Laissez les bons temps rouler!

By: Bonnie Dailey

We’re having a Mardi Gras Party! The annual SOS Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday night, February 18 (three nights before Fat Tuesday) at the Sheraton Annapolis, 173 Jennifer Rd, Annapolis, MD, 21401. The dress is Mardi Gras Cocktail Casual (which means pretty much whatever you’re comfortable wearing, especially if it involves Mardi Gras beads and a mask, as long as it covers all the major body parts!)

A S.O.S. Hospitality Suite will be open before dinner, starting at 5:00 p.m. The Suite number will be provided when you register. By the way, it’s been said that James Bond never had a date - and as far as we know, neither did Pirate Jean Lafitte - so come one, come all!

Dinner (New Orleans style) will be downstairs in the Admiral’s Club. You can have your “Mardi Gras” photo taken outside the doors before dinner. Doors open at 6:30, and dinner will be at 7:00 followed by award presentations. Then we’ll Party on to MUSIC in the N’Awlins tradition! In addition to the awards presented by the Board, there will be a PRIZE for the best Mardi Gras mask, another for the best Mardi Gras umbrella, as well as “Jibe Ho” prizes for crazy, wild, and wonderful things people did during this past sailing season. Somewhere along the line you will hear “When the Saints Go Marchin’ In” so bring your best decorated umbrella and lots of beads to join the “Funeral Parade” -- Help us put the FUN in “FUNeral”.

The party is the night before our February brunch, so plan to stay over and attend the brunch the next day. The Sheraton has given us a break on their room rates. If you register by January 19, the price is $89/night. (Be sure to mention that you’re with SOS in order to get the discounted rate.) Call the Sheraton directly to register for a room, at (800) 992-2694.

Register for the party on line. Cost to be announced.... Non-members must be registered by and accompanied by a Member. Cash bar.

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VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Well, as another year closes, it’s time for each of us to review our accomplishments and maybe the not so successful accomplishments we made in 2011.

This also goes for SOS when we hold our annual Awards Banquet in mid-February to recognize members who have made significant contributions to our club. Of course, as with all SOS events, the evening includes awards for those not so stellar performances during the sailing season some of us would just as soon forget.

First and foremost, is the Rookie of the Year Award. This goes to a new member for their active sailing and volunteer participation in 2011. This is important in my mind because it shows growth and a sense of dedication to the club.

Next in importance is the Elinor (Ellie) Abramson Award, named for an old friend of mine. This award recognizes a person who has made meaningful contributions and efforts to the sailing education of our members.

Also of importance is the Ed Kline Member of the Year, which recognizes someone for their support and input to a variety of SOS programs over the previous year. Ed Kline was one of our early Commodores who had major input in our club.

In addition, The Commodore’s Award (made by the Commodore) recognizes the outstanding effort and dedication of a member in promoting the goals of the club.

The Photo Awards prove to be the most entertaining because they document the events of the previous year. The categories of these are People, Places, Seascapes, Sailing Action and then, the Overall Winner. I actually have one of the winning pictures on the bulkhead of Blue Jacket. The member who made it was crewing on Blue Jacket at the time. Nominees for these awards need to be sent to Bob Wright, Vice Commodore.

To make this evening a success, I would like to invite the membership to nominate candidates for these awards with a statement why you think the person qualifies. Please send these nominations to Lorraine Panaccio, Secretary of the SOS Board.

The Awards Banquet was the first major event I attended as a new member and it convinced me that this was a club I would enjoy. It is an event that all new (and old) members who have not been active this past season should attend to see the fun in store for them next sailing season. Of course, you should also go for the good food, dancing, and to see everyone dressed up!

Ed Menegaux
Meeting called to order at 2:20pm

Quorum: yes

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Sandy Roswork, Cherie Comly, Richard Green, Alex Doyle, Brian Gupta, Jon Bernheimer, Barb Peterson, Ed Petersohn

MEMBERS: Mary Ellen McMillin (Bookeeper), Peggy Green, Eric Smaridge

COMMODORE’S REPORT: Bonnie Dailey has volunteered to be parliamentarian. Team building will be the focus for this year’s retreat. The BOD members need to consider eligible candidates for the BOD awards; to be proposed at the January meeting.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the November 2011 minutes by Karl Gevecker. Second: Fran Jerome.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Balances as of 11/30/2011:

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Catching up on some refunds, but mostly up to date.

VICE COMMODORE REPORT: We are officially members of CBYCA. Membership cards are needed. Looking at different options for printing our own. Contacting CBYCA to get specific requirements.


BRUNCHES: Nov. 13 brunch: Total profit: $145.39. Moved Feb. brunch to the 19th due to large number of people on BVI trip. Jan 8th will feature Tuck Hines, Director of the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center.


CRUISING: 2011 Season: total boat and crew days for day and weekend sails, most sailed POC, FM’s and skippers presented. Draft 2012 Cruise Schedule to Skippers’ Advisory and Safety, along with Skipper Survey results and recommendations for destinations. Working on reformating the Cruise List, reducing Cruising Registration form (coordinators receipt), reviewing Coordination Manual. Updating Skipper and Crew Comment forms.

Tentative date for Kick-Off: Mar. 24 DATABASE/INTERNET: as of Dec 2nd: total of 231 renewals. 87 Life members (increasing) Will send reminders Jan 1st and Jan 23rd only to those who have not yet renewed. Total membership: 724

SOS Admin. meeting with Spring Training Event planners to format Whisker Pole pages. Modifying cruise forms and instructions with Cruising Chair. New username/pw’s; info on how-to blast and retrieve info sent to chairs and board liaisons. Bareboat survey sent. Summary of Memberclicks cost increase: fees higher for low cost events. Monthly service fee increased 5%. Increased usage equals higher total costs.


