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**Membership Renewal:
Nov 1, 2017 - Jan 31, 2018
Membership Year: Jan 1 - Dec 31**

Current Members: Annual membership fee of \$70.00 (which **no longer includes the hard copy of the Whisker Pole**). Members can opt *in* to receive the hard copy for \$20.00 for the whole year.



Beginning with the January 2018 issue of the Whisker Pole, we will return to the former system of online access – the color version! - available to everyone online and the payment of \$20.00 to receive a hard copy monthly.

We had consciously planned to absorb the cost of sending a hard copy to all members for one year while analyzing the impact on participation. Although we had anticipated the reinstatement of the printed newsletter would impact members planning ahead for events and sailing opportunities, we found the greatest spikes in participation followed blasts, especially “Last Call” blasts; there was little correlation in participation to the receipt of the hard copy version.

New Members: First year membership of \$80.00 which includes a \$10.00 one-time administrative charge. New members will have the option of receiving a free hard copy of the Whisker Pole during the first year of membership; upon renewal they will be able to opt in to continue receiving it with the same \$20.00 payment as current members.

Online renewal is preferred for all categories of membership. However, if you insist, paper forms will be accepted.

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**SNOW
BALL
AWARDS
DINNER - Dec 2**

This party of the year will celebrate a great sailing season, recognize those who volunteer for the club, highlight our great photographers and welcome SOS' 40th Anniversary year with dinner and dancing.

5:30: The evening starts with a cash bar with excellent crab dip

6:00: The scrumptious buffet begins with roast beef and chicken entrees

7:30: Gretchen Young and John McDonald, the evening's emcees, promise a shortened awards presentation so that we can dance the night away to one of our favorite bands, “Just Friends.”

It's a great opportunity to show off your debonair party attire – please no jeans or shorts.

The new venue is the Annapolis Elks Lodge, which is just south of the Annapolis Harbour Center off Rt. 2 (Solomons Island Rd) and within a mile of many Annapolis hotels off Riva Road: Hilton DoubleTree, Best Western, and the Hilton Garden Inn. See directions to the Elks Lodge on page 7.

Make your holiday party plans early and sign up online. The cost is \$60 per person for this lovely fun evening.

See ya on the dance floor!

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Congratulations to new Board members: Teresa Scofield, Kathy Laws, and Sandy. I will be

returning for another two-year term. We will join Brian Guptil, Jon Halpern, Gretchen Young, Alan Osterholm, and Joan Tannen who will continue through the second year of their term.

It is with much gratitude that I thank for their service the members who will be stepping down: Hope Andruss, Laura Gwinn, and Kitty St. Romain (who so graciously stepped in for Jim R when he had to leave his term).

The new board members will officially assume their offices and liaison positions at the November 2 board meeting. As a reminder, all are invited and welcome to attend all board meetings held in Greenbelt, MD (see Fleet Exercises for details). This is also the time of year when Committee Chairs indicate their willingness to continue in their roles. We have had many Chairs choose to renew – and thank you!—however, we have some committees that need a leader or co-leader. At this time, we are in need of a Social Chair – the Awards Gala in December is in planning stages which will allow time to learn the role and get to know the committee members. We also need Public Relations, Skippers Advisory, and Education Chairpersons. If you have any interest in learning more, please call or email any Board member.

As we enter November and transition the leadership of the club, we also transition the focus of our activities. We have one more cruise – Blue Lips – and then we begin to warm up through the cold season with Fireside

Chats, brunches, Regional Thanksgivings, Snowball Gala and Awards Ceremony, and the continuing Happy Hours throughout our regions.

Our cruising season was a great success due to the work of Meeps Yox and Carole Jordan along with the team of coordinators, led by Lynn Gilley, and all the “recorders” who keep track of day sails, weekend sails, survey monkey feedback and so much more. And there would be no boats without our Skippers sharing their time and talents, and those who act as raft captains organizing our waterside evenings.

We also upped our game with the Leukemia and Hospice Cup activities – more funds donated and more volunteers at the Hospice Cup After Party.... Thank you to all who participated. And speaking of participation – keep checking the Fleet Exercises and Sign Up Early – Sign Up Often!

Last month I signed off as Commodore – realizing we choose new in November, but not realizing I still write the November WP article! So, this time really is my last for this year as Commodore – it has been a true pleasure and I so much appreciate all the support from so many club members.

Janet

Welcome New Members

Linda Corbett-Mann
Damascus, MD

Amy Estrain
Olney, MD

Chilo Obolensky
Great Falls, VA

Linda Phillips
Millsboro, DE

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Unofficial notes

October 5, 2017 Board Meeting

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

Commodore: Focus of meeting on budget review.

Vice Commodore: No Report

Treasurer: Presented the following reports:

1. The profit & loss statement for September;
2. The profit & loss statement for September with an additional year-to-date column;
3. The proposed committee budgets for 2018; the only change I made from the version I sent you last month was a revision to the newsletter budget to increase the admin fees and decrease the printing costs;
4. Aggregate summaries of our proposed budget for 2018 (again reflecting only the change in newsletter revenue and expenses) broken down by committee and by budget category.

Bareboat: Applications are being received for the Lake Champlain Bareboat trip departing August 19, 2018.

Brunches: The November 12th brunch speaker is Charles Kithcart, Executive Director of The African Diaspora Maritime. His topic will be the rich maritime history of the Black sailor. The December Brunch speaker is Pierre Henkart, Ambassador from *The Pride of Baltimore II*.

