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Happy 4th of July! Exciting Cruising Opportunities Coming Up!

We are really excited about our July line-up.....

- July 1-2, Fly the Flag weekend to fantastic Broad Creek in the Magothy River. Will we see fireworks? You bet we will.
- → July 8 a day sail and Dockside Training to give our newer members a chance to hone their skills. We need you, skippers!
- ➡ July 15-16, our annual Bastille Day cruise to the cove (with no name) just past Pickering Creek on the Wye East River. This anchorage was suggested by many skippers and crew as a favorite spot to build a raft. This is also the First Mates weekend cruise and they will join the raft after a long day of "drills". A dinghy race will be held; are you the dinghy king or queen?
- July 22-23 Bring your suits and cool off in the lovely waters of Trippe Creek in the historic Tred Avon River. We will be bringing some "nettle pools" just in case.
 July 12 and 27th mid-week
- July 12 and 27th mid-week opportunities to get out on the water

So, "sign up early, sign up often". As of the beginning of June, we have had 60 boats sailing with over 150 crew!! Come and join the fun.

Skippers and crew, we are in the planning stages for our next 4-day mini-extended cruise. The 18 boats that participated in late May had a wonderful time and enjoyed almost all

kinds of weather and sailing conditions. We had two rafts, plus a great night on shore in Solomons Island.

Will you join us over the Labor Day holiday for the next 4-day cruise? The dates are September 1-4. schedule is planned to spend Friday night rafted in Wharton Creek. Saturday night's marina night is at Tidewater Marina in Havre de Grace. Skippers, SOS Skipper Peter Wilde has arranged for you to make your own slip reservation by calling the dockmaster at 410-939-0950. Please mention that you will be with SOS, who will be paying for your slip, if you provide a berth for the coordination. We urge you to call now, as the marina will fill up for the holiday. You can cancel up to 24 hours ahead.

There are many restaurants within walking distance of the marina, as well as two museums. There will also be transportation to stores, if needed. Showers, water and pump out are available. Sunday night is Skipper's choice; although, some are already talking about a raft in Bodkin Creek. Don't miss out on this fun event!!

Thank you all, skippers, crew and coordinators for making this a successful sailing season!

Carole and Meeps

Crabs 'n Cakes Fest August 5-6

It's going to be a summer BLAST! Put the "Summer Fun" Cruise and Party on your calendar now and sign up early. Join SOS mates at our favorite spot, The Sailing Emporium, in Rock Hall, Maryland.

Cruising in or driving? Plan to arrive early afternoon as there is lots to do here: swimming at the pool, relaxing, walking the beautiful grounds, going into quaint Rock Hall for ice-cream and shopping, or checking out the quiet sanctuaries.

Your reservation gives you a delicious meal, drinks, and music to dance to under the stars and quarter moon!

Fun casual dress for August, floppy summery hats, and big smiles will work to meet and greet your mates!

Come and relax with your friendly SOS members!



VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



We have energy!
Solar, wind,
people... with
planning and
coordination, the
sailing season is

rocking with day sails, weekends, four days, parties, dockside training, and happy hours!

The four-day sail to Solomons and Little Choptank was great fun with lots of participation. We had a beautiful circle raft, a great cocktail gathering at Zahniser's the second night and a spontaneous linear raft in Boby Owl Cove the last night.

Fleet Exercises has the next Four-day listed, so "Sign Up Early/Sign Up Often"! And watch for any spontaneous sails where askipper say "The weather looks nice, email me if you want to sail xxxx". These never compete with scheduled cruises and they are an extra opportunity.

We have opportunity!

Now is your chance to increase your say in club matters. We are looking for a few good Board members. The Nominating Committee is enacted and eager to hear from you.

The Committee is comprised of Becky Strandberg as chair, Richard Green, Jean Judge, and Pat Randall. Share your ideas for nominees (including yourself!) and they will provide the club with a slate of nominees at the August Town Hall meeting in Galesville.

We have momentum!

I've met new faces and seen many smiles, heard new stories, and enjoyed visiting both marina and rafting coves at new locations. Let's keep the spirit and energy lighting our days!

Janet

Welcome New Members



Norman Bowden

Chesapeake Beach

Maureen Bullis

Ashburn VA

Keith Dobson

Reedville VA

Michele Endrich

Landenberg PA

Sandy Link

Pomfret MD

Carlyn Lowery

Annapolis MD

Frances McFarland

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Unofficial notes June 1, 2017 Board Meeting

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

NOTE: Not all committee Reports were not provided to Editor by publication date.

Commodore: Review of Action Log.