Fireside Chats (Teeja Meier) Scheduled for Annapolis, DC/Montgomery Co./Baltimore, and No. VA. Seminars (Yvonne Brownee) Three seminars plus dinghy training.

Docksides Training (Mary Chevalier or Other) in March: To coincide with Safety’s Flare Demo. Other: Sailing School: Commodore has created new program; contacting various sailing schools with his idea. Potential Sailing School Associate Chair has been contacted. FIRST MATES: Cherie Comly volunteered to be new FM Advisory Chair; Alex Doyle volunteered as FM Candidate Coord. Reviewed materials received; developing plan to move forward. Many thanks to Beth Dumesco (and Rob King for their time and efforts!) Working with new people not involved in previous meetings. MEMBERSHIP: 759 members in Oct. Happy Hours: important venue for prospective members. We’re in our membership renewal period-retention and recruiting vital. More Life Members processed. New Member inquiries – Alex has submitted a new name (via Meetup) Advertising - suggestions on promotional items are welcome. Thanksgiving Dinners – thanks to Kitty for the publicity. Christmas Day Dinners – Kitty has two locations advertised at this point.

NEWSLETTER: Dec. WP went to printer Nov. 25th. Unfortunately, the issue was printed incorrectly. The printer is correcting this and will re-mail. SAFETY: Annual review of boat data to begin in Feb. We’re working with Education on Mar. 3rd Dinghy Dance. Contacting Camp Wabanna to lock in the Flare and Fire Safety Demo for Mar. 31. SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Awards Party: Feb 18. Still need to confirm the site and band. 60 people attended Thanksgiving dinners. Requesting names of folks to be recognized at the Awards Party. SKIPPER ADVISORY: Reviewed skipper and vessel data in data base. Minor changes proposed to reduce confusion on boat data. Updating skipper’s net. Reviewing season data.

OLD BUSINESS: Site for future BOD meetings: Jan, Feb. and March meetings will follow the Brunches. Dates, locations after that to be determined.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Approval for Spring Training Fee: Motion to approve the Spring Training fees at $45.00/member and $55.00/non member made by Sharon Challmes. Second: Harry Keith. Passed.
2. Proposal to put SOS Calendar on Website: Unclear as to the meaning of this. Deferred until next meeting.
3. Ratify Cherie Comly as new chair of First Mates committee: Motion approving the prior online vote for: Karl Gevecker. Second: Harry Keith. Passed.
4. Vote on modification to 2011 Budget and Proposed Budget for 2012: After discussion involving the fact that credit card and Memberclick fees are 9% of gross; possible use of PayPal; possibility of setting up a one-time fee for the year for sailing as a way to reduce the fees, decision was made to allow time for all the 2011 charges to be posted. Discussion on keeping the cruising fee at $15.00/day. Motion to approve the 2012 proposed budget as “provisional” until March made by Fran Jerome. Second: Kitty St. Romain. Passed. Fran to send out a preliminary (provisional) budget to the committee chairs.

Additional New Business:
Cherie Comly inquired as to the decision made to provide burgees to the First Mates. This was passed by the previous BOD. It needs a design, then can be made.

Meeting adjourned: 3:21 pm
Respectfully submitted, Sharon Challmes (for Lorraine Panaccio)

This is a highly condensed version of the minutes. Once approved, complete minutes will be on the website.

Next meeting: January 8, 2012 following the Brunch.
**Fleet Exercises & Shore Leave**

Plan to mail your check early to the event coordinator. Many events have limited capacity; therefore, an event may be filled even before the deadline date. **The postmark is the date used as the mail in cutoff/deadline date.**

All checks are to be made payable to SOS, Inc. Note: SASE means Self-addressed Stamped Envelope. **Non-Members must submit a sailing waiver**

Send event information to the Whisker Pole Editor by the 10th of each month

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**January 8, 2012  Sunday**

**Location:** Doubletree Hotel, Annapolis

**Cost:** $25.00/Member  
$30.00/ Non-members and all who sign up after the deadline

**Time:** 11:00 social hour  
12:00 brunch  
1:00 entertainment

**Coordinator:** Jody Hutchinson, 121 Talleyrand Dr., Wilmington, DE  19810  302-477-0166  
mjh42@cornell.edu or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

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**January 14, 2012  Saturday**

**Location:** Edgewater Library - large conference room

**Cost:** $10 Member,  
$12 Non-members and all after deadline  
Lunch: 12-1:00 pm  
Continental breakfast provided-9:30 am  
Lunch on your own

**Time:** 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

**Coordinator:** Susan Veccia, 384 Magothy Road, Severna Park, MD  21146,  410-777-5428  
sveccia@verizon.net or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

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**January 14, 2012  Saturday**

**Speaker:** Tim Knecht, author

**Cost:** $15/Member  
$19/Non-member  
Late Fee: $20/Member  
$24/Non-member

**Host:** Lorraine Fassett  
**Time:** 5:00 pm  
**Notes:** Non-members must be accompanied by a member. **Limit: 24**

**Location:** Annapolis  
**Deadline:** Online: January 7 (changed from December issue)

**Coordinator:** Desiree de Liser,  925-788-9414,  ddeliser@yahoo.com or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

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**January 21, 2012  Saturday**