Cruising: Counting individually, we have had 169 Skippers sail this year and 441 crew. The recent Chili Cruise was reduced to pods due to high winds and rough seas. We are planning for the last three cruises of the 2017 sailing season. The Goose Cruise, the 3 day Oyster Fest Cruise to St. Michael's, and the Blue Lips at Pier 7 Marina. The invitation for the Cruising Appreciation Dinner has gone out and responses are quickly coming in.

Database: Presented a report of the election committee and discussed the Jibe-Ho awards.

Education: No Report

First Mates: Two First Mates Candidates, Kathy Higdon and Bill Knapp are actively working on their checkouts. Documentation updates are on hold, pending an update for the First Mate Candidate Evaluation Form by the Safety Committee.

Membership: The Membership Committee sponsored a fall "What's the Scoop" event on September 17th (a Sunday) at Irene Aronian's home in McLean, Va. Interesting enough, many potential members expressed interest in joining the club in October (one potential member

was present at the event; three were not able to attend, but plan to join). Seasoned and relatively new members have made an effort to inform friends of this event. So far, "What's the Scoop" events have provided a platform to inform new and potential members what "Singles on Sailboats" is all about, and the opportunity to answer their specific questions.

Newsletter The September 20-page Whisker Pole mailed to 295 members and 34 Happy Hour coordinators.

Public Relations: No chair. No Report.

Safety: No Report

Skippers' Advisory: No Report

Social: Planning for The Snow Ball Gala Awards dinner is underway with Irene Aronian and Hope Andruss coordinating this event. At next meeting we will discuss Thanksgiving dinners, Christmas dinners, snowball gala prepping, New Year's party, and After Spring Training party..

NEXT SOS BOD MEETING - November 2th - 7:00 pm
Meeting is open to all members

SOS Bank Accounts – September 31

Bareboat Escrow	\$ 51,668
Checking	\$ 24,201
Savings	\$ 73,304
Credit Card	\$ (2,491)
End of month total	\$ 96,015

Where Do New Members Live?

Oct 1, 2016 – Sept 30, 2017

California	1
D. C.	1
Ohio	1
Delaware	5
New jersey	5
Pennsylvania	10
Virginia	10
<u>Maryland</u>	<u>41</u>
Total	74

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.



November 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



November 4 - 5 Saturday - Sunday Blue Lips Cruise
Destination: Pier 7 (The Pier [Coconut Joe's])
South River
Cost: \$34 - Member or Non-member
Deadline: Mail: October 20 (postmark)
Online: October 24
Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.
Coordinator: Willo Pequegnat lv1509@yahoo.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



November 11 Saturday Cruising Appreciation Party/Meeting
Destination: The Downs Community Club House
Annapolis, MD
Cost: Free to **invited Skippers, First Mates and Cruising Committee only**.
\$20 for Guest of invitees
Deadline: November 7
Time: Starts at 5:00 pm (**update**)
Note: **BY INVITATION ONLY.**
Coordinator: Carole Jordan seajay2844@gmail.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



November 12 Sunday Brunch
Location: Double Tree Hotel,
Annapolis, MD
Cost: \$31 - Brunch
\$33 – After deadline and walk-ins.
Speaker/Topic: Charles Kithcart
African Diaspora Maritime
Making History
Time: 11:00 am Social Hour
12:00 noon Brunch
1:00 pm Program
Deadline: Mail: November 3 (postmark)
Online: November 6
Note: Consider making donations to ADM
Coordinator: Linda Casucci casuccij@gmail.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



November 12 Sunday August - Lake Champlain Bareboat Information Meeting
Location: Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD
Facilitators: Mike Sommer and John McDonald
Coordinator: John McDonald jfm22630@gmail.com
Time: Immediately following the November Brunch
Note: First Presentation and Information for this Bareboat trip.



November 18 Saturday Regional Pre-Thanksgiving Dinners
Location: Annapolis at homes of: Meeps Yox or Doug Townsend. In Derwood at home of Debbie Goldberg. In Rockville at home of Barbara Wise.
Cost: Contribution \$15 and dish to share, coordinated with host/ess
Deadline: Mail: November 8 (postmark) E-mail: November 11
Note: Coordination is thru Kitty directly via email. This is NOT an on-line coordination
Coordinator: Kitty St. Romain k.st.romain@comcast.net



November 23 Thursday Thanksgiving Day Dinner
Location: Home of Henrietta Hyatt-Knorr, Burtonsville, MD
Deadline: November 19
Coordinator: Debbie Goldberg Hidebbieg@yahoo.com
Cost: Food contribution and small donation
Note: This is NOT an on-line coordination. Coordination is thru Debbie directly via email.