Vice Commodore:

Treasurer:

Bareboat: Club wide email, with attached waiver, was sent May 30th announcing February 2018 trip to BVI. A survey will be sent to membership approximately June 7, 2017 regarding choices for a Fall 2018 bareboat trip. John McDonald and Michael Sommers will coordinator a fall 2018 Bareboat trip in either San Juan Islands or Lake Champlain. Sandy Rosswork has resigned as Chair Kathy Haven will be the new Bareboat chair..

Brunches:

Cruising:

Database: Creativity, energy, inspiration and ideas allow, club forms, calendars, processes, website, membership database, are being maintained, updated, revised and reviewed for any incremental improvement

Education:

First Mates:

Membership:

Newsletter: The June 16-page Whisker Pole mailed to 290members, 33 Happy Hour coordinators and five extra for "lost copies" were printed at a cost of \$873.73 which was \$2.70 per copy.

Public Relations:

Safety:

Skippers' Advisory:

Social:

NEXT SOS BOD MEETING

July 6th- 7:00 pm, Meeting is open to all members

	June 2017 Membership	June 2016 Membership	June 2015 Membership
Members	466	475	510
Skippers*	95	116	113
Totals	561	591	623

SOS Bank Accounts – May 31

 Bareboat Escrow
 \$ 83,672

 Checking
 \$ 38,240

 Savings
 \$ 73,284

 Credit Card
 \$ (8,334)

 End of month total
 \$ 103,190

What/Who is a "Rusty"

Often new SOS members are called "newbies" or "novices". But that term doesn't fit the person who joins the club with skills that were excellent at one time, but for a variety of reasons he/she hasn't sailed in several years. That person certainly is not new to sailing, so the term "novice" is not very accurate and perhaps a little demeaning.

I proposed we call the once-upon-a-time excellent sailor who comes to SOS to polish up their skills a Rusty!

Bareboat Cruise to BVI February 2-10/13 2018

For details contact Doug Gage douggage@gmail.com

More details next month.

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.

Thursday July 6 **Board Meeting**

_ocation: Commons Room Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm Greenbrier Community Building Doors open 6:45pm

7600 Hanover Parkway Open to all Members Notes: Greenbelt, MD 20770

July 1/2

Deadline:

Saturday - Sunday

Fly the Flag Weekend Cruise

(Patriotic boat decorations)

Destination: Broad Creek, Magothy River

Mail: June 16 (postmark)

Online: June 20

Cost: \$34 - Member or Non-member

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

coordinator

Note:

Coordinator: Barbara Wise barbara 1474@yahoo.com

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



Day Sail (Dockside Training) July 8 Saturday

Destination: Skipper's Choice Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member

Non-member may sail once with a member and must Deadline: Mail: June 29 (postmark) Note:

mail a separate registration form with a check to the Online: July 4 (9 pm) coordinator.

Coordinator: Leslie Bayliss leslie21403@yahoo.com

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



July 12 Wednesday Mid Week Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member

Non-member may sail once with a member and must Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must Note: mail a separate registration form with a check to the

be received by July 5

Coordinator: Teresa Scofield tscofield55@gmail.com

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coordinator.

Destination Deadline:

July 15/16 Saturday - Sunday

Bastille Day & First Mate Cruise

(Dingy Race)

Cost:

Cost:

Note:

Note:

Destination: No name creek past Pickering Creek on the Wye East River

Mail: June 30 (postmark) **Note:** Note:

Online: July 4

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

No cost. Open to First Mates, First Mate

First Mates to Join Bastille Day Raft after the cruise.

Spend the day honing FM skills, as well as enjoying the

Emeritus and First Mate Candidates.

coordinator.

First Mates to Join Raft after their cruise

\$34 - Member or Non-member

Coordinator: Bev Nash beverlynash@verizon.net

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

July 15/16

Saturday - Sunday

First Mates Cruise

Destination: No name cove past Pickering

Creek on the Wye East River

Deadline: Mail: June 30 (postmark)

Online: July 4

Event Coordinator: Alex Doyle <u>alexdoyle@comcast.net</u>

Coordinator: Bev Nash <u>beverlynash@verizon.net</u>

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

July 22/23

Saturday - Sunday

Splish Splash Weekend Cruise

Destination:

Deadline:

Trippe Creek, Tred Avon River

Mail: July 7 (postmark)

Online: July 11

Cost: \$34 - Member or Non-member

BY INVATION ONLY

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

coordinator.

Nettle pools should be available.

