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DNR Cruise and Shore Party, Wye River

May 16-17, 2026

*By Tina Lavato
Social Co-Chair*

It's time to **Spring Aboard!** and sign up* for Social's first Cruise & Shore Party of the season at the beautiful DNR Natural Resources Management Area (DNR-NRMA) on the Wye River. Mark your calendar for May 16-17, with an option to sail in on Friday, May 15 (skipper's choice).

Whether you're cruising or driving in, get ready for a weekend of great food, drinks, music, and dancing. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones in a truly serene setting.

This year's menu includes Pulled Pork, BBQ Chicken, a Vegetarian Entrée, Salads, Drinks, and Desserts. (Please indicate if you prefer the Vegetarian Entrée when registering.) ... And don't miss the fun after dinner — *DJ Infinite Sounds* will be on hand to keep everyone on their feet dancing.

Those cruising in will anchor out and dinghy ashore, while those driving in will find plenty of parking in designated areas.



If you're driving in, please consider bringing folding chairs so we will have plenty of comfortable seating for lounging by the creek or gathering around the firepit... And speaking of the firepit, we'll be making S'mores, so be sure to save room for a second round of dessert!

Anyone arriving early on Saturday is warmly invited to lend a hand with party setup and prep — extra hands are always appreciated! After that, you're free to bike or hike in the beautiful grounds, relax by the water, or simply enjoy watching the SOS fleet arrive.

Schedule of Events

Saturday, May 16

4:15 PM: Check in/
Registration open.
(Please note, all attendees are required to check-in even if you already have a "permanent" SOS name badge.)

4:15 PM: Open Bar

4:30 PM: Appetizers

5:30 PM: Dinner

6:15 PM: Dessert

7:00-10:00 PM: Music and
Dancing

Deadline for Cruise & Shore Party registration: May 5; party only: May 13.

If you would like to volunteer to help or have any questions, please contact the **Event Manager, Meeps Yox**, at mpsyx3@gmail.com.

To register click [DNR Cruise/Party](#)

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Dana Tulis, Commodore



Ahoy Sailors,

Well, we made it, early Sailing Season is here! Although I wasn't able to attend Skilled Sailors Day on February 28th, I understand it was a great success, with knowledgeable and professional speakers, about 60 attendees, and all agreed we should conduct the event again. We are reviewing the survey data, and we will continue to improve the training.

We have three more Education opportunities coming soon. **Rafting and Raft Captain Training** is scheduled for March 28th. **Flare and Safety Day** is scheduled for April 11th. We are expanding Flare and Safety Day to cover more skills, and that is great training for our new and intermediate sailors. And April 25th is our **Welcome Aboard: Dock to Deck Training** for newer sailors, members needing a refresher, as well as those considering joining SOS. The Welcome Aboard training will include class time in the morning and dockside training in the afternoon on Skippers' boats. It will address some Basic Skills and some fun activities with a prize at the end!

We had another very productive Board of Directors meeting on March 5th; our committees have been working diligently to revise and update our policies and procedures for the upcoming season. The 2027 Bareboat Committee Chairs reviewed the results of the membership survey to determine a 2-year schedule based on your responses. The survey revealed preferences for domestic and international trips with Newport, Rhode Island, Greece, and the

Florida Keys as popular potential destinations. The Bareboat Committee is tallying the survey results and determining destinations for winter and summer 2027. Research is still needed on logistics, timing, charter companies, etc.

The Cruising Committee has published their schedule, and is updating Policies and Procedures, coordinating with other relevant committees, clarifying procedures and definitions, reimbursement, and administrative processes.

The Board of Directors just approved updates for First Mate renewal requirements which are incorporated into First Mates Policies and Procedures and the First Mate Handbook. We are actively looking for First Mates, please see the article on page 8 of this *Whisker Pole*. It is a great opportunity to continue to improve your sailing skills.

The Public Relations Committee is seeking volunteers to recruit new members at the Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show, for 2-hour increments. Please see that article on page 9 of this edition of the *Whisker Pole*. It's an easy sell, I think, we just need to let folks know all that they get for an incredibly low price!!! The Social Committee has already booked the DNR Shore Party on May 16th, the SOS 48th Anniversary Party on July 11th, the Seafood Feast on August 15th, and the Chili Cookoff on October 17th. So much to look forward to.

I will see many of you at the April 12th Brunch, followed by a General Membership Meeting to solicit members' ideas and feedback. During Brunch, we will have our photography retrospective, the SOS photography contest winners, and SOS Awards for 2025.

And of course, see you on the water soon as well.

Dana T. — Commodore

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Unofficial Condensed BOARD Notes March 5, 2026, via Zoom

Official February Minutes will be posted on the SOS website when approved in April by the Board of Directors.

Meeting called to order: Commodore Dana Tulis called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Secretary: Barbara Wise. Previous month's minutes were approved.

Treasurer: We welcomed Lorna Bradley as the new Assistant Treasurer. Lorna will assist Janet with treasury functions including refunds and reimbursements. Treasurer's report dated **March 2, 2026:**

	Feb 28, 2026	Jan 31, 2026	Dec 31, 2025
Club Checking Account	\$53,241	\$36,799	\$35,580
7-Month CD	64,002	63,801	63,602
Bareboat Account	49,426	65,494	48,094
Total Cash	\$166,669	\$166,094	\$147,276
Club Credit Card	(16,916)	(21,378)	(16,127)

Final results for 2025 still show us with a net loss of \$232.

Committee Reports:

Bareboat: Coco Lanquetuit, Emil Becker. The 2027 Bareboat Co-Chairs surveyed membership and received 108 responses. The survey revealed preferences for domestic and international trips, with Newport/Rhode Island, Greece, and the Florida Keys being popular destinations. The board approved the proposed destinations for the next few years, including Florida Keys in winter 2027 and Greece in summer 2027.

Brunches: Margaret Schwartz. Actively working to find speakers for the next round of brunches starting in November. The hotel contract has been signed for the April brunch.

