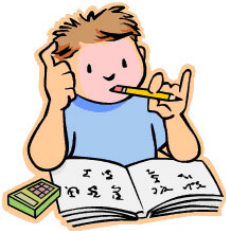


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Cruising Corner

Register Early, Register Often!!



Thinking about sailing this season?? Looking at all of the great options in that Whisker Pole that you have in your hands? Well, get busy NOW!!! Put those dates on your calendar, sign up online and COMMIT to a great weekend or day sail on the Chesapeake Bay. Signing up early puts you at the top of the list of crew to be offered to skippers. Why wait?

Our first day sail of the season is on April 15th. It's a great way to work out the "kinks" from a winter away from the water.

The weekend cruises start on April 22/23, which is Earth Day...so it's our Earth Day cruise, of course. The next weekend is Spring Flowers, on April 29/30. Decorate the boat (with Skipper's permission) in lovely blossoms.

What is Seis de Mayo, you may ask? Well, the weekend cruise falls on May 6/7, so we are celebrating Cinco de Mayo a day late. It's a TNT theme....tacos, nachos and tequila!!! Put on your sombrero and join the fun. Arriba, Andale!!!

We so excited about the season starting and looking forward to seeing YOU on the water!!

Meeps and Carole

Cruising Co-chairs

**See page 8 for details about the first 4-day
cruise of the season
Memorial Week-end - May 26-29th**

May 20-21 DNR Cruise & Summer of Love Party

Pam Ledford, Social Chair

COME JOIN US MATES!!

Learn about your fellow Mates and make new friends by joining us at the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) on Granary Creek. Sail in or drive in to our Flower Children of San Francisco and Woodstock, "Summer of Love" organized by your friendly Social Committee.

Time to get out flower garlands for your hair, tie-dyed clothing, beatnik, and the flower children look of the 60s! Festivities include delicious food, dancing under twinkling stars, and DJ "Johnny D" providing fantastic music of the 60s and other eras to dance the night away! For those who like to croon, there will be a sing-along with our DJ.

Don't delay, register now for the May festivities. Looking forward to seeing you there!

BUNK HOUSE

For those driving in and who would like to stay overnight, there will be camp-style bunks available Friday and Saturday, on a first come basis, \$25 Per person, bring your own linens. To reserve a bunk, email me at: ledford.pamela@yahoo.com. ALL CHECKS must be received for a Bunk Reservation by May 12, Friday, no exceptions so put your check in the mail right away after you speak with me.

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Two things this month: First, it is a pleasure to finally announce the recipient of the annual

Ellie Abramson Education Award which was (finally) presented at Spring Training. **Cathy Laws** has a reputation for so graciously welcoming new members; her intuitive understanding of so many aspects of how the club runs, and more importantly how to make it work well, has been a benefit to the Board of Directors and several committees. Though she has not been a loooong time member, her list of accomplishments and the areas she has contributed to belies that fact. In addition to being a participant in the Social Committee and co-manager of events, she has been a foundational member of Education, Spring Training in particular, who Emil has counted on to handle all the details for registration from badges and folder assembly to manning the walk-ins day of and the Membership table to capture potential new members. So this year's Elinor W. "Elli" Abramson Award for Contributions to SOS Education Programs is gladly given to Cathy Laws.

The second topic is ICE – and not the kind that came at us mid-March. As you are preparing for your summer travels and sailing, I would like everyone to consider adding a contact in their phone "ICE" – In Case of Emergency.

This idea began in 2005, advocated for by paramedics and first responders as a consistent method of labeling the person to contact should you become ill, or incapacitated. It is often accessible even if you have a lock screen password (you may have

to upload an app to allow "ICE" to be visible on that screen). If you have more than one person who knows your health info, you can choose ICE1 and ICE2, etc. Alternately, there is a Health application for iOS devices that allows you to create an 'emergency card' which shows an emergency contact and selected medical information (such as medications taken and allergies) and is accessible from the lock screen. Consider it for SOS... Consider it for you.

And actually, I have three things: IT'S SAILING TIME! Check out the cruising schedule and then SIGN UP EARLY... SIGN UP OFTEN

Janet

Welcome New Members

Caroline Cherry
Derwood MD
CJ (Dian) Corneliussen-James
Annapolis MD
Laura Ebner
Annapolis MD
Anne George
Timonium MD
Susan Lewis
Washington DC
Nancy Morgan
Alexandria VA
Mary O'Donnell
Falls Church VA
Gwen Pfundstein
Annapolis MD
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Annapolis MD
Susanne Reber
Bethesda MD
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Edgewater MD
Mary Anne Schuenger
Jessup MD
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Deptford NJ
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Unofficial notes March 2, 2016 Board Meeting

Official February minutes will be posted on the SOS web site when approved in April by the Board of Directors.

