Helper.

Alternatively, crew could contact skippers you have sailed with, and ask if they need some help.

## BVI Bareboat Trip March 9, 2024

**Where:** The British Virgin Islands (BVI), departing from the Moorings/Sunsail base in Road Town, Tortola, BVI. The BVIs are a perennial SOS winter getaway warm water favorite — many SOS members have enjoyed going back to the BVI multiple times.

The sailing affords line-of-sight navigation and consistent trade winds, making for a low-stress sailing experience. The BVI provide a multitude of delightful beaches and snorkeling opportunities.



**Boats:** Initially, we have reserved 4 Sunsail monohull boats. We have one open boat waiting for a skipper. If the response warrants, we will add additional boats, larger or smaller to accommodate skipper preferences.

**Crew Costs:** Please check the SOS blast for pricing. The amount each crew will deposit with SOS is calculated based on boat costs.

Cost for 7-days will be \$2300 for SOS members and \$2360 for nonmembers for 7 days.

Cost for 10 days will be \$2800 for SOS members and \$2860 for nonmembers.

Each crew will also be responsible for all other costs, including provisioning, meals ashore, and travel to/from Road Town.

**I'm ready to sign up!** What should I do? Applications will soon be available on the SOS website or from the email blast.

When completed, mail the application and the check to Bareboat Purser Janet Pennewell at 709 Severn Avenue, Annapolis MD 21403.

## Spring is in the air!

Well maybe not... but SOS SPRING TRAINING 2024 is definitely in the air!

Planning is underway and we've got a terrific training day lining up!

We don't want to leave you out ... so we are asking you:

Do you want to be a Presenter of a compelling topic? Do you want to suggest an interesting idea?

If so, contact me with details ASAP. We will be finalizing the curriculum soon. Thank you.

Education Chair  
Jean Gough

[jgough4you@gmail.com](mailto:jgough4you@gmail.com)

## 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.**

### SOS COVID Safety Protocol

"All participants attending SOS indoor events must provide evidence of Vaccination and Boosting upon request as well as comply with the requirements of a specific venue then in effect".

**"In addition, crew and First Mates must provide evidence of Vaccination and Boosting if requested by a skipper before sailing on their boat.**

Members should expect to be denied admission without refund if they fail to comply with this policy".



#### November 1 Wednesday

**Destination:** Skipper's Choice.  
**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by Oct. 25 (9:00pm).  
**Coordinator:** Emil Becker [emilbec@msn.com](mailto:emilbec@msn.com)

To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [Day Sail November 1](#)

#### Mid-Week Day Sail

**Cost:** \$19 – 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.



#### November 2 Thursday

**Location:** In person meeting.  
 The Mariners' Point Clubhouse,  
 180 Georgetown Rd, Annapolis, MD  
 Annapolis, MD. [Update](#)

#### Board Meeting

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



#### November 4 Saturday

**Destination:** Skipper's Choice.  
**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by Oct. 29 (9:00pm).  
**Coordinator:** Michelle Watters [michelle.watters@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.watters@gmail.com)

To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [Day Sail November 4](#)

#### Weekend Day Sail

**Cost:** \$19 – 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.



#### November 5 Sunday

**Destination:** Skipper's Choice.  
**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by Oct. 29 (9:00pm).  
**Coordinator:** Linda Casucci [casuccilj@gmail.com](mailto:casuccilj@gmail.com)

To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [Day Sail November 5](#)

#### Weekend Day Sail

**Cost:** \$19 – 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.



#### Various

**Location:** Comfort of your home.  
**Invitation:** Moderator will send out a Blast with sign on information prior to day of event.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays Starting November 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Education Zoom Seminars

**Time:** 6:30pm to 7:00pm Socializing.  
 7:00pm to about 8:00pm Presentation.  
**Notes:** Zoom application is needed for your PC, Laptop or Phone.  
 Dial-in option is also available.  
 Open to all Members.

**November 12 Sunday**

**Location:** Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD.

**Speaker:** Mark Hergan. Avid Sailor and Bay Photographer.

**Topic:** Chesapeake Bay photography from the Port of Baltimore south to Tangier Island with images from "Aground in the Chesapeake, the grounding of the Ever Forward"

**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by Nov. 6 (9:00pm).

**Coordinator:** Samia AbdelWahed [samia.wahed@gmail.com](mailto:samia.wahed@gmail.com)

**Change**

To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. [November 12 Brunch](#).

**Brunch**

**Cost:** \$36 - Brunch.

\$40 - After deadline and walk-ins.