December 2 Saturday Snowball Gala - Awards Night
Location: Elks Club, Annapolis, MD
Master of Ceremonies: Gretchen Young & John McDonald
Band: "Just Friends"
Deadline: Mail: November 24 (postmark) Online: November 28
Coordinator: Irene Aronian irene.aronian@gmail.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org
Cost: \$60
\$70 – After deadline and walk-ins.
Times: 5:30 pm Social – Cash Bar
(Update) 6:00 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Awards
8:00 pm Music & Dancing
Note: Dress Code: Cocktail Party or Black Tie Optional



December 3 Sunday Brunch
Location: DoubleTree Hotel, Annapolis, MD
Speaker/Topic: Pierre Henkart
Pride of Baltimore II, America's Star Spangled Ambassador
Deadline: Mail: November 24 (postmark) Online: November 28
Coordinator: Linda Perkins, LinHPer@yahoo.com
Cost: \$31 - Brunch
\$33 – After deadline and walk-ins.
Time: 11:00 am Social Hour
12:00 noon Brunch
1:00 pm Program
Note:

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



December 7 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



December 9 Saturday Parade of Lights Viewing
Location: Annapolis Waterfront Hotel by
 Marriott, Annapolis, MD
Cost: \$35 Plus bring an appetizer or desert
Time: 5:00pm
Note: Contact the coordinator directly.
 - **Space limit of 25**



December 25 Thursday Christmas Day Dinner - Burtonsville
Location: Home of Henrietta Hyatt-Knorr,
 Burtonsville, MD
Cost: Food contribution and small donation
Deadline: December 18
Note: This is NOT an on-line coordination.
 Coordination is thru Debbie directly via email.
Coordinator: Debbie Goldberg Hidebbieg@yahoo.com



December 25 Thursday Christmas Day Dinner - Edgewater
Location: Home of Barbara Mistrik,
 Edgewater, MD
Cost: Food contribution and small donation
Deadline: December 18
Note: This is NOT an on-line coordination.
 Coordination is thru Barbara directly via
 email.
Coordinator: Host Barbara Mistrik Bmistrik@covad.net



January (TBD) Thursday Board Meeting
Location: (TBD pending contract signing)
Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm
 Doors open 6:45pm
Notes: Open to all Members

February 2018 BVI Bareboat Trip



Destination: British Virgin Islands
Note: Coordinator Doug Gage reports, "Our February SOS Bareboat Cruise to the BVI is still on"!
 The BVI was hit hard by Irma, but luckily Maria didn't make matters much worse.
 Sunsail/Moorings is working hard to be ready for the upcoming charter season, and we will be checking
 on their progress every couple of weeks.

Coordinator: Doug Gage douggage@gmail.com



August 2018 Sunday to Sunday Lake Champlain Bareboat Trip
Destination: Leaving out of Plattsburgh, NY
Cost: About \$900 total (inclusive)
7 day: 3rd or 4th week of August
 Boarding Sunday 6:00pm
 Returning Sunday 3:00pm
Note: Accepting applications for Wait List.
 Contact Coordinator for details.
Coordinator: Mike Sommer msommer414@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS

The DoubleTree Hilton Hotel: 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD, 21401; 410-224-3150

Take Rt 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.

The Downs Community Club House, 1485 Brookside Commons, Annapolis (inside the Downs Community).

Take the Parole exit 23B off Rt-50. Bear right to Old General's Highway, which runs adjacent to the Westfield Annapolis Mall. 3.5 miles on Gen. Hwy turn right onto Sherwood Forest Road. Turn right onto Coachway for 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Saint Edmonds Place, then right onto Brookside Commons. Destination is on the right

Annapolis Elks Club: Annapolis Elks Lodge, 2 Pythian Dr., Edgewater, MD 21037.

From Washington, D.C.: Take Route 50 E to Exit 22, Rt. Md-665 E/Aris T Allen Blvd. Go about 2 miles and take Rt. MD-2/Solomons Island Rd exit toward Parole/Edgewater. Keep left at the fork in the ramp. Stay straight, crossing Rt 2 onto Pythian Dr. Follow Pythian around to the left. You can also enter at Wilelinor Dr. and turn immediate left onto Grand Oak, which becomes Pythian.

From West St., Annapolis: Take Solomons Island Rd (Rt.2) south past Annapolis Harbour Center. Cross Rt. 665, and turn left at stop light onto Pythian Dr. Follow Pythian around to the left. You can also enter at Wilelinor Dr. and turn immediate left onto Grand Oak, which becomes Pythian.

Thanksgiving Gatherings



Where will you eat your Regional Thanksgiving dinner on November 18?

Dinner hosts for the Regional Thanksgiving Dinners have now volunteered, so it is time to sign up. There are three dinners being hosted in Annapolis at the homes of Meeps Yox, Kathy Higdon, and Doug Townsend. In Derwood, MD, Debbie Goldberg will welcome guests to a fourth location. To sign up, send Kitty St. Romain, k.st.romain@comcast.net, an email indicating where you would like to go, and she will contact the host. If the host can accommodate you, you will be invited. The host will let you know the time to arrive and coordinate your side dish. When you are invited, immediately send the host a check for \$15.00 to cover the cost of the main course, beverages, supplies such as table ware. **NOTE: This is not an on-line registration through the website.**

Are you a Thanksgiving orphan?

