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## Brunches, Brunches, Brunches

### SOS Brunch Jan 15

*Suzanne Vaughn, Brunch Chair*

Our first Brunch of 2017 will give us the unusual opportunity to learn about the hometown race proudly sponsored by the Eastport Yacht Club. It will be the 21st running of the biannual Annapolis Bermuda Ocean Race and one of the biggest international races originating from the Chesapeake Bay. We'll learn the basics of how the race is organized, how the course is set, who participates (the Academy sailing team is one example), in particular how the boats are rated and how the scoring is determined.

Former SOS Member Captain Beth Berry will be with us to give a presentation on the Annapolis Bermuda Ocean Race (A2B) coming up in June 2018. A lifelong sailor, Captain Beth holds a 100 ton Masters License, has skippered and crewed on many offshore and coastal passages from Maine to Central America and the Caribbean. She has extensively cruised all areas of the Chesapeake Bay, New England and Maine. Captain Beth is part owner and regular crew for AYC Wednesday Night racing on the J30 Bump... A ten-year member of the Eastport Yacht Club and the Annapolis to Bermuda Committee, she crewed in 2008 and 2010, and has chaired the Committee since 2012.

### New Member Brunch January 22

*Ellie Kallins and Linda Casucci,  
Membership Co-Chairs*

Do you have questions about SOS, and would enjoy getting to know other members in the club? Or if you would like to learn more about us, consider attending The New Member Brunch.

Whether you're an experienced skipper or a novice sailor, you are welcome to attend. You'll have a chance to meet new members and chat with some of the seasoned members in an informal setting. We'll provide brunch and beverages. Board Members and committee chairs will be available to explain how the club operates and to answer your questions.

We look forward to meeting and welcoming you in true SOS fashion with good food and conversation. So mark your calendars now and join us in the new year!

See Fleet Exercises for information about how to register for the Brunch. Directions will be sent via email after registering.



### Regional Brunches February 12

February Regional Brunches are back by popular demand!! Here's how it works: Choose a location near you and email the host/hostess or [ekallins@verizon.net](mailto:ekallins@verizon.net) to see if there is room. Directions will be sent to you separately. **YOU MUST REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 6TH.**

Arrive at 11:00 am with a dish to share; hosts will coordinate the menu. Pay \$10 at the door to cover extra costs that the host has incurred (paper goods, wine, etc) Socialize and enjoy!!!

We are looking for Host/Hostess in Virginia, MD, DE, DC and Pennsylvania. Please let Ellie Kallins know if you would like to host.

Here is the list of brunches so far:

#### **Annapolis:**

John Murray, 14 guests  
[johnedward.murray@mac.com](mailto:johnedward.murray@mac.com),  
Kathy Higdon, 10-15 guests  
[khigdon610@comcast.net](mailto:khigdon610@comcast.net),

#### **Severna Park:**

Susan Veccia, 20 guests  
[susanveccia@gmail.com](mailto:susanveccia@gmail.com)

#### **Bradenton Beach, FL:**

Molly Harrison and Ned Schwartz  
[mollyned@verizon.net](mailto:mollyned@verizon.net), 12 guests

#### **Key West, FL:**

Leslie Bayliss/Les Vipond, 12 guests  
[leslie21403@yahoo.com](mailto:leslie21403@yahoo.com)

## VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Lessons from the Geese...and recognition of some of our lead geoses



Each October SOS takes a beautiful fall weekend cruise to the Corsica

River to enjoy nature's gifts... and the geese. There are lessons to be learned from the geese and their flight pattern as they soar forward – together. As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an "uplift" for the bird following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% more flying range than if each bird flew alone. **Lesson:** People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Each year in SOS, we recognize some of those who give our club its "flying range." As I was writing about this year's recipients, I noticed that for each I felt a need to include a description of their smiles, warmth, and energy.... Which made me reflect on that commonality. The positivity, get it done, and energetic willingness are characteristics so important to the growth and sustainability of our club.

