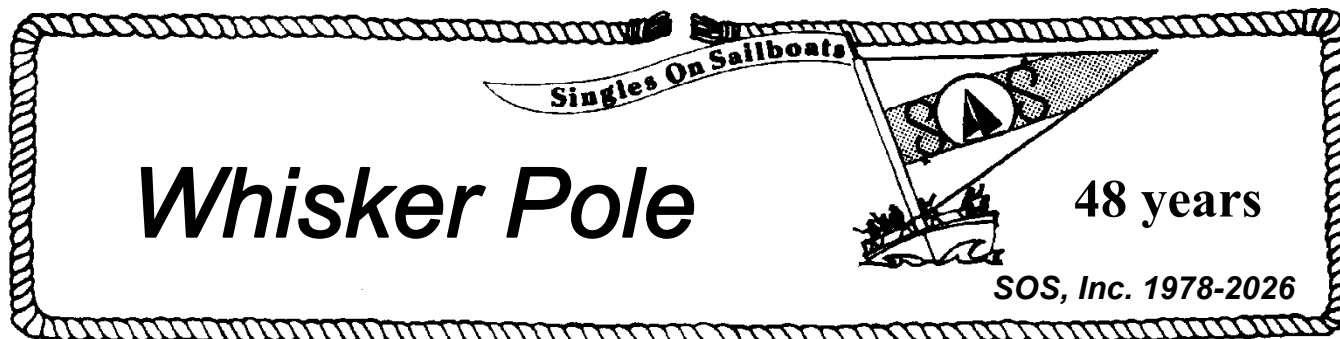


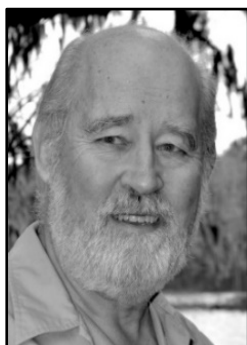


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Pirates of the Chesapeake

November 15 Brunch

Join your fellow sailors for Brunch at the DoubleTree Hotel in Annapolis for an engaging presentation by Don Shomette.



From the first permanent English settlement in America at Jamestown, Virginia, the Chesapeake Tidewater would suffer from the

scourge of seaborne piracy for the next two centuries. In a fully illustrated lecture, noted American author, maritime historian and archaeologist Donald Grady Shomette will present the largely forgotten tale of those perilous years, from the first pirates sailing aboard the ship *Swallow* from Jamestown in 1608, to the great sea battles between the Royal Navy and pirate fleets in Hampton Roads, to the ravages of the "picaroons" of the Revolution, and finally to the capture of the last pirate ship, the *General Massena* in the Patuxent River in 1807.

Donald Grady Shomette, a native of Washington, D.C., and resident of Dunkirk, MD, for three decades completed his undergraduate work in art and art history at the Pratt Institute, in New York. He was the recipient of an Honorary Ph.D. in Humane Letters from the University of Baltimore for his contributions to the arts, science, and literature.

For nearly two decades he served on the staff of the Library of Congress and simultaneously as director of Nautical Archaeological Associates, Inc., a non-profit archaeological research organization, which conducted the first underwater cultural resource surveys in the states of Maryland, New Jersey, and Arkansas. Later he served as CEO of Cultural Resources Management in Dunkirk, Maryland. He is currently serving as Honorary President, and Executive Board Member of the 1779 Research Group Ltd., North Yorkshire, England. As a historian he has served as a consultant for many states, agencies of the U.S. Government, museums, universities, and non-profit establishments.

As a marine archaeologist he has worked in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain under the sponsorship of such institutions as the National Geographic Society, the National Park Service, the United States Navy, and myriad educational foundations and museums. Shomette is the author of twenty books and contributor to numerous international encyclopedias and anthologies of history and poetry. His many works have also appeared in such publications as *National Geographic*, *History and Technology*, and *Sea History*.

Thrice winner of the prestigious John Lyman Book Award for Best American Maritime History, and twice winner of the Marion V. Brewington Book Award for Best Book of the year in Naval Literature, Shomette was also honored with the Calvert Prize, the highest award in Maryland for historic preservation. His latest publication is a two-volume set from Heritage Books, Inc., entitled *Siege: The Canadian*

Campaign in the American Revolution, 1775-1776, a comprehensive history of the ill-fated first American invasion of Canada.

To register click [11/15 Brunch](#)

**** A Food Pantry Collection will be at the November 15 Brunch.**

SOS BOD Members

Congratulations to the newly elected Board Members:

Catherine Fox
Peter Van Houten
Laura Keough
Genienne Navarro
Janet Pennewell (re-elected)

They will join Board Members who will serve another year:

Paul Anderson
Richard Cordaro
Dana Tulis
Barbara Wise

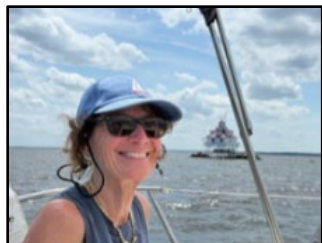
Going off the Board after serving two years:

Irene Aronian
Gabe Ruiz
Rich Stewart
Susan Zevin

**Thanks for all you do for
the Club!**

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Dana Tulis, Commodore



Ahoy Sailors!

We still have a couple of sailing opportunities left as Fall approaches, with the Halloween Cruise and Party, October 31 to November 1, and the OysterFest Cruise to St Michaels, November 6 to 8. After those final sailing opportunities, we will be shifting to our Brunches, Fireside Chats, and Seminars.

Our Election Subcommittee comprised of Richard Cordaro, Carrie Will, and Paul Anderson quickly and efficiently tabulated the voting results for our Board of Director's election. An overall fantastic effort. Special thanks to the seven candidates that ran for the Board; we had a very competitive slate. The new Board members are Catherine Fox, Laura Keough, Genienne Navarro, Peter Van Houten, and Janet Pennewell, who was re-elected for a second term. Please congratulate them. They were invited to the October Board meeting, although not yet able to vote yet on issues, it provided them the background to ensure a smooth transition.