Henrietta Hyatt-Knorr will open her Burtonsville, MD home to SOS member on November 23rd. If you would like to be invited, contact Debbie Goldberg hidebbieg@yahoo.com; she is coordinating this event unofficial SOS gathering. **NOTE: This is not an on-line registration.**

LET'S GIVE GENEROUSLY FOR THANKSGIVING The Light House Homeless Shelter is doing a Basket Drive

Basket Items (Please include the following items)

- (1) Grocery Store Gift Card to purchase a Turkey and other perishable items (please do not place in the basket)
- (2) Canned Sweet Potatoes
- (2) Canned Green Beans
- (1) Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- (2) Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
- (1) Stuffing
- (1) Cornbread or Muffin Mix
- (1) Gravy Mix
- (2) Cranberry Sauce
- (1) Pancake Mix and Syrup

- (2) Brownie, Cake, or Cookie Mix
- Coffee, Tea, and/or Hot Chocolate
- (1) Apple Cider (Non-Refrigerated Plastic Bottles Only)

Drop-off basket at The Light House, 10 Hudson Street, Annapolis.. Drop off between Nov 15th at 8am and Nov 16th at 5pm. Please place items in a box or basket. All items listed should fit into one basket or box. Please do not include industrial sized or glass items' all items should be sealed in their original packages. If you are donating a gift card, please place it in a separate envelope. Thank you for supporting The Light House Shelter.



Cruising Corner

Another SOS sailing season is coming to a close. We hope that you will join the gang at Pier 7 Marina and The Pier Restaurant (formerly Coconut Joe's), near Edgewater for the Blue Lips Cruise and Happy Hour. The cruise is November 4/5 and we will be gathering for happy hour on Saturday evening.

This has been a wonderful sailing season and we want to thank all of our participants:

- Skippers, thank you for sharing your beautiful boats and vast knowledge through the season
- Crew, thank you for participating, bringing delicious food and smiling faces
- Coordinators, thank you for wrangling the registrations, getting folks on boats and smiling (?) through all of the last-minute quirks of a coordination
- The Board, thank you for always being supportive of our efforts

We have had more than 600 people participate in the season!!! And it takes a cast of characters to put on this part of SOS. Special thanks to Lynn Gilley, Kathy Haven, Jill Montgomery, Judy Crews-Hanks, Barbara Wingrove and John McDonald. You have gone above and beyond.

Our last task before we leave is to facilitate the planning for the 2018 season. That's where you come in. Please send your suggestions (likes and ideas) to seajay2844@gmail.com. We welcome your input, as always.

Have a cozy winter! *Carole and Meeps*

Exciting Brunch Speakers Schedule for Fall

November 12th Brunch

Many of you already know **Charles Kithcart from the African Diaspora Maritime**. With great pleasure we welcome him to tell us about his nonprofit group's efforts to continue bringing Black sailors into the mainstream. Through this presentation of the beginning of nautical history and how Blacks have played active and relatively unheralded roles, we will learn about current African Diaspora Maritime sailing endeavors and striving for diversity in Baltimore and, internationally. From the beginning, African descendants earned their way into our country's rich maritime history. They have had careers as captains, traders, pirates, seagoing fishermen and crewmembers circling the globe on whaling vessels, sailed every ocean, sea, and river that runs through this country.

As the President of ADM, Mr. Kithcart with his diverse sailing back ground, continues the tradition as the Black mariner aspires to compete in sailing's pinnacle events. His exposure to life on the water began when he joined the Marines and has a very impressive sailing resume. For example, he crewed on *Shamrock V*, the J Class yacht built by Sir Thomas Lipton in 1930 to challenge for the America's Cup and was a member of America3, the 1992 America's Cup-winning team.



December 3rd Brunch

Pride of Baltimore II is referred to as America's Star-Spangled Ambassador. **Pierre Henkart** claims it's always fun talking about Baltimore Clippers, which were the fastest ships on the seas 200 years ago and were highly successful privateers in the War of 1812! Since 2005 he has sailed the *Pride of Baltimore II* as a guest crew and over the years has sailed on various legs between Norfolk and Nova Scotia and the Great Lakes.



Thousands of people welcomed *Pride II* as she sailed from Norfolk, Virginia to Lunenburg, Nova Scotia and through the Great Lakes to participate in the Tall Ships Challenge. She has sailed for four decades and recently celebrated her 40th Anniversary. Since her commissioning she has sailed over 250,000 nautical miles and visited more than 200 ports and 40 countries in North, South, and Central America, Europe and Asia. *Pride II's* professional crew shares the story of Baltimore and the rich maritime history of the Chesapeake Bay. *Pride of Baltimore II* is part of Maryland Fleet Week, Air Show of Baltimore and the Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race.

Pride of Baltimore was the first Baltimore Clipper ship to be built in 150 years and the first to represent Baltimore and the State. After the tragic sinking of the original *Pride of Baltimore* off the coast of Puerto Rico, overwhelming support replaced her with *Pride of Baltimore II*, as a memorial to *Pride*.

SOS will be collecting boxed and canned goods at both brunches to donate to the Light House Shelter. Please see page 15 for list of needs.

The Chili Cruise That Became Pods due to High Winds



Dave Henkin

Photo by Karen Anderson



Mary Chevalier

Photo by Karen Anderson



Bob Wright

Photo by Karen Anderson



Cherie Comly

Photo by John Parsons



Doug Love, Linda Mann, Mary Chevalier, Bob Wright, Tim Dougherty, Dave O'Hara, Dave Henkin

Photo by Karen Anderson



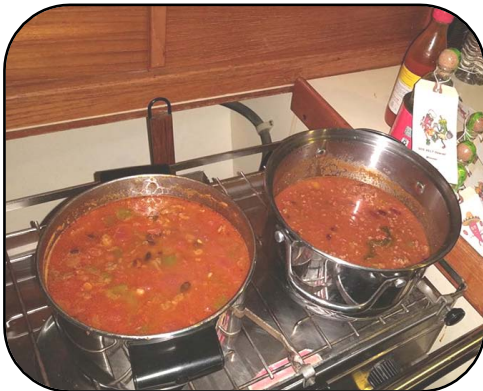
Samia AbdelWahed, Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky, George Hollendursky, Lorraine Fassett

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Samia AbdelWahed

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Simmering Chili

Photo by Gabi Van Wie



Chili Awards

Photo by Gabi Van Wie



"Chef Duel of the Two Caroles"
Carole Jordan, Carol Niemand

Photo by Gabi Van Wie

More from the Chili Cruise

Photos by Samia AbdelWahed



Yes, 12 people can fit in one salon for a chili dinner!