### The Commodore's Award

extends 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 multiple aspects of the club. This year's honoree has been a member of SOS for many years and held countless roles – important positions that help hold the club together and achieve its goals of welcoming new members, providing education, and making memorable sailing adventures. This person sees what needs to be done and is among the first to

volunteer to do it. Known as "Ms NoVA SOS," **Linda Casucci** is a hostess, an arranger, an organizer, and an energizer. She brings new ideas to the table – it was her thought that SOS needed Fireside Chats during the summer to welcome, connect, and educate new members – especially those who may join after March's Spring Training – and so the formula for BBQ Chats arose. Linda has stepped up to fill in as Education co-chair more than once, timeless years as a lynchpin in Spring Training – it is there I had the first pleasure of knowing her, seeing her sparkling smile as she digs in to make that year's training work smoothly. Most recently she and Ellie have taken on the role of Membership Chairs and they are revamping the New Member Handbook, rewriting the role to reflect new social media outlets, as well as revitalizing the New Member Mentor program.

Years ago, an old Salt named Ed Klein initiated many of the ideas that have become SOS: 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, 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. Though he has passed on, his spirit of sharing his love and knowledge of sailing remains with SOS. There are some adjectives may describe this year's award recipient while not touching the depth of his contributions: master coordinator... gracious host (both planned and unplanned).... active supporter..... wise organizer ...

omniscient ..... yet subtle. **Ned Schwartz** is being honored with the designation of the **Ed Klein Member of the Year**. Ned and his sweet Molly have coordinated the Anniversary Weekend cruise with usually around a hundred participants, boats of all sizes and parameters... and they do it with a smile and a sparkle of joy. Ned has also welcomed hundreds of us into his and Molly's home for Thanksgiving dinners, Fireside Chats, and unexpected Chili tastings. Always with a sly smile and deep chuckle, anyone feels immediately comfortable in his presence. His clear explanations have helped developed the sailing skills of many. As an active First Mate for years, he has taken on the role of chairing that committee and developing a cadre of potential First Mates as well as including others in candidate support and in developing a Spring Training session. Ned's presence and smiling support are welcomed any time I see him. Most recently he has taken on the Fleet Exercises list which means he is looking at SOS happenings nearly three months in advance (which actually helps many of us with our planning and timelines). He also finalized the As Sailed list for this past sailing season. Though Ned tends to stay subtly in the background, he keeps an eye on what needs to be done and helps make it happen.

This next award, though it is not always given, is richly deserved by this year's recipient. Singles on Sailboats attracts many new sailors each year. And so the Board of Directors has established the **Rookie of the Year Award** to recognize the individual who, in his or her first year sailing with SOS, demonstrates superior

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## Unofficial notes December 1, 2016 Board Meeting

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

**Commodore:** Review of Action Log. Gave dates for 2017 Board Meetings. Gave Treasurer contract to be signed for use of Greenbrier Community Center. Asks that all committee job descriptions include information about budget preparation.

**Vice Commodore:** Will prepare notes on Awards and Award recipients for Commodore.

**Treasurer:** Former Treasurer, Rita Svec, and current Treasurer met this week for transition. Rita attended meeting to answer questions from Committee Chairs about their respective budgets.

**Bareboat:** In process of revising crew information sheets. Leewards Cruise had crew cancellation and are seeking replacements. A survey will go out end of month to assess interest for future trips.

**Brunches:** No report.

**Cruising:** Sailing Emporium anticipates they will be able to host us next year. But knowing they have filed for bankruptcy, the Chairs will look for other possible venues.

**Database:** John McDonald will continue to assume the duties of the Web Admin who is on leave.

**Education:** Still seeking speakers for Spring Training and Fireside Chats. Working with Alan Osterholm on publicity for Spring Training.

**First Mates:** John Parsons will be FM Candidate Coordinator. Kitty St. Romain will lead a FM Training at Spring Training.

**Membership:** Revising the New Member Packet. Have arranged to have a Greeter for new members at each Brunch

**Newsletter:** Ninety-three copies of the November 16-page Whisker Pole were mailed to 75 members and 18 Happy Hour coordinators at a cost of \$228.62 which was \$2.46 per copy. Beginning with the January issue, all members will receive a printed newsletter.

**Public Relations:** Beth Dumescio has agreed to write articles for Spin Sheet. Alan is working with Education Committee to create publicity for Spring Training.

**Safety:** No report.

**Skippers Advisory:** George Hollendursky will be Raft Captain Coordinator. Mike and Bill Small will be moderators for Skipper's 'Net. Tentatively have planned a Skipper's Meeting for January 14.

