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## Regional Brunches - February 18

Our Regional Brunches are GREAT opportunities to meet many of the people you'll be sailing with the coming months, and years. Skippers will be there to meet crew, old and new, and you can check out some of the Skippers with whom you may be sailing during our 2018 season. The new calendar should be published soon.

Once again, we have generous members opening their homes for you to meet and mingle with people that you will come to know when we begin our sailing come April?? This is how it works: from the below locations, **email** the hostess to let them know you would like to attend. They will coordinate the menu. Directions to their location will be set separately, directly to you.

Arrive at 11:00 a.m. with the arranged dish to share. Each participant will contribute \$10.00 at the door to cover the extra costs that the hostess has occurred, such as paper goods, sodas, etc. **Register by Monday, February 12.**

Socialize and enjoy! Here is the list of brunch locations:

### Annapolis MD:

(1) Cindy Hooper, 20 guests.  
[Chopper@prodigy.net](mailto:Chopper@prodigy.net)

(2) CJ Corneliussen, 10 guests.  
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### Kensington MD:

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[Anna.brooks2008@gmail.com](mailto:Anna.brooks2008@gmail.com)

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[Jeanniebb@gmail.com](mailto:Jeanniebb@gmail.com)

### Chestertown MD:

Carol Neimand, 10 guests.  
[mscarolneiman@gmail.com](mailto:mscarolneiman@gmail.com)

### McLean, VA

Irene Aronian, 25 guests.  
[irene.aronian@gmail.com](mailto:irene.aronian@gmail.com)

### Bear, Delaware,

Chuck & Julie Fort, 15 guests.  
[sailrn@comcast.net](mailto:sailrn@comcast.net)

### Bradenton, FL: FULL

Molly Harrison & Ned Schwartz, 12 guests.  
[Mollydar2@verizon.net](mailto:Mollydar2@verizon.net)

## March 11 Brunch and Retrospective

The annual Retrospective is a hugely popular event! You will see candid photos from previous cruises, parties and other SOS activities. Photos from the December Snowball Gala & Awards Night with the Annual Photo Contest submissions will also be shown. We have some mighty talented photographers in the club. Don't miss this opportunity to see yourself up on the big screen! The Semi-Annual

Meeting is also part of the day's program.

Social hour begins at 11:00 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Sit back and enjoy the wonderful photos documenting our many past events followed by a short business meeting.

Sign up today so you won't miss out on the **final** brunch of the season.

## St. Patty's Sail Into Spring Party - Mar 10

Mary Ellen Murphy, Social Chair

We are happy to announce that not one but two old favorites are returning to this SOS party

We will host the Spring Party at the Barn.....after many successful parties there it's time to repeat the fun. And our own Ron Pence and his friends "The Last Call Band" The band has been performing since 1978 (the year SOS was created!) and this will be our eleventh performance for SOS members, including DNR parties, After Parade of Lights parties, and Seafood Feast parties.

**Please bring new friends and old to celebrate with us. (Directions on page 10.)**

## VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



After the chill of January, we can at least mentally warm up with the many upcoming events to get us ready for Sailing 2018.

The cruising schedule is set – thanks to Laura Gwinn, Noreen McGuire and their team with the input of our skippers -- we can begin to dream, plan, and fill our calendars. Check out the possibilities in this month's Whisker Pole.

In the meantime, let's hone our skills with our seminars and fireside chats. From the art and science of sailing to charting and sail trim, along with a chance to review those crucial knot-tying skills, our chats and seminars will revisit trips we've taken and skills we've gained.

Many of you will be able to review and update your CPR and First Aid at a seminar on March 10. As you are reviewing what to do when you "Come for the wind" (and the water), remember to "Stay for the party!" March 10 we also have our Social Chair Mary Ellen Murphy, her Event Coordinator Gabi Van Wei and their team bringing us a St. Patty's and Sail into Sailing Party at the Barns at Ulmstead.

Also, some seminars will be followed by gatherings at local watering holes, and there is always the warmth of companionship at our unofficial Happy Hours.

And on April 21 – just as our sailing season kicks off – we will have a New Member Day with a variety of sessions to explore sailing, socializing, and SOSing, following our annual Flare and Safety Demo morning (more on this next month).