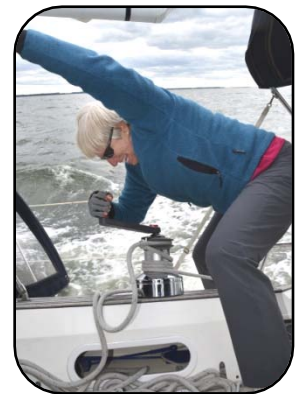
Cheri Comly, John Parsons, Nancy Parsons



George Hollendursky, Lorraine Fassett, Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky



George Hollendursky



Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky



Great wind this weekend.



George Hollendursky



Lorraine Fassett

Goose Cruise (with no geese and little wind)



John Parsons
Photo by Anne Bastian



Marty Halvorsen, Louise Burke, Cindy Turner
Photo by Anne Bastian



Zoe Ann Brown
Photo by Bob Wright



Bringing a catamaran into the Raft
Photo by Bob Wright



Barbara Wise
Photo by John Parsons



Wayne & Lynn Singley
Photo by John Parsons



Jill Montgomery, Michael Sommer, Laura Gwinn
Photo by John Parsons



Mary Ellen Murphy & Robyn Turiff
Photo by John Parsons



Susan Veccia & Kathy Higdon
Photo by John Parsons

More Goose Cruise (with no geese and little wind)



Kathy Haven & Janet Gonski
Photo by John Parsons



Vern Owens
Photo by John Parsons



Bea Schwartz & Rob King
Photo by John Parsons



Dave Tuttle, Hope Andruss, Linda Casucci
Photo by John Parsons



Katie Amunson and Barbara Wise
Photo by John Parsons



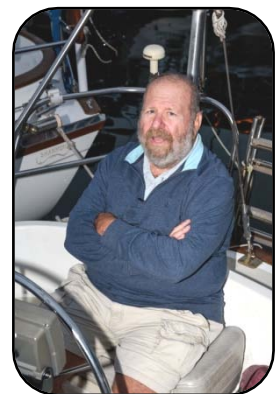
Zoe Ann Brown
Photo by John Parsons



Half of raft built
Photo by Bob Wright



Mary Chevalier & Bob Wright
Photo by John Parsons



Jerry Axler
Photo by John Parsons

Emergency in the Miles River

by Carol Coltharp

On Saturday, September 30, I was skippering *Xanadu*, my 44+ ft. Gulfstar to the Chili Cruise. Winds were high and building. I had given up on the main sail because it appears to have stretched and I could not get it flat. So we were sailing on 100% jib alone.

Let me stop right here and say never doubt the value of a good crew!! I was extremely lucky to have three crew who each brought a unique and needed skill set to the boat. I give the highest praise to **Beth Dumesco, Paul Sutara and Mary Moore.**

At approximately 1330 hrs, I decided to drop sail and motor up the Wye rather than trying to tack in 25 kt winds. Just before we got to Bennett Point, the crew member on the helm said he had no steerage; the steering cable had parted.

I turned on the engine to stop forward progress. Paul pulled in the jib. I ran down the companionway and turned on the windless and grabbed the remote to operate it. I then headed for the bow with Mary right behind me. We untied the safety lines on the anchor and started letting out chain. Somewhere along the way the chain stopper clamped down on the chain and because the pressure was so great, we could not get it off. I knew we didn't have enough scope, so I went back to the cockpit to get the snubber. When I got back to the cockpit, Beth already had Boat US on the phone. I stopped to get my member number and talk to them. In the interim, we were dragging anchor. Eventually, I got the snubber and went back to the anchor. Using the hook, we were able to free the stopper and let out lots more chain. By this time we were no longer in 11 feet, but over 20 feet of depth. I only have 100 ft of chain; I did not want to go onto rope because it is hard to bring up through the windless. But, at least I let the rest of the chain out. We were still dragging.

By this time, the crew were looking for the emergency tiller. I don't believe Gulfstar intended for anyone to actually use this thing. Paul literally tore the aft cabin apart so he could attach it. Of course, you cannot see where you are going from there.

Tow boat US arrived between 1430 and 1500 hrs. We attached the tow line and got the anchor up. Then we

started our slow trip back to Galesville. We got to Hartge Yacht Harbor about 2030 hours - a 6 hour tow.

Paul spent the entire trip (Mary gave him a few breaks) sitting in the cabin responding to commands from the tow boat driver and relayed by Beth, Mary and myself so *Xanadu* was better able to follow the tow boat.

The poor tow boat captain could not get home because his base is Kent Island. He tied up behind *Xanadu*, called a friend in Annapolis to come and get him. The next morning he returned to his boat and went home. Naturally, he got a big tip and a good bottle of wine.