**Social:** Had first meeting this week with newly formed Social Committee. Still looking for files from previous events. Not sure why low attendance for the Awards Party as plenty of publicity. Need an Event Manager for the After-Spring Training Party.

### NEXT SOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING January 5

7:00 pm, Common Room,  
Greenbrier Community Bldg.,  
Greenbelt, MD

**Meeting is open to all members.**

### We Wanna See Your Smile!

Did you know that you can put a photo of yourself AND a photo of your boat on your SOS profile?

Just think how convenient it would be if everyone posted their photo to help put faces and names together!

It's easy to do following these steps to add **your photo** (looks complicated, but is not):

- Go to [singlesonsailboats.org](http://singlesonsailboats.org)
- Click "Member Login" and enter your password
- Click on "My Profile"
- Click on "Edit Profile" (found on far right side of page)
- click on "My Profile" tab at top for dropdown menu
- Click on "Change Profile Picture"
- Click on "Choose File" and select photo from your computer that you want to use
- Click on "Upload"
- You're done!

### We Wanna See Your Boat!

To put **Boat Photo** on your profile follow these steps:

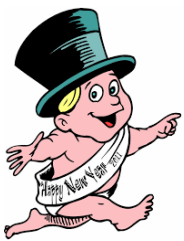
- Go to [singlesonsailboats.org](http://singlesonsailboats.org)
- Click on "Member Login" and enter your password
- Click on "My Profile"
- Click on "Edit Profile" (found on far right side of page)
- Scroll about half way down page and check box on left of "photo"
- Click on "upload" button and select photo from your computer that you want to use
- Click "Save". You're done!

## Fleet Exercises and Shore Leave

Please email your questions and request for directions to the coordinator.  
If you are **paying by check** for any sailing event, a **paper Sailing Registration Form must accompany the check**. A copy of this form can be found on the SOS website under Forms and Such – Cruising – Sailing Registration Form.

Plan to mail your check early to the **event coordinator, not the SOS mail box**.  
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.

**Non-members must submit a Sailing Registration Form.**



December 31	Saturday	New Year's Parties – Regional
<b>Location:</b>	Annapolis, MD	<b>Cost:</b> \$15.00 plus a food item. Wine, beer, sodas, sparkly and party favors will be furnished. Please pay <b>on arrival</b> by check or cash.
<b>Deadline:</b>	December 28	<b>Note:</b> Coordination is thru Suzanne directly via email. There is no online registration. <b>No Smoking and no walk-ins</b>
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Suzanne Vaughn, <a href="mailto:suzyvaughn@aol.com">suzyvaughn@aol.com</a>	



January 5	Thursday	Board Meeting
<b>Location:</b>	Commons Room Greenbrier Community Building 7600 Hanover Parkway Greenbelt, MD 20770,	<b>Time:</b> 7:00 to 10:00pm Doors open 6:45pm
		<b>Notes:</b> Open to all Members



January 14	Saturday	Annapolis Area Fireside Chat
<b>Location:</b>	Annapolis, MD	<b>Cost:</b> \$20 by deadline \$25 after deadline
<b>Speaker/Topic:</b>	John Parsons Nautical Jeopardy	<b>Host:</b> Nancy and John Parsons
<b>Deadline:</b>	Mail: January 7 (postmark) Online: January 10	<b>Time:</b> 5:30pm to 10:00pm
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Peggy Green <a href="mailto:mbradpete@gmail.com">mbradpete@gmail.com</a>	<b>Note:</b> Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins. <b>Limited to 12</b>
	Please <b>be sure to log-in first</b> , then sign up online at <a href="http://www.singlesonsailboats.org">www.singlesonsailboats.org</a>	



January 15	Sunday	Brunch
<b>Location:</b>	DoubleTree Hotel, Annapolis, MD	<b>Cost:</b> \$31 – Brunch, for Members \$33 – After deadline, walk-ins and nonmembers
<b>Speaker/Topic:</b>	Captain Beth Berry, Chair of the Annapolis to Bermuda Race	<b>Time:</b> 11:00 am Social Hour 12:00 noon Brunch 1:00 pm Program
<b>Deadline:</b>	Mail: January 6 (postmark) Online: January 10	<b>Note:</b>
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Suzanne Vaughn, <a href="mailto:suzyvaughn@aol.com">suzyvaughn@aol.com</a>	
	Please <b>be sure to log-in first</b> , then sign up online at <a href="http://www.singlesonsailboats.org">www.singlesonsailboats.org</a>	