**Walk-ins CANNOT be guaranteed a seat.**

**Time:** 11:00am Social Hour. 11:45am Brunch. 1:00pm Program.

**Note:** To be held in the Coastal room.

**November 18 Saturday**

**Location:** Bethesda, MD. West Chester. Annapolis, MD.

**Deadline:** Registrations must be received by Nov. 15 (9:00pm).

**Coordinator:** To volunteer to be a host/ess, contact Hope Andruss, [hoped@verizon.net](mailto:hoped@verizon.net),

**Regional Pre-Thanksgiving Dinners**

**Cost:** Contribution up to \$15 and dish to share, coordinated with host/ess.

**Note:**

**TBD****Friday, Saturday or Sunday?****Area Fireside Chat**

**Location:** TBD.

**Speaker:** TBD.  
**Topic:** TBD.

**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by Nov. TBD (9:00pm).

**Coordinator:** To host one of these events, contact: Genienne Navarro [genienne.navarro@gmail.com](mailto:genienne.navarro@gmail.com) or, Cindy Gross [cgross@cfgandpartners.com](mailto:cgross@cfgandpartners.com)

**Cost:** \$20 by deadline. \$25 after deadline.

**Host:** TBD.

**Time:** 5:30pm. **Limited to TBD.**

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

**December 3 Sunday**

**Destination:** Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD.

**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by Nov. 24 (9:00pm).

**Coordinator:** Chuck Fort [Saillrn@comcast.net](mailto:Saillrn@comcast.net)

To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. [Cruising Wrap-up](#)

**Cruising Appreciation (Wrap-up) Meeting/Party**

**Cost:** Free to invited Skippers, First Mates and Coordinators only. \$20 for Guest of Invitees.

**BY INVITATION ONLY**

**Time:** 11:00am to 3:00pm.

**Note:** Per SOS requirements - **Only COVID vaccinated and boosted participants, please.**

**December 7 Thursday**

**Location:** Zoom option only. Contact Commodore if interested in attending. [commodore@singlesonsailboats.org](mailto:commodore@singlesonsailboats.org)

**Board Meeting**

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

**Note:** Open to all Members.

**December 9 Saturday**

**Location:** Annapolis Waterfront Hotel, Marriott's Autograph Collection, Annapolis, MD.

**Coordinator and Hostess:** Sandy Rosswork. [sgrosswork@aol.com](mailto:sgrosswork@aol.com)

**Parade of Lights Viewing**

**Cost:** \$55 per person. Plus, bring an appetizer or dessert.

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

**Note:** Contact the coordinator directly.

**Space limit of 25.**

**December 10 Sunday**

**Location:** Double Tree Hotel,  
Annapolis, MD.

**Speaker:** Stephen Ritterbusch, author of  
**Working Waterfront, A Maritime History  
of Annapolis and the Chesapeake Bay.**

**Topic:** Annapolis City's Maritime History

**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must  
be received by Dec. 4 (12:00pm).

**Coordinator:** Anne Bastian [bastian.anne@gmail.com](mailto:bastian.anne@gmail.com)  
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. [December Brunch](#)

**Brunch**

**Cost:** \$36 - Brunch.  
\$40 - After deadline and walk-ins.

**Walk-ins CANNOT be guaranteed a seat.**

**Time:** 11:00am Social Hour. 11:45am Brunch.  
1:00pm Program.

**Note:** To be held in the Coastal room.

**December 25 Monday**

**Location:** Home of Barbara Mistrik,  
Edgewater, MD  
**Only vaccinated members, please**

**Deadline:** December 21

**Coordinator:** Call Barbara Mistrik via phone only, **AFTER DECEMBER 1.** 410 956-1445.  
Be prepared to request your buffet contribution.

**Christmas Day Dinner – Annapolis Area**

**Cost:** \$10 and Food contribution

**Note:** This is NOT an on-line coordination.  
Coordination is thru Barbara directly via  
phone.

**Note:** Last minute? Call Barbara to see if space is  
available. There is a limit.

**January 4**

**Thursday**

**Location:** Zoom option only. Contact  
Commodore if interested in attending.  
[commodore@singlesonsailboats.org](mailto:commodore@singlesonsailboats.org)

**Board Meeting**

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

**Note:** Open to all Members.

**March 9  
2024**

**7 or 10 day trip**

**Destination:** British Virgin Islands, details TBD?

**Note:** **Must be fully COVID vaccinated  
and boosted to sign up for this  
trip per SOS requirements.**

**Coordinator:** Emil Becker [emilbec@msn.com](mailto:emilbec@msn.com) - Contact Emil Becker [emilbec@msn.com](mailto:emilbec@msn.com) if interested.  
The Application will soon be available on SOS Web page under Forms and Such.