Lessons Learned

- Do periodic checks on all systems. In this case, I understand it had been several years since the cable was examined. And, the break was in a very difficult spot to get to. It could easily be missed.
- Make a plan in advance to deal with the loss of steerage, loss of power, etc. In this case, no one did anything wrong, but things could easily have gone south. We were also lucky in that we were not in a spot where we didn't have room to maneuver.
- If possible, always have at least one very skilled crew member with you. You may be able to single-hand your boat, but in an emergency, you simply cannot be in two places at once. I do mean skill rather than experience; they are not necessarily the same thing. In this case, I had two (Mary and Paul) relatively new sailors, each of them exhibit skills typically seen in far more experienced sailors.
- I completely forgot about the Auto Helm. We could have possibly used it to get us to a better location. I doubt that it would have gotten us all the way home given the 30 kt, gusting to 40 winds that we encountered in the bay, but it could possibly have helped us to stop dragging by getting us back into shallower water.

Funny thing, I had a bad vibe about last weekend. I guess my "gut" was right again.

	October 2017	October 2016	October 2015
Members	484	493	541
Skippers	97	120	120
Totals	581	613	661

WATCH THE LIGHTS PARADE IN COMFORT – Sat, Dec 9th, 6:00 pm



Watch the 40+ boats of the Lights Parade burst into light on Saturday, December 9, at 6:00 PM. Enjoy the parade in warmth and comfort from a waterfront room at the

Annapolis (Marriott) Waterfront Hotel. See this show of splendid color and twinkling lights with each boat decorated in a Christmas theme. Avoid the cold and wintry night and join your friends at the Annapolis (Marriott) Waterfront Hotel to watch the Parade.

Drinks and eats will be available in the room starting at 5:00. Our overview of the Lights Parade will be fantastic from a large balcony which gives a view of "Ego Alley" and the immediate waterfront. This is a great opportunity for photographers to capture a winning view of this colorful holiday event.

Cost for this event will be \$35.00 per person. Send your

check made out to SOS, to Sandy Rosswork. Beer, wine, sodas and sandwiches will be provided. Participants are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert. Email Sandy Rosswork for more information and to sign up and indicate what you will bring. Don't wait too long....attendance must be limited due to the size of the room!! Email: [sgrosswork@aol.com].

Parking will not be provided at the hotel. Park in Eastport and walk across the bridge, or park at one of the city garages and take the free shuttle into town. The hotel room will be open from about 4:30 PM. The Parade starts at 6:00 and the Spa Creek Bridge will open about then to let the boats through. Traffic will be heavy as time gets closer to the start of the parade.

Oh yeah.....what happens to the room when the party is over?? Well, the plan is to draw a name from those who have signed up and..... the lucky winners will be able to stay for the night!

New Member Highlight – John Rogers



John Rogers joined SOS in April and has been an active skipper since. "Jazzy Cat," is a beautiful Gemini catamaran which he proudly mentions, "points like a race boat" :-). He grew up in St Louis where his grandfather introduced him at an early age power

boating, learning to swim and boat in the Mississippi River. His dad and brother had been in the Sea Scouts which first turned his attention to sailing. His first sailing experience was in his early twenties where, leading the church youth group, took of group of teens day sailing.

John lived in St. Louis through college at Washington U. Then embarking on a career with the Voice of America, entered the Foreign Service and spent a tour in Morocco. Subsequently he moved to Washington DC for what became a 27-year career with the VOA. John retired three years ago and lives in Churchton, a bit south of Annapolis.

Beside his love for the water and sailing he also spends his time playing tennis, traveling and loves to dance. He is the proud father of two sons, a daughter and two granddaughters, who are a steady source of joy!!

Membership Renewal (con't from page 1)

CURRENT MEMBER RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- You are a member or associate member as of December 31, 2016.
- You DO NOT meet the requirements of a LIFE MEMBER, or HONORARY MEMBER.
- FEES and MEMBER PROFILE:
- You pay the renewal fee
- You must update your Member Profile
- For online renewal, payment is by credit card or check.
- For mail-in renewal, payment is by check only
- If you DO want to receive a printed newsletter, you MUST check appropriate box and pay the \$20 fee.

LIFE MEMBER RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS:

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE A LIFE MEMBER IF: you are 70 or older as of December 31, 2016 and you joined BEFORE March 31, 2009 and you have been a regular and/or associate member for over 10 consecutive years as of December 31, 2016. If you had any lapses in membership in the past 10 years, you are NOT a Life Member.

- FEES and MEMBER PROFILE:
 - You DO NOT pay the renewal fee. But you must email the Membership Chair if you were a dues-paying member this past year to get approval for Life Member status.
 - You MUST update your Member Profile to prevent any lapse in membership.
 - You MUST pay \$20 if you wish to receive a printed newsletter.

Laura Gwinn will be diving in Cartagena and San Andres Colombia in December with a French Canadian friend she met in Costa Rica last year. She will spend January through March in Costa Rica diving, beaching, sightseeing, etc. All visitor slots already taken!

Samia AbdelWahed will be in Egypt for five weeks but will be still thinking of the sailing trips and extended SOS family she will be missing.

Chuck Schwerzier plans to go to Florida at some point this winter in his motor home for a month or more; exact dates are not finalized. He is working towards becoming a snowbird. The plan for next summer is a trip to Maine, Vermont, the maritime provinces, Quebec and Montreal Canada.