We will be saying goodbye with Champagne Toast to our current Board Members who complete their terms at the November 5 Board Meeting. Please thank them for their dedication when you see them: Susan Zevin, Irene Aronian, Rich Stewart, and Gabe Ruiz. There will be a special Executive Meeting at the November meeting to confirm or select new officers. This will also mark the beginning of the new Board's responsibilities.

Our October Board of Directors meeting included some interesting discussions. We gave special thanks

to Gabe Ruiz (and his team) for his outstanding leadership and dedication to move the SOS lockers to a new location. He recruited volunteers, coordinated with all twelve of our Committees, sorted through decades of equipment and supplies, identified a new location, and organized the new lockers. Moving the lockers will save the club thousands of dollars, as the former locker's price skyrocketed to over \$1400 a month.

We reminded folks that we are hiring a database contractor, since we were not successful in recruiting any volunteers from the club to assume the Database Chair position. This will have a significant impact on Membership fees. **See Page 4 for more information.**

The Board and Committee Chairs will be examining additional incentives for our Skippers. A Sub-Committee is underway to address fees for Guest Skippers on weekend cruises.

On December 6, I will host our retreat which will include our new Board members and Committee Chairs. We will also be welcoming our new Cruising Chairs, Karen Lundgren and Bill Ostrander. We will also review the action items from last year's retreat and work with the Committee Chairs to recommend action items for this coming year to address the Survey Results. Many thanks to the 150 members that responded to the Membership Survey and especially to those that took the time to provide written comments, we are carefully reviewing all the data and comments. Thanks to Janet Pennewell for leading the evaluation!

Finally, we need crew for the Spring Bareboat Trip in St. Martin. We have chartered five boats so far. It will be a welcome break from the winter, with either a seven- or ten-day cruise, February 20 to March 2.

See you all soon!

Dana T. — Commodore

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Unofficial Condensed BOD Notes October 8, 2026, via Zoom

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

Minutes: New BOD members were welcomed.

- Janet Pennewell thanked Gabe and his team for outstanding efforts in relocating our storage lockers. The new locker location will save the Club thousands of dollars each year.
- The Board Retreat will be Dec 6. New BOD members and committee chairs will attend that meeting. Committee chairs should carefully review the Survey results to recommend action items for each of their areas.
- There was an extensive discussion on guest Skippers and how they fit into the non-paying status for weekend Cruises. There wasn't a resolution. A Subcommittee will be formed to work on language and recommend changes to the Policy. A report will be at the November Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: September's net income was \$400.

- Cruising income totaled \$2,030 in September, partially offset by refunds for cancellations of \$474.
- Rent for our storage units at \$1,467 was our largest expense – as we paid for our old units plus the initial payment for our new units. Making the move will save us over \$8,000 per year.

	Sept 30 2026	Aug 30 2026	Dec 31 2025
Club Checking Account	\$35,365	\$49,785	\$35,580
7-Month CD	65,232	65,056	63,602
Bareboat Account	63,219	52,442	48,094
Total Cash	\$163,816	\$167,283	\$147,276
Club Credit Card	(1,171)	(15,327)	(16,127)

Bareboat: Coco Lanquetuit and Emil Becker, Co-Chairs.

Spring 2027 – St. Martin: 5 boats are chartered for St Martin; 3 boats for 10 days & 2 boats for 7 days. As of today, 3 boats are full and 2 boats have berths available. We need between 3 or 4 more crew to fill the boats. A

skipper/FM meeting will be organized later this month to discuss itinerary. A crew meeting will be held in early November.

Cruising Committee: Laura Keough, Dana Stoffregen (outgoing); Karen Lundgren and Bill Ostrander (incoming). Co-Chairs.

The Cruising Committee's invitation only Wrap-Up will be November 14 at Galesville Town Hall. Invitations will be sent to active skippers and First Mates, skipper and First Mate emeritus, and coordinators. A Zoom meeting will be set up in October to start the transition of the cruising co-chairs who will be in place by December to begin planning for next season.

Database Committee: Carrie Will. It has been decided to bring Ben Kilgore on as a contract Database Admin. ***The Database Committee needs committee members!***

Education Committee: Milyn Jordan, Chair.

The Education Committee continues planning for 2027 activities, to include New Member Welcome Aboard, Skilled Sailor's Education Day (Co-lead Milyn Jordan, looking for another Co-lead), Seminars (Lead Gabe Ruiz), Fireside Chats (Lead Kerry Siebein). A TBD educational opportunity for moderately experienced sailors may be incorporated into one or more of the events above.

First Mate Advisory Committee: Lora Donia and Jean-Pierre Plé. Co-Chairs.

Education: The third of three planned educational sessions this year for First Mates was held Tuesday, October 13 via Zoom.

First Mate Recruitment: Recently, two members expressed preliminary interest in the First Mate Program.

Membership: Following the departure of the Membership Committee Chair, the newly constituted Membership Committee

met via Zoom with Dana Tulis and Janet Gonski to organize, understand their roles and operationalize the work of the Committee.

Public Relations: Janet Gonski & Victoria Rusakova, Co-Chairs.

Victoria reviewed the SOS survey results and created an overview for the public relations team to discuss and perhaps from which to set some goals.

Skippers' Advisory: Sandy Rosswork, Chair.

No new skippers joined in September. Roughly one third of our skippers (boat owners) have not sailed with the club this year. Planning to look further at the total number of skippers vs. those who do not have "activated" boats and attempt to determine the reasons for the large number of non-activated boats. Raft Captain Coordinator (Chuck Fort) - more skippers are doing raft captain training. Goal is to have more available raft captains by next year.

Social Committee: Linda Casucci and Tina Lavato, Co-Chairs.

Chili Cook-off Cruise/Shore Party: October 17-18 at Maryland Yacht Club.

Halloween Cruise/Shore Party: This will be at Pirates Cove. The theme is TV Shows from the 50's/60's/70's. Prizes will be awarded for the best recreation of a TV show character.

Whisker Pole Committee: Julie Fort. September 2026 *Whisker Pole* was emailed to SOS members on Sept. 28. It was printed and mailed to 26 members at the cost of \$213.55. October 2026 *Whisker Pole* emailed to members on Sept. 27. It was printed and mailed to 26 members at the cost of \$187.05.