Commodore: Review of Action Log.

Vice Commodore:

Treasurer: Presented financial report for previous month.

Bareboat: No report.

Branches: No report.

Cruising: The first 4 day cruise is on May 26-29 and we will be heading to Solomons. Shirley Brooks has secured Zahniser's Marina for the second night out. Skippers will make their own reservations, but the fees will be paid for by Cruising.

Database: John is now the sole Administrator for Member Clicks and recommends the BOD authorize one additional person. A proposal was submitted to help people car pool.

Education: No written report.

First Mates: Frank Volpe has been changed to First Mate Emeritus. Meeps Yox will be the coordinator for First Mate Meeting/ Party on May 13th. First Mate Sail will be July 15/16.

Membership: Have a team of volunteers contacting members who did not renew for 2017. February's New Members represented five states; 2 VA, 2 PA, 2 MD, 1 NJ, 1 DE

Newsletter: The March 20-page Whisker Pole was mailed to 256 members, 29 Happy Hour coordinators, and 4 extra copies were printed at a cost of \$884.15 which was \$3.06 per copy. The decrease in the number of newsletters mailed is due to members who did not renew.

There are 346 members eligible for a free printed copy of the Whisker Pole. Of this group 216 chose yes and 130 have chosen not to receive a printed copy.

Public Relations: No report

Safety: Brian Guptil is working on the Flare Demo event.

Skippers' Advisory: Skippers' Meeting will be held at 10:30 on March 19th preceding the Cruising Kick Off to be held by Cruising at the same facility.

Social: Expect 65 people for the After-Spring Training Party. Sock Burning is finalized and within budget.

NEXT SOS BOD MEETING
April 6th, 7:00 pm,
Greenbriar Community Bldg.,
Greenbelt, MD
Meeting is open to all members.

DIRECTIONS

Directions to Camp Wabanna: Wabanna Camp & Conference Center, 101 Likes Rd., Edgewater, **From Washington, D.C.:**

Take Capital Beltway to Exit 15A MD 214, Central Avenue east. Follow Route 214 about 20 miles, through Mayo to Beverly Beach, passing an "Entering Beverly Beach Community" sign. Turn right on Beverly Place. Turn left on Maryland Avenue. Follow Maryland Avenue to the left. Turn right on Elm Street. Turn left on Likes Road and follow signs to the camp.



From Baltimore and Annapolis: From Aris T. Allen Blvd. take Route 2 south about 3 miles to the Route 214 (Central Avenue) intersection (at a light), and turn left onto Route 214 east. Follow Route 214 about 5 miles, through Mayo to Beverly Beach, passing an "Entering Beverly Beach Community" sign. Then same as above

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.

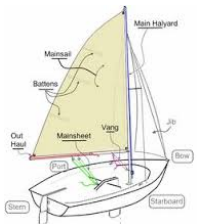
Non-members must submit a Sailing Registration Form.



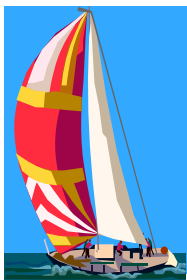
April 6 Thursday Board Meeting
Location: Commons Room
Greenbrier Community Building
7600 Hanover Parkway
Greenbelt, MD 20770
Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm
Doors open 6:45pm
Notes: Open to all Members



April 8 Saturday Flare and Fire Safety Demo
Location: Camp Wabanna
Mayo, MD
Cost: Free for Members
Time: 8:00am – 10:00am
Deadline: Mail April 3 (postmark)
Online: April 4
Note: Final details in the Whisker Pole
Coordinator: Brian Guptil sailordude@mac.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



April 8 Saturday Dockside Training
Location: Various Skipper' Boats
A Happy Hour in Annapolis will follow the training at approximately 4:30pm.
Location is TBD
Cost: \$17
Time: 10:00 – All Day
Deadline: Mail: April 3 (postmark)
Online: April 5
Note: Bring your own lunch, beverage and Basic Skills Checkout Forms
Coordinator: Irene Aronian irene.aronian@gmail.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