January 21 Saturday Montgomery County Fireside Chat

**Location:** Rockville, MD **Cost:** \$20 by deadline  
\$25 after deadline

**Speaker/Topic:** Jon Bernheimer **Host:** Jon Bernheimer  
Ask the Skipper **Time:** 4:00pm to 7:30pm

**Deadline:** Mail: January 14 (postmark) **Note:** Non-members must be accompanied by  
Online: January 17 member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.  
**Limited to 25**

**Coordinator:** Flavia Favoli [flavia4222@comcast.net](mailto:flavia4222@comcast.net)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



January 22 Sunday New Member Brunch

**Location:** Annapolis, MD **Cost:** \$17

**Speaker/Topic:** Meet the New Members **Host:** Barbara Smith  
Learn How to Navigate Thru SOS **Time:** 12:00pm to 3:00pm

**Deadline:** January 18 **Note:** No Smoking, no walk-ins.  
**Limited to 15**

**Coordinator:** Ellie Kallins [ekallins@verizon.net](mailto:ekallins@verizon.net)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



January 29 Sunday Northern Virginia Fireside Chat

**Location:** Mclean, VA **Cost:** \$20 by deadline  
\$25 after deadline

**Speaker/Topic:** Sandy Rosswork **Host:** Charlotte O'Connor  
Greece, Croatia, and Mooring in **Time:** 12:30pm to 4:30pm  
the Med

**Deadline:** Mail: January 21 (postmark) **Note:** Non-members must be accompanied by  
Online: January 24 member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.  
**Limited to 20**

**Coordinator:** Linda Casucci [casuccilj@gmail.com](mailto:casuccilj@gmail.com)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



February 2 Thursday Board Meeting

**Location:** Commons Room **Time:** 7:00 to 10:00pm  
Greenbrier Community Building  
7600 Hanover Parkway  
Greenbelt, MD 20770 **Notes:** Open to all Members



February 4 Saturday Near Mount Airy Maryland Fireside Chat

**Location:** Woodbine, MD **Cost:** \$20 by deadline  
\$25 after deadline

**Speaker/Topic:** Jan Warfield **Host:** Karl Scible  
Navigating with iSailor **Time:** 6:00pm to 10:00pm  
and an iPad

**Deadline:** Mail: January 28 (postmark) **Note:** Non-members must be accompanied by  
Online: January 31 member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.  
**Limited to 16**

**Coordinator:** Janet Gonski [jgsunset@yahoo.com](mailto:jgsunset@yahoo.com)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



February 12      Sunday      Regional Brunches

**Location:** Private homes of SOS members  
Directions will be sent to attendees

**Cost:** \$10 payable at the door plus a dish to share

**January:** Members contact host to register and receive directions

**Time:** 11:00 am Social Hour  
12:00 noon Brunch

**Deadline:** Contact host by February 6

**Note:** No online sign-up for this event. Please RSVP directly to the coordinator

**Coordinator:** To volunteer to host a brunch, contact Ellie Kallins [ekallins@verizon.net](mailto:ekallins@verizon.net)



February 2017      Leeward Islands Bareboat

**Destination:** Leaving out of St Martin

**7 day**      February 18-25 (Sat – Sat)

**10 day**      February 18-28 (Sat – Tue)

**Cost:** \$500 Deposit (7-Day) \$500 Deposit (10 Day)

**Note:** Accepting applications for Wait List.  
Contact Coordinator for details.

**Coordinator:** Carole Jordan [seajay281@comcast.net](mailto:seajay281@comcast.net)



March 2      Thursday      Board Meeting

**Location:** Commons Room  
Greenbrier Community Building  
7600 Hanover Parkway  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

**Time:** 7:00 to 10:00pm  
Doors open 6:45pm

**Notes:** Open to all Members



March 3      Friday      Annapolis Fireside Chat

**Location:** Annapolis, MD

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

**Speaker/Topic:** Jerry Axler & Sandy Huberfeld  
Adventure Sail North (with photographs)

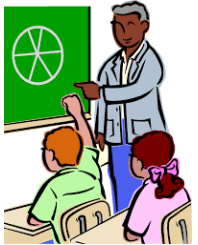
**Host**      Sandy Huberfeld

**Time:** 6:00pm to 10:00pm

**Deadline:** Mail: February 25 (postmark)  
Online: February 28

**Note:** Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.  
**Limited to 25**

**Coordinator:** Bev Nash [beverlynash@verizon.net](mailto:beverlynash@verizon.net) 410-349-1467  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