With Regional Brunches in February, we gather together again on March 11 for the final winter brunch. After a season of unique and engaging speakers, thanks to Brunch Chair Suzanne Vaughn, this time we enjoy the Retrospective pictures of our prior season followed by the General Membership meeting.

And I understand there is a competition in the making – how many can attend and participate in the February Regionals? Can those wintering/visiting in Florida outnumber other SOS member areas?

Keep warm, keep in touch, and let's do this winter thing!

*Janet*

### Late breaking notice:

The January board meeting was cancelled due to weather and unsafe driving conditions.

We just determined that there will not be a quorum of Board members in town on February 1 so **there will not be an in-person meeting that evening.**

Your Board and Committee Chairs are, however, continuing their work and planning. So keep checking articles, blasts, and Fleet Exercises for updates.

### Welcome New Members

**Beverly Cohn**  
Manchester, MD

**Heide Harper**  
Avondale, PA

### Whisker Pole NEWSLETTER

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## NO notes from January Board Meeting – cancelled due to ice/snow

### Notice of General Membership Meeting March 11<sup>th</sup>

Following the brunch and Retrospective all are invited to attend a General Membership meeting on March 11, 2018 @ Double Tree Hotel in Annapolis, MD. As directed by our bylaws, the Treasurer will provide a budget update and overview, and each committee chair and/or their board liaison will share a summary of the 2017 year's highlights and a look ahead to 2018,

Below are the minutes from the previous General Membership meeting held at the Annual Town Hall in Galesville on August 12, 2017. These will be voted for approval at the commencement of the March meeting.

#### Minutes from Town Hall General Membership Meeting - August 12, 2017

Meeting Called to Order: 7:06

Commodore set the purpose of the General Membership meeting as introduction and filling nominations for the seats of outgoing Board members. She reviewed the posted agenda which included space for contributions to New

Business topics.

Commodore first recognized a Skipper Emeritus, Bennett Kaufmann and presented a certificate with the acknowledgement.

Commodore then recognized Board and Committee Chairs (including those not present) with a brief statement of their role and contributions:

- Vice Commodore, Laura Gwinn liaison to Carole Jordan and Meeps Yox Cruising Chairs
- Secretary Joan Tannen (not present) liaison to First Mates Chair Ned Schwartz
- Treasurer Gretchen Young
- Kitty St Romain as liaison to Membership co-chaired by Linda Casucci and Ellie Kallins and to Newsletter chaired by Shirley Hollendursky
- Hope Andruss as liaison to Brunch Chair Suzanne Vaughn and to Social Chair Pam Ledford
- Brian Guptil as liaison to Safety chair Beth Dumescio and to Skippers Advisory chair Mike Swift
- Jon Halpern as liaison to Bareboat Chair Kathy Haven and to Database Chair John McDonald
- Alan Osterholm as liaison to Education Chair Emil Becker and holding the position of an open committee in Public Relations/Communications.

Additionally, Commodore recognized the many behind the scenes volunteers who arrange Dockside Training, maintain As Sailed lists, coordinate sails and other crucial roles.

Commodore introduced Nominating Committee Chair Rebecca Strandberg who introduced her committee members and summarized the search for nominees. The committee of Richard Green, Pat Randall, and Jean Judge provided four names: Janet Gonski (running second term), Sandy Rosswork, Toby Beach, and Teresa Scofield.

Nominations were opened to the floor and two occurred: Barbara Wise nominated Emil Becker and was seconded by Jeanne Maroney; Cathy Laws was nominated by Richard Green and seconded by Dave Henkins.

Six nominees provided speeches – Beach, Becker, Gonski, and Laws spoke in person; Rosswork was represented by Meeps Yox and Scofield was represented by Linda Casucci.

#### Old Business:

Brief overview of the Newsletter costs and impact on budget; reminder that budget cycle would begin in October. Members suggested: charge \$26 for hard copy; increase dues; if people are enthusiastic for a hard copy they will pay for it; questions about how many are sent out. (monthly numbers are part of Board/Newsletter cmte reports)

#### New Business:

Kathy Haven reviewed current votes on fall Bareboat trip locations – Lake Champlain and San Juan Islands were currently tied. Laura Gwinn reminded members that Annual Award nominations are requested.

#### Concluding Remarks:

Commodore reminded members of upcoming Hospice Cup race; donations can be made on the SOS website; fundraising party at Harbom home September 9.