April 15 Saturday Day Sail (First of the Season)
Destination: Skipper's Choice
Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member
Deadline: Mail: April 5 (postmark)
Online: April 10 (9 pm)
Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.
Coordinator: Janet Gonski jgsunset@yahoo.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

Earth Day



April 22/23

Saturday – Sunday

Earth Day Cruise

Destination: Pirates Cove/West River

Cost: \$34 - Member or Non-member

Deadline:

Mail: April 7 (postmark)
Online: April 11

Note:

Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator:

Suzanne Farr sofarr@aol.com

Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



April 29/30

Saturday – Sunday

Spring Flowers Cruise

Destination: Ridout Creek, off Whitehall Creek

Cost: \$34 - Member or Non-member

Deadline:

Mail: April 14 (postmark)
Online: April 18

Note:

Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator:

Lynn Singley lynn@trimdata.com

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May 4

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



May 6/7

Saturday – Sunday

Seis de Mayo Weekend Cruise (TNT)
(Tacos Nachos & Tequila)

Destination: Rhode River

Cost: \$34 - Member or Non-member

Deadline:

Mail: April 21 (postmark)
Online: April 25

Note:

Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator:

Marian Scheinholtz scheinoltz.marian@comcast.net

Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



May 10

Wednesday

Mid Week Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice

Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member

Deadline:

Mail and Online registrations must be received by May 3

Note:

Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator:

Barbara Wingrove barbaras_mail@yahoo.com

Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



May 13

Saturday

Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice

Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member

Deadline:

Mail: May 3 (postmark)
Online: May 9 (9 pm)

Note:

Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator:

Nancy Bromberg nbromberg78@verizon.net

Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



May 13

Saturday

First Mate Meeting/Party

Location:

Molly & Ned's Home
Annapolis, MD

Cost:

Free to invited members,
\$10 for guests (collected at the door)

Deadline:

Register by May 8

Note:

By Invitation Only

Start at 5:30pm. Bring a dish to share

Coordinator:

Meeps Yox mpsyx@earthlink.net

Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



May 19 Friday Leukemia Cup Fundraising Potluck Party
Location: Hollendursky's Home
Deadline: Mail: May 15 (postmark)
 Online: May 17 (9 pm)
Cost: Donations to **Leukemia Cup** welcome
Note: 6:00 pm
 Bring a dish to share and BYOB
Coordinator: Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky shirleybbrooks@yahoo.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



May 20/21 Saturday - Sunday DNR Weekend Cruise/Party
 (Summer of Love/in the 60s)
Destination: Wye East River/Granary Creek
Cost: \$74 - Cruise & Party
 \$40 Party only
 \$50 Party after Deadline & Walk-ins
Deadline: Mail: May 5 (postmark)
 Online: May 9
 Party Only May 16
Note: Raft in pods & dinghy ashore.
 Limited number of bunks available for
 overnight lodging - \$25. Contact Pam
 Ledford, ledford.pamela@yahoo.com for
 inquiries and to reserve a bunk
Event Manager: Pam Ledford ledford.pamela@yahoo.com
Coordinator: Linda Casucci casuccilj@gmail.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



May 24 Wednesday Mid Week Day Sail
Destination: Skipper's Choice
Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must
 be received by May 17
Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must
 mail a separate registration form with a check to the
 coordinator.
Coordinator: Barbara Wingrove barbaras_mail@yahoo.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



May 26-29 Friday - Monday 4 Day Memorial Day Cruise
Destination: Friday: Little Choptank,
 Saturday: Zahniser's, Solomon's
 Sunday: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail: May 11 (postmark)
 Online: May 15
Cost: \$68 - Member or Non-member
Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must
 mail a separate Registration form with a check to the
 coordinator.
Coordinator: Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky shirleybbrooks@yahoo.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



June 1 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



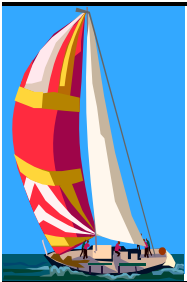
June 3/4 Saturday - Sunday Limerick Cruise (Down & Dirty)
Destination: Chester River/Gray's Inn Creek
Cost: \$34 - Member or Non-member
Deadline: Mail: May 19 (postmark)
 Online: May 23
Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must
 mail a separate Registration form with a check to the
 coordinator.
Coordinator: Cherie Comly mectwist@aol.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