Cruising: 2026 Cruising Season Co-Chairs Point of Contact:

- Day sails – weekday & weekend – Contact Dana Stoffregen.

- Multi-day sails & Extended - Contact Laura Keough.
- Cruising Kickoff is April 18 at Galesville Memorial Hall.
- The 2026 Spring Extended Cruise is May 23 to June 6th. Trip planner – Emil Becker (week 1); Laura Gwinn/Chuck Fort (week 2). Draft itinerary has been completed – week 1 northbound to Summit, Delaware. Week 2 southbound to Oxford, MD.

The Extended cruise will not use the coordination process, but crew will be invited by skippers. Laura Keough will keep a courtesy list of crew to help skippers identify interested crew. A Zoom call for interested skippers will be scheduled in late March/early April.

SOS Policies update: Cruising committee has submitted a revision to SOS policies to the Board for approval, based upon our committee's proposal and input from the Board and other committee members.

Database: Carrie Will. We are building Registration forms and will get more done as coordinators are announced. 78 people were moved from lapsed to prospective members. They were sent an email to this effect with a link to join again with the \$10 administration fee added to the membership cost. Database continues to provide ongoing support for all SOS Committees and members at large.

Education: Milyn Jordan. Skilled Sailors Education Day was 02/28/26 and with sixty attendees including speaker guests. Net Loss, but within budget. Feedback Survey showed nearly 100% positive ratings in all categories. March 28: Rafting and Raft Captain Training. April 11: Flare and Safety Day. April 25: Welcome Aboard: From Dock to Deck.

First Mates' Advisory: Lora Donia, Jean-Pierre Plé. The First Mates' Advisory Committee (FMAC) met on revisions to several FM Program documents. FM Education Zoom meetings: Spring 03/31/26 - Best Practices and Fitness Level. Summer

Date TBD - Transitioning the Narrows. Fall - Navigation Lights at Night.

06/13-14/26 - First Mate Cruise. First Mate Kickoff meeting is planned for May '26 in the Annapolis area.

Membership: Pat Tracey, outgoing Chair. No new members in March. No new skippers. A task force has been created to find Co-Chairs for Membership Committee.

Newsletter: Julie Fort. The 20-page March *Whisker Pole* was mailed to 30 members at a cost of \$212.96.

Public Relations: Janet Gonski, Victoria Rusakova. We will arrange participation in the Annapolis Boat Show. Volunteers are being recruited to man the booth. The Boat Show will conclude on Sunday April 26 followed by the EYC SpinSheet Crew Party which we plan to participate in.

Safety: Joan Tannen, Michael Sommer. Flare and Safety Day: Saturday, April 11. Boat activations begin in early March. Reminders for skippers to fill out their boat info in their profiles will be sent. There will be increased focus on "man overboard" (MOB) this month.

Skippers' Advisory: Sandy Roswork. Skipper Helper Program: Emil Becker, Susan Vasco. A list of available skipper's helpers, along with their geographical area will be published. Skippers needing a helper may go directly to the list to find a potential helper, negotiate date and time.

Skipper Mentor Program: Bill Ostrander. The program is being renamed **Skippers Liaison Program**. The SOS skipper liaisons, by area, are: Soloman's - Bill Ostrander; Castle Marina - Chuck Fort; Baltimore and North - Bob Morrow; Annapolis area - Dennis Krizek.

Raft Captain Program: Chuck Fort. There is an upcoming spring Rafting and Raft Captain seminar scheduled.

Social Committee: The Committee kick-off meeting will be April 4th.

Reminder: Membership meetings in 2026 are April 12th and August 1st

Next Board meeting is Thursday, April 2 at 6pm.

SOS Brunch April 12th

Join us for the last brunch which promises to be lots of fun with laughs and smiles while we enjoy the review of 2025 activities!

The Photo Retrospective is a video-slide show, set to music, of photos taken by club members at club activities on land and water. John Parsons labored for many hours over 300+ photos submitted of people, places, and boating events to bring back memories of 2025.

The SOS Photo Contest Winners will be presented. This competition is of photos taken by amateur club members of club events and has become rather competitive. Contestants submitted as many as eight unedited photos in 5" x 7" format. Bob Wright, Photo Contest Manager, received the photos from members and organized them in a format to be judged by an independent photographer from our area.

The SOS Annual Awards will be presented to members who have made great contributions to the club in 2025.

To register click [Apr. Brunch](#)

And then...

General Membership Meeting

Following the Brunch, all are invited to attend a **General Membership Meeting** DoubleTree Hotel in Annapolis, MD.

As directed by our bylaws, Commodore Dana Tulils and each committee chair or their board liaison will share highlights of 2025 and a look ahead to 2026. SOS Treasurer Janet Pennewell will provide a budget update and overview.

To register click [Gen Mem Meet 4/12](#)

Reminder: Flare and Safety Day

**Saturday - April 11, 2026
9:00 to 12:30**

Camp Letts - Edgewater, MD

Free to all members!

Join us as we have our annual hands-on Flare and Safety Day as we prepare for the upcoming sailing season. We have added a few new stations this year, bringing us up to 10 outside fun learning experiences.

They are:

- Lighting handheld **flares** and shooting off aerial flares
- Using **fire extinguishers** and **fire blankets**
- Learning about all different types of **PFDs**
- Practicing the use of an **anchor**
- Simulating the use of a **passing line**
- Practicing the **tossing of lines**
- **Tossing a line over a piling** and retrieving it with a boat hook
- Using handheld **VHF radios**
- Practicing the safe use of a **winch**
- Making a variety of **sailing knots**

We have extended the length of Flare and Safety Day this year to allow you to relax and enjoy it in a more leisurely manner. We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions? Contact Joan Tannen and Michael Sommer at safety@singlesonsailboats.org

To register click [Flare and Safety](#)



Welcome Aboard: From Dock to Deck

The sailing season is upon us! Have you ever said: "This year I plan to sail more" or "Maybe I should get more involved with SOS" or "I should join a sailing group"???? This is the event for you!