March 11      Saturday      Spring Training

**Location:** Anne Arundel Community College  
Arnold, MD

**Cost:** \$55 (until 2/15/2017)  
\$60 (after 2/15 until deadline)  
\$.75 – After deadline, walk-ins, non members

**Speaker/Topic:** Various

**Time:** 8:30am to 4:30pm

**Deadline:** Mail: March 1, 2017 (postmark)  
Online: March 6, 2017 (postmark)

**Note:** See Whisker Pole for details

**Coordinator:** TBD

Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



March 11      Saturday      Spring Into Sailing Party

**Location:** The Downs Club House  
Annapolis, MD

**Band:** Music by DJ

**Time:** 5:45pm to 10:30pm

**Deadline:** March 7

**Note:** Directly after Spring Training

**Coordinator:** Irene Aronian [irene.aronian@gmail.com](mailto:irene.aronian@gmail.com)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



March 12 Sunday Brunch

**Location:** DoubleTree Hotel,  
Annapolis, MD

**Speaker/Topic:** Teeja Meier  
Film Retrospective

**Deadline:** Mail: March 3 (postmark)  
Online: March 7

**Coordinator:** Meeps Yox [mpsyx@earthlink.net](mailto:mpsyx@earthlink.net)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

**Cost:** \$31 - Brunch  
\$33 – After deadline and walk-ins.

**Time:** 11:00 am Social Hour  
12:00 noon Brunch  
1:00 pm Program

**Note:**



March 18 Saturday Montgomery County Fireside Chat

**Location:** Bethesda, MD

**Speaker/Topic:** Michael Wilson – Naval Architect  
What goes on at the David Taylor Model Basin.

**Deadline:** Mail: March 11 (postmark)  
Online: March 14

**Coordinator:** Bruce Beckett [brubeck9@gmail.com](mailto:brubeck9@gmail.com)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

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

**Host:** Vicky Wood and Bruce Beckett

**Time:** 6:00pm to 10:00pm

**Note:** Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.  
**Limited to 25**



September 2017 Croatia Bareboat Cruise Adventure

**Destination:** Dalmation Coast,  
Adriatic Sea

**1 Week:** Starts September 9 or Sept.16

**2 Week:** Starts September 9

**Coordinator:** Laura Gwinn [laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com](mailto:laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

**Cost:** 1 Week \$1200 or \$1300 (boat size)  
2 Week \$2131 or \$2330 (boat size)

**Note:** Contact trip coordinator if interested.

## DIRECTIONS

**The DoubleTree Hilton Hotel:** 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD, 21401; 410.224.3150  
Take Route 50 East to Exit 22, Riva Rd. Follow signs to Riva Rd. and make left at light onto Riva Rd.  
Second light, left onto Holiday Court.

**SOS Board Meeting.** Greenbriar Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD  
From Washington Beltway (Interstate 95/495): Exit onto Baltimore/Washington (BW) Parkway toward Baltimore. Exit BW Parkway at the first exit (to Greenbelt), bear left on exit ramp to Greenbelt Road (east), make first left at light onto Hanover Parkway and turn immediately left into Greenbriar Center parking lot. Enter side door off lot, walk through room to stairs and take to second floor room.



## View from The Bridge (continued from page 2)

interest in and learning about sailing, and who becomes highly involved in one or more of the many SOS programs. Again, when I picture this person, I think of her sparkling eyes and willing nod. She exudes joy as she shares her weekend sailing adventures. This new member sailed on NINE weekend cruises! **Linda Nelson**...though she joined SOS such a short time ago, she had a great New Member Mentor and got right into helping with the planning of the Anchor Down party ideas... and took the lead on implementation of two. Linda is very outgoing and is highly attentive to other new members. She has

chosen to participate as a member of the Social Committee.

The fourth award will be given to the recipient at a future date – perhaps **Spring Training on March 11**. Come join us there and find out!

In the meantime, there are plenty of winter gatherings and fun. With fireside chats sprinkled throughout the region, January brunch in Annapolis and February brunches served in many homes, check the Fleet Exercises and join your fellow sailors.