June 3 Saturday Leukemia Cup Regatta
Destination: 10:00 Regatta at mouth of Severn River **Notes** Regatta Registration Information: <http://www.leukemicup.org/md/>
 4:00 Shore Party at EYC See more information on Page 8
Coordinator: Hosted by The Annapolis Yacht Club and the Eastport Yacht Club



Jun 7 Wednesday Mid Week Day Sail
Destination: Skipper's Choice **Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by May 31 **Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.
Coordinator: Barbara Wingrove barbaras_mail@yahoo.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



June 10 Saturday Day Sail
Destination: Skipper's Choice **Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member
Deadline: Mail: June 1 (postmark) **Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.
 Online: June 6 (9 pm)
Coordinator: Hope Andruss hoped@verizon.net
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



September 2017 Croatia Bareboat Cruise Adventure
Destination: Dalmation Coast, Adriatic Sea **Cost:** 1 Week \$1200 or \$1300 (boat size)
 2 Week \$2131 or \$2330 (boat size)
1 Week: Starts September 9 or Sept.16 **Note:** Contact trip coordinator if interested.
2 Week: Starts September 9
Coordinator: Laura Gwinn laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

DIRECTIONS



Directions to Camp Wabanna: Wabanna Camp & Conference Center, 101 Likes Rd., Edgewater, MD 21037

From Washington, D.C.:

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Sailing Notice to SOS Skippers June 3, 2017



This year SOS is again encouraging skippers to enter the Leukemia Cup Regatta with the purpose of contributing to a worthy cause, buoying our presence as a sailing club on the Chesapeake Bay and enjoying a spirited day of sailing.

You don't have to own a boat to contribute or to join in on the fun. In the past members of the Cruising and Social Committees have sold raffle tickets and provided tip jars at SOS functions. Individuals have volunteered to help with the regatta or at the post race party. Some skippers may schedule day sails and have Leukemia Cup donation information available.

Regatta Registration Information:
<http://www.leukemicup.org/md/>

To make donations to Team SOS:
<http://www.leukemicup.org/pages/md/md17/teamsos>

For more information please about the Regatta,
please contact: Dennis Krizek (denniskri@msn.com)

Team SOS Pot Luck dinner May 19th, 6:00pm Leukemia Cup Fundraiser

Where: 336 Broadview Lane, Annapolis (home of Shirley & George Hollendursky)

Why: to benefit Team SOS, a four boat team racing in the Annapolis Leukemia Cup Regatta on June 3rd.

Entertainment: It will be fun and require group participation – even if just laughter from the sidelines!

Donation: Of \$10 (or more) is requested. Bring to the dinner your cash or check made out to “Leukemia & Lymphoma Society”.

Bring: pot luck dish to share and BYOB

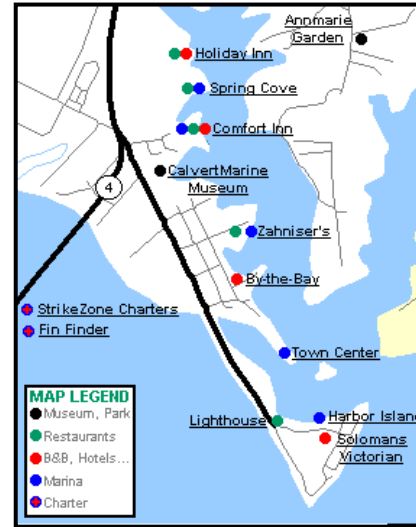
Sign-up: On SOS web page by May 15th. Limited to 35 people.

Questions: Contact Shirley Brooks at 410-573-5229 or shirleybrooks@yahoo.com

To Solomons Island, Where the Patuxent River meets the Chesapeake

We have an exciting itinerary planned for you.

Friday: After a great sail we will anchor in the serene and beautiful Little Choptank River.



Saturday: We will continue to sail south and will dock at Zahniser's Yacht Center in Solomons Island. You'll have time to explore Solomons, hang out at the pool, take a hot shower, do laundry, take a bike into town, or take the shuttle to the grocery store. At

5:00 we'll gather under a tent for Happy Hour with each boat bringing an appetizer to share and bringing your own drinks. After socializing folks can head into town for dinner at one of the many restaurants or eat at The Dry Dock Restaurant at the marina. More info at: <http://www.zahnisers.com>.

Sunday we head back north and the anchorage will be skipper's choice. **Monday** boats return to home ports.