7:47 – Meeting is adjourned by motion by Beverly Nash; seconded by Kitty St Romain.



## 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.

**Note: Effective January 1, 2018, individual request for refunds will incur a \$3 Administration Fee  
Non-members must submit a Sailing Registration Form.**



February 1 Thursday ~~Board Meeting~~ **CANCELLED**  
**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



February 2 8 or 11 days BVI Bareboat Trip  
**Destination:** British Virgin Islands  
**Note:** Looking forward to having a great time.

**Coordinator:** Doug Gage [douggage@gmail.com](mailto:douggage@gmail.com)



February 10 Saturday Sailing Seminar  
**Location:** Anchorage Marina,  
Baltimore, MD  
**Cost:** \$12  
**Speaker/Topic:** Rick Morefield/ The Art and Science  
of Teaching and Learning Sailing:  
exploring techniques to understand  
the FUNdamentals of sailing,  
including points of sail, the wind &  
water effects and other aspects  
**Time:** 1:30pm – 4:30pm  
**Deadline:** Mail: February 7 (postmark)  
Online: February 4  
**Note:** Open to non-members  
**Limit to 35 participants**  
**Coordinator:** Janet Gonski [jgsunset@yahoo.com](mailto:jgsunset@yahoo.com)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singleonsailboats.org](http://www.singleonsailboats.org)



February 18 Sunday Regional Branches  
**Location:** Held in private homes of SOS  
members. List of hosts will be  
announced. Then members  
contact host to register and  
receive directions.  
**Cost:** \$10 payable at the door plus a dish to share  
**Time:** 11:00 am Social Hour  
12:00 noon Brunch  
**Deadline:** Contact host by February 12  
**Note:** No online sign-up for this event. Please  
RSVP directly to the host.  
**Coordinator:** To volunteer to host a brunch, contact Suzanne Vaughn, [suzyvaughn@aol.com](mailto:suzyvaughn@aol.com)



February 24 Saturday Montgomery County/DC Region Fireside Chat

**Location:** Bethesda, MD **Cost:** \$20

**Speaker/Topic:** Dennis Krizek/Two Truths and a Lie, Nautical Nuggets: Fun Facts and Curiosities (Warning: Audience Participation Required) **Host Time:** Bruce Beckert & Vicky Wood 5:30 pm

**Deadline:** Mail: February 17 (postmark) **Note:** Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins. **Limited to 30.**  
Online: February 20

**Coordinator:** Bruce Beckert, [brubeck9@gmail.com](mailto:brubeck9@gmail.com)  
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February 24 Saturday Annapolis, Fireside Chat

**Location:** Severna Park, MD **Cost:** \$20

**Speaker/Topic:** Robin Meigel & John Rogers Singlehandling, Two Hulls, Plus More **Host Time:** Susan Veccia 5:00 pm

**Deadline:** Mail: February 17 (postmark) **Note:** Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins. **Limited to 20**  
Online: February 20

**Coordinator:** Peggy Green [mbradpete@gmail.com](mailto:mbradpete@gmail.com)  
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March 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



March 3 Saturday Western Howard Co./Frederick, Fireside Chat

**Location:** Woodbine, MD **Cost:** \$20

**Speaker/Topic:** Karl Scible: Of Boats and Bridges: creating pen and ink sketches from original designs or your own imagination **Host Time:** Karl Scible 5:00 pm

**Deadline:** Mail: February 23 (postmark) **Note:** Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins. **Limited to 18.**  
Online: February 27

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



March 10 Saturday Seminar

**Location:** 620 Taylor Avenue, Fire Station in Annapolis **Cost:** \$35 (the club is paying half the training and certification costs)

**Speaker/Topic:** Annapolis Fire Dept., EMS Team CPR/AED and First Aid for Mariners **Time:** 9:00am to 4:00pm

**Deadline:** Mail: March 2 (postmark) **Note:** Coffee and lunch will be provided **Limited to 30 people.**  
E-mail: March 5

**Coordinator:** Richard Green [ragreen01@gmail.com](mailto:ragreen01@gmail.com)  
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