The next meeting is on November 5, which will be in person. The December meeting is the Board retreat, also in person, which will be Sunday, December 6.

Database Chair Position and Budget Impact

By Dana Tulis, Commodore

As many of you know, Carrie Will pulled together a great team and introduced many innovations, improved the use of the Member-Clicks management platform, and streamlined both the in-ward facing and public-facing interfaces. To say this was a heavy lift is an underestimation at best, which is why Carrie received the Commodore's Award last year.

After two years of hard work, some of the team are either moving to other parts of the world or resigning from their current position. As you all know, we are a volunteer organization, and therefore paying for a database contractor will significantly increase membership dues for the Club to approximately double the current rate. Our budget is not yet finalized; therefore, this is not an exact figure, rather an early heads-up. At the Executive Board session, a draft budget was approved, but we are still evaluating the fee structure. The final budget will be published in December 2026 *Whisker Pole* to be effective January 1. As I discussed in last month's *Whisker Pole*, this really is our only choice at this point. We cannot run SOS without a Web Administrator. It's how we sign up for every event, take payments, and even distribute our voting ballots.

Merry Making! Festivities! Revelries!

Enjoy celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas with your SOS sailing buddies!!!

Join a Thanksgiving Dinner!



Since the early 1990's, SOSers have gotten together at friends' houses for regional Thanksgiving celebrations! Four gracious members have volunteered their homes this year in Annapolis, Kent Island, Bethesda, MD, and Delaware on Sunday, November 22.

- Newark, DE — Chuck Fort
saillrn@comcast.net; 302-584-3938
- Kent Island — Dane Skagen
daneskagen@gmail.com; 917-743-4415

If you miss the Tuesday, November 17 deadline, call the respective host/hostess to see if space is available.

Join a Christmas Dinner in Annapolis!



For the last 20 or so years, Barbara Mistrik hosted the buffet Christmas Dinner at her home in Edgewater, MD, on December 25. Barbara is hosting Christmas dinner again this year.

There is no online registration for this dinner. Call Barbara via phone at 410 956-1445 **AFTER DECEMBER 1** to reserve a place and get a side dish assignment.

The host/hostess invites the sailors who have signed up and arranges for the turkey, beverages, decorations, etc. for ten or more SOS members. The guests bring their favorite holiday dish to share and contribute \$15-\$20 to cover the costs of the turkey and other items.

- Annapolis — Irene Aronian
irene.aronian@gmail.com; 703-593-2088
- Bethesda, MD — Debra Roane
MsDebraR@verizon.net; 301-881-0295

OysterFest Cruise and Festival

Sail-in or Drive-in

November 6-8

SOS is having a three-day sail-in /drive-in to the OysterFest at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, MD. We will sail to CBMM on Friday November 6 so we can enjoy the OysterFest on Saturday November 7 from 10 AM - 4:00 PM.

SOS will have a Happy Hour on Friday and Saturday nights. Bring an appetizer or dessert and your own beverages. Often, groups go out to eat after Happy Hour or have dinner on the boat. There is also kayaking (reserve your kayak now!), biking, two places for wine tastings, and one for rum tasting. Check out the town's restaurants and shops!

If you drive-in, there are plenty of hotels, inns, and B&Bs. If you sail-in, Friday leave is necessary if booking a slip (**two - night minimum**). The Club will reimburse one night of the slip fee if the skipper has taken at least one crew from coordination. Crew should be prepared to share in the cost of the second night.

Why do we keep going back? For oyster lovers, there are fresh oysters that are fried, steamed, raw, in chowder, etc. And there will be an oyster stew competition. But, for those who don't eat oysters, there will be food trucks and stations offering a variety of Chesapeake delicacies, burgers, and all different kinds of foods. Guests will also have a beverage selection that includes specialty cocktails and an array of local craft beer options. All food and drinks are an additional charge.

There will also be live music and a full schedule of demonstrations and presentations. There are also CBMM's long-term exhibitions that offer an in-depth look at the Chesapeake's boatbuilding traditions and watercraft, the seafood industry, recreational

boating, lighthouses, and maritime navigation, drawing from their unique world-class collections of objects, art, and photography, to tell the stories of individuals, groups, and communities along the Bay. Representatives from the Pocomoke Indian Nation, will be presenting and demonstrating throughout the day on Navy Point, including flintknapping, cattail decoy making, and making music with a river cane flute and water drum, to share their history and traditions with guests.

CBMM will celebrate the christening of 1920 Chesapeake Bay buyboat *Winnie Estelle* with OysterFest guests at 3 PM.

CBMM will offer a variety of ways to get out on the water at OysterFest. You're invited to enjoy a condensed version of the popular Historic Workboat Experience free with admission. These 30-minute cruises, available first-come, first-served from 10 AM-2 PM, share the Chesapeake's working traditions and fisheries aboard a historic vessel.

Patriot Cruises will present a narrated Historical Cruise at 2:30pm. Combo tickets that include OysterFest admission and the cruise will be available. Tickets can be purchased in advance online or at the door. Tickets are going fast. [Patriot Cruises - Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum](#).

During the festival, additional free event parking will be available at St. Michaels Middle/High School, with a complimentary shuttle service running to and from CBMM.

OysterFest tickets can be purchased in advance online or at the door. Advance tickets are set at \$22 for adults, \$19 for seniors (65+). Tickets for CBMM members are \$10.

Address: 213 Talbot Street, St. Michaels, MD 21663.

For more information: <https://cbmm.org/event/oysterfest/>

To register for the cruise: [Oyster Fest](#)

1st Fireside Chat of the Season!

Annapolis, MD

January 9

It's time to weather the cold inside with heartwarming Regional Fireside Chats (FSC). These are held at members' homes in the different areas our members live in. The evening starts with socializing and libations, and then dinner is served. After dinner, a speaker presents a short program. The topics for FSCs can be of a wide variety of topics that are of interest to SOS members.