Sign up now for the extremely popular cruise!

IMPORTANT INFO FOR SKIPPERS:

If you are even a little bit interested in participating in the 4-day Memorial Cruise **you should call Zahniser's now to reserve your slip for Saturday, May 27th as reservations are taken on first come, first serve basis. This is an extremely popular weekend in Solomons and slips fill up quickly. So call NOW.**

Be sure to tell the Dockmaster you are with Singles on Sailboats as the club will be paying for your slip and electricity as long as you have left an open berth for the coordination. (Call Dockmaster: Terry Walters at 410-326-2166 x4) If you find you are unable to sail or decide not to participate, call Zahniser's **by May 24th to cancel. If you do not do so, you will have to pay for your slip.**

SPRING TRAINING



Reading Nautical Charts
Photo by John Parsons



Jeff Jordan teaching Sail trim
Photo by John Parsons



Karl Allen teaching Diesel Engines
Photo by John Parsons



Learning to tie knots
Photo by John Parsons



Reading Nautical Charts
Photo by John Parsons



Brigitte Walsh
Photo by John Parsons



Yummy Lunch
Photo by John Parsons



George Hollendursky,
Knot tying instructor
Photo by John Parsons



Sandy Rosswork, Carole Jordan,
Susan Veccia
Photo by John Parsons

AFTER SPRING TRAINING PARTY



Teresa Scofield, Debra Roane, Barbara Mistrik
Photo by Pam Ledford



Before the Party
Photo by Pam Ledford



Irene Aronian & John Ihnat
Photo by Pam Ledford



Barbara Mistrik & Frank Hopkins
Photo by Pam Ledford



Cathy Laws & Teresa Scofield
Photo by Pam Ledford



Party Preparations
Photo by Pam Ledford



**Ron Pence, Teresa Scofield, Cathy Laws,
Aletta Schaap, Alan Osterholm, Emil Becker**
Stuffing folders for Spring Training
Photo by Pam Ledford

Brunch & Retrospective



Gretchen Young, Treasurer
Photo by John Parsons



**Ellie Kallins, Dan Ramirez,
Linda Casucci** *Photo by John Parsons*



Maureen McGuire
Photo by John Parsons



**Teresa Scofield, Doug Townsend,
Frank Hopkins, Barbara Mistrik,
Marian Scheinholtz** *Photo by John Parsons*



Lynn Gilley
Photo by John Parsons



**Suzanne Vaughn, Linda
Perkins, Lora Donia**
Photo by John Parsons

Fireside Chats



Speaker **Mike Wilson**, Naval architect
at the David Taylor Model Basin
Photo by Bruce Beckert



**Pete Stogis &
Willo Pequegnat**
On scooters after foot/ankle
surgery - *Photo by Bruce Beckert*



Audience of 29 listening to speaker
Photo by Bruce Beckert

Leeward Islands Bareboat Trip



Lascaris crew: Linda Nahin, Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky, George Hollendursky (skipper), Carole Jordan, Susan Veccia



Take Me Away crew: Teresa Scofield, John Dombach (skipper), Chris LeMay, Cherie Comly, Gene Jacobs



Legacy II crew: Rob King (skipper), Richard Toews, Frank Beck (Missing: Angela Suchanic, Joan Tannen, Teri Dun



Ti' Punch crew: Susan Absher, Bob Hohl, Rita Svec (skipper), Judy Barral, Marge Sembel



Gilligan crew: Dean Collins, Kitty St. Romain, Sandy Demento, Dana Stoffregen (skipper), Anne Jardine, Flavia Favali (missing Marcia Cole)



Happy Ours crew: Bob Pyle, Christine Niska, Martha Wagner (skipper), Jan Warfield, Brian Pence



Maguy crew: Richard Carnesal (skipper), Jill Montgomery, Carleen Kulscar, Stephen Keib, Rennie Clements

Leeward Islands Bareboat Trip



Sandy Demento, Dana Stoffregen, & Flavia Favali



Frank Beck



Shirley Brooks-Hollandursky, Carole Jordan, Marcia Cole



Joan Tannen



Angela Suchanic & Rob King



Carole Jordan & Susan Veccia at Sunshine Bar in Nevis



Drying straw to make into baskets In Nevis



George Hollandursky, Susan Veccia, Carole Jordan In Nevis



Welcome sign at port in Nevis

Leewards Bareboat Trip February 17-28



The crew on seven boats SOS chartered met many challenges during this cruise overcoming all with style and skill. An excellent chart briefing by Sebastian at Moorings got us well prepared for the voyage, but there were a hiccup right away. A pilot was required to take each charter boat out of the marina. The pilot on the 51' SOS boat ran it aground just a few yards off the dock. A launch and halyard were



used to unground it which provided entertainment for us all. Later that evening when it was time to anchor, due to this maneuver the double halyard was found to be twisted and the main sail would not come down. Three Mooring's employees managed to free it just before dark.