Coordinator:

Carol Coltharp cjc44@comcast.net

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

July 27

Thursday

Mid Week Day Sail

Destination:

Skipper's Choice

Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member

Deadline:

Mail and Online registrations must Note:

Non-member may sail once with a member and must

be received by July 20

mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.

Coordinator:

Peggy Green mbradpete@gmail.com

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



August 3

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

August 5/6 Saturday - Sunday **Crabs & Crab Cakes Fest (Summer Fun)**

Destination: Sailing Emporium, Rock Hall Cost: \$74 - Cruise & Party

\$40 - Party only

\$50 - Party after deadline and walk-ins Deadline: Non-member may sail once with a member and must Mail: July 21 (postmark) Note:

mail a separate Registration form with a check to the Cruise & Party: Online: July 25

coordinator.

Party only: Mail: July 28, Online: July 30

Peggy Green mbradpete@gmail.com Coordinator:

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

August 9 Mid Week Day Sail Wednesday

Destination: Skipper's Choice Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member

Non-member may sail once with a member and must Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must **Note:** mail a separate registration form with a check to the

be received by August 2 coordinator.

Coordinator: Barbara Wingrove barbaras mail@yahoo.com Please be sure to log-in first, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

August 12/13 Saturday - Sunday Town Hall Meeting/Cruise

Destination: Galesville - Pirates Cove, West Cost: Cruise: \$34 - Member or Non-member

> River Member Meeting/Dinner: Free Non Member Dinner only: \$25.00

Non-member may sail once with a member and must Deadline: Mail: July 28 (postmark) Note: Online: August 1

mail a separate Registration form with a check to the

coordinator. Mail August 4

Online August 7 **Skipper Note:** Skippers make their own slip Time:

Meeting only:

5-6pm Happy Hour arrangements The Club is not 6-7pm Dinner

paying dockage fees 7-9pm Business Meeting

Coordinator: Carole Jordan seajay281@comcast.net

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

August 19/20 Saturday - Sunday **Appetizers and Desserts Cruise**

Destination: Maynadier Creek, Severn River Cost: \$34 - Member or Non-member

Non-member may sail once with a member and must Mail: August 4 (postmark) **Deadline:** Note:

mail a separate Registration form with a check to the Online: August 8 coordinator.

Coordinator: Nancy Briggs nancybriggs@hotmail.com

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

August 23 Wednesday Mid Week Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member

Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must

mail a separate registration form with a check to the be received by August 16

coordinator. Coordinator: Barbara Wingrove barbaras_mail@yahoo.com

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



August 26 Saturday Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice **Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member

(9 pm)

Deadline: Mail: August 18 (postmark) Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must

mail a separate registration form with a check to the

coordinator.

Coordinator: Anne Bastian bastian@gmail.com

Online: August 22

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

September 1-4 Friday - Monday Labor Day Four Day Sail

Destination: Friday: Wharton Creek **Cost:** \$68 - Member or Non-member

Saturday: Havre deGrace, Susquehanna, River Sunday: Skipper's Choice

Deadline: Mail: August 17 (postmark) **Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must

mail a separate Registration form with a check to the

Online: August 22 mail a separ coordinator.

Coordinator: Carole Jordan seajay281@comcast.net

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

September 9 Saturday Day Sail

Online: September 5 (9 pm)

Destination: Skipper's Choice **Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member

Deadline: Mail: September 1 (postmark) Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must

mail a separate registration form with a check to the

coordinator.

Coordinator: Linda Casucci casuccili@gmail.com

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

September 9 Saturday Hospice Cup Fundraising Potluck Party

Location: Harbom's Home **Cost:** Donations to **Hospice Cup** welcome Annapolis, MD

Deadline: Online only: September 5 **Note:** 6:00 pm

Bring a dish to share and BYOB

Limited to 40 guests

Coordinator: Lauren Harbom, <u>Lauren_Home55@hotmail.com</u>

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

September 23/24 Saturday - Sunday Autumn Solstice Weekend Cruise

Destination: Hunting Creek, Miles River **Cost:** \$34 - Member or Non-member

Deadline: Mail: September 8 (postmark) Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must

Online: September 12 mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.

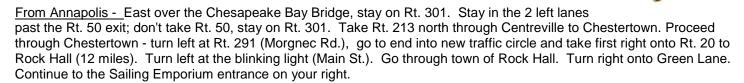
Coordinator: John Halstead/Pat Clarke jhalstead@mindspring.com

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

DIRECTIONS

SAILING EMPORIUM: 21144 Green Lane, Rock Hall, MD 410-778-1342

by sea: go to sailingemporium.com for marina layout



<u>From DE Memorial Bridge - Take I-495 S 3.8 miles.</u> Use the right 2 lanes to merge onto I-95 S toward Newark/Baltimore. In 10 miles take exit1A to merge onto DE-896 S toward Middletown/US-301. Follow US-301 S, take MD-291 W and MD-20 W to Rock Hall. Continue as above.