**Speaker:** Jim Huber

**Cost:** $15/Member  
$19/Non-member  
Late Fee: $20/Member  
$24/Non-member

**Host:** Andrea Giehl  
**Time:** 5:00 PM  
**Notes:** Non-members must be accompanied by a member. **Limit: 20**

**Location:** Fredericksburg, VA  
**Deadline:** Online: January 16

**Coordinator:** Linda Casucci, 703-222-2175 casuccill@gmail.com or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

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**Annapolis Area Fireside Chat**

**Cost:** $15/Member  
$19/Non-member  
Late Fee: $20/Member  
$24/Non-member

**Host:** Lorraine Fassett  
**Time:** 5:00 pm  
**Notes:** Non-members must be accompanied by a member. **Limit: 24**

**Northern VA Fireside Chat**

**Cost:** $15/Member  
$19/Non-member  
Late Fee: $20/Member  
$24/Non-member

**Host:** Andrea Giehl  
**Time:** 5:00 PM  
**Notes:** Non-members must be accompanied by a member. **Limit: 20**

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**Gourmet Boat Chow – Haute and boat versions of same meal**

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**Sailing Techniques and Sea Stories From Around the World**
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<td>Annandale, VA</td>
<td>Doug Gage</td>
<td>An Offshore Siesta: Sailing the 2011 Caribbean 1500</td>
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<td>Peggy Green</td>
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<td>Time: 5:00 pm</td>
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<td>Julia Oravecz, P.O. Box 514, Arnold, MD 21012 410-974-1930 <a href="mailto:jeentint@aol.com">jeentint@aol.com</a> or sign up online at <a href="http://www.singlesonsailboats.org">www.singlesonsailboats.org</a></td>
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March 10  Saturday  Annapolis Area Fireside Chat
Speaker: Barbara Wingrove and
Elisabeth Hubley
Topic: Sailing on the Nile
Location: Annapolis
Deadline: Online: March 3
Coordinator: Ruth Moore, 4 Streamwood Ct, Annapolis, Md 21401, 410-267-0599
moore1433@msn.com or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

Annapolis Area Fireside Chat
Cost: $15/Member
$19/Non-member
Late Fee: $20/Member
$24/Non-member

Host: Barbara Wingrove
Time: 5:30 pm
Notes: Non-members must be accompanied by a member. Limit: 20

March 17  Saturday  SPRING TRAINING
Location: Broadneck High School
Annapolis, MD
Deadline: Mail: March 2
Online: March 9
Coordinator: SOS Spring Training, PO Box 5708, Annapolis, MD 21403
or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org
Questions: Robin Meigel (202) 550-8089

SPRING TRAINING
Cost: $40/Member
$55/Non-Member and all after deadline
Time: 7:45 am - 5:00 pm
Notes: No smoking anywhere on campus
Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack provided, but NO food/drink allowed outside
the cafeteria.

March 3  Saturday  Virginia Area Fireside Chat
Speaker: Rod Rowan
Topic: Boat Buying & Selling
Location: Alexandria, VA
Deadline: Online: February 27
Coordinator: Charlotte O’Conor, 6609 Brawner Street, McleanVA22101
coconor@aol.com or sign up at www.singlesonsailboats.org

Virginia Area Fireside Chat
Cost: $15/Member
$19/Non-member
After deadline: $20/Member
$24/Non-member

Host: Nancy Briggs
Time: 5:00 pm
Notes: Non-members must be accompanied by a member. Limit: 25

By: Sandy Rosswork, Bareboat Committee Chair

Thanks to all who responded to the recent Bareboat trip survey. We received
over 60 responses and a few offers to coordinate or assist on future cruises.
Here is a summary of the most popular choices:

**TROPICAL LOCATIONS**: Belize, the Leewards, Antigua, any part of the Grenadines/Windwards and the Bahamas
were top choices. The BVI's, always a favorite, received many votes as well.

**MEDITERRANEAN LOCATIONS**: Greece and Italy got lots of votes, but a barge trip on the French canals was
clearly the top choice!

**NORTH AMERICAN LOCATIONS**: The Pacific Northwest was a favorite with Baja and the Sea of Cortez not far
behind. Windjammers in Maine also scored well.

**EXOTIC LOCATIONS**: The Indian Ocean (Seychelles), Thailand and the Galapagos Islands were selected by most.
Tahiti also scored well.

So, we have highlighted a lot of really exciting locations for a bareboat cruise! Several SOS members have already
volunteered to coordinate a future cruise, but there are a lot of options still open. If you have a wish to sail in one of these
wonderful places, send me an email and we can discuss.
What goes on at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center?

Sunday, January 8, 2012
Anson “Tuck” Hines is Director and Marine Ecologist at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) on Chesapeake Bay, which conducts research and education on linked ecosystems of the coastal zone. Dr. Hines has studied the biology of crabs around the world and is an expert on blue crabs. He has advanced SERC’s land conservation program for 2,650 acres of the Rhode River watershed and shoreline, providing the largest contiguous block of land for environmental research, public education and access on the western shoreline of the Chesapeake Bay.

Sunday, February 19 (DATE CHANGE)  The United States Naval Academy Museum
Jim Cheevers is the Associate Director and Senior Curator, U.S. Naval Academy Museum, where he has been employed for the past 43 years. Following service in the U.S. Army, he became Curator, U.S. Army Infantry Museum, Fort Benning, GA. Upon leaving active service, he was hired as the first civilian Curator of the Infantry Museum. In 1967, Jim transferred to the U.S. Naval Academy Museum as Curator of Collections, being promoted to Senior Curator in 1971 and to Associate Director in 1982. He helps to manage an extensive collection of art and artifacts related to the history of the U.S. Navy with an emphasis on the officer corps and the history of the Naval Academy and its alumni. He has added thousands of items to the collection and developed numerous exhibitions over the past 43 years. He is a member of a number of professional organizations and has served as volunteer Executive Secretary, Historic Naval Ships Association since 1985.