The next 10 days were filled with fabulous sailing (often reefed or on head sail only), snorkeling, hiking, town exploration and camaraderie. Crew also went ashore to visit an assortment of historic sites, forts, museums and interesting shops. Although some of the islands were French, English was spoken almost everywhere.

Much of the time the wind was not from the East as usual for this area. The waves were high and confused resulting in many sleepless, uncomfortable nights due to normally protected anchorages being exposed to the wind. Boats had to deal with noisy rolling, anchor dragging, anchor watches and mooring balls breakage.



Two boats were seldom in the same anchorage because there were so many to choose from. Some islands visited were St. Martin, Anguilla, St Bart's, St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla, Tintamarre, Ile Fourche ,and Statia. There was a planned group dinner on Statia that did not take place as sea conditions were too rough for dinghy rides ashore. Fortunately there were many other excursions to other islands for delicious dinners: Gustavs Burgers in St. Barths, Lemon Grass in St. Kitts, Dinghy Dock Bar on St. Martin, and Sunshine Bar & Grill on Nevis. One boat cooked several meals using recipes from a Caribbean cookbook. (See recipe on page 17.) Needless to say everyone ate well!

And of course there were incidents that later make for great story telling: cutting lobster trap lines free from two props, playing with monkeys, snorkeling to check on anchor EVERY TIME it is dropped, one mooring ball breaking lose, one wild and crazy storm, many dragging anchorages, spills and thrills on roly nights, and seasickness!

The night before the end of the cruise, four boats decided to return to the Moorings base to gather on the catamaran for a Happy Hour sharing leftover appetizers, drinks and stories. The following morning was a flurry of good-byes as people jumped into taxis to the airports so they could get home to tell everyone what a fantastic time they had sailing in the Leeward Islands with SOS.



Flare & Fire Safety Demonstration Saturday April 8th

The Flare and Fire Safety Demonstration takes place at Camp Wabanna in Edgewater in the morning prior to the New Member Dockside. **(See Fleet Exercises for details about registration.)**

Following safe use techniques demonstrated by instructors, our member participants will have the opportunity to fire aerial flares, set off hand-held flares, and extinguish a small controlled fire using a fire extinguisher. This is a rare opportunity for hands-on experience for dealing with emergencies.



Members will also practice coiling and heaving lines, a skill that is used frequently during the sailing season at raft-ups. There is no charge for this event.

New Member Mentors Needed

If you would like to help a New Member navigate their way through the uncharted waters of SOS, please consider becoming a New Member Mentor.

It doesn't take much time – just answer email or phone questions and provide guidance to help ensure the member has a great first sailing season.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Linda Casucci at CASUCCILJ@GMAIL.COM

SOS Bank Accounts – Feb 28

Bareboat Escrow	\$ 86,585
Checking	\$ 38,585
Savings	\$ 73,269
Credit Card	\$ (859)
End of month total	\$ 110,995

New Member Dockside Training Introduction or Refresher Saturday April 8th after Flare/Fire Demo

Dockside Training is an all-day event that takes place immediately after the Flare & Safety Demo. Once you sign up and pay online the Coordinator will contact you regarding your boat/skipper assignment.

In a small group setting the SOS Skipper and SOS First Mate will familiarize you with the details of SOS sailing; how to sign up for an SOS cruise, what to wear and bring, the names of all that stuff on the boat and what it is used for, and the basics of sailing. You may also learn and practice tying a knot or two. In short, many things you need to know to participate as SOS crew on a day sail or a weekend cruise.

You will be able to complete most of the Level I and some Level II Basic Skills during the day. The Basic Skills Program and Check Out sheets (2015) can be found on the SOS website under "Forms and Such," then "Education." (You must be logged in as a Member to view these.)

BONUS: A Happy Hour will follow at approximately 5pm at the Back Bar of the Boatyard Grill in Annapolis. A great time for new and current members to get to know each other!