**2024 Spring Bareboat Cruise**

**Cost:** Members \$2,300. 7-day, \$2,800. 10-day  
Boat Cost and Admin Fee.  
Air Fare and Insurance are separate.

**Note:** **To Download Registration Form with  
Payment Information: Go to TBD.**

**The Doubletree Hotel**

210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD, 21401; tel. 410-224-3150

- From US-50 take Exit 22 for MD 665 to Riva Road.
- Turn Right on Riva Road for .03 miles
- Turn left onto Holiday Court.

**Mariners Point Club House**

180 Georgetown Rd, Annapolis, MD 21403

- From US-50 take Exit 22 for MD 665
- Continue 5 miles on MD 665 which will become Forest Drive and then Bay Ridge Road
- Turn Left onto Georgetown Road for 0.3 miles
- Club house will be on your right.





## Awards, Awards, and More Awards!



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

Nominations from the membership are requested and should include the nominee's name, the award for which she/he is nominated, and a description of why the nominee qualifies for the award. Nominations for both the Board Awards and the Jibe Ho Awards should be sent to Vice Commodore [robert.wright.bowie@gmail.com](mailto:robert.wright.bowie@gmail.com)

### So, What Are the Serious Board Awards?

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

**Ed Klein Member of the Year Award:** Singles on Sailboats owes its beginnings to Ed Klein. He 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, The Mai Kai, give you the helm, and develop your skills. He would challenge you to extend your horizons. He was one of those unique individuals who shared his joy of sailing with you. Ed sailed beyond this world in 1987. Nominations for the award come from the general membership.

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

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

# Labor Day Cruise

(All names are listed L to R)



Chuck Fort



Chuck Fort and New Skipper, Kevin McKinney



Cherie Comly, and Kim Dammers



Gabi Van Wei



Kim Dammers, Cherie Comly, and Lynn Gilley



New Skipper, Kevin McKinney



The Sailing Group



Samia AbdelWahed, Gabi Van Wei, and Julie Fort



A group meal

Photographs submitted by Samia AbdelWahed.

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# OktoberFest Party

(All names are listed L to R)



Dane Skagen,  
photo by Susan Absher



Gabi Van Wie



Susan Absher,  
photo by Dane Skagen



Henry Shontz, Carole Jordan, and Meeps Yox



The Food



Rich Stewart and Flavia Favali



The Party

Photographs submitted by Samia AbdelWahed, except as noted.

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# October 2<sup>nd</sup> DaySail

(All names are listed L to R)



Suzanne Vaughn and Roger Andes



Joy Fourier



Skipper Dan Meier



Concert Gathering 1



Pan Ledford



Concert Gathering 2

## Eastport Concert in Shaw Bay



Melinda Zimmerman



SOS group joining the concert.



Janet Pennewell and Rich Stewart

October 2nd DaySail photographs submitted by Pam Ledford.

Eastport Concert in Shaw Bay photographs submitted by Samia AbdelWahed.

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**BOATS FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE:** S/V Estar, 1981 Bristol 29.9. Loads of storage! Recently bottom-painted and waxed. In last 5 years: New water pump, circulation pump, chain plates and turnbuckles, thru-hulls and valves, and sails. Includes new, in-box autohelm for eventual replacement. Asking \$18,000. Contact Laura at [laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com](mailto:laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com) or 301-633-4330.  
11-23

**FOR SALE:** "Triton," Canadian Sailcraft CS-36T. This 36 ft. shoal draft 4'11" classic is perfect for the Chesapeake Bay. It has been well maintained with new upholstery 2012, CruiseAire heating and AC 2014, new bimini-dodger 2015, VHF w/AIS and Garmin chartplotter 2016, rebuilt transmission 2017, solar panels 2018, new house batteries 2019, new autohelm 2019, and all routine maintenance. Triton has been on the hard since losing our sailing partner, Dave Henkin, to COVID in 2020. Asking price reduced to \$38,000. The seller, having moved to PA, is highly motivated. Unused dinghy and motor is also available, asking \$1,000. Contact Richard Green at 703-328-1399 or [ragreen01@gmail.com](mailto:ragreen01@gmail.com)  
12-23

**FOR SALE:** JY15, "Average White Boat" Built by Hunter of composite in '90-'92. Two owners only, sailed infrequently, stored indoors, except three summers outside with mast-up cover. No defects. Sails in good condition. Includes trailer, spare tire and wrench, custom-made full anvas road cover with two-zippers), Kinder mast-up cover, Windex, original manual, shroud tension gauge, toolbox, four life jackets, and other accessories. Very fun boat for two people with good knees! Never modified, should qualify for one-design racing. Located in Elizabethtown, PA. Additional information available in three links that can be provided by owner. Asking \$3,500. Please contact [jim.jiga@verizon.net](mailto:jim.jiga@verizon.net), subject "JY15" 12-23