On January 9, Jean-Pierre Plé, Co-Chair of the First Mates Advisory Committee, will talk about the club's **First Mate Program**. He will explain the role of First Mates, the benefits of becoming a First Mate, how to go about becoming a First Mate, and other aspects of the program. If you have ever wondered about joining the ranks of First Mates or wish to better understand what they do, you will want to join this entertaining fireside chat.

The FSC will be hosted by Nancy and John Parsons in their Annapolis home. Carole Jordan is teaming up with the Parsons and is the Coordinator for the FSC. John, Nancy, and Carole are also speakers for this Fireside Chat.

This event is for everyone – whether you want to know what a First Mate does, you are interested in joining the ranks of First Mates, or you are a First Mate. Have all your questions answered or just come to share your experience as a First Mate. Please join them for a fun evening.

To register click [1/9 FSC](#)

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If you have ideas for interesting topics or speakers or want to volunteer to coordinate or host a FSC, please contact Kerry Siebein at ksiebein@gmail.com

Cruising Corner:

That's a Wrap on the 2026 Sailing Season!

As we bring another sailing season to a close, we would like to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to our gracious skippers, competent First Mates, and able-bodied crew for making the 2026 sailing season such a success!

Our club completed **14 overnight cruises, four multi-day cruises, two extended cruises, and numerous day sails!** That's a lot of time on the water, great destinations, new friendships, and wonderful memories!

None of this would have been possible without the dedication, patience, and positive attitudes of our **cruise coordinators**. These are the folks who work behind the scenes, matching crew with skippers, juggling schedules, accommodating changes, and then rearranging everything when plans inevitably change! Their efforts keep our cruising program running smoothly. **Thank you, thank you!**

We'll celebrate another successful season with our annual **Cruising Wrap-Up Party on November 14**, honoring our participating skippers, First Mates, and coordinators. It's a wonderful opportunity to share a few stories, relive some favorite moments, and recognize everyone who helped make this season possible.

Looking Ahead to 2027. Please join us in giving a warm welcome aboard to our new **Cruising Co-Chairs, Karen Lundgren and Bill Ostrander!** They have generously volunteered to take the helm of our cruising program for 2027 and we're excited to see what adventures lie ahead!

They'll be reaching out to club members for input on cruising destinations, new ideas, and suggestions for next year's calendar. They'll also be looking for volunteers to join the Cruising Committee. If you have calendar ideas or want to volunteer, please don't hesitate to contact them. Our cruising program thrives on members who are willing to pitch in and make things happen!

We've thoroughly enjoyed these past two years as Cruising Co-Chairs, especially working with such a wonderful group of people to make great sailing adventures and lasting memories possible.

Thanks to all! It's been fun! Fair winds, and we'll see you on the water in 2027!

Laura Keough, Dana Stoffregen

Brunches!

Tales and Songs of the Chesapeake Bay

December 13, 2026

Storyteller Jefferson Holland presents a delightful program of original tall tales and songs inspired by the people and places of the Bay, from the Native Americans who feasted on oysters along her shores to the modern-day sailors who ply her waters.

Jefferson Holland, Poet Laureate of the City of Annapolis, is a modern-day Chesapeake Troubadour: singer, songwriter, poet, storyteller, performing all original material inspired by decades of life on the Bay.

Jeff served as the director of the Annapolis Maritime Museum and the Riverkeeper for the West and Rhode Rivers. He co-founded the Chesapeake folk group "Crab Alley" in the 1980s and 90s and founded "Them Eastport Oyster Boys" with partner Kevin Brooks in 1992.

He lives in Annapolis with his emotional support wife, Louise White, and their rescue retriever, Millie.

Jeff has released a collection of the outdoors columns that appear in the *Annapolis Capital* newspaper. Published by New Bay Books, it's called *Walk Around Arundel: 52 places to hike with your dog (and other best friends)*.

Same place: Annapolis DoubleTree Hotel with the same great food!

To register click [12/13 Brunch](#)

Restoring Oyster Health to the Chesapeake Bay

Presented by the Oyster Recovery Partnership

**Brunch
January 10, 2027**

Oysters are incredible creatures and an important part of the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. They filter excess nutrients and other pollutants from the water and they grow in reefs that provide valuable habitat, food, and protection for other marine animals and plants.

Due to disease, overfishing, pollution, and other factors, the Chesapeake Bay's oyster population is a fraction of what it once was.

The Oyster Recovery Partnership (ORP) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring the Chesapeake Bay's native oyster population through reef restoration, shell recycling, and community engagement. The speaker will share efforts currently underway to restore oyster health to the Chesapeake Bay and how we can help support this effort.

The brunch will be at the Annapolis DoubleTree Hotel.

To register click [1/10 Brunch](#)



Volunteers are always needed for Brunches. Please contact Margaret Schwartz at

mschwartzusa@aim.com to help out at a brunch.

Lin Pardey and SOS's 'Fun-ding' for CRAB

By Janet Gonski
Public Relations Co-Chair

We told Lin Pardey we would have a party... and we did! The party was Friday, October 16 in the Fellowship Hall at the United Church of Christ in Annapolis. It gave support for Lin's efforts to hold a fundraiser, a "Fun-Ding" event for the Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB). She and her late husband Larry connected with CRAB over thirty years ago.



With more than thirty SOS members, some Sailboat Show vendors, Silent Auction donors, as well as CRAB volunteers and local sailors, we had a full house and lots of stories and sharing.



While Gabi, Kathy, Jo and I had some fundraising goals and hopes, the

generosity of the donors, vendors, and the auction bidders exceeded all of those!



So many people came together to organize, provide items, food, time, and energy – it allowed Lin's efforts to provide a substantial donation to CRAB to further its mission.



Everyone enjoyed the wonderful food, drink, and companionship. With much gratitude for what everyone brought to the event, I am again reminded of why this SOS club has remained viable for so many years – we truly are a Social Sailing Community.



For more background on how SOS became connected to the world-renowned and prolific author Lin Pardey, see articles in Sept/Oct *Whisker Poles*.