WHAT TO BRING:

1. Dress warm and casual
2. Bring lunch and beverage
3. Basic Skills Check-Out sheets
4. Your questions!

QUESTIONS: Irene Aronian at Irene.aronian@gmail.com



BREAKING NEWS!

SCUTTLEBUTT PAGE RETURNS NEXT MONTH

New Editor: Jody Hutchinson
Send her your news, achievements,
and adventures. Send to:
mjodyh@yahoo.com
Deadline: 10th of month

CLASSIFIED ADS PAGE RETURNS NEXT MONTH

New Editor: Pat Randall
Send her information about
anything you would like to sell or
give away.
parandall@comcast.net
Deadline: 10th of month

A note from Bob Lucas, former SOS Member

Dear SOS Members,

Tonight I attended the Spring Training Party to see several friends that I met while I belonged to the club. My friends in the club know that I am now retired and moving to Florida at the end of the month. But it's not about me moving, that generated this letter. It's about what I got from being a member of the club.

I joined SOS four years ago with the intent of meeting people and learning how to sail; and I accomplished both! God love Peter Breit for allowing me to help sail on his boat from Annapolis to Jacksonville, FL (my first time sleeping on a sailboat for 8 days). It was an experience for sure, as it has been in working as the Social Committee Chair. What I have gained from being a member of the club wasn't so much about sailing, but in meeting people and enjoying the camaraderie that the club embraces. I have been able to grow outside of my former shy comfort zone and became a more out-going person.

This club as allowed me to be so comfortable with who I am, that being the Hula dancer two years ago was special for me in that it allowed me to feel comfortable enough with the members that I could do the dance. I had a great time as the Social Committee Chair. Working with some really great friends and dedicated people planning the events was fun.

What I got most of all from being a member of the club, is the enjoyment of friends I made along the way. I sailed with some really good skippers and crews, and always fun times.

As I make my move to Florida, I say with a big sense of sadness, good-bye to my friends in SOS. Thanks for all the fun I had.



Social Committee Needs a Helping Hand

Pam Ledford, Social Chair

A big thank you to Bob Lucas for being Social Chair for 2016. He worked hard and long to make 2016 a fun and rewarding year for SOS members. His work is very much appreciated! Bob was welcomed at the *Spring into Sailing!!* party and danced and socialized the night away with SOS friends. We wish him the best in his new home down in the Pan Handle. We look forward to his visits up here now and then whenever he can make it!

The SOCIAL COMMITTEE is in the throes of preparing the DNR Cruise Sail-in and the Anniversary Cruise. We are looking for volunteers who will be driving into the DNR facility for helping Social in setting up, so please call Pam Ledford, Social Chair. We are on target with upcoming events, but we need additional help. Won't you please sign on?

ALL HANDS ON DECK AT THE DNR!! More hands make lighter work for your fellow mates.

Message from Zonia Acton's Family

Zonia was such an active part of the SOS club that many have asked to share stories and pictures with her family. Zonia's sisters Barbara and Anita would be very happy to hear from any of you. Below is their contact information.

Janet Gonski, Commodore

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	Membership March 2017	Membership March 2016
Members	402	436
Skippers	112	110
Totals	514	546

Callaloo Soup

Prepared by Sandy Demento on Leeward Islands Cruise
from *An Embarrassment of Mangoes* cookbook

2 TBsp olive oil
 1 large onion, chopped
 1 clove garlic, chopped
 1 stalk celery, with leaves, chopped
 1 small red or green pepper, or hot pepper, if you prefer.
 1 TBsp chopped fresh thyme or 1 tsp. dried thyme
 Freshly grated salt & pepper
 1 bunch Callaloo, chopped (or baby spinach),
 Stems removed
 2 cup evaporated milk (one can)
 1 cup fish or vegetable stock
 4 whole cloves (1 substituted fresh grated nutmeg)
 Dash of hot sauce (and about 2 TBsp of leftover cream of
 coconut!)
 1 squeeze of lemon, and also lemon cut into wedges for
 squeezing on top of each serving.
 1 cup cooked crabmeat (one small can or fresh is of course
 better)
 ¼ cup heavy cream or crème fraiche

In a heavy saucepan, heat oil, add onion, garlic, celery and pepper and cook over medium heat until softened but not brown. Sprinkle with thyme and season with salt & pepper, add callaloo/or spinach and stir to combine. Add evaporated milk, stock, or water and cloves or nutmeg), and cook over low heat for about 45 minutes. (Remove cloves and puree soup.) (We did not puree; our crew preferred the chunky soup version). Add hot sauce to taste and a squeeze of lemon.