On **April 25th**, SOS is holding a Welcome Aboard Day of information, hands-on learning, and fun! This is a great way to meet other members and learn something in the process.

We will be meeting at Queens' Landing Community Room on Kent Island at 8:30 a.m. for a morning session of Introduction to SOS, how do I get on the water, plus a presentation on Sailing Fundamentals and Sail Trim by Kristen Berry, from North Sails. A yummy lunch will follow the presentations!

The afternoon will be on-the-boat training at Castle Marina (next door to Queens' Landing). Small groups will visit members' boats for instruction on boat systems, radio use, safety gear, rigging, knots, and much more! This is a chance for newer members to demonstrate Basic Skills and have them checked off your list.

The day will wrap up with a happy hour (of course) at the Pour House Pub at Castle Marina. All members are welcome to join us for a toast to the new sailing season.

We also strongly encourage ALL members to also attend the Flare and Safety Day on April 11 to experience hands-on skills training!

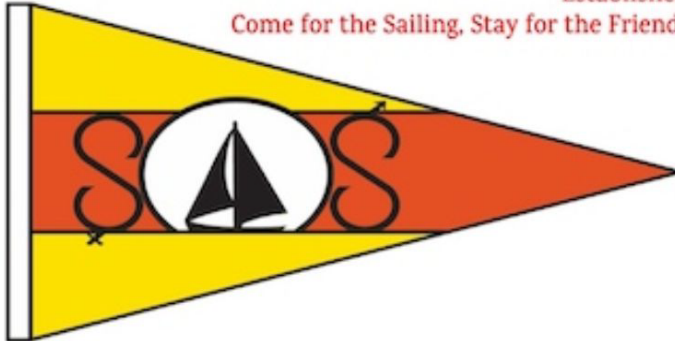
Please see the flyer on the next page for details for Welcome Aboard!!!

To register click [Welcome Aboard Day](#)

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people curious about joining SOS
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WELCOME ABOARD: FROM DOCK TO DECK

APRIL 25, 2026, 8:30AM-5PM

Queen's Landing Community Room & Castle Marina

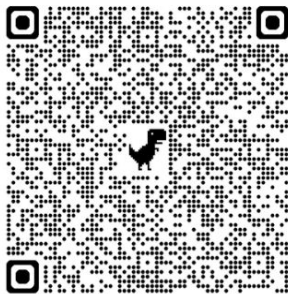
Morning Classroom Orientation

how to get out on the water
what to bring on a boat
SOS "speak" (terms we use)
mentorship program
sailing fundamentals

Afternoon at Castle Marina

raise and lower sails
parts of the boat
safety gear and how to use it
below deck functions (head, galley, engine)
use of radio

5PM Happy Hour (Cash Bar) @ Pour House
adjacent to Castle Marina



\$35 per person, includes lunch
and a raffle ticket for a free day sail

To Register:

<https://www.singlesonsailboats.org/>
or email: Carole at seajay2844@gmail.com



Cruising Corner:

The Chesapeake is Calling!

Spring has arrived, and with it comes that familiar excitement we all feel this time of year—the boats are waking up, the sails are ready to be hoisted, and another great SOS cruising season is just around the corner.

April is our month to prepare. It's when we dust off our sailing skills, finish commissioning our boats, and start looking ahead at the many adventures waiting for us on the Chesapeake.

The **2026 cruising season officially gets underway on April 26**, and your participation helps make the season successful and fun for everyone!

April Action Plan

Here are a few things to do this month to get ready for the season:

Study the cruising schedule. Take a look through the cruising calendar and fleet exercises, start planning your sailing season, and sign up for the cruises and activities that interest you.

Skippers – get those boats ready. Commission your boats and dinghies so they're ready for the first cruise of the year. If you need an extra set of hands, contact **Sue Vasco** at suvasco@comcast.net who is maintaining the Skipper Helper list.

Join the Skipper Helper Team.

Helping a skipper with spring commissioning is a great way to learn, meet fellow members, and get back into sailing mode. If you'd like to volunteer, reach out to a skipper directly or contact Sue to add your name to the list of willing helpers.

Training Opportunities:

April also offers several opportunities to refresh skills and build confidence before the cruising season begins.

Flare & Safety Day: April 11
Practice essential safety skills and learn to properly use a flare.

Welcome Aboard: From Dock to Deck. April 25

Hands-on training designed to help new skippers, new crew, or anyone who wants a refresher to develop greater confidence in their boat handling and sailing skills.

Cruising Kickoff: April 18 at Galesville Memorial Hall

Open to Skippers, First Mates, and Coordinators. This event officially launches our season and is always a fun chance to reconnect with friends, welcome new members, and start building excitement for the cruises ahead.

The Season Begins!

Our first events on the water include:

Weekend & Weekday Day Sails: Starting on April 26 and continuing throughout the season.

DNR: May 16 – 17

A club favorite! Raft up in the quiet anchorage off the Wye River and enjoy a shore party in the beautiful DNR facilities. A Friday anchoring option is also available.

3-Day Memorial Day Cruise: May 23 – 25

Raft up together with the Extended Cruise fleet on the Magothy and Bodkin Creeks.

Spring Extended Cruise: May 23 – June 6

Join for the full two weeks or any portion of the cruise as we make our way north toward the C&D Canal and then south to Oxford, MD, stopping at popular anchorages and marinas along the way.

- **Skippers:** Please register and invite your crew. For your convenience, Laura Keough is maintaining a list of interested crew.
- **Crew:** If you are interested in joining, please add your name to the interest list by contacting Laura at laurasan2@yahoo.com. Once you are invited by a skipper and accept, please register.

To register click [Spring Extended Cruise](#)

- From there, the calendar keeps us sailing all season long, finishing with the always memorable **OysterFest on November 6–8** at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Marina.

Whether you are sailing every cruise or joining us for just a few, we hope to see you out on the Chesapeake this year as we make **2026 another fantastic cruising season!!**

Fair winds and following seas,

Cruising Co-Chairs:

Laura Keough –
lurasan2@yahoo.com

Dana Stoffregen –
stoffregendana@gmail.com

Be a Skipper Helper!