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. **From Balto/Phila**: Take I-295 to Greenbelt/MD 193 exit. Left at end of ramp, then bear left. Take the second left onto Hanover Pkwy. Then as above.

Call for Board Nominees and August 12th Town Hall Meeting

The 2017 Nominating Committee comprised of Becky Strandberg, Richard Green, Pat Randall, and Jean Judge is seeking to fill a slate of well-qualified and inspired members to serve as SOS Board Members. In September, four members will be elected to the Board of Directors for two-year terms.

Are you capable of providing positive leadership, guidance, training, and appreciation to Committee Chairs and other volunteers? If you feel that you are ready, willing, and able to bring your energy and talents to help provide leadership to SOS, or would care to nominate another, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee as soon as possible. In addition, any eligible member may be nominated and seconded from the floor of the Town Hall Meeting on August 12th, and if they accept that nomination will appear on the September election ballot.

The summer SOS General Membership Meeting is next month. Mark your calendars and plan to attend -- after all, it's free to members. At the meeting, the Nominating Committee will announce the names of candidates who have stepped forward to run for the Board of Directors. Come out, meet the nominees and hear what they have

to say. This year there are no bylaw changes, which will allow more time for socializing, eating, drinking and comradery.

You may choose to drive or sail (arrange your own crew and slip, or dinghy ashore) to the Galesville Memorial Hall, 952 Main St. (between the Post Office and the Fire House), Galesville, MD.

Drinks and dinner for all attendees will be provided with compliments of SOS as long as you register by the deadline (Mail: Aug. 4; Online: August 7). Remember, you must RSVP by the deadline to be included as a dinner guest. Non-members may come to the dinner for \$25.00 per person, but will be asked to leave during the meeting.

Schedule of Events:

5:00 - 6:00 PM Happy Hour

6:00 - 7:00 PM Dinner

7:00 - 8:30 PM Town Hall Meeting

8:30 - 9:00 PM Clean-up and Close-up

NO RSVP = NO NAME TAG = NO DINNER. Walk-ins will not be admitted for dinner.

Please volunteer to help with set up. Contact Laura Gwinn at Laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com

Memorial Four-Day Cruise



Gretchen Young & Jon Halpern Photo by John Parsons



New Members Jill Hansen, Gabi Van Wie, Susan Lewis, Tim Colgan Photo by John Parsons



New Member Wendy Steussy Photo by Richard Green



Alan Osterholm Photo by Richard Green



Raft Capt. Mike Swift Photo by Richard Green



Don Henfling Photo by Richard Green



Lora Donia & Peggy Green Photo by Richard Green



Wendy Steussy Photo by Gabi Van Wie



Peggy Green Photo by Gabi Van Wie



One-half of the twenty-five people in cockpit of Gallivant



Kathy Higdon & Joan Tannen Photo by Gabi Van Wie



Richard Carnesale Photo by Gabi Van Wie



Memorial Four-Day Cruise



Laura Gwinn Photo by Rob King



Happy Hour at Zanheiser's Photo by Gabi Van Wie



Rob King Photo by Laura Gwinn



Closing the Raft Photo by Gabi Van Wie



Lora Donia Photo by Richard Green



Circle Raft Little Choptank Photo by Gabi Van Wie



Rob King Photo by Richard Green



Barbara Wise Photo by Richard Green



Gabi Van Wie Photo by Richard Green



Jody Hutchinson Photo by Richard Green

Limerick Cruise

Photos by John Parsons



Welcome Jazzy Cat, a recent addition to SOS Fleet. (Yes, it is a catamaran!) Skipper John Rogers



Cheri Comley and new skipper John Rogers



Paul SutaraNew Member on first SOS cruise



Cindy Turner



Kathy Higdon & Dan Duvall



Lynn Winkler



Carol Coltharp, John Rogers, Mary Moore, Rob king, Pat Duvall, Cheri Comly



Linear raft completed!