In late September, **Joan and Pete Stogis** re-did their 2004 trip on the Canal du Midi in France; the weather was perfect. The beauty of the Canal is that it is lined with Sycamore trees. Unfortunately, they have been infected with an incurable fungus (they say it came from WWII US Sycamore lined ammunition boxes). Many trees have been cut down and it is expected all 42,000 will suffer the same fate. Joan and Pete rounded out their adventure by visiting several prehistoric painted caves in the Dordogne region.

Anyone know where SOS charter skipper, first mate and crew member **John Dombach** is hiding? I know he had a good two week experience helping to transfer Martha Wagner's boat from the Chesapeake Bay to Lake Champlain. Heard also he now has a great granddaughter born August 2.

So, here's an update from John. "Beyond those interesting things, most of the summer has been spent

Scuttlebutt:

A communal water cask around which sailors traded gossip.



Send news to Jody Hutcheson at mjodyh@yahoo.com

seeing doctors and doing tests to determine heart problems. September 21st, I had open heart surgery for the replacement of an aortic heart valve at the University of Maryland Hospital in downtown Baltimore.

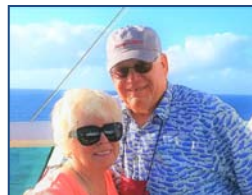
I had a great heart team and supportive services both to me and to Joan Kreeger (SOS member) and my family. After eight days in the hospital, I was discharged to go home to Joan's condo where I am recuperating day by day. I have a home visiting nurse and PT.

I can definitely see ongoing progress. At the end of the month, I have a post surgery follow up with the surgeon at which time I am anticipating driving again and returning to my apartment at Willow Valley. Needless to say, 2017 has not been a great year but I am looking forward to a new fresh year 2018 and a return to the water".

WEDDING BELLS

On the last weekend of September SOS members **Alan V. Cecil and Jeanne L. Turnock** were married in Annapolis, Maryland! They returned from their Bermuda honeymoon in time for four more SOS sailing adventures

The Cecils enjoy sailing, cruising powerboat, and are anticipating embarking on AMERICA'S GREAT LOOP on a trawler in the future.



They send thanks to SOS for supplying the fellowship and fun camaraderie in their whirlwind romance and commitment to each other!

The Light House Homeless Shelter is in need of the following items to prepare Holiday Baskets. All items should be sealed in their original packages; please do not include industrial sized or glass containers. Please bring to the November or December SOS brunch. Or you may drop off at the Light House Shelter, 10 Hudson Street, Annapolis.

- Grocery Store Gift Card to purchase a Turkey and other perishable items
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Canned Green Beans
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
- Stuffing
- Cornbread or Muffin Mix
- Gravy Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Brownie, Cake, or Cookie Mix
- Coffee, Tea, and/or Hot Chocolate
- Apple Cider (Non-Refrigerated Plastic Bottles Only)



Light House
A HOMELESS PREVENTION SUPPORT CENTER

Bareboat Cruise on Lake Champlain August 19 - 26, 2018

Come with us to Lake Champlain in upstate New York – the sixth largest fresh water lake in the U.S. with over 70 islands all within an eight-hour (500 mile) car ride from Annapolis!

The end of August typically has good winds, few thunderstorms and water still warm enough for swimming. There are many nice anchorages and well protected moorings on the lake. You can also stretch your legs along undeveloped shorelines or hike a bit at State Parks (Point Au Roche, Kingsland Bay), beaches and hiking trails.

Restaurants include the North Hero House Inn and historic Hawley House. The Burlington Harbor has many good restaurants at walking distance from the marina.

Check out the Simple Site web page <http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/> where there is lots of information, including sailing itineraries. We will be adding new information on a regular basis, so check it frequently.

Estimated cost per person for the seven-day charter is \$900 per person excluding travel expenses and food.

If you have NOT registered, don't hesitate to let Michael Sommer know that you are interested, as we need to have folks on the wait list! (msommer414@gmail.com)

Sign up now by going to the SOS web page and click on Bareboat Cruising to find the application form.



Note from Social Committee

We are looking for volunteers to head up SOS social activities. We are looking for a Social Committee chair or co-chairs to create fun events for our members.

Our Social Committee has been wonderful this past year diligently working on behalf of the club. Come and enjoy collaboration with different members of SOS by working with the volunteers and preparing a smorgasbord of fun AND enjoy yourself in the process! Please Email Social Chair Pam Ledford, ledford.pamela@yahoo.com

It's been an honor and privilege to serve as Social Chair for the 2017 season ending shortly. I especially want to thank again all members of the Social Committee for the hard work on parties throughout the year!

It's been a pleasure and joy working with them, as well as various other volunteers of SOS, Committee Chairs, and the Board of Directors in a social chair capacity. Thanks for the opportunity to make it fun!

Pam



Where will you eat your Regional Thanksgiving dinner on November 18?

The Regional Thanksgiving Dinners are being hosted in the Annapolis homes of Meeps Yox and Doug Townsend. In Derwood, MD, Debbie Goldberg will welcome guests and Barbara Wise in Rockville. To sign up, send Kitty St. Romain an email at k.st.romain@comcast.net, to indicate where you would like to go, and she will contact the host. If the host can accommodate you, you will be invited. The host will let you know the time to arrive and coordinate your side dish. When you are invited, immediately send the host a check for \$15.00 to cover the cost of the main course, beverages, supplies such as table ware. NOTE: This is not an on-line registration through the website.