Assist Our Great Skippers

The sailing season is only days away. Yay! BUT our Skippers need lots of help in getting their boats 'SOS ready.' Tasks include installing sails, cleaning, polishing, putting gear on board, and moving boats to their summer homes.

April is Skipper Appreciation Month. This is the time to assist our Skippers get their boats ready for the sailing season. These are fun tasks when done together and a great chance to learn more about how things on the boat work.

Volunteer to be an SOS Skipper Helper! No experience required but you can have a great experience and chance to learn.

You can volunteer to be a Skipper Helper in a couple of ways. Call a particular Skipper or those Skippers you sailed with in 2025 (or 2024) and whose boats and company you enjoyed. Ask to lend a hand!

Or send a note to Susan Vasco at suvasco@comcast.net to be matched with an SOS Skipper who needs your help!

Please be an SOS Skipper Helper! Help Skippers get their boats ready to go on SOS sails.

Singles on Sailboats 2026 Cruising Calendar

Date (s)	Cruise/Location	Date (s)	Cruise/Location
Feb 28	Skilled Sailor Education Day , American Legion Post 7, Annapolis	July 25 - 26	Appetizers & Desserts Cruise , Broad Creek, Magothy River
March 7	CPR Training Annapolis Fire Dept.	Aug 1	Town Hall Meeting , Galesville Memorial Hall
March 14 - 21	Bareboat : Grenada	Aug 2	Weekend Day Sail
March 28	Rafting and Raft Captain Training Queen Anne's Co. Library, Kent Island	Aug 8	Weekend Day Sail
April 11	Flare & Safety Day , Camp Letts	Aug 9	Weekend Day Sail
April 18	Cruising Kickoff , Galesville Memorial Hall	Aug 9	Weekend Day Power Boat Cruise
April 25	Welcome Aboard: From Dock to Deck Castle Marina	Aug 15 -16	Seafood Feast , Lankford Marina, Chester River, Sail or Drive-in
April 26	Weekend Day Sail	Aug 20	Mid-week Day Sail - Thurs
April 29	Mid-week Day Sail - Wed	Aug 29	Weekend Day Sail
May 2	Weekend Day Sail	Aug 30	Weekend Day Sail
May 3	Weekend Day Sail	Sept 2 – 7	Labor Day Extended Cruise , Chestertown
May 5	Mid-week Day Sail - Tues	Sept 5 – 7	Labor Day 3-Day Cruise , Old Man Creek/Magothy River, Gray's Inn Creek/Chester River
May 9	Weekend Day Sail	Sept 5 -11	Bareboat : Shannon River, Ireland
May 10	Weekend Day Sail	Sept 9	Mid-week Day Sail - Wed
May 16 - 17	DNR Cruise , Granary Creek, Wye River; Sail & Dinghy or Drive-in; Option for Fri leave	Sept 12 -13	Oyster Boys Concert , Shaw Bay; Sail & Dinghy
May 20	Blue Angels Day Sail - Wed	Sept 19 - 20	North & South , 2 Raft destinations: Bodkin Creek & Bobby Owl Cove
May 23 - 25	Memorial 3-Day Cruise , Magothy, Bodkin Creek	Sept 23	Mid-week Day Sail - Wed
May 23 - Jun 06	Spring Extended Cruise C&D Canal (1-wk) & Oxford (2-wk)	Sept 23	Mid-week Day Power Boat Sail - Wed
June 4	Mid-week Day Sail - Thurs	Sept 26 - 27	Octoberfest , Castle Marina, Sail or Drive-in
June 6	Weekend Day Sail	Sept 29	Mid-week Day Sail - Tues
June 7	Dinghy Dance	Oct 3 - 4	Goose Cruise , Corsica River
June 13 - 14	First Mate Cruise , Whitehall Bay, Raft-up with General Cruise, Whitehall Creek	Oct 10	Weekend Day Sail
June 13 - 14	General Cruise , Raft-up with First Mate Cruise, Whitehall Creek	Oct 11	Weekend Day Sail
June 20	Weekend Day Sail	Oct 14	Mid-week Day Sail - Wed
June 21	Weekend Day Sail	Oct 17 - 18	Chili Cook-off , Maryland Yacht Club, Sail or Drive-in
June 26 - 28	Sail250 Tall Ships & Blue Angels, 3-Day Cruise Baltimore , Lighthouse Point Marina, Canton; Sail or Drive-in.	Oct 22	Mid-week Day Sail - Thurs
July 4 - 6	Independence 3-Day Cruise to CBMM Big Band & Fireworks Celebration , Sun, July 5, St. Michaels; Marina 2-night min	Oct 24 - 25	Rockin' to Rock Creek , Rock Creek, Patapsco River
July 8	Mid-week Day Sail - Wed	Oct 31 – Nov 1	Halloween Cruise & Party , TBD
July 11 - 12	SOS 48th Anniversary Party , Maryland Yacht Club, Rock Creek, Pasadena; Sail or Drive-in	Nov 6 - 8	OysterFest , CBMM, St. Michaels, Sail or Drive-in; *Fri leave, Marina 2-night min
July 14	Mid-week Day Power Boat Cruise - Tues	Nov 14	Cruising Wrap-up , Galesville Memorial Hall
July 16	Mid-week Day Sail - Thurs		
July 18	Dockside Training		
July 19	Weekend Day Sail		

First Mates' Deck Notes:

By Lora Donia and Jean-Pierre Plé
Co-Chairs

Potential First Mate Program

Did you know the club has a Potential First Mate Program for club members who aspire to become First Mates but are not ready to apply to become a First Mate Candidate? Generally, potential First Mates are identified by word of mouth and recommendations from skippers. However, anyone in the club who is an SOS Basic Skills graduate is welcome to participate.

If you choose to join the ranks of the Potential First Mates, you will be paired with a mentor, most likely another First Mate, to help you navigate the process and identify opportunities to gain the necessary skills and knowledge towards become a First Mate Candidate.