Anniversary Luau Party



Toast to Former Commodores: Lorraine Fassett, Emil Becker, Meeps Yox, Hope Andruss, Sandy Huberfeld, George Hollendursky, Ed Menegaux, Janet Gonski, & John Halstead *Photo: John Parsons*



Wendy Steussy, Barbara Wise, Jill Montgomery, Meeps Yox Photo: John Parsons



Don Henfling *Photo: John Parsons*



Bruce Dowley Juanita Layne Photo: John Parsons



Barbara Smith Katie Amundson Photo: John Parsons



Ned Schwartz Molly Harrison Photo: John Parsons



John McDonald Photo: Gabi Van Wie



Cindy Turner Photo: Gabi Van Wie



Shirley Brooks-Hollendurky George Hollendursky Photo: Gabi Van Wie



Julie & Chuck Fort Photo: Gabi Van Wie



The Reception Table John McDonald Linda Casucci, Cindy Turner Photo: Samia AbdelWahed



New Skipper John Rogers receives club burgee from Commodore Janet Gonski and Raft Captain Chuck Fort Photo: Samia AbdelWahed



Fran & Maureen Wright Photo: Samia AbdelWahed



John Reichnach Photo: Samia AbdelWahed

Team SOS Leukemia Cup Race Results

Thanks to you, Team SOS raised \$4,306 to support Leukemia research and education. Quite a successful community outreach effort by SOS!

Below are the race results for the SOS boats that participated in a fleet of twelve cruising class participants:

2nd – *Ingenuity* – Joe Lombardo

5th - Sail Away - Shirley & George Hollendursky

6th - Rantum Scoot – Harry Keith 10th - Sea Tango – Dennis Krizek



Accepting 2nd place trophy: Laurie Martinson., Skipper Joe Lombardo, Kathy Higdon

Hospice Cup Regatta - September 16th

A Community Outreach Opportunity for SOS

This year's funds raised at the regatta will help hospices in Maryland, Washington, DC and Northern Virginia with their **Veteran's Services Programs**. In any given year 8-10% of hospices patients are veterans. Programs range from connecting older veterans to current veteran volunteers to Oral history projects and Honor Salute programs. Your contributions help ensue that these programs are available to all who seek them.

To make a donation for Team Singles on Sailboats go to: https://www.firstgiving.com/team/354008

Volunteers are needed at the shore party to take tickets, pass out gift bags, tend bar and more. Sign up here if you are interested in helping. http://www.hospicecup.org/participate/volunteer/ No time to volunteer but would like to come to the party? Buy you \$50 tickets here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sailor-shore-party-tickets-34806186240

Skippers click here to register your boat in the regatta: http://www.hospicecup.org/participate/sailors/race/

Hospice Cup Potluck Fundraiser September 9th

Where: home of Lauren & Soren Harbom, Annapolis

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Why: to benefit Team Singles on Sailboats made up of our members racing in the Hospice Cup Regatta.

Tax Deductible Donation: Of \$10 (or more) is requested. Bring your cash or check made payable to

"Hospice Cup, Inc."

Bring: Pot luck dish to share and BYOB

Sign-up: On SOS web page. Limited to 40 people. www.singlesonsailboats.org

Thank you from Social Committee

Pamela Ledford, Social Chair

The May SOS cruise-in "Summer of Love" DNR party was fun! Here Comes the Sun and Little Darlin' songs started the happy hour music and then an array of 60s songs by DJ Johnny D played while members enjoyed drinks and appetizers over at the Pit.



Dancing, socializing, and merriment continued after eating followed by strawberry shortcake dessert. Tiki lights lit up the night, while a cozy fire warmed the

lodge. It was great to see new members mingling, helping out, dancing, and having fun.

Thank you to all our wonderful new and our steadfast regular volunteers. Also, a special thanks to Linda Casucci for handling the large cruising coordination; Chuck Fort and Ron Pence, and of course, Eric Swift for going beyond the call of duty.

Gabriele Van Wie



Check out the SOS Facebook page to see a fantastic video about the Luau Party created by new member Gabriele Van Wie. She also took the Luau "Photo Booth" pictures which are available on the SOS Web page.

Thanks so much Gabi!

Scuttlebutt:

A communal water cask around which sailors traded gossip.



Send news to Jody Hutchinson - mjodyh@yahoo.com

Mary Ellen McMillin has moved to a retirement community in Cockeysville MD after 30 years in Annapolis and SOS involvement! She traded being near the Bay for being part of a community built thirty years ago on one hundred acres of beautiful woods and open spaces. She has a small cottage surrounded by plants moved from her Annapolis gardens. Plus a warm saltwater swimming pool, being surrounded by interesting people, and an active lifestyle. Broadmead is a walking community - she seldom needed the car or to go outside this great place. She says that after three months here, she wake ups smilling and looking forward to active days. Email and phone number remain the same.