He is a very active volunteer in the Annapolis community, serving on the boards and as an officer of organizations as diverse as the American Legion, the Anne Arundel Bird Club, and the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra. He has served as the President of the Anne Arundel Bird Club, the Maryland Ornithological Society, the International Club of Annapolis, the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra board of directors, the Caritas Society of St. John’s College, and of the Friends of the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra. He has served on advisory boards for Historic Annapolis, the Maryland Commission on Afro-American History and Culture, the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museums Forum, the Anne Arundel County Museums Consortium, Goucher College, St. John’s College, and Hammond-Harwood House. He is currently on the boards of the Mitchell Gallery of Art of St. John’s College, of the Friends of the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra, and of the Anne Arundel Trust for Historic Preservation. Jim has been an active member of the U.S. Naval Academy Speakers Bureau since 1980.

Spring Training is Around the Corner!
By: Mary Chevalier

Even though the calendar and weather tells us that it’s January, many of our members have been thinking ahead to Spring – Spring Training, that is! Each and every year the Spring Training Committee (S.O.S. member volunteers) gathers early in September to begin reviewing the previous years course offerings, evaluations, and current trends in sailing. After many meetings, much discussion and collaboration, this year’s committee members have created the 2012 S.O.S. Spring Training Curriculum, one which includes six new course offerings. They have worked exceptionally hard this year in bringing us these new topics and speakers so it will be, without a doubt, fresh, informative and exciting! Also new this year – the Spring Training Committee has established an S.O.S. Members Exclusive Signup Period. This will ensure that you, as an S.O.S. member, will get first choice, the courses you ask for – if you register before February 14. After February 14 registration opens up to the public, prospective members, and guests of S.O.S. members. Registration will remain open to S.O.S. members after February 14, too, but we advise that you sign-up now!

Last year, we surveyed our members and asked them which topics they’d like to have included in future curriculums. In response to that survey, we are able to present for the first time, Sailing Apps for iPhones and iPads. In addition to Sailing Apps, we will feature the following new topics:

- National Sailing Hall of Fame
- Maritime Law
- Year Round Boat Maintenance Checklist
- The Art of Skippering
- CRAB – Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating

We have some new faces presenting our standard curriculum and some faces that you’ll recognize from previous presentations, all giving of their time to make this another highly-regarded, expertly produced Spring Training. Another first this year – West Marine will present a fashion show during the lunch period. We are looking for S.O.S. volunteers to be the models – six women and three men – call now to volunteer! The program and registration instructions for the 2012 Spring Training are provided inside. Register now to get the courses you want! Classes are filled on a first, come-first served basis. Online registration is encouraged.
2012 SPRING TRAINING Registration, Schedule and Directions

Saturday, March 17, 2012
Deadline: March 9th for online registration; March 2nd postmark for mail-in paper registration

Registration Instructions

Spring Training is both a fun and educational event that includes many new members who are unfamiliar with the "routine." We ask that all registrants read the instructions below before calling with questions.

Cost $40.00 Member, $55.00 Non Member and all after deadline (see below). Included in the cost is a $5.00 non-refundable fee in the event that Spring Training is cancelled for any reason, including weather. See snow emergency instructions on page 12.

Please note that classes are filled on a first-come first-served basis, so don’t delay registering! Registration for specific classes is limited. SOS reserves the right to adjust the class schedule to meet demand for key classes. Upon arrival, check in at the registration desk and pick up your class materials.

Please be prompt and courteous; speakers are volunteers as are all the administrative staff.

Broadneck High School is a non-smoking and alcohol-free campus, including the parking lot. Please do not smoke or consume alcoholic beverages anywhere. A continental breakfast, a buffet lunch and an afternoon snack are included in the cost of registration. Please note, however, that no food or drink is allowed outside the cafeteria.

To register online:

• We encourage online registration. Go to the website, www.singlesonsailboats.org, and you will find a section for Spring Training. You will see something similar to the paper registration form, also published in this Whisker Pole. Please note that you can only use a credit card online; we cannot process checks online. If you do not wish to use a credit card, you can register by mail with a check. See below.

• Cost: $40.00 Member, $55.00 Non Member and all after the March 9th deadline.

• Choose the courses you would like to attend, by clicking on the drop-down menu. If a course you select is “full,” it will not appear on the menu. This is one of the advantages of registering online. You will know your schedule when you register. Please note, however, that last-minute changes are possible due to circumstances beyond our control, so be sure to check-in at registration for your materials

• Cancellations must be received via phone or email no later than March 10th. You will be issued a check by the SOS treasurer.

To register by mail:

• If you wish to register by mail, fill in the registration form enclosed in this issue of the Whisker Pole. Mail the completed form together with your check to: SOS Spring Training, PO Box 5708, Annapolis, MD 21403.

• Cost: $40.00 Member, $55.00 Non Member and all after the March 2nd deadline.

• Fill out all information requested on the form. Please print legibly because your information will be entered into the Spring Training database.

• There are four 90-minute class periods, A-D. Indicate your first, second and third choices by entering that course number. Do NOT write in the course name but use only the course number. Use a zero if you do not have a second or third choice, or if you do not wish to attend anything during that session. Entering a zero will not assure you of your first choice, however, because classes are assigned in order of registration.