For some, the path from a Basic Skills graduate to First Mate Candidate will be brief because the individual has significant sailing experience. For others, with less experience, the process will take longer. In addition to having a mentor, participants will be invited to First Mate education sessions, kickoffs and related events, and may be invited to the annual First Mate cruise if they have demonstrated they are making significant progress. Along the way, you'll build your sailing, seamanship, and leadership skills, and be part of a supportive community.

To participate, a member must be a Basic Skills graduate and should submit a self-assessment of their current skills, using the First Mate Candidate Self-Assessment. This form can be found on the SOS website in Forms and Such/First Mates/First Mate Candidate Self-Assessment. Annually, Potential First Mates are asked to submit a new self-assessment that demonstrates the member is making steady progress.

If interested, send an email and include a copy of your self-assessment to the Co-Chairs of the First Mates' Advisory Committee: Lora Donia (doniala@aol.com) and Jean-Pierre Plé (ple.jpp@gmail.com).

For more information on First Mates, see "How to Become a First Mate" and "The First Mate Handbook," both recently revised and found in the members-only section of the SOS website, under Forms and Such/First Mates.

Revised First Mate Program Documents

The First Mates Advisory Committee (FMAC) worked over the winter to revise several documents related to the First Mates Program. Revised documents include:

- Part 3.d. of the SOS Policy and Procedures
- First Mates Handbook
- How to Become a SOS First Mate
- First Mate Candidate Evaluation
- First Mate Five-Year Renewal Evaluation
- First Mate Candidate Self-Assessment

The significant changes reflected in these documents include: a new policy for certain First Mates, at the time of their 5-year renewal, to receive a waiver from the requirement to perform a checkout sail; updated list of skills and knowledge for the self-assessment and checkout sails; and inclusion of the Potential First Mate program in How to Become a First Mate.

All updated documents are located on the SOS website either under: About/SOS Governance/SOS Policies; or Forms and Such/First Mates.

Welcome! Assistant Treasurer



Please welcome Lorna Bradley as our Club's new Assistant Treasurer! She will be coming up to speed with all the Treasury functions and will ensure that this important role has adequate back-up.

Lorna brings twenty-five years of experience in the banking industry, including 20 years in management and 10 years of financial management experience with an Association Management firm. Currently, she does accounting work part-time for a Washington DC law firm.

Through the Legacy Leadership Institute at the University of Maryland, she also volunteered in the Maryland's Treasurer's Office in Annapolis in the Treasury Management Department.

Thanks for volunteering Lorna!



Safety Committee:

By Joan Tannen & Michael Sommer
Co-Chairs

Medical Information Form

Please Update & Carry Yours!!

The need to have an Emergency Medical Information Form on hand when we sail is not something we all like to think about, but in the event of an emergency it could be critical. SOS developed this form for members to have on hand "just in case." It's posted on the SOS web site under Forms and Such, Cruising.

On this form you put information on your emergency contacts, health conditions, medicines you are taking, health insurance information, and contact information for your doctor...all the information a medical professional might need to care for you in an emergency.

To respect your privacy, most club members fill out their form and keep it in a sealed envelope. When they sail, they leave their sealed envelope on the boat's nav station to be turned over to a medical professional in an emergency. When the member completes their sail, they take the sealed envelope back home with them to use again on their next sail. And yes...there have been times when a skipper and crew have been glad they had this information readily available for medical specialists!

So, if you haven't been carrying this form on sails...please start. And even if you have been...please make sure it's up to date as we prepare for the next sailing season. Lastly, please make sure your emergency contact is someone we can call on in an emergency and their phone number is valid seven days a week.

The Annapolis Fire Department EMTs (emergency medical technicians) think this is a great system that could make a big difference for them in handling an emergency!

Updating Your Sailing Fitness Level

SOS has a Sailing Fitness Level program to help members self-assess their physical ability to perform certain sailing tasks. This helps skippers invite a balanced crew to sail on their boats and divide typical sailing tasks. It's like the way we ask members to provide information on their Sailing Experience.

As we get ready to start a new sailing season, this is a good time to go into your profile and update your Sailing Fitness Level. Did you have surgery over the winter that you haven't fully recovered from yet? Did you pull a muscle in your back? Or did you work hard in a new exercise regime over the winter to improve your fitness? Your Sailing Fitness Level might vary for any number of reasons over the year. We suggest you review it every time you register for a sail.

Thank you in advance for supporting this important SOS Safety program and helping us get a good balance on all our boats.

We look forward to seeing everyone out on the water in our upcoming sailing season!

VHF Radio Digital Selective Calling

This can save you, IF you do your part

By John Parsons

VHF radios sold in the past twenty-five years have Digital Selective Calling (DSC) capability. If properly set up, a VHF radio can send a DSC distress call that includes time, your boat's position, and details about your boat and boat operator. If your VHF radio has GPS capability, the boat's position is automatically included in the distress call. VHF channel 70 is dedicated to DSC. The distress call is sent to all vessels and shore stations within range. YouTube has videos describing use of DSC.

For the distress call to include your boat's description and information about the boat operator, a Marine Mobile Safety Identity (MMSI) number must be obtained and appropriate information entered to the MMSI. An MMSI number may be obtained from the BOAT/US website. Follow your VHF radio manual instructions to enter the MMSI number and to initiate the distress call. If the MMSI number is entered incorrectly, the radio must usually be returned to the manufacturer for MMSI number reset.

Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show

We are representing SOS at the Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show! Will you join us?

The Boat Show is the weekend of **April 24-26** and we have again been invited to participate in this free opportunity of a space in the Chesapeake Bay Sailing Clubs tent.

This free advertising is very popular. So, we are asking for some Members to commit to a two-hour time slot at the tent to interact with others – both the other clubs (like Hunter/specific boats as well as clubs like Severn Sailing Association, and others) and passersby. We have materials: postcards, business cards, stand up banner, tchotchkes to share with the public.