Are you a Thanksgiving orphan?

Henrietta Hyatt-Knorr will open her Burtonsville, MD home to SOS member on November 23rd. If you would like to be invited, contact Debbie Goldberg hidebbieg@yahoo.com; she is coordinating this event unofficial SOS gathering. NOTE: This is not an on-line registration.



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: November 1st 5 pm

MYLOS GRILL (in the bar area) mylosgrill.com. Held on the first Wed of each month. 8238 Old Dominion Dr, McLean, Va in the McLean/Chesterbrook shopping center. Free parking, great food!

Contact: **TRISH Remele:** trishreml@gmail.com

1st Thursday

ELLCOTT CITY, MD: November 2nd 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: November 2nd 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: November 2nd 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 !

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

1st Thursday

SOUTH-CENTRAL PA: November 2nd 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: November 9th 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: November 15th 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: November 16th 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: November 16th 4:30 - 7pm

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

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

3rd Thursday

SE PA: November 16th 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: TUESDAY Nov 21st. 5-7 pm and later at **THE ANNAPOLIS SMOKEHOUSE**, Forest Drive at Hillsmere (Hillsmere shopping center) by West Marine. Happy hour food / drinks.

This change is for November only.

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

e-mail

Happy Hour PICTURES

TO: sailhither@hotmail.com

TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD:

- **Due 10th of month** for publication the following month
- Send email to parandall@comcast.net with "classified ad" in the subject line
- You will receive a confirmation email back
- Ads will appear for three months unless you notify me earlier.

Pat Randall, Classified Page Editor

**BOAT EQUIPMENT & MISC**

For Sale: Achilles inflatable dingy, 8'-4", with floor boards with Cruise 'N Carry engine. Best reasonable offer. Call Frank: 410-279-2451 10-17

REAL ESTATE

Severn River location in Severna Park. Rent Large one bedroom, with deck overlooking the Severn. Water privileges, mooring possible. Off street parking, W/D. No Pets, no smoking. Includes most utilities. \$1250 for one person. Call Kay after 1:00 pm at 410-456-1045 08-17

Housemate Wanted: Spacious waterfront bedroom with private bath, separate entrance, and separate laundry. 10 min. from downtown Annapolis. Boat slip currently available. Available September 1. For details, Call 410-757-3553 sofarr@aol.com 08-17

SERVICES

Upgrade your Kitchens & Bathrooms: Home or Vessel Call Mark Rybas; 610-254-8345 08-17

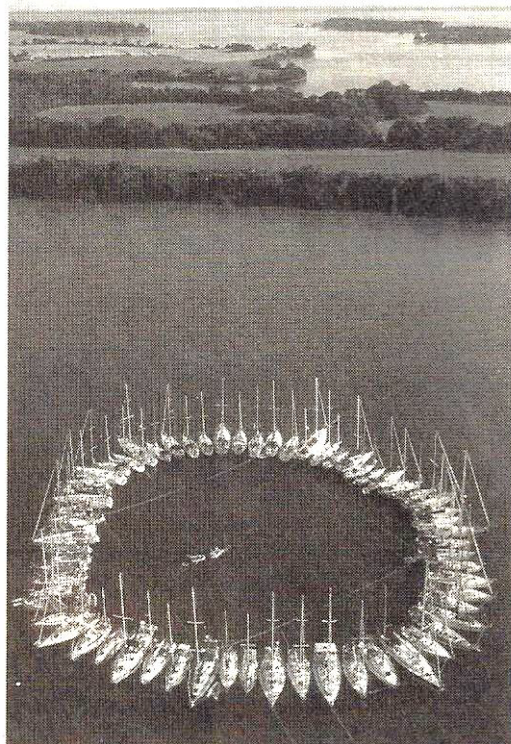
Singles on Sailboats Constructs 64-Boat Raft!

On Saturday, June 8, 163 Singles on Sailboats members successfully constructed a 64-boat Monster Raft in the Wye River off of Drum Point. The four corner boats arrived a little early to set anchor. Between the corner boats were five anchor lines: a 200-ft line running between the 12 o'clock and six o'clock; and four 150-ft. lines that ran 12 o'clock to three o'clock; from three to six o'clock; from six to nine o'clock; and from nine to 12 o'clock. By 5:45 p.m., after four hours of construction, the raft was complete.

The circular raft encompassed what looked like a small lake, almost one acre in area. The lake became a playground for swimming and dinghy rides. On foot, a tour around the raft took almost three hours. As planned, both a helicopter and a plane flew overhead to photograph the occasion. The raft was a major success.

Singles on Sailboats is a very well-organized, large, diverse group. They organize approximately 20 weekend cruises each season plus daysails and extended cruises. During the off-season, Singles on Sailboats hosts several safety and informational courses from Northern VA to Southeastern PA. Social events range from regional parties in members' homes to galas such as a Crab Feast, Anniversary Party, and Annual Awards Dinner. This month, SOS hosts Happy Hours in seven locations:

Club Notes



SOS Monster Raft. Photo by David Wallace

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Sailing Ends - Parties Begin

Nov 1 - Membership Renewal Begins

Nov 12 - First Brunch of Season

Nov 18 - Pre-Thanksgiving Dinners

Nov 23 - Thanksgiving Dinner

Dec 2 - Snowball Awards Dinner