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## S.O.S. SPRING TRAINING

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<td>SOS veterans Bob Wright and Patricia Mast acquaint you with SOS sailing: how the coordination process works, rafting procedures, what clothing and gear are needed. Skits will feature the crew from hell ☹ and a mock coordination. A fun way to start your SOS experience!</td>
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<td>Chris Oliver, Sr., Marine Engine Surveyor, will discuss basic operating theory, anatomy, routine maintenance and trouble-shooting for marine diesel engines.</td>
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<td>Susan Nahmias, Director of Education Programs at the National Sailing Hall of Fame will speak on the very special programs they have sponsored, including the use of sailing to teach math and physics in public schools, complete with on-the-water &quot;lab assignments.&quot;</td>
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<td>Ben Kaufman, star SOS Skipper, does a reprise of his stellar presentation on celestial navigation –historically the object of rave reviews.</td>
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<td>Jason Pinter of Annapolis Sailing guides beginning sailors through the basics of safe sailing, navigation rules, aids to navigation, what makes sailboats sail, as well as points of sail. Handouts!</td>
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<td>Annapolis School of Seamanship will present on the forces that act on a boat when maneuvering in tight quarters (usually with an audience). To include the use of spring lines and warping as aids when approaching or leaving a slip or dock.</td>
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<td>J World Sailing School professionals discuss the cause, the prevention and recovery techniques relating to the dangerous situation when a person has gone overboard in the Bay or at sea.</td>
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<td>JoAnne Zawitoski, Esq., maritime attorney with Semmes, Bowen &amp; Semmes in Baltimore, describes her practice and responds to questions in her areas of expertise – insurance, slip rentals, charters, stevedoring and marine terminal agreements. She’s done it all!</td>
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12:15 – 1:15 PM – **LUNCH and DOOR PRIZES**

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<td>SOS Skippers Chuck and Julie Fort demonstrate the proper knots to use on a boat and when to use them. What’s the difference between a rope and a line? Hands-on practice is included while viewing animation of each knot.</td>
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<td>Tommy of Tommy Solomon Yacht Repair and Restoration will share his tips on recommended techniques and materials for do it yourself repairs to keep your boat looking very, very good.</td>
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<td>Quantum Sail designers Bary Gately and Charlie Saville will guide your choice of sails for heavy weather sailing as well as discuss the safe handling of your boat and sails in extreme offshore weather.</td>
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<td>Andrew Fegley, Yacht Electronics Systems, reprises trouble shooting and maintaining the electrical systems on your boat. Keeping batteries charged and happy is only the beginning.</td>
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<td>Sailing for a weekend requires healthy and satisfying food for the skipper and crew. SOS member Carol Niemand shares her tips and tricks for organization, provisioning and cooking easy and tasty meals aboard.</td>
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<td>Ann Miller of Above the Waterline will share ways to restore and maintain teak, chrome and fiberglass, as well as products to use. (Fiberglass repairs, per se, are the topic in session C-2.)</td>
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<td>Do the Caribbean 1500 with your boat or as crew. Mike and Mary Swift, SOS long time offshore sailors with Caribbean 1500 experience will discuss how you can participate as crew or enter your boat in this challenging event.</td>
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<td>Sandy Rosswork, Bareboat Committee Chair, presents the SOS Bareboat Cruising program and seeks ideas for future cruises. She will discuss what you need to know to participate with SOS friends in journeys to distant places.</td>
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### 4:30 PM WRAP – UP AND DOOR PRIZES IN THE CAFETERIA

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SATURDAY MARCH 17, 2012

A – 5 Double Session
NAVIGATING WITH A REAL NAUTICAL CHART (SESSION ONE)
Levels: 1, 2
Harry Keith, SOS Skipper and former Naval officer, will introduce charts and chart symbols, finding one’s location and plotting a course.

(Session One is lecture only)

A – 6 **Skippers
YEAR ROUND MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST
Levels: 3
You’ve owned your boat for years but there is always something else to do. Or you think you want to buy and need reality therapy. SOS Skipper Karl Gevecker shares his maintenance check list for all 12 months. Discussion

A – 7
ADVANCED SAIL TRIM AND BALANCE
Levels: 2, 3
Jeff Jordan, J World Sailing School, describes how to set sails for various wind conditions, the use of telltales, setting and trimming a spinnaker and reefing.

A – 8 **Skippers
THE LATEST IN ELECTRONICS
Levels: 1, 2, 3
John Leveille of Merke Marine discusses the latest techno toys so that you don’t have to travel to the Miami boat show to learn what is new on the market. Radar, chart plotters, etc.

A – 9
THE LIVEABOARD LIFE
Levels: 1, 2, 3
Ed Menegaux, Richard Piller and Christy Tinnes share the considerations that went into their decision to live on a boat full time and the trials, tribulations, joy and adventures that followed.

B – 5 Double Session
NAVIGATING WITH A REAL NAUTICAL CHART (SESSION TWO)
Levels: 1, 2, 3
Harry Keith, SOS Skipper and former Naval officer will lead students in practical applications using paper charts, parallel rules, dividers and pencils (with erasers).

(Presumes knowledge covered in session A-5)

B – 6
ANCHORING: HOOKING AND HOOKING UP
Levels: 2, 3
Rick Robey, retired Navy Captain and offshore coach for the US Naval Academy, will demonstrate the art and science of anchoring safely: picking the right spot, hooking securely, and easy recovery.