We served our soup in coffee mugs, garnished with a swirl of crème and a dollop of crabmeat on top, and served with a wedge of extra lemon.

Footnote: Callaloo is the Caribbean's staple vegetable and leafy green. It is the edible leaves of the Amaranth plant– and while it almost resembles spinach, it doesn't quite taste like it. It has a slightly bitter flavor with a wonderful nutty undertone.

Skipper Invitation to Sail

So you met a skipper at a brunch, Fireside Chat or Happy Hour and she says she would love to have you sail with her this summer. **What next?**

You should contact that skipper and let her know that you are interested in signing up for a particular cruise. Ask if she is sailing that cruise and would it be possible for you to sail with her.

- If answer is **YES**, go to SOS web site, sign up and pay. Be sure to include in the comment box the name of the skipper who has invited you to sail.
- If the answer is **NO**, ask if there is another convenient date so the two of you can find a compatible time to sail together.
- **PLEASE DO NOT** sing up and request to be on a particular boat if you have not spoken to the skipper ahead of time. That leads to a lot of confusion, numerous phone calls and often disappointment.

Spring is here – sailing season is around the corner! See ya on the water!

Membership Directory 2017

In preparation for the next membership directory, we ask all members to verify your personal and boat information on the SOS website by **May 1st, 2017**. We'd like to have the most current information available when we go to print.

Please go to the SOS website, log onto your Profile and make sure everything is up to date.



If you have any problems or questions, do not hesitate to contact the web administrator for assistance. We'd like to have the most current information available.

Contact: BARB O'Brien barlo@comcast.net

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 ...

Contact: **TERRI AND KARL.**
410-707-4319 or 267-221-6312

1st Wednesday

NVA/DC: April 5th 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

1st Thursday

ELLICOTT CITY, MD: April 6th 5:30- 7:30 pm

BARE BONES Grill & Brewery 9150-22 Baltimore Natl. Pike, 410-461-0770 barebonesgrill.com. Corner of St. Johns Lane & Rte 40, Ellicott City, MD 21042

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

1st Thursday

NEW: PHILADELPHIA AREA: April 6th 5:30- 7:30 pm

RIVERWINDS RESTAURANT, 1075 Riverwinds Dr., West Depford, NJ (856) 579-7900 theriverwindsrestaurant.com

Contact: **LORA -** doniala@aol.com

1st Thursday

SE PA: April 6th 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!

Contact: **PATTI -** pattievans@aol.com

1st Thursday

SOUTH-CENTRAL PA: April 6th 6:30 - 9

HERITAGE HILLS Golf Resort, 2700 Mt. Rose Avenue, PA-124, York, Pa.on the lower level of Knickers Pub.

Contact : **BOB -** sosrjmorrow@aol.com

2nd Thursday

NORTH BALTIMORE: April 13th 5 pm

MICHAEL'S Cafe Restaurant & Lounge (in the bar area) 2119 York Road, Timonium (opp Fairgrounds) MD 21220. 410-252-2022, michaelscafe.com. Free parking, great food, drinks and Happy Hour prices. Food service until 11 pm. Cozy atmosphere, friendly staff.

3rd Wednesday

WILMINGTON, DE: April 19th 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 Drink specials 'til 7pm
Contact - **GERI -** grwalker12@verizon.net

3rd Thursday

ROCKVILLE, MD: April 20th 5 - 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.

Contact: **JON -** jonbernheimer@verizon.net

3rd Thursday

KENT ISLAND: April 20th 4:30 – 7pm

FISHERMAN'S INN, 3116 Main Street, Grasonville- (410) 827-6666

Contact: **MARILYN Goodson** msgoods7@gmail.com

3rd Thursday

SE PA: April 20th 6-10 pm (our 2nd HH)

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!

Contact: **PATTI -** pattievans@aol.com

4th Tuesday

ANNAPOLIS, MD: April 25th 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.

Contact: **RON -** repenca@msn.com

PLEASE E-MAIL **Happy Hour PIX**

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**Dockside Training and
Flare/Fire Safety Demo – April 8**

Day Sail (First of Season) – April 15

Earth Day Cruise – April 22/23

Spring Flowers Cruise – April 29/30