By participating in this event, our club will also receive a code for discount tickets – bringing the boat show entrance down to \$15. When you order your tickets, **use this discount code: Singlesonsail26**

Please let me know if you are willing and able to offer a couple of hours before or after your own perusing times. Janet Gonski 443-223-6139 or

JGSunset@yahoo.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.** Mail-in forms must be received by the 9:00pm on the Register By date.

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

SOS Wellness Protocol Revised (3/7/2024)

All participants attending SOS in-person events should be feeling well. They should not attend an event if they have symptoms of a communicable respiratory or gastrointestinal illness, are "feeling like something is coming on," have a recent significant exposure to someone with a communicable respiratory or gastrointestinal illness, or have not waited a recommended isolation time after a recent respiratory or gastrointestinal infection. In addition, a skipper/host may have further requirements or request other preventive measures (for example, crew or guests having received the currently recommended COVID-19 vaccine or wearing masks when below deck). All in-person participants should expect to be denied admission without a refund if they fail to comply with this policy.



April 2

Thursday

Board Meeting

Location:

Zoom option only. Contact Commodore if interested in attending.
commodore@singlesonsailboats.org

Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

Note: Open to all Members.



April

Weekends & Weekdays

Skipper Helper Days

Location:

Pick Your Skipper.

Cost: A little bit of your time and energy.

Description:

Help those skippers that so graciously provide us with their boats throughout the sailing season.

Note:

See details in this *Whisker Pole*. Possible April 4th, 11th or 18th weekends. Weekdays are also an option. Skippers, pick your dates.

Point of Contact:

Susan Vasco suvasco@comcast.net



April 11

Saturday

Flare and Safety Day

Location:

YMCA Camp Letts, Edgewater, Maryland.

Cost: Free.

Deadline:

Mail and online registrations must be received by Apr. 4 (9:00pm).

Time: 9:00am to 12:30pm.

Note:

Final details in this *Whisker Pole*.

Coordinator:

Joan Tannen safety@singlesonsailboats.org

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Flare and Safety](#)



April 12

Sunday

Brunch

Location:

DoubleTree Hotel, Annapolis, MD.

Cost: \$43 - Brunch.

Speaker:

John Parsons and Bob Wright.

\$52 - After deadline and walk-ins.

Topic:

2025 SOS Retrospective, Photo Contest Results & SOS Awards.

Time:

Walk-ins CANNOT be guaranteed a seat.

11:00am Social Hour. 11:45am Brunch.

1:00pm Program.

General Membership Meeting will be after the program.

Deadline:

Mail and online registrations must be received by Apr. 7 (9:00pm).

Note:

Please note that audio or video recording of this presentation is not permitted without the express permission of the presenters.

Coordinator:

Anne Bastian bastian.anne@gmail.com

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Apr. Brunch](#)



April 12 Sunday General Membership Meeting

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, Annapolis, MD.
Speaker: Commodore Dana Tulis.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Apr. 7 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Anne Bastian bastian.anne@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [Gen Mem Meet 4/12](#)



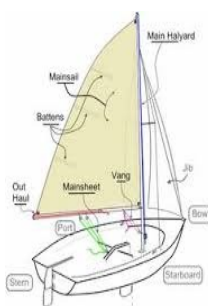
April 18 Saturday Cruising Kick-off Meeting

Location: Galesville Memorial Hall. Galesville, MD.
Note: By Invitation Only.
Coordinator: Laura Keough laurasan2@yahoo.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [Kick-off Meeting](#)



April 24-26 Friday to Sunday Annapolis Spring Boat Show - Volunteer

Location: City Dock, Annapolis, MD.
Note: Please let Janet know if you are willing and able to offer a couple of hours before or after your own perusing times.
Contact: Janet Gonski JGSunset@yahoo.com
Cost: Commit to a two-hour time slot at the tent to interact with others.
Time: 2-hour time slots available 10am Friday April 24 to 2pm Sunday April 26. Details click here: (Link TBD)
Note: Plus, discounted boat show admission. Use this discount code: Singlesonsail26



April 25 Saturday Welcome Aboard: Dock to Deck Day

Location: Queens Landing Clubhouse, Kent Island, Maryland. Intro to SOS, Sailing Fundamentals, Lunch, and Boat Tours.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Apr. 19 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Martha Baer mbar25@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [Welcome Aboard Day](#)
Cost: \$35.
Time: 8:00am Registration and coffee. Happy Hour to follow at Pour House Pub. Cash bar.
Note: Limited to 40 attendees.



April 26 Sunday Weekend Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Apr. 19 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Linda Casucci casuccilj@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [4/26 Day Sail](#)
Cost: \$25 - 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.



April 29 Wednesday Mid-Week Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Apr. 22 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Barbara Wingrove bkwingrove@outlook.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [4/29 Day Sail](#)
Cost: \$25 - 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.

**May 2****Saturday****Weekend Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Apr. 26 (9:00pm).

Cost: \$25 - 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: Jill Montgomery jill.montgom@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [5/2 Day Sail](#)

**May 3****Sunday****Weekend Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Apr. 26 (9:00pm).

Cost: \$25 - 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: Jill Montgomery jill.montgom@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [5/3 Day Sail](#)

**May 5****Tuesday****Mid-Week Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Apr. 29 (9:00pm).

Cost: \$25 - 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: Michael Sommer msommer414@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [5/5 Day Sail](#)

**May 7****Thursday****Board Meeting**

Location: Zoom option only. Contact Commodore if interested in attending.
commodore@singlesonsailboats.org

Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm.
Note: Open to all Members.

**May 9****Saturday****Weekend Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by May 3 (9:00pm).

Cost: \$25 - 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: Noreen McGuire nmcgny@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [5/9 Day Sail](#)

**May 10****Sunday****Weekend Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by May 3 (9:00pm).

Cost: \$25 - 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: Noreen McGuire nmcgny@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [5/10 Day Sail](#)

**May 16-17****Saturday – Sunday****DNR Cruise/Party – Spring Aboard**

Destination: Granary Creek, Wye East River.
 Option to sail in on Friday.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by May 5 (9:00pm).
 Drive in Party only by May 13.