B – 7
SAILING ISN’T ROCKET SCIENCE – IT’S PHYSICS!
Levels: 2, 3
George Goldenbaum, SOS Skipper and Professor of Physics, explains the physics of sailing and what makes the boat move.

B – 8
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES ON THE BAY
Levels: 1, 2, 3
Learn with June Ejk, SOS member and Red Cross volunteer, to recognize medical emergencies and treat them when help is more than 15 minutes away. CPR and an automatic external defibrillator (AED) will be demonstrated.

B – 9 **Skippers
THERE’S AN APP FOR THAT – SAILING APPs FOR IPHONES, iPADS
Levels: 2, 3
Christine Kling, author, professor and ocean passage maker with 30 years’ experience presents on why she cannot imagine leaving her iPad at home. The future without paper passing guides is just the beginning.

West Marine Fashion Show at 1:00 p.m.

C – 5
THE ART OF SKIPPINGER
Levels: 2, 3
SOS Skipper and Coast Guard veteran Brian Guptil presents on what goes into being a good skipper. Managing both crew and boat is an art as well as science. This presentation was well received in Seattle – Brian’s home before SOS.

C – 6
WEATHER ON THE CHESAPEAKE BAY
Levels: 1, 2, 3
Ed Phillips of the Northern VA Sail and Power Squadron will discuss weather systems and cloud formations and explain how to detect weather that threatens or promotes your perfect sailing day.

C – 7
CRAB - CHESAPEAKE REGION ACCESSIBLE BOATING
Levels: 2, 3
Art Savage, Sailing Instructor for CRAB, teaches disabled adults, children and veterans aboard both sail and power boats. The goal is to challenge and enrich the lives of persons who may have felt limited by their disabilities.

C – 8 **Skippers
DISTRESS CALLING AND VESSEL IDENTIFICATION
Levels: 2, 3
90% of distress calls received by the Coast Guard when initiated by that red button on your radio do not include a GPS position. SOS skipper Sandy Daugherty shares what you need to know for that red button to do its job. AIS will also be covered.

C – 9
OCEAN SAILING: BASIC TRAINING
Levels: 2, 3
Capt. David Appleton of Appleton Marine, Inc., discusses offshore sailing equipment, preparations, crew issues, provisioning, and other readiness/safety practices will be presented to make your voyage safe and fun.

D – 5
WOMEN AT THE HELM
Levels: 1, 2, 3
SOS Skippers Ellie Kallins, Suzanne Pelland and Robin Meigel discuss their experiences as skippers. This Q&A with different lady skippers over the years is a consistently popular offering at Spring Training.

D – 6
SAILING AT NIGHT: ON THE BAY AND OFFSHORE
Levels: 2, 3
Rich Unis, Certified Safety Instructor, VA Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries, will discuss the challenges of sailing at night, preparation and gear, navigation strategies, lights and radar.

D – 7 **Skippers
WINCH TEARDOWN AND SERVICING
Levels: 2, 3
Pete Sarelas, Director of Maintenance, Naval Academy Sailing Program, demonstrates how to maintain your winches – large and small.

D – 8 **Skippers
RIGGING: STANDING AND RUNNING
Levels: 2, 3
Collin Linehan, Professional Rigger, will discuss the telltale signs of potential rigging failure. Learn the latest in materials and other topics related to rigging.

D – 9
RULES OF THE ROAD
Level 1, 2
Bob Manning of the Northern VA Sail and Power Squadron will review the Rules of the Road including right of way procedures on the water, harbor entry, nav aids, lights and sound signals.

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Directions to Broadneck High School:
1265 Green Holly Road
Annapolis, MD

**From Route 50 going east:** Take Exit 29B, Cape St. Claire Road and go about 1/2 mile. Take the first left onto College Parkway and go 0.7 miles. Turn right onto Green Holly Road and take the third right (fewer than two blocks) to the parking lot for Broadneck High School.

**From Bay Bridge on Route 50:** Take exit 29, Cape St. Claire Road and St. Margaret's Road. Follow Cape St. Claire Road and take first left onto College Parkway and go 0.7 miles. Turn right onto Green Holly Road and take the third right (fewer than two blocks) to the parking lot for Broadneck High School.

**From Route 2:** (North of Route 50), turn onto College Parkway and go 4.1 miles. Turn left onto Green Holly Road and take the third right (fewer than two blocks) to the parking lot for Broadneck High School.

**Snow Emergency Procedure**

**ATTENTION** - If there is snow on Saturday, March 17th (and we certainly hope there isn't!!), we MAY have to cancel Spring Training. In the event that the weather is questionable, the Education Committee will leave a message on the SOS Spring Training Weather Hotline, available only on March 17th! The $5 non-refundable fee will be retained in the event of cancellation; other fees paid will be refunded.

**Snow Emergency Recorded Message:** (202) 550-8089 **Other questions:** (202) 550-8089
2012 Spring Training Registration Form
(Use this form if you are registering by mail. Online registration is encouraged.)

Date: ____________     Check # __________

(Please Print)
Name: ____________________________________________

State: ______ Email Address: ________________________

Home/Cell Phone: ____________________ Work Phone ______________

Circle All Appropriate Status Categories:

Member
New Member (Fewer than 12 months)
Non-Member
Skipper   New Skipper   First Mate
Spring Training Committee
Speaker

Circle Appropriate Skill Level

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How did you hear about Spring Training? ______________________________________________________

Online registration is available at www.singlesonsailboats.org

The exclusive member only registration period expires February 14, 2012 at midnight.
Non-member registrations will be accepted beginning February 15, 2012.