Legendary sailor and author Lin Pardey has a long history of supporting **Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB)**, and while she was back in Annapolis for the Sailboat Show, SOS helped her continue that tradition with an evening of **food, laughter, fun, and a silent auction**, with all profits benefiting CRAB.

A Big shout out for all of you who came out and made this 'Fun-ding' event a very special evening.

Your bidding on all the 46 auction items was amazing and exceeded our wildest guesses.

We are proud to announce that we will present a check to CRAB next week for about **\$5,100.00**.

First Mates' Deck Notes:

Weather Awareness: A Guide to Safe and Enjoyable Days on the Water

By Lora Donia
First Mate Advisory Co-Chair

Whether you're fishing offshore, cruising the coastline, or enjoying a day on the water, weather awareness is one of the most important skills a boater can develop. Conditions can change quickly, especially in coastal areas like Florida, where calm mornings can turn into strong winds, thunderstorms, rough seas, and lightning within a few hours. Safe boating begins with preparation, awareness, and sound decision-making.

Before leaving the dock, boaters should review the marine forecast and monitor key weather factors such as wind speed and direction, wave height, visibility, and the potential for thunderstorms. Wind can significantly impact boat handling and sea conditions, while fog, rain, and storms can reduce visibility and create navigation challenges. During hurricane season, even distant tropical systems can produce dangerous swells and changing weather conditions.

Thunderstorms deserve special attention because they are among the most serious hazards boaters face. Open water offers little protection from lightning, and storms can develop rapidly. Warning signs include darkening skies, building thunderheads, sudden wind shifts, thunder, and visible lightning. A simple rule every boater should remember is: "If you can hear thunder, it's time to head for safe harbor". Waiting until a storm is overhead often leaves little time to react safely.

Preparation is key to a successful trip. Before departure, confirm that all required safety equipment is onboard and operational, communication devices are charged, and someone on shore knows your planned route

and expected return time. Filing a float plan and identifying safe harbors along your route can make a significant difference in an emergency.



Technology has made weather monitoring easier than ever, and several mobile apps have become valuable tools for boaters:

- **Windy** is excellent for tracking wind, waves, rain and hurricane activity. Click: [Windy](#)
- **MyRadar** provides real-time radar imagery and storm tracking. Click: [MyRadar](#)
- **WeatherBug** offers lightning detection and severe weather alerts. Click: [Weatherbug](#)
- **NOAA Weather** apps provide official forecasts, marine warnings, and Small Craft Advisories. Click: [NOAA Weather](#)
- **Navionics** boating combines navigation, marine charts, tides, currents, and weather overlays in a single platform. Click: [Navionics](#)

Checking the forecast before departing is only the first step. Conditions should be monitored continuously while underway. Experienced captains regularly review radar, watch cloud formations, and pay attention to changing wind patterns. Weather can evolve quickly

and staying informed allows boaters to make adjustments before conditions become hazardous.

Ultimately, the most important safety tool onboard is good judgement. The best boaters understand that there is no shame in delaying a trip, changing plans, or returning to the dock early when weather conditions deteriorate. As the saying goes, "It's better to be at the dock wishing you were on the water than on the water wishing you were at the dock." By staying weather-aware, using reliable forecasting tools, and making conservative decisions, boaters can enjoy safer and more enjoyable experiences on the water.

Corrections have been made to September and October *Whisker Pole* First Mate's Deck Notes - it relates to the number of degrees aft of the beam.

September 2026, Page 7, Jibe Ho article:

12. One last thing, if the new point of sail has the wind more than 30 degrees** abaft the beam, suggest to the Skipper that the crew rig a Preventer. If you do, you'll sail with confidence knowing you've taken prudent action to prevent an accidental jibe.

October 2026, Page 8, Sailing By the Lee article:

The **take-away message** is that unless you are racing or otherwise doing it intentionally with the consent of the skipper, sailing by the lee should be avoided. Our preference is that if the wind is more than 30 degrees** abaft of the beam, a preventer should be rigged, and we will propose this to the skipper. (** is the changed information.)

SOS Basic Skills

Article 2

Basic Skills – What's a New Member to Do?

If you're a new SOS member, you know that Basic Skills Level I is a **minimum requirement** for all crew who sail with SOS. Follow the steps below to complete this essential SOS milestone.

1. Sign up and step up.

There are several SOS activities during which new members can have their basic skills checked off, including Flare and Safety Day, Welcome Aboard (New Member Orientation), dockside training days, and day sails. Some basic skills items may be checked off on a weekend sail. Go to the [SOS Event Calendar](#) and sign up. Be sure to note in your registration form that you are interested in Basic Skills check out and the cruise coordinator will try to connect you with a skipper who is willing to do the checkout.

2. Come prepared.

Before showing up for a checkout activity, become familiar with the [Basic Skills Check Sheet](#). The [Basic Skills Program Manual](#) describes each check sheet item. Additional resources are widely available online and in sailing manuals. Study, learn and, if possible, practice the items you want checked off. If you are new to sailing this will require some time; don't wait until the night before a checkout activity. At checkout, you should be able to demonstrate each item you want to check off. If there are items that you are not sure about, make notes on your check sheet and ask the skipper. Skippers are volunteering their time, their assets, and their expertise. They are willing to help you learn. Please remember, though, that skippers are not there to train you.

Bring your check sheet with you, do not expect skippers to provide copies. And as always, be on time.



Is that a bowline knot?

3. Be upfront.

Always communicate physical limitations. SOS has defined [Sailing Fitness Levels](#), and your profile should reflect your honest self-assessment. Be straightforward with the skipper about any concerns you may have about being on the boat. And if you don't know something – say something. If the skipper asks you to do something at dockside or while on the water and you don't know how to do it, let the skipper know.

4. Are you done yet?

So, you have all the Basic Skills Level 1 Check Sheet items initialed - congratulations! Pat yourself on the back. But don't forget to tie up the administrative end. Send an electronic copy of the check sheet to Basicskills.sos.org@gmail.com. Your SOS profile will be updated indicating completion of Basic Skills I.

5. Don't stop there, become a Basic Skills Graduate.

Repeat steps one through four to complete Basic Skills Level II and Level III.