And so, I close with another lesson to be learned from the geese. When

the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the point position.

**Lesson:** It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership – with people, as with geese, interdependent with one other. So, if there is an activity, event, opportunity in SOS that you enjoy, contact that chairperson. If they have meetings, attend, learn, take a role. If it is a smaller committee, ask the chair to “shadow” him or her – to fly in their wing span. If you have ideas for the new season and 2017, email them to the committee chairs and/or myself, and come join us as we work to implement them.

## Janet

**Sharon Healy Challmes** was a highly visible member of SOS for many years who died Nov 24 at the age of 69. She served on the Board of Directors from 2008 to 2012, served as Whisker Pole Editor from 2009 to 2012, and led the Skippers Advisory Committee Chair for many years. She will be remembered for more than the many roles she held in SOS. Sharon shared her boat, her life aboard home, and her enthusiastic love of sailing with many. Her boat was well named because time spent with Sharon was definitely a “Bon Temps.” Fair winds....



### Membership as of Dec 4

	2015	2016
<b>Members</b>	507	540
<b>Skippers</b>	119	121
<b>Total</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>661</b>

### Welcome New Members

**Stephen Keib** - North Wales, PA

**Lori Koppel** - San Juan Capistrano, CA

**Carleen Kulsar** - Doylestown, PA

### SOS Bank Accounts - Nov 31

Bareboat Escrow	\$ 92,964
Checking	\$ 23,666
Savings	\$ 73,250
Credit Card	\$ ( 6,696)
End of month total	\$ 90,220



## Ode to Hydra

Lyrics by Marcia Cole, with apologies to  
Rogers and Hammerstein.

Sung to the tune of

"On the Street Where You Live" from *My Fair Lady*

We had never sailed down that strait before;  
Never seen those rocky cliffs or barren peaks on shore  
before.

All the ferry boats, yachts, and fishermen  
Gave us wide berth as we sailed down the strait.

People stopped and stared, they didn't bother us,  
For there was nowhere else we'd rather be than Hydra  
Gulf.

As the knots slipped by, no cares came to mind,  
'Cause we were headed straight for Hydra town.

Then oh! the towering shoreline  
Let us know that we were near.  
The quay and four layers of sailboats,  
With cruise ships and ferries that suddenly appeared!

Mules with backpacks roamed up the hills and down,  
Because no cars can ever enter into Hydra town.  
And enchantment poured out of every door,  
That our sailors visited when they came ashore.

In the harbor there were many types of boats;  
Taxis, ferries, cruise ships and, of course, the fishing  
boats.

But the ones that Cherie watched were the charter boats  
That tried Med docking without dropping a hook!



**Cheri Comly, Marcia Cole, Gene Jacobs, Frank Hopkins**  
Some of the crew from the good ship *Equinox* singing the  
"Ode" while on Greece Bareboat Trip.

## Members!

### Why join SOS Yahoo Group?

This Yahoo group is the unofficial online communication for SOS members. This is where a skipper may post a notice that she would like some crew for an impromptu day sail; or to help move a boat from here to Charleston!

This forum is also a great place to post your questions (and get answers) about anything sailing related. Often someone will post news about a sale on boat related items or a maritime speaker who is coming to town.

To join the group with no fees or subscriptions [go to](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SinglesOnSail)  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SinglesOnSail>

For questions, e-mail the list monitor at  
[singlesonsail-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:singlesonsail-owner@yahoogroups.com)

## Skippers!

### Why join Skipper 'Net'?

Skippers@yahoogroups.com is the Singles on Sailboats email alias for the SOS Skippers discussion group. To participate, you must be a skipper in SOS, on the BOD, or Chair of Cruising, Safety, or First Mates Advisory Committee.

Postings should be limited to information directly of interest to SOS Skippers or pertaining to the discussion of issues important to SOS Skippers.

Generally, that will have something to do with boats and/or the activity of sailing.

To join send a request to [skippers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:skippers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) .

## Help Wanted: SOS Directory Editor

Are you short on time but want to volunteer for something in SOS? Here is a perfect one-shot opportunity for you to edit the annual SOS Directory! All you need are merge file skills and a couple of free hours. Data files, templates and guidelines will be provided.



The Directory is printed in May, so preparation would need to be done late April.