If you are not registering on line, send this completed paper form and a CHECK payable to SOS, Inc. to:
SOS Spring Training
P.O. Box 5708
Annapolis, MD 21403

Mail registration DEADLINE: postmark dated Friday, March 2, 2012
(All Non-member forms will be processed beginning February 15, 2012)
Thanksgiving Day
With Larry Garthe
(Photo by Barbara Mistrik)

Regional Pre-Thanksgiving at Meeps Yox
Below: Susan Veccia, Ellie Kallins and Samia AbdelWahed
(Photo by Samia AbdelWahed)

Regional Pre-Thanksgiving at Debbie Goldberg
Below: Les Vipond’s Birthday
(Photo by John Parsons)
December Brunch

(l to r): Barbara Peterson, Meeps Yox, Carole Jordan and Lynn Gilley

(l to r): Lauren Millo and Soren Harbom

Mike and Kelly Lange (The Entertainment/Program)

Samia AbdelWahed

(l to r): Maureen Martinez and Fran Wright

(l to r): Barbara Mistrik, Charlotte O’Connor, Carolyn Marie Jensen and Kitty St. Romain

(l to r): Roger Andes, Alex Doyle, Barbara O’Brien and Brian Guptil

(l to r): Jean Logan, Rebecca Mason and Terry Connor

Photographs by John Parsons
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Barbara Wise spent Thanksgiving week in Miami with family in perfect 80 degree weather. Upon return to DC she attended 3 consecutive holiday business events. "I'm recovering now, only to prepare for the BVI trip!"

In keeping with Commodore Ed Menegaux’s goal of enrolling newer members into positions of responsibility in the club, I am looking for a replacement Scuttlebutt writer. Qualifications are simple: have an on line presence for communication with members and “Whiskerpole” editor and have been active in the club for several years. Contact Sharon Challmes at sharc47@gmail.com

Thanks, all. Keep the information flowing. There is no column without you. Don’t forget to send Scuttlebutt your birth month and day.

Suzanne

Birthdays:

January 10: Beverly Nash; 31: Jean Logan
February 1: Betsy Kimmel; 15 Suzanne Farr; 16 Zonia Acton and Richard Green, 19 Lauren Millio
Annapolis, MD 4th Thursday, 5:30 – 7:00 PM and later at The Rockfish, 400 6th Street, Annapolis 21403. Tel. 410-267-1800. Meet in the lounge area between the bar and fireplace. Parking in the rear. Order at the bar. SOS Contact: Ron at cell, 301-717-2770 or e-mail repence@msn.com

Baltimore, MD 2nd Thursday- January 12th 4 – 8 PM at Shuckers located at 1629 Thames Street, Fells Point. Unbeatable Happy Hour specials til 7 pm. Park and pay on the street—remember to put the ticket on your dashboard; or there is a cheap parking garage west of Broadway on Thames Street. Contact: Ginger Eanes at 443-794-6594 or e-mail veanes@benefitvision.com

Rockville, MD 3rd Thursday-January 19th ~ 7 PM at location: Marriott Hotel, 5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda, Maryland; by the White Flint Metro station. SOS contacts: Desiree 925-788-9414 ddeliser@yahoo.com Jim Randall 240-449-8499, mrand1@verison.net

Ellicott City, MD 1st Thursday-January 5th 4 - 7 PM at Bare Bones Grill and Brewery, 9150-22 Baltimore Natl. Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042. Corner of St. Johns Lane & Rte 40. http://www.barebonesgrill.com/ Tel. 410.461.0770 Happy Hour prices are 4 to 7 PM. SOS Contacts: Carolyn Marie Jensen 410-707-7656, cmjrealtor@yahoo.com Susan Myers 352-318-0412, cruisinsusin@yahoo.com

Virginia/DC There are two NVA/DC Happy Hours!
1st Thursday, meet at 5:00 p.m. at the bar: Mylos Grill, Old Dominion Drive in McLean/ Chesterbrook shopping center. www.mylosgrill.com Free parking, great food!

3rd Friday-January 20th meet at 5:00 p.m. at the bar: Sur la Place, 5105 MacArthur Blvd. website: surlaplaceinmdc.com (Site of the old L’Appetito) Wash DC. SOS Contact: Charlotte O’Connor, 571-217-6494 or e-mail coonor@aol.com

SE Pennsylvania 1st Tuesday-January 3rd at The Belrose, 333 Belrose Ln (at King of Prussia Rd) Radnor PA 19087, 610-293-1000 [across from the train station],
3rd Thursday-January 19th Pizzeria Uno, 3910 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA. Arrive at 5:45; dinner around 7:45. SOS Contact: Patti Evans, 732-397-3172 or 610-228-4667, pattieevans@aol.com

Pennsylvania, Delaware You are invited to a group Happy Hour on January 27th. Pizzeria Uno, 3910 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:30 http://www.yelp.com/biz/uno-chicago-grill-newtown-square SOS Contact: Sue Donaldson Susan_Donaldson@comcast.net Patti Evans pattieevans@aol.com Bob Morrow sosrjmorrow@aol.com

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Delaware: 3rd Wednesday 5:30 PM at Timothy’s Restaurant and Bar, Wilmington Riverfront, by Blue Rock Stadium.http://timothysontheriverfront.com/ 930 Justison Street, Wilmington DE 19801. 302-429-RIBS (7427). Happy Hour drink specials good until 7PM. Directions: From either direction on I-95, take MLK Blvd exit. Once on MLK Blvd, get in right lane, turn right onto Justison Street. Go thru 2 lights, another long block, parking lot is on the left. Timothy’s is facing the water.