Completion of Level II advances crew members to be more knowledgeable with sailing in general and more active crew around the boat. Level III advances those members who wish to fully assist in sailing a boat.

You're a Basic Skills Graduate, now what?

Sharpen and refine your skills through repetition - go sailing! If there's something specific you want to work on, mention it when you register for a sail and bring it up to the skipper when you get on board. Our skippers are willing to accommodate if circumstances permit.

In addition, we are lucky to live in an area with a plethora of training and learning opportunities. Many SOS members pursue sailing certifications that further test skills and build sailing credentials, such as those certifications defined by the [American Sailing Association](#) (ASA) and the United Nations Economics Commission for Europe [International Certificate of Competence](#) (ICC) for operation of pleasure craft. Racing is also a well-known path for strengthening sailing expertise. Check out the [SOS Sailing Links](#) page to learn more.

See you on the water!

The Education Committee is looking at ways to improve the Basic Skills Program and to raise new member awareness of its importance. This is the second in a series of articles on Basic Skills. Stay tuned for more in coming issues of *Whisker Pole*. If you have questions or concerns about the Basic Skills Program, please reach out to the Education Committee at educ.sos.org@gmail.com.

2026 SOS Photo Contest

Have you taken **stellar shots** of this year's SOS activities? If so, keep on shooting! If not, start taking photos to be submitted to the 2026 Photo Contest.

1. Entries must be taken at events in 2026 by the member of SOS submitting the photo. Note:

If you appear in the photo, you **cannot** be the photographer and your submission will not be accepted (unless on a tripod with a timer, or selfie, which are acceptable). A photo does not necessarily have that event as a theme (a picture of the sunset seen from a raft-up is acceptable, even though there is nothing in the picture to prove that it was taken at a raft-up or cruise.) We are on the "Honor System." An SOS event can be cruising, day-sail, a brunch, seminar, destination cruise, shore party, etc.

2. This is an amateur photographer contest.

Professional photographers - i.e., anyone who earns more than 50 percent of his/her annual income from photography – are excluded from the contest.

3. Each submission **must** identify:

- Which SOS event,
- The category (see below) the photo is to be submitted,
- The name of the photographer.

4. Cropping and/or image manipulation/enhancement are allowed.

5. Each member may submit up to a **total of eight (8) photos.**

6. All images must be cropped to 5:7 ratio (portrait and landscape are both allowed).

7. Do not use AI to add anything or to remove anything from your images except for sky color enhancement.

8. No names, watermarks or borders allowed.

9. Images should be submitted in JPG (not JPEG) format or PNG format (JPG is preferred).

10. The photographer is responsible for securing permission from all SOS members in the photos prior to submitting the photo for consideration. Failure to secure permission will result in photographs being rejected.

Categories: People, Bay Scenes meaning a *Chesapeake Bay scene* (including sunsets), **Sailboats** (sailboats under sail, raft-ups), and **Destination Cruises** category (basically meaning any Bareboat cruises) includes photos taken during the actual SOS Bareboat destination cruises and photos taken on days when traveling prior to or after a destination cruise, provided the photos are from the same area. For example, a destination cruise of the Mediterranean may **not** include photos from a layover in Amsterdam.) 'People' and 'Sailboats' can be from any sanctioned SOS activities.

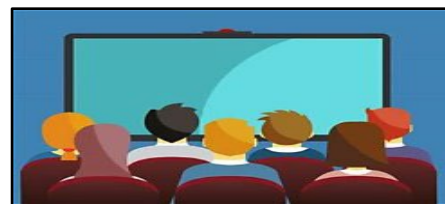
Other Useful information: Submit your photos in digital format. Send photos by email as attachments or by DropBox or contact Bob Wright for instructions to upload the Photo Editor's Google drive. Smart phone photos may be submitted. Please select high resolution for photos in your smart phone setup.

Judging: There will be First, Second and Third Place Awards for each of the four categories and a Grand Prize Award. The photos will be judged by a greater Annapolis area professional photographer from outside the club. The judging will be blind, so the Judge will not know which photographer took which photograph. The Judge may add a fourth-place award in any category, if deemed necessary due to the quantity and quality of entries in each category (not to exceed a total of 13 awards including the Grand Prize Photograph).

Deadline: The submission deadline is Midnight on Sunday, January 10, 2027.

SEND Photo Entries or inquiries to Bob Wright at: robert.wright.bowie@gmail.com with "2026 Photo Contest" in the subject line.

NOTE: First, Bob Wright will respond upon receiving each entry. Second, about two weeks following the deadline, Bob Wright will compile and confirm all entries to the photographers. If you **do not receive** either of these responses, reach out IMMEDIATELY.



2026 SOS Photo Retrospective

Each year SOS presents a Retrospective video, a compilation of photos taken in or at club activities, on land and on the water, starring YOU, our members! He adds music to the video

Prepared by John Parsons, the results are always fun to see! Check out the 2025 Photo Retrospective here: [2025 Retrospective](#)

We know that there are many photographers out there who have taken photos of boats, people, and places. We want to include them in the Retrospective. NOW is the time to start sending your photos in!

Please send your photographs taken in 2026 to John so he can compile a presentation that will bring back memories of this year that will surely make us laugh, exchange stories, and tell tall tales about our adventures.

The Retrospective will be presented in the Spring.

Smart phone photos are acceptable. Identify at which SOS event the photos were taken. **Please send your photos to John Parsons at:** johnfparsons_9@msn.com

Awards, Awards, Awards

SOS will recognize four members for their significant contributions of time, energy, and talent (the annual member recognition awards) to our all-volunteer Club. The 2026 Awards will be presented at an event to be announced soon. Members will also be recognized for contributing whimsical, good-natured humor through their foibles, bloopers, and flim-flams called 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 the SOS Vice Commodore.

So, What Are the Annual 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: Elli 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.

The "Do Not Use Photo" List

Do you know that SOS keeps a list of members who do not want to have their photos published or shared in any SOS public information? That includes photos taken at events or on a boat.