Cost: \$105 - Member or Non-Member.
 \$55 - Drive in Shore Party only.

Note: Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
 Party Manager - Meeps Yox.

Coordinator: Cherie Comly mectwist@aol.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [DNR Cruise/Party](#)



May 20

Wednesday

Blue Angles Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by May 13 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Michael Sommer msommer414@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [5/20 Blue Angles Day Sail](#)

Cost: \$25 - 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.



May 23-25

Saturday – Monday

3-Day Memorial Day Cruise

Destination: Magothy River and Bodkin Creek.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by May 12 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Nancy Briggs nancybriggs@hotmail.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [3 Day Memorial Day Cruise](#)

Cost: \$75 - 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.



May 23 - June 6

1 Week or 2 Weeks

Spring Extended Cruise

Destination: C&D Canal (1- wk) and Oxford (2- wks).
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by May 12 (9:00pm).
Skippers: Please register per the link below.
Contact: Laura Keough, laurasan2@yahoo.com.
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [Spring Extended Cruise](#)

Cost: \$75 Plus costs associated with extended cruising - (options for 1wk or 2wks). Member or Non-Member.
Note: **Crew:** Contact Laura Keough to be added to a list of potential Crew. **Only register after receiving an invitation by your Skipper.**



June 4

Thursday

Board Meeting

Location: Zoom option only. Contact Commodore if interested in attending. commodore@singlesonsailboats.org

Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm.
Note: Open to all Members.



June 4

Thursday

Mid-Week Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by May 27 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Barbara Wingrove bkwingrove@outlook.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [6/4 Day Sail](#)

Cost: \$25 - 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.



June 6

Saturday

Weekend Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by May 31 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Mary Chevalier Mary7570@yahoo.com
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [6/6 Day Sail](#)

Cost: \$25 - 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.



June 7

Sunday

Dinghy Dance Seminar

Destination: Annapolis, MD – Private Home. (Directions sent upon registration).
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by May 31 (9:00pm).
Space limited.
Coordinator: Joan Tannen & Michael Sommer safety@singlesonsailboats.org
 To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [Dinghy Dance](#)

Cost: \$15 - Members only.
Time: 1:00pm to 3:30pm.
Note: Bring a towel and wear bathing suit to event as there will be no facilities to change clothes. Beverages and snacks provided.

**June 13-14 Saturday – Sunday****General Cruise****Destination:** Whitehall Creek, off Whitehall Bay.**Cost:** \$50 - Member or Non-Member.**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by June 3 (9:00pm).**Note:** Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.**Coordinator:** Bev Nash beverlynash@verizon.netTo register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [6/13 General Cruise](#)**June 13-14 Saturday – Sunday****First Mates Sail****Destination:** Whitehall Creek, off Whitehall Bay.**Cost:** No cost. Open to First Mates, First Mate Emeritus and First Mate Candidates.**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by June 3 (9:00pm).
BY INVITATION ONLY.**Note:** Spend the day honing FM skills, as well as enjoying the day. First Mates to join General Cruise Raft after the Saturday sail.**Coordinator:** Bev Nash beverlynash@verizon.netTo register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [FM Cruise](#)**Sept. 5 – 12 7-Day Trip Saturday to Sunday Fall 2026 - Bareboat Cruise****Destination:** River Shannon from Carrick-on-Shannon to Portlanna, Ireland.**Cost:** Members \$1,000 = Boat Cost and Admin Fee. Air Fare and Insurance are separate.**Note:** Details can be found on Le Boat Cruising Guide [Le Boat Cruise information](#). Plus [Ireland 2026](#)**Note:** To Download Registration Form with Payment Information, click here [Ireland Register](#)**Coordinator:** Doug Gage douggage@gmail.com**Directions:****Flare and Safety Day – April 11. YMCA Camp Letts, 4003 Camp Letts Road, Edgewater, MD 21037.**

From Annapolis take Route 2 South (Solomons Island Road) towards Edgewater, then take a left onto MD 214 East. Go 3 miles and turn right onto Camp Letts Road (shortly after the BP gas station on the left). Follow for 1.5 miles into camp.

Cruising Kickoff – April 18. Galesville Town Hall - 952 Main Street; Galesville, MD

From Annapolis and North: Take MD Rt 2 South (Solomon's Island Rd) to left on MD Rt 214. Turn Right on Rt. 468. Turn Left on Rt. 255 to Galesville. Town Hall is on the left.

From Route 50 (from DC and VA): Take Exit 16, MD Rt 424 to Davidsonville. Continue past Davidsonville to MD Rt 2. South (right) then to MD Rt 255 East (left) to Galesville. Cross MD Rt 468. Continue on Rt. 255, which becomes Main Street. Just after the post office and before the firehouse, the hall is on the left.

DNR Cruise and Party – May 17-18. DNR Natural Resources Management Area (DNR-NRMA) on the Wye River,**From Bay Bridge (East bound):**

Travel 12.5 miles eastbound on Route 50 and turn right onto Carmichael Road. Travel 5.1 miles on Carmichael Road until you cross the Wye Island Bridge. From the Wye Island Bridge, travel south on Wye Island Road for approximately 4.2 miles. Numerous public parking areas are available along Wye Island Road. You are looking for the sign for DNR Conference Lodge.

From Easton (West bound):

Travel westbound on Route 50 to the Maryland Route 213 traffic light. Continue west on Route 50 for three miles and look for sign (Wye Island NRMA). Turn left onto Carmichael Road. Travel 5.1 miles on Carmichael Road until you cross the Wye Island Bridge. From the Wye Island Bridge, travel south on Wye Island Road for approximately 4.2 miles. Numerous public parking areas are available along Wye Island Road.