Happy as they were in Dan's house in the "Hansel and Grettle woods" in Huntingtown, **Teeja Meier** found a makeover house in Owings (a full 15 minutes closer to Annapolis) that was able to design into a perfect OUR HOUSE. They are still settling in (getting rid of all the boxes from both of their pasts) but looking forward to welcoming friends and family.

Dane and Ursula Skagen regret that they haven't sailed with the club this year as they are are busy with their yacht delivery business which was supposed to be a part-time post-retirement activity. What's worse, they have turned to the dark side and are now delivering motor yachts in addition to sailing vessels. Ursula just finished captaining a 47 ft. power cat with a 25 ft. beam from the BVI's to Floridasort of like maneuvering a tennis court that wobbles.

Ann Ashton and Charlie are now in Castine Maine until September end. Please contact them (call her cell phone) if you plan to be in Maine and go sailing with them on her 40 ft. Concordia Yawl built in 1952 and still all wood - best in the world.

Day sailing began again on June 7th for **Carole Lowry** and her little girl Scalawag, "Scalie" for short. It has been a trying time getting her bathed, dressed and ready for the first outing. "Scalie" is now pulled into place, fitted into her slip cozy and snug at Castle Harbor Marina. Lines have been readjusted and replaced where necessary as she is lined up to the boarding ladder. The smallest lady in the S.O.S. fleet is set for the sail. Carole wants to know if you ready to enjoy the 2017 season?

Tim Colgan (mandolin) and Jon Halpern (guitar) are looking for a banjo and fiddle player among SOS members for a bluegrass jam session on one of the raft ups. Please contact Jon if you are interested or have questions at jonathandhalpern@gmail.com.

Why Become a SOS First Mate?

Kathy Higdon, FM Candidate

In the Forms and Such section of the SOS website there is a *First Mate Candidacy Self-Evaluation Form*, the *First Mate's Handbook*, and a form called *How to Become an SOS First Mate*. In that last form, there is a section called *Why Become a SOS First Mate*? That section suggests the value both to you and to the club for becoming a FM.



As a starting point, it's important to know the SOS definition of a FM. Stated in the SOS policies is a "First Mate should have the ability, should the necessity arise, to act competently as a skipper and to return a boat and crew safely to shore."

The club benefits from FMs by having a group of people who are recognized as being qualified to help out should the need arise. Not mentioned in the policy is the idea that we all need to contribute to keep this club alive. Although I've served two years on the Board, served on the Social Committee, and hosted my share of SOS parties, I feel that there is more I can offer.

Becoming a FM is an effort and there needs to be, I think, personal value in going through this process. There is a lot to being able "to act competently as a skipper and to return a boat and crew safely to shore." That process includes sailing with different skippers and a variety of boats, learning about navigation, being competent about the rules of the road, and being a mentor to others.

The best reason I have for becoming a FM is to improve my sailing skills and push myself to learn more. Plus, I've heard and will have to find out, that I'm more likely to be given a berth on extended trips. I'll let you know...

Reminders for Building a Circle Raft

With the start of sailing season and raft building it is time to review a few points so rafts can be built quickly and safely:

When you are within sight of the raft, contact the Raft Captain "Whisker Pole" on low power Chanel 78 to announce your arrival at the raft site. Stand-by on 78 for your instructions. Please be patient. Sometimes the Raft Captain must bring in an anchor boat, or perhaps a larger boat, smaller boat, etc. before he can bring you into the raft. The integrity of the raft is more important than bringing boats into the raft in the order of your arrival.

- Until you are entering the raft, all maneuvers in the vicinity of the raft should be at slow speed and at least 150 feet from the bows of boats in the raft. Be aware of the shallows if you attempt to circle the raft.
- As soon as you are in the area, have at least two fenders, two spring lines, and a bow and stern line ready (out of the lockers, uncoiled, and ready to deploy).
- Crew should have a clear understanding of their roles for rafting.
- Set your fenders on the correct side, near the stern as soon as you are called.
- If you have been asked to be anchor boat, notify the receiving boat if you will be using a passing line and ask them to secure it on their midship cleat. Do NOT secure passing line to your boat; a crew member should hold line and gently guide you to side of receiving boat.
- When you enter the raft, promptly secure all lines and be ready to receive the next boat. Crew and Skipper are "on duty" and should not start Happy Hour until boats on both sides of you are secured. Remember, no slack in any lines and no space between boats and fenders.
- Time is of the essence if every boat takes 10 minutes to be ready from the time they are called until they are ready for the next boat, a 25-boat raft built from both sides takes a little over two hours. If every boat takes 15 minutes, it could take over three hours to build the raft.
- Monitor 78 until the raft is closed in case lines or anchor rodes need to be adjusted
- When the raft is closed, check your lines no slack in any lines and no space between boats and fenders.
- No one should be in the water until the raft is closed and engines are off.
- No grills are allowed in a circle raft.