Whisker Pole Photo Editor Bob Wright wants to remind everyone that **if they are on the "Do Not Use Photo" list, they should refrain from posing for group photos.**

When people take photos of a few members or a larger group, we ask that you **step out of the group**. It is a disadvantage to fellow SOS members if the photo needs to be thrown out because of your presence in the photo. Sometimes, we have blacked out faces of someone in a photo who is on the list. That too isn't fair to the photographer.

If you are the photographer, ask if anyone is on the list and suggest they step out of the photo. We ask all members to share photos for the yearly SOS Photo Contest and the Photo Retrospective. It is a disappointment for the photographer to find out that you are in the photo, and they can't submit it because you are on the **Do Not Use Photo List**.

Thanks for your help with this!

Fleet Exercises and Shore Leave

By Ned Schwartz, Editor sosfleetexercises@gmail.com

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.



Nov. 5

Thursday

Board Meeting (Update)

Location:

In-Person Board Meeting at Mariner's Point Club House.
Georgetown Rd, Annapolis, MD.

Time: It will start at 5pm

Note: with a Board Meeting. Then the new and current Board members will break out to review Officer Positions and to start the transition process.



Nov. 6-8

Friday – Sunday

OysterFest Cruise

Destination:

CBMM, St. Michaels, Miles River.
Skippers, reserve your slip through Dockwa on October 7, 12:01am.

Cost: \$105 - Member or Non-Member.

There is a separate charge to attend the OysterFest on Saturday.

(Update)

Deadline:

Mail and online registrations must be received by Oct. 27 (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:

Linda Casucci casuccilj@gmail.com

To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [Oyster Fest](#)



Nov. 14

Saturday

Cruising Appreciation (Wrap-up) Meeting/Party

Destination:

Galesville Memorial Hall.

Cost: Free to invited Participating Skippers, First Mates, and Coordinators only.

\$20 for Guest of Invitees.

Deadline:

BY INVITATION ONLY.

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

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

Coordinator:

Laura Keough Laurasan2@yahoo.com

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



Nov. 15

Sunday

Brunch

Location:

DoubleTree Hotel,
Annapolis, MD.

Cost: \$43 - Brunch.

\$45 - After deadline and walk-ins.

Speaker:

Don Shomette; Historian, Author,
and Underwater Archaeologist.

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

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

Topic:

Pirates of the Chesapeake.

1:00pm Program.

Deadline:

Mail and online registrations must be received by Nov. 10 (5:00pm).

Note:

To be held in the Ballroom.

Remember to bring Food Bank donations.

Coordinator:

Linda Casucci casuccilj@gmail.com

To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [11/15 Brunch](#)

**Nov. 22****Sunday****Regional Pre-Thanksgiving Dinners****Location
Home of:**Irene Aronian (Annapolis),
Deb Roane (Bethesda),
Julie/Chuck Fort (Delaware),
Dane Skagen (Kent Island).**Deadline:**Registrations must be received by
Nov. 17 (9:00pm).**Cost:** Contribution up to \$15 and dish to share,
coordinated with host/ess.**Note:** To volunteer to be a host/ess, contact:
Hope Andruss, hopedav@verizon.net
See Page 4 for more information.**To Attend:
Questions:**To sign-up as a guest, please contact your Host/Hostess directly.
Contact Hope Andruss, hopedav@verizon.net or text 703-973-0865.**Dec. 6****Sunday****Board Meeting/Retreat (Update)****Location:**In Person at Mariner's Point
Community Club House.
Georgetown Rd, Annapolis, MD.**Time:** 12:00 noon to 4:00pm**Note:** Board Meeting first then move on to the
Retreat business.**Dec. 12****Saturday****Parade of Lights Viewing****Location:**Annapolis Waterfront Hotel,
Marriott's Autograph Collection,
Annapolis, MD.**Coordinator
and Hostess:**Sandy Rosswork.
sgrosswork@aol.com 443-223-8239.**Cost:** \$76 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.**Dec. 13****Sunday****Brunch****Location:**DoubleTree Hotel,
Annapolis, MD.**Speaker:**Jeff Holland; Poet Laureate of
Annapolis, Songwriter, Essayist.**Topic:**Tall Tales and Songs of the
Chesapeake Bay.**Deadline:**Mail and online registrations must
be received by Dec. 8 (5:00pm).**Cost:** \$43 - Brunch.

\$45 - After deadline and walk-ins.

Time: **Walk-ins CANNOT be guaranteed a seat.**
11:00am Social Hour. 11:45am Brunch.
1:00pm Program.**Note:** To be held in the Ballroom.**Coordinator:**Carole Jordan seajay2844@gmail.comTo register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [12/13 Brunch](#)**December 25 Friday****Christmas Day Dinner – Annapolis Area****Location:**Home of Barbara Mistrik,
Edgewater, MD.**Time:**2:30pm for socializing. Additional
details from Barbara's email.**Deadline:**

December 21.

Cost: \$10 and Food Contribution.**Note:** This is NOT an online coordination.
Coordination is through Barbara directly via
phone.**Note:** Last minute? Call Barbara to see if space
is available. There is a limit.**Coordinator:**Call Barbara Mistrik via phone only, **AFTER DECEMBER 1.** 410 956-1445.
Be prepared to request your buffet contribution.**Jan. 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.

**Jan. 9****Saturday****Area Fireside Chat**

Location: Annapolis, Maryland.

Speakers: JP Plé, First Mates' Advisory Committee Co-Chair.

Topic: Becoming a First Mate.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Jan. 1 (9:00pm).

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

Host: Nancy and John Parsons.

Time: 5:30pm to 9:00pm. **Limited to 12 people.** Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.

Note:

Coordinator: Carole Jordan seajay2844@gmail.com
To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [1/9 FSC](#)

**Jan. 10****Sunday****Brunch**

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, Annapolis, MD.

Speaker: Oyster Recovery Partnership.

Topic: Restoring Oyster Health to the Chesapeake Bay. Efforts currently underway and ways we can help support this effort.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Jan. 5 (5:00pm).

Cost: \$43 - Brunch.
\$52 - After deadline and walk-ins.