Check out the map of Wye Island: <http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/eastern/wyeisland.html>

Skilled Sailors' Education Day

(All names are listed L to R)



Lee Bao (NM) and Gabi Van Wie



Carol Niemand, Patricia Nathanson (NM) and Julie Fort



Dana Stoffregen and Janet Gonski

CPR & AED Training



Chris Woodhead (NM) (by JFP)



Tina Lavato and Rob Swick (by JFP)



Bob Wright activating the AED (by JFP)



S. Elliot (Trainer) instructing the SOS group (by RAW)



Rob Swick and Tina Lavato (by RAW)



Michael Sommer and Joan Tannen, Safety Co-chairs (by JFP)

Sailors' Education photographs by John Parsons.
CPR & AED Training photographs submitted as noted; John Parsons (JFP) or Bob Wright (RAW).

NOTE FROM PHOTO EDITOR: Please include names with your photos so we can learn everyone's names.

Sock Burning

(All names are listed L to R)



Fire Pit Crew – Bob Wright, Frank Beck and George Hollendursky (Co-Host)



Chuck Fort (MC) and Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky (Co-Host)



Sock Burning Ceremony



Suzanne Vaughn, Laura Gwinn and Melinda Zimmerman (Coordinator)



Wendy Adams and Nancy Bromberg



Ceremony Participants



Linda Perkins and Dan Brail



Mary Chevalier and Suzanne Vaughn



Chuck Fort and Peter Van Houten

MC - Master of Ceremony
Photographs submitted as noted.

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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 5:00 PM
BALTIMORE WINE COLLECTIVE, 1700 W 41st St, Suite 490 Baltimore, MD 21211. 443-869-5172.
<https://winecollective.vin>

Email coordinator to be added to notification email.
COOR: JOSH – singlesonsailboats@JoshuaGraff.com

1st Wednesday
NOVA/DC: Apr 1st 5:00-7:00 PM
MYLO'S GRILL, in the back dining room, 6238 Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA. 21218. 703-533-5880. www.mylosgrill.com
COORDINATOR: HOPE – hopedav@verizon.net

2nd Thursday
ELLCOTT CITY: Apr 9th 5:00-7:30 PM
LA PALAPA GRILL, 8307 Main Street, Ellicott City, MD 21043. 410-465-0070. www.lapalapagrill.com
COORDINATORS: KATHY – mstkathha@gmail.com
JANET – jgsunset@yahoo.com

3rd Wednesday
WILMINGTON: Apr 15th 5:00 PM
TIMOTHY'S RESTAURANT AND BAR, 930 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. Wilmington Riverfront by Blue Rocks Stadium, facing the waterfront. Drink and appetizer specials until 7PM. 302-429-7427.
<https://riverfrontde.mytimothysrestaurants.com>
COORDINATOR: JULIE – jafort@comcast.net

3rd Thursday
ROCKVILLE: Apr 16th 5:00-7:00 PM
SEASONS 52, 11414 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852 301-816-0369. Free parking at Whole Foods.
<https://seasons52.com/home>
COORDINATOR: DEBBIE – hidebbieg@yahoo.com

3rd Thursday
KENT ISLAND: Apr 16th 5:00-7:00 PM
LIBBEY'S COASTAL RESTAURANT, (formerly Hemingway's) 357 Pier 1 Road, Stevensville, MD 21666. 410-604-0999.
www.Libbeyscoastalkitchen.com
COORDINATOR: PETER – Beneteau461@gmail.com

4th Thursday **CANCELLED until new Host found**
PHILLY AREA: 4:30 PM
DI FABIOS, 1243 Providence Road, Media, PA 19063 (location of the Old Rose Tree Inn) 484-444-0850. Great food, lots of parking. Gather in patio area. www.difabiosevents.com
COORDINATORS: TBD

4th Thursday
ANNAPOLIS: Apr 23th 5:00-7:00 PM
COCONUT JOE'S BAR & GRILL, 48 South River Road, Edgewater, MD 21037. 443-837-6057.
www.coconutjoesmd.com
COORDINATOR: JERE – jerewglover@msn.com



NOVA/DC Happy Hour

L-R: Milyn Jordan, Teresa Scofield, Karen Parsons, Margaret Schwartz, Mark Gordon, Susan Jenkins, Hope Andruss, Susan Absher, Gene Jacob

TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD:

- **Due 10th of month** for publication the following month
- Send email to NancyBriggs@hotmail.com with "classified ad" in the subject line.
- You will receive a confirmation email back.
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- 75 word limit.

Nancy Briggs, Classified Page Editor

BOAT FOR SALE

BOAT FOR SALE:

18' Cape Dory Typhoon. Boat has lots of extra features. Asking \$2,000. Contact Pat at 202-244-0194. 4-26

FOR SALE

FOR SALE:

Ladies' Gill OFFSHORE, *heavy duty* OS2 COAT and BIB PANTS

Waterproof, breathable, windproof, great for open ocean boating. Fits size 12 comfortably. Perfect, like new condition. Selling as set only for \$300 (Catalogue price is \$640.) If interested or want additional details, contact Ellen Penndorf at espenn16co@gmail.com or 303-635-6766. 5-26



FOR SALE:

Two-person LIFETIME kayak for sale. KOKANEE 106 sit-on-top model. Length 10'6", Width 36". Constructed of durable high-density polyethylene (HDPE). Brand-new condition. Located in Annapolis. Asking \$375. Send Text to Irene at 703-593-2088. 6-26

Welcome New Members

Sandra Gogol
Alexandria, VA

Jerry Gullekson
Moorestown, NJ

Linda Bitterfeld
Annapolis, MD

Dan Mills
Poolesville, MD

Marty Kiely
Ellicott City, MD

Joel McLaughlin
Wilmington, DE

Melbin Rivera perez
Baltimore, MD

Membership Numbers

	March 2026	March 2025	March 2024	2023
Members	197	195	198	195
New Members	+4	+8	+12	+6
Skippers	54	54	57	59
New Skipper	+4	+1	+2	-
Lifetime Members	70	74	78	85
Lifetime Skippers	21	24	21	22
Inactive Members	13	11	16	17
Totals	363	367	384	384

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Spring Activities

Brunch – April 12

General Membership Meeting – April 12

Cruising Kickoff – April 18

Welcome Aboard: From Dock to Deck – April 25

1st Sail of the Season!

Weekend Day Sail – April 26

Midweek Day Sail – April 29