First Circle Raft of Season

Seventeen boats had a glorious romp on the bay the Friday of Memorial Weekend in 15-20 kts of wind – destination Hudson Creek off the Little Choptank. Along the way several boats had dolphins playing in their wake. Vigilant Raft Captain Mike Swift kept a very close eye on the weather as forecasts seemed to change hourly. At the 1115 call-in the decision to go into pods or circle raft was still undecided. Although disappointed, skippers appreciated Mike's caution.

Poseidon must have taken pity on us and spoke with Boreas who allowed the winds to die and for Mike to build the circle raft in record time! It appeared the joy of being in a circle was evident all evening as many people moved from cockpit to cockpit for extended Happy Hour. In addition to picture taking at sunset, there were calls for crew to return to their boat for dinner – it was a challenge to break up the party!

To top off the evening, there was a mysterious plucking of strings, soft and lyrical. From a nearby boat? A recording on one of our boats? Ahh - it was new member **Tim Colgan** playing his mandolin. What a nice treat for everyone to enjoy.

Saturday the seventeen boats headed south to Zahniser's Marina at Solmons Island motoring through light winds and rain. Robin Meigel was moving her boat from Virginia and joined us there making eighteen boats. As we begin to dock the sun appeared and crew hopped off to enjoy biking or walking into town after hot showers. Happy Hour took place on the lawn under a tent with a table groaning under the weight of all the stellar appetizers. Was difficult not to over eat as we all were headed into town for dinner after Happy Hour was over.

Sunday was a day made for spinnakers and gennakers as we heading back north. Was quite a sight to see how many SOS boats popped the chute! That evening's anchorage was skipper's choice when boats scatter to various gunkholes. But this time eight boats ended up in Baby (Boby) Owl Cove off the Choptank instead of the anticipated three. George Hollendursky became the impromptu Raft Captain, building a linear raft that moved not an inch during the night.

A new record was set that night for how many people could get into John Murray's *Gallivant's* cockpit for Happy Hour. We found out he could accommodate 25 people with room for food and drinks!

On Monday almost every boat was able to sail on the return to their home slip. It was just that kind of a day – a perfect way to end a fantastic four-day cruise.

Insider Info on Knapps Narrows

After a lovely raft-up at Baby (or Boby) Cove Owl on Memorial Day Sunday, four intrepid boats (Estar, Sail Away, Blue Dancer, and Water Music) decided to brave the depths (or shallows as it may be) of Knapps Narrows.



Our boat drafts ranged from just over 3' (centerboard up) to nearly 6'. We had called Tow Jamm (the local Tow Boat US franchise) for local knowledge. She told us that because of prevailing south winds for several days, it was a particularly high tide: nearly 2.5' and that all boats would get through, even though we would be there the low side of mid-tide.

S/V Estar led the way, calling out depths (although later learning her depth sounder was off by a foot!) at every marker or sooner. All boats made it through with no problems. The lowest depth seen (confirmed by 2 boats with more accurate gauges) was 7-1/2'. But, remember, this is Knapps Narrows--it may change.

For accurate information at the time you plan to go, call Tow Jamm at (410) 745-3000 and talk to the very nice lady who will discuss weather conditions based on time you plan to go. Very helpful!



First Circle Raft of the season Photo by Aletta Schaap Special Effects by Emil Becker

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BOATS

1980 Catalina 27' \$5,000 or OBO. Excellent day sailor and overnight cruiser. Well maintained and fully safety equipped. Spec sheets with photos provided upon request. Located at West River Yacht Harbour Marina, 4801 Riverside Drive, Galesville, MD 20765 Contact Rafal Olszewski 301-792-1172 rafalolszewski@yahoo.com

05-17

Lady Susan is For Sale. 32 ft 1977 Ericson Racer/cruiser with strong running atomic 4. Well equipped and paid slip at Castle Harbor Marina on Kent Is. until April 18. Health problems making routine maintenance difficult. Looking for \$14,500. Will remain as crew with SOS. Vernon Owens (484)716-6861

1982 Lippincott 30" For Sale. Great condition, Wellmaintained, Roller Main & Genoa, Bimini, Yanmar Diesel. Great Bay cruiser with 4'2"shoal draft. Docked on Kent Is. Slip paid through 2017. \$18,750 Details & photos avail. Phone: 302-943-0450 or parsail30@comcast.net 07-17