Time: **Walk-ins CANNOT be guaranteed a seat.** 11:00am Social Hour. 11:45am Brunch. 1:00pm Program.

Note: To be held in the TBD.

Coordinator: Anne Bastian bastian.anne@gmail.com
To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [1/10 Brunch](#)

**Feb. 20 to March 2****7-Day Trip or 10-Day Trip****Early 2027 – Bareboat Cruise**

Destination: Saint Martin/Sint Maarten. With Dream Yacht Charter.

Note: Details can be found on: [St. Martin 2027 Presentation](#)

Cost: (See Presentation) = Boat Cost and Admin Fee. Air Fare and Insurance are separate.

Note: To Download Registration Form with Payment Information, click here: [St. Martin Application](#)

Coordinator: Coco Lanquetuit clanquetuit@hotmail.com

Bareboat: Shannon River, Ireland

(All names are listed L to R)



Doug Gage
by Karen Lundgren



Navigating the lock systems
by Lynn Winkler



Teresa Scofield
by Sandy Rosswork



Tina Lavato, Susan Absher,
Lorna Bradley
by Peter Van Houten



Bev Nash, Lorna Bradley,
Susan Absher, (NPA), and Tina
Lavato by Tina Lavato



Denise Fairman, Michelle
Watters, Noreen McGuire, and
Melinda Zimmerman
by Karen Lundgren



Dane Skagen, Michelle
Watters, Melinda
Zimmerman, and Noreen
McGuire by Tina Lavato



Noreen McGuire, Michelle
Watters, Melinda Zimmerman,
and Denise Fairman
by Karen Lundgren



Melinda Zimmerman, Denise
Fairman, Michelle Watters, and
Karen Lundgren
by Noreen McGuire

Photographs submitted as noted (not necessarily the photographer).

No Photos Allowed (NPA)

PHOTO EDITOR: Bob Wright – robert.wright.bowie@gmail.com

Please include names with your photos so we can learn everyone's names.

Goose Cruise

(Photos by Samia AbdelWahed)

(All names are listed L to R)



JP Plé, Judy Barral,
and Dane Skagen



Genienne Navarro, Tony
Welch, and Catherine Fox



Judy Barral, Noreen
McGuire, and Samia
AbdelWahed

October 10th DaySail

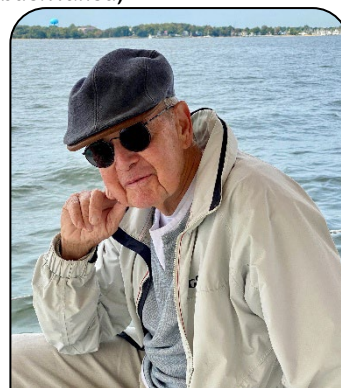
(Photos by Samia AbdelWahed)



Dennis Krizek, Dan Brail,
and Linda Perkins



Anja Freyja, Dan Brail, Linda Perkins,
Ray Harris, Samia AbdelWahed,
Dennis Krizek, and (PNA)



Dennis Krizek

Chili Cook-Off Party

(Photos by Bob Wright)



Seven Chili Chefs: Dennis
Krizek, Carol Niemand,
Janet Gonski, Gabi Van Wie,
Suzanne Vaughn, Denise
Fairman, and Rick M.



Chili Contest WINNERS:
Dennis Krizek-1st Place, Tina
Lavato-Social Chair, Meeps
Yox-Event Coordinator, Janet
Gonski-2nd Place; and Gabi
Van Wie-3rd Place



Nautical Trivia WINNERS:
Sandy Rosswork, Mary
Moore, Beth Dumesco, Dan
Brail, Linda Perkins, and
Julie Fort

PHOTO EDITOR: Bob Wright – robert.wright.bowie@gmail.com
Please include names with your photos so we can learn everyone's names.
Photographs submitted as noted.



**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
(Happy Hour Editor)
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
BALTIMORE: **Nov 4th** **5:30-7:00 PM**
TRUE CHESAPEAKE, 3300 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 400,
Baltimore, MD 21211. 443-913-3744.

<https://TrueChesapeake.com>

Email coordinator to be added to notification email.

COORD: **JOSH** singlesonsailboats@JoshuaGraff.com

1st Wednesday
NOVA/DC: **Nov 4th** **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** – hoped@verizon.net

2nd Thursday
ELLCOTT CITY: **Nov 12th** **5:00-7:30 PM**
LA PALAPA GRILL, 8307 Main Street, Ellicott City, MD.
21043. 410-465-0070. www.lapalapagrill.com
COORDINATORS: **KATHY** – mskathha@gmail.com
JANET – jgsunset@yahoo.com

3rd Wednesday
WILMINGTON: **Nov 18th** **5:00 PM**
TIMOTHY'S RESTAURANT AND BAR, 930 Justison St.
Wilmington, DE by Blue Rock Stadium, facing the waterfront.
Drink and appetizer specials until 6PM. 302-429-7427.
<https://riverfrontde.mytimothysrestaurants.com>
COORDINATOR: **JULIE** – jafort@comcast.net

3rd Thursday
ROCKVILLE: **Nov 19th** **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>
CORDINATOR: **DEBBIE** – hidebbieg@yahoo.com

3rd Thursday
KENT ISLAND: **Nov 19th** **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
COORDINATOR: **TBD**

4th Thursday
ANNAPOLIS: **Nov 26th** **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



Annapolis Happy Hour

L-R: Tony Welsh, Molly Harrison, Cindy Gross,
Genienne Navarro, Linda Perkins, Kat, Dan Brail.

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Nancy Briggs, Classified Page Editor

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12-26



Welcome
New Member

Sammie Marks

Grain Valley, MO



Membership Numbers

October	2026	2025	2024	2023
Members	246	252	264	243
Skippers	62	64	69	70
Lifetime Members	70	76	79	87
Lifetime Skippers	21	23	21	20
Inactive Members	13	15	16	18
Totals	412	430	449	438

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November Activities

OysterFest Cruise and Festival – Nov. 6-8

Cruising Appreciation Party – Nov. 14

Brunch – Nov. 15

Regional Pre-Thanksgiving Dinners – Nov. 22