Please contact Linda Casucci at [casuccilj@gmail.com](mailto:casuccilj@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

## Membership Renewal Through Jan 21<sup>st</sup>

**Current members:** \$70.00 renewal which includes **A PRINTED COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER!** Of course, a color version of the Whisker Pole is always available to everyone online. Those of you who want to go paperless can modify your online profile to let us know to not mail you a newsletter

**New members:** \$80.00 (includes \$10.00 one-time administrative charge and printed newsletter).

**Life Members:** Free membership. \$20 if you want a printed newsletter.

## Jibe-Ho "Just for Fun" Awards presented at Awards Banquet (Note Each Award is a Song Title)

<i>A little help From My Friends Award</i>	<b>Emil Becker</b>	For always, and rightfully, asking for a little help from his SOS friends; it seems to happen like clockwork around this time every year just before Spring Training
<i>Hands Across the Water Award</i>	<b>Hope Andruss</b>	By demonstrating to us proper safety procedures when docking a boat in rough seas. By her example we are all much better and safer sailors. And who could resist poking a little fun at the Commodore with the perfect musical accompaniment.
<i>Sea Cruise Award</i>	<b>Carole Jordan Meeps Yox</b>	For chairing the Cruising Committee and getting us to get out there on the water. These two at least had the sense to do it as a team!
<i>Piece of My Heart Award</i>	<b>Linda Nelson</b>	For the best Janice Joplin impersonator anywhere, particularly at the Halloween party this year. She is just so damn good.
<i>Kokomo Award</i>	<b>Sandy Rosswork</b>	For annually filling our heads with dreams of romantic, tropical exciting places to which we can sail. All of which are totally awesome and one could make a career of going on every one.
<i>We are the Champions Award</i>	<b>Joe Lombardo</b>	For the hardy soul who raced his life away, work, win, lose, make mistakes, practice and paid dues to become first place Champion the Cruising Class Hospice Cup race.
<i>I Can't Get No Satisfaction Award</i>	<b>George Hollendursky</b>	For the hardy soul who raced his life away, work, win, lose, make mistakes, practice and paid dues to become SOS third place Cruising Class Hospice Cup race. He'll keep trying.
<i>Pencil Thin Mustache Award</i>	<b>George Hollendursky</b>	For having one. Not everyone appreciates a stash and some look askance at it on this longtime member. But so long as Shirley likes it nothing else matters!
<i>Still Crazy Award</i>	<b>Nancy Briggs Herb Pierson</b>	Because this couple pretty much are "still crazy", and for naming their boat such.
<i>So Happy Together Award</i>	<b>Ned Schwartz Molly Harrison</b>	For a wonderful couple who truly are so happy together and helped many of us find someone in SOS. Just celebrated 25 years together!
<i>Come Sail Away Award</i>	<b>Hope Andruss Emil Becker</b>	For two people who sailed and sailed this year, 10 or so times each, getting many sailors to Come Sail Away with them, doing what SOS'ers do, having fun.

# Awards Banquet



**Kathy Higdon** presents **Linda Sherman** with Rookie of The Year Award  
*Photo by Samia AbdelWahed*



**Commodore Janet Gonski** presents **Ned Schwartz** with Member of the Year Award  
*Photo by Samia AbdelWahed*



**Linda Casucci** is presented The Commodore's Award by **Hope Andruss, and Commodore Janet Gonski**  
*Photo by John Parsons*



**Kati Sabin and Harry Keith,** banquet attendees  
*Photo by John Parsons*



**Samia AbdelWahed**  
*Photo by John Parsons*



**Ursula Skagen, Dane Skagen (Emcee) and Kathy Higdon**  
*Photo by Samia AbdelWahed*



**Nancy Parsons & John Parsons**  
*Photo submitted by John Parsons*



**Pam Ledford & Dan Bacot**  
*Photo by John Parsons*



Emcee **Dan Skagen** aka Sgt. Pepper  
*Photo by Samia AbdelWahed*



**Chuck & Julie Fort**  
*Photo by Samia AbdelWahed*

## December Fireside Chat



**Barbara Wise**  
FSC Coordinator  
*Photo by Molly Harrison*



**Pat Clarke & Lorraine Fassett**  
*Photo by Molly Harrison*



**Janet Gonski, Anne Bastian, Judy Crews-Hanks, Brian Hanks**  
*Photo by Molly Harrison*

## December Brunch



**Beth Dumesco & Kitty St. Romain**  
*Photo by John Parsons*



**Teresa Scofield, Patricia Remele, & Lora Donia**  
*Photo by John Parsons*



**Albert H. Todd**, from The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay  
*Photo by John Parsons*



**Eileen Smith, Pam Corwin, & Marina Soutorikhina**  
*Photo by John Parsons*



**Sandy Demento & Dana Stoffregen**  
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**Brian Hanks, Judy Crews-Hanks, & Fran Wright**  
*Photo by John Parsons*

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**REAL ESTATE**

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Happy Hours are not official SOS functions.  
Hours are in chronological order.