BOAT EQUIPMENT & MISC

FOR SALE: Samson Yacht Braid – High Strength – Low Stretch – Low Abrasion

7/16 LST Red 35 Feet \$19; 7/16 LST Blue 40 Feet \$22; 7/16 Trophy Blue 43 Feet \$32 Stainless Cable: 3/16 SS 7X19 Flexible 65 Feet \$48 Contact Frank: (703)-339-8786; frank7777@cox.net 06-17

For Sale: Sam Fowler & Marilyn Hilbers longtime members of SOS & world sailors are offering the following items. The electronics are used, but other items are essentially new although carried around for a couple of years. Pictures available. Contact Mike: Phone: 703-280-1137, Email: svbraveheart@cox.net. 07-17

- Iridium 9555 Satellite Phone \$800
- Iridium Cartop Antenna \$100
- Iridium 12V DC Charger \$30
- BGAN Inmarsat Terminal Wideye Sabre \$1,000
- Jeppeson C-Map NT+Cards Raymarine Chart Plotter (13) OBO
- Weems and Plath Plotting Tools with carry case (set) OBO
- Plastic Foghorn \$20 or OBO
- Katadyn Power Survivor 06 Desalinator \$800
- Exposure Suit \$300
- Coastal Soft Pack First Aid Kit \$150

BOAT SLIPS

Slip available in Annapolis hurricane hole. Join the best dock mates in all of the Chesapeake.

A deep water slip just came back on Mill Creek 3/4 nautical mile past the green after Cantlers. Water, electricity, dock carts, Call Suzanne Farr 410 757 3553 06-17

REAL ESTATE

For Sale: Large One- bedroom 1 1/2 bath condo for sale in Heritage Harbour. Third floor of well maintained buiding with indoor & outdoor pools in the building in addition to all the community amenities--golf course, tennis, pools, etc. \$204,000. Contact Ursula Skagen. 408 460-3644 capt.zula@gmail.com.

SERVICES

Upgrade your Kitchens & Bathrooms: Home or Vessel Call Mark Rybas; 610-254-8345

DOCKSIDE TRAINING: New Member

Introduction or Refresher

July 8 - 10 am



WHERE: Meet at assigned boat.

WHAT TO BRING:

- 1. Boat shoes, jacket, sunscreen, water
- 2. Bring your lunch and beverage
- 3. The Basic Skills Check-Out sheets (2015) from web site

COST: \$17, register and pay on the SOS web site

QUESTIONS: Leslie Bayliss at Leslie21403@yahoo.com

Recently joined SOS? Sailing skills rusty? Need a review or refresher of those essential sailing skills or the names of those whatchamacallits on the boat? Want to get out and sail with SOS now?! SOS Dockside Training is for you.

What is Dockside Training? It is an all-day event that takes place on an assigned boat, in a small group setting.

You will be able to complete most of the Level I checkout requirements 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 to view these.)

Please register for this event online using the Event Calendar at www.singlesonsailboats.org. The Coordinator will contact you by email or phone regarding your boat/skipper assignment. Note there may be a limited number of boats for this popular event. Sign up early.

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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

1st Wednesday

NVA/DC: July 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: July 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

SO NJ & PHILA: July 6th 5:30 PM

RIVERWIND'S RESTAURANT, Great food, drinks and Happy Hour prices. 1075 Riverwinds Dr. West Deptford, NJ

Contact: LORA - doniala@aol.com



1st Thursday

SE PA: July 6th 6 pm LIVE BAND!

Desmond Deck The DESMOND HOTEL, 1 Liberty Blvd, Malvern, PA Meet a great group of social people who like sailing, conversation & great food!

Contact: PATTI - pattievans@aol.com

1st Thursday

SOUTH-CENTRAL PA: July 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: July 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.

Contact: BARB O'Brien barlo@comcast.net

3rd Wednesday

WILMINGTON, DE: July 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 - Geriwalker12@gmail.com

3rd Thursday

ROCKVILLE, MD: July 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: July 20th 4:30 – 7pm

FISHERMAN'S INN, 3116 Main Street, Grasonville-

(410) 827-6666

Contact: MARILYN Goodson msgoods7@gmail.com

3rd Thursday

SE PA: July 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, with large 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 Thursday

ANNAPOLIS, MD: July 27th 5-7 pm and later at THE PIER (prev. 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. If we are not in the bar area, we'd probably be on the lower deck outside.

Contact: RON - repence@msn.com

PLEASE E-MAIL Happy Hour PIX

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Bastille Day & FM Cruise - July 15/16
Splish, Splash Cruise - July 22/23