March 10 Saturday Sail into Spring Party



**Location:** The Barns at Ulmstead Estates  
Arnold, MD

**Cost:** \$40

**Band:** *The Last Call Band TLCB*

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

**Deadline:** Mail March 1 (postmark)  
On Line March 5

**Note:** **After CPR Training**

**Coordinator:** Linda Casucci [casuccij@gmail.com](mailto:casuccij@gmail.com)

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

March 11 Saturday Brunch



**Location:** Doubletree Hotel, Annapolis

**Cost:** \$31 Member  
\$33 Non Member & all after deadline

**Speaker/Topic:** Photo Retrospective and General  
Membership Meeting

**Time:** 11 am – Social Hour  
Noon – Brunch  
1 pm - Program

**Deadline:** Mail: March 2 (postmark)  
Online: March 5

**Note:** General Membership Meeting follows  
Retrospective

**Coordinator:** Mary Moore [1207.mary@gmail.com](mailto:1207.mary@gmail.com)

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March 17 Sunday Annual Sock Burning



**Location:** Private home, Annapolis, MD  
Directions upon registration

**Cost:** \$25 – by deadline  
\$30 – After deadline

**Hosts:** Shirley & George Hollendursky

**Time:** 5:00pm – 8:pm

**Deadline:** Mail: March 9 (postmark)  
Online: March 14

**Note:** Non-members must be accompanied by  
member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.  
**Limited to 30**

**Coordinator:** Marge Stembel [margestembel@gmail.com](mailto:margestembel@gmail.com)

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

March 25 Sunday Cruising Kick-off Meeting



**Location:** DoubleTree Inn  
Annapolis MD

**Cost:** Free to Skippers, First Mates, Cruising  
Committee Members,  
\$20 for guests

**Note:** **By Invitation Only**

**Time:** Noon lunch followed by meeting for Skippers,  
First Mates and Coordinators. Coordinator  
Training will begin 2:15pm.

**Coordinator:** Noreen McGuire, [nmcgny@hotmail.com](mailto:nmcgny@hotmail.com).



April 5 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 7 Saturday Basic Navigation and introduction to Rules of the Road - Seminar  
**Location:** Annapolis, MD  
**Cost:** \$10  
**Speakers/Topic:** Dennis Krizek & Sandy Rosswork/  
 Learn how to plot a course and find your way there and back. Avoid a collision! Rules of the road count.  
**Host Time:** George & Shirley Hollendursky  
 2:00pm – 5:00pm  
**Deadline:** Mail: April 1 (postmark)  
 Online: April 4  
**Note:** Limit to 20 participants  
**Coordinator:** Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky [shirleybbrooks@yahoo.com](mailto:shirleybbrooks@yahoo.com)  
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



April 7 Saturday Annapolis, Fireside Chat  
**Location:** Annapolis, MD  
**Cost:** \$20  
**Speaker/Topic:** George Hollendursky  
 Do Knots and Wine Make Good Partners?  
**Host Time:** Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky  
 5:00 pm  
**Deadline:** Mail: April 1 (postmark)  
 Online: April 4  
**Note:** Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.  
**Limited to 20 participants**  
**Coordinator:** Donna Kachura at [mdonna916@verizon.net](mailto:mdonna916@verizon.net)  
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



April 14/15 Saturday – Sunday IRS Weekend Cruise  
**Destination:** Pirates Cove/West River  
**Cost:** \$34 Member or Non-member  
**Deadline:** Mail: April 4 (postmark)  
 Online: April 10  
**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check made out to SOS, Inc., to the coordinator.  
**Coordinator:** TBD  
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



August 2018 Sunday to Sunday Lake Champlain Bareboat Trip  
**Destination:** Leaving out of Plattsburgh, NY  
**Cost:** About \$900 total (inclusive)  
**7 day:** August 19-26, 2018  
 Boarding Sunday 6:00pm  
 Returning Sunday 3:00pm  
**Note:** 60 people have signed up including 11 skippers and boats. Accepting applications for Wait List.  
 Contact Coordinator for details.  
**Coordinator:** Mike Sommer [msommer414@gmail.com](mailto:msommer414@gmail.com)

## DIRECTIONS

**Anne Arundel Fire Department, 620 Taylor Ave., Annapolis, MD 21401**

From Rt. 50, take Exit 24/Rowe Blvd toward Annapolis for 1 mile. Turn left onto Taylor Avenue for ½ mile. Fire Department will be on your right.