**BOAT WANTED**

**WANTED:** Monohull 35'-40' sailboat with up-to-date electronics, air conditioning/heating, roller furling, good to excellent condition and year 2000 or newer. Contact Kevin at 443-506-5112 or [kevingarveyasla@gmail.com](mailto:kevingarveyasla@gmail.com) if you have or know someone who might have a boat matching these specifications. 11-23

**FOR RENT**

**FOR RENT:** "Marsh Magic," a serene vacation rental in West Ocean City, MD. The 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath house has 5 decks, 2 kitchens, an elevator, and overlooks Sunset Marina. Walk to three marinas and local restaurants; near inlet and Route 50 bridge. Sleeps 12. For photos, go to [www.vrbo.com](http://www.vrbo.com) and search for #164950. Contact Sharon Taylor at [ocmarshmagic@gmail.com](mailto:ocmarshmagic@gmail.com)  
12-23

**ITEMS FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE:** Honda 5 HP outboard engine with fuel tank, low hours. Contact Chuck Fort at [saillrn@comcast.net](mailto:saillrn@comcast.net) 12-23



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

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**  
**NOVA/DC:** **Nov 1st 5:00-7:00 PM**  
**MYLO'S GRILL**, in the back dining room, 6238 Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA. 22101. (in the Chesterbrook Shopping Cntr) 703-533-5880 [www.mylosgrill.com](http://www.mylosgrill.com)  
**COORDINATOR:** HOPE – [hopedav@verizon.net](mailto:hopedav@verizon.net)

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**  
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**MT WASHINGTON TAVERN**, 5700 Newbury St., Baltimore, MD 21209. 410-367-6903 [www.mtwashingtontavern.com](http://www.mtwashingtontavern.com)  
**COORDINATOR:** PAT – [pptracey63@gmail.com](mailto:pptracey63@gmail.com)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**  
**ELLCOTT CITY:** **Nov 9th 5:00-7:30 PM**  
**La Palapa Grill**, 8307 Main Street, Ellicott City MD 21043 410-465-0070 [www.lapalapagrill.com](http://www.lapalapagrill.com)  
**COORDINATORS:** KATHY - [miskathha@gmail.com](mailto:miskathha@gmail.com)  
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**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**  
**WILMINGTON:** **Nov 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 and appetizer specials until 7PM. 302-429-7427 [www.timothysontheriverfront.com](http://www.timothysontheriverfront.com)  
**COORDINATOR:** JULIE - [jafort@comcast.net](mailto:jafort@comcast.net)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**  
**ROCKVILLE:** **Nov 16th 5:00-7:00 PM**  
**Seasons 52**, 11414 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852 301-816-0369. Free parking at Whole Foods.  
[www.m.seasons52.com](http://www.m.seasons52.com)  
**CORDINATOR:** DEBBIE - [hidebbieq@yahoo.com](mailto:hidebbieq@yahoo.com)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**  
**KENT ISLAND:** **Nov 16th 5:00-7:00 PM**  
**THE DOCK HOUSE**, 110 Piney Narrows Road, Chester, MD 21619. 443-446-4477 [www.dockhouseresturant.com](http://www.dockhouseresturant.com)  
**COORDINATOR:** BARB – [bbb Brooksao@aol.com](mailto:bbb Brooksao@aol.com)

**5<sup>th</sup> Thursday \*\*\*NOTE day change due to holiday\*\*\***  
**PHILLY AREA:** **Nov 30th 4:30 PM**  
**DiFabios**, 1243 Providence Road, Media, PA 19063 (location of the Old Rose Tree Inn) 484-444-0850. Great food, lots of parking. Gather in patio area.  
[www.difabiosevents.com](http://www.difabiosevents.com)  
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**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday \*\*\*NOTE day change due to holiday\*\*\***  
**ANNAPOLIS:** **Nov 21st 5:00-7:00 PM**  
**Mike's Resturant & Crabhouse**, 3030 Riva Road, Riva, MD 21140. Meet us at the bar. 443-956-2784 OR [www.mike'scrabhouse.com](http://www.mike'scrabhouse.com)  
**COORDINATOR:** JEAN- [jgough4you@gmail.com](mailto:jgough4you@gmail.com)



### Baltimore Happy Hour Mt. Washington Tavern

Left to right: Josh Graff, Steve Fisher, Kathy Haven, Pat Tracey, Barry Murphy, Joe McNeely, JoAnn White, Melvin Lessing, Stan Dorman.

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**Day Sails – November 1, 4, 5**

**Education ZOOM Seminars – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays**

**Brunch – November 12**

**Pre-Thanksgiving Dinners – November 18**