SOS Contacts: Sue Donaldson cell 302-379-5656 Susan_Donaldson@comcast.net and at 302-478-0710, e-mail grwalker12@verizon.net

South-Central Pennsylvania 1st Thursday-January 5th at Heritage Hills Golf Resort, 2700 Mt. Rose Ave. (PA-124), York, PA starting at 6:30 on the lower level of Knickers Pub. SOS Contact: Bob Morrow, at: sosrjmorrow@aol.com 717-991-7933.

Happy Hours are not official SOS functions.

New Members….Welcome

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Send an e-mail to Susan_Donaldson@comcast.net by the 12th of the month for changes to Happy Hour information.
CLASSIFIEDS

To place an ad: (NEW CLASSIFIEDS EDITOR)
Contact Ruth Moore at rmoore1433@msn.com.
Deadline for ads is the 15th of the month for publication in the following month’s issue. As a courtesy, please notify Ruth when your ad has been fulfilled. Dormant ads—those that have appeared for three months with no word from their “owners”—will be dropped unless you specifically ask that they continue to run. If you would like to reinstate an ad that has been dropped, please contact Ruth. SOS is not responsible for the content of any ad.

SOS NET: The unofficial online communication for SOS members. To join, simply navigate in your browser to: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SinglesOnSail (Yahoo! ID required). There are no fees or subscriptions. For questions, e-mail the list owner at: SinglesOnSail-Owner@yahoogroups.com.

ITEMS FOR SALE - listed prices or best offer
Two –never used SOSpenders auto inflatable with harness + one rearm kit. New $200 + 30 - Sell for $75 each. Two –never used Jim Buoy harnesses new $100 - Sell for $30 each
New Chapin waterproof/breathable off shore bib overalls and Jacket XL/blue new $795 - Sell for $150
Men’s large 2 mil dive suit. Men’s XL 2 mil Shorty dive suit.
Tunituri rowing machine new $400 - Sell for $75
Zodiac Inflatable - 9ft 4in, cover, air pump, oars, 3.5 hp outboard and fuel can. Contact Angela Eggleston-Howard 410 693 5404 (exp. 1/12)

35 - 44’ SLIP FOR RENT ON MILL CREEK. Join great dock mates with dock carts, water, and electric. Only reason slip is available is sale of current slipholder’s boat. 410-757-3553 Suzanne (exp. 1/12)

2 BR APT FOR RENT: Delightful Dunedin on the (FL) Gulf! Two bedroom apt on the ground floor, for rent by the week/month. Enjoy the pool, garage parking, washer/dryer in unit. $200/week plus one time cleaning fee. Close to beaches/fishing, bike paths, cultural activities. Call Barbara at 410-956-1445. (exp. 1/12)

SLIP FOR RENT: Deep water slip in protected cove off Mill Creek (Severn River). Newly rebuilt, rewired pier. Water and electricity available at pier. Plenty of parking available for cars. Contact Bev Nash at 410-349-1467 or beverlynash@verizon.net (exp. 2/12)

WINTER BOAT SLIP AVAILABLE in Mill Creek, behind Cantler’s Riverside Inn (Martin’s Cove). Water and electricity at the dock. $175/mo. Call Walter Flowers 703-969-2048 (exp. 2/12)

Ski – Utah: Marriott’s Mountainside 5 star resort – efficiency (sleeps two) for rent 2/24/2012 to 3/2/2012. $1,000 for week. This is a wonderful time to ski in Park City, Utah. Situated at the base of Pay Day ski lift, heated outdoor pool, outdoor hot tubs, work out area, steam room and ski valet. Walk to downtown Park City or use free city buses to town, Dear Valley, and The Canyons. Contact: Angela Eggleston-Howard 410 693 5404 (exp 2/12)

Stone Duplex in Baltimore; 2 bedrooms, den, full basement w/washer/dryer. Guilford 39th St. $1,500 mo.+ utilis. Contact: Joseph Kropfeld jlkropfeld@yahoo.com 410-235-3759 (exp. 3/12)

Still Looking....

The WHISKER POLE is looking for a new Editor:

After 3 years, and a lot of satisfaction, the current editor finds the need to move along and let someone else enjoy the privilege.
Some experience with Microsoft Word will be helpful.
Training and software supplied.

Contact: Sharon Challmes sharc47@gmail.com

Directions to Edgewater Library:
25 Stepney’s Lane, Edgewater, MD 21037 410-222-1538
From Rt. 50 Exit 22 to Aris T Allen Blvd to Rt. 2 South [Solomon’s Island Rd]. Proceed approximately 2.5 miles to third light after crossing South River. Turn left onto Mayo Rd. Proceed to second light, approximately 3/4 mile. Turn right onto Stepney’s Lane. Look for Library sign on right.

The Doubletree Hotel:
210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD, 21401; tel. 410-224-3150

Severna Park Community Center Pool
623 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.
Severna Park, MD 21146.

Sheraton Hotel 173 Jennifer Rd., Annapolis, MD
From East-Take US Highway 50 West to the Crownsville Exit (23B). Continue straight through the light onto Jennifer Road. Take the first right turn into Restaurant Park. The hotel is located behind the restaurants
From North-Take Interstate 97 South for 14 miles to US Highway 50 East/Annapolis. Take Exit 23/450/Parole and bear right. Turn at the first right onto Jennifer Road, then the first right into Restaurant Park.
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