Check below or SOS website for locations.

**KEY WEST, FL:** SOS HAPPY HOUR place and time to be determined ...

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**410-707-4319 or 267-221-6312**



**NVA/DC: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – January 4th 5 pm.**  
**MYLOS GRILL (in the bar area) mylosgrill.com** Our first of two NVA/DC Happy Hours. Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA in the McLean/ Chesterbrook shopping center. Free parking, great food!

Contact: **CHARLOTTE: coconor@aol.com**

**ELLICOTT CITY, MD: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday – Jan 5th- 5:30- 7:30 pm**  
**BARE BONES Grill & Brewery** 9150-22 Baltimore Natl. Pike, 410-461-0770 [barebonesgrill.com](http://barebonesgrill.com).

Corner of St. Johns Lane & Rte 40, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Contact: **JILL- jill.montgom@gmail.com**

**SOUTH-CENTRAL PA: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, Jan 5th - 6:30 - 9**  
**HERITAGE HILLS Golf Resort**, 2700 Mt. Rose Ave. PA-124, York, Pa. on the lower level of Knickers Pub.

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**SE PA: - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, January 5th at 6 pm.**

**MCKENZIE'S Brew House**— 324 W Swedesford Road, Berwyn, (610) 407 4300. Our first of two Happy Hours. This is South of Trader Joe's (Gateway Shopping Ctr). off Rt. 202. Meet a great group of social people who like sailing , conversation & great food!

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**NORTH BALTIMORE: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday- January 12<sup>th</sup> - 5 pm.**  
**MICHAEL'S Cafe Restaurant & Lounge (in the bar area)** 2119 York Road, Timonium (opp Fairgrounds) MD 21220. 410-252-2022, [michaelscafe.com](http://michaelscafe.com). Free parking, great food, drinks and Happy Hour prices. Food service until 11 pm. Cozy atmosphere, friendly staff.

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**WILMINGTON, DE: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 pm.**  
**TIMOTHY'S Restaurant and Bar**, Wilmington Riverfront by Blue Rock Stadium, facing the waterfront. 930 Justison Street, (19801) 302-429-RIBS (7427). [timothysontheriverfront.com](http://timothysontheriverfront.com) Drink specials 'til 7pm

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**ROCKVILLE, MD: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday - January 19<sup>th</sup> 5 to 7pm**  
**THE MARRIOTT Hotel**, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda. (near the White Flint Metro station). Meet in the bar area or outside patio as weather permits.

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**KENT ISLAND: 3rd Thursday- January 19<sup>th</sup> 5-7PM** at **FISHERMAN'S INN** Crab Deck, 3116 Main Street, Grasonville- (410) 827-6666

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**SE PA: 3rd Thursday- Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 6-10 pm** (our 2nd HH) at **AZIE ON MAIN-** 789 East Lancaster Ave., Villanova, near the Blue Route, 1 block West of Rt. 320, Mall area behind FedEx. In back of mall, w/lg bar area and outside Fire Pit Patio, super low long HH prices Meet a great group of sailing people!

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**NVA/DC: - 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday - - January 20<sup>th</sup> - meet at 5 pm** at the bar. **SUR la PLACE**, Our second Happy Hour - 5105 MacArthur Blvd. (Site of the old L'Appetito) Wash. DC. [surlaplaceindc.com](http://surlaplaceindc.com)

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**ANNAPOLIS, MD: 4th Tuesday - January 24<sup>th</sup> - 5-7 pm** and later at **Coconut Joe's**, 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, cocojoes@comcast.net 443-837-6057.. From Annapolis, go south on Route 2. Cross over the South River Bridge in the left lane. The first left turn after the bridge then another left leads you back to the waterfront restaurant. Happy hour food / drinks.

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