2018 Cruising Schedule		
Date	Category	Destination
March 24	Cruising Kick-off	TBD
April 14-15	<b>IRS Cruise</b>	Pirate's Cove
April 18	Mid-week Day Sail (Wednesday)	
April 21	New member day; flare & fire demo	
April 22	Dockside Training/Earth Day	
May 5-6	<b>Shakedown Cruise, Cinco de Mayo</b>	Crab Creek/South River
May 10	Mid-week Day Sail (Thursday)	
May 12	Day Sail (Saturday)	
May 19-20	<b>DNR Cruise</b>	
May 22	Mid-week Day Sail (Tuesday)	
May 25-28	<b>Memorial Day Cruise 4-Day to Solomon's Island</b>	Little Choptank/Solomon's/Boby Owl
June 2	Leukemia Cup Regatta	
June 6	Mid-week Day Sail (Wednesday)	
June 9-10	<b>Appetizers &amp; Desserts Cruise</b>	Cove past Pickering Creek
June 16	Day Sail (Saturday)	
June 21	Mid-week Day Sail-stice (Thursday)	
June 23-24	<b>Anniversary Party Cruise</b>	Lankford Marina
June 28-29	Mid-week Full Moon Sail ( <b>Overnight</b> )	Drum Point (Wye River)
July 6-9	<b>Cambridge 4-Day Cruise</b>	Dun Cove/Cambridge/Skippers Choice
July 14	Day Sail (Saturday)	
July 18	Mid-week Day Sail (Wednesday)	
July 21-22	<b>First Mates Cruise</b>	Round Bay/Severn
Aug 4-5	<b>Seafood Feast Cruise</b>	Sailing Emporium/Rock Hall
Aug 8	Mid-week Day Sail	
Aug 11	Town Hall meeting	Pirate's Cove
Aug 18	Day Sail (Saturday)	
Aug 25-26	Weekend Sail	Rhode River
Sept 1-3	<b>Labor Day 3-Day Cruise</b>	Tred Avon/skipper's choice
Sept 5	Mid-week Day Sail (Wednesday)	
Sept 8	Day Sail (Saturday)	
Sept 15	Hospice Cup Race	
Sept 18	Mid-week Day Sail	
Sept 21-24	<b>Gold Card Cruise</b>	Bodkin/Baltimore/skippers choice
Sept 29-30	<b>Chili Cruise</b>	Whitehall
Oct 11	Mid-week Day Sail (Thursday)	
Oct 13	Day Sail (Saturday)	
Oct 20-21	<b>Goose Cruise</b>	Grey's Inn
Oct 26-28	<b>St. Michaels 3-Day Oyster Festival Cruise</b>	St Michael's
Oct 30	Mid-week Day Sail (Tuesday)	
Nov 3-4	<b>Blue Lips Cruise</b>	Pirate's Cove
Nov 10	Cruising Appreciation	TBD



### January Fireside Chats

- - Annapolis - -  
Sailing Croatia, presented by  
Emil Becker & Barbara Wise



- - Montgomery - -  
Ask the Skipper, presented by  
Jon Bernheimer



## CRUISING CORNER

The 2018 Cruising Schedule is out; see page 7 in this newsletter for the complete schedule. Time for you to start planning your sailing season: DNR, Anniversary Party, four-day sails, the



ever popular Appetizers and Desserts, and more. There will be day sails on weekends and mid-week! How about a mid-week full moon overnight cruise? There is plenty of variety for everyone! And, the cost remains the same: \$17/day of sailing.

Have you thought you want to contribute to the Club, but don't know how? We are looking for volunteers to assist with coordinations. You don't need to know HOW to do a coordination, you just need to want to learn and to meet new people. If interested, contact us via e-mail at [cruisingchair@singlesonsailboats.com](mailto:cruisingchair@singlesonsailboats.com). We will invite you to participate in a coordination within a reasonable distance of your location.

*Noreen and Laura*

Cruising Chairs



## Training in CPR/AED and First Aid for Mariners

**Saturday, March 10th**

SOS encourages you to learn and maintain skills in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), the use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and in first aid. Here's your opportunity to learn the techniques for the first time or to recertify. In recognition of the importance of this training, SOS is paying half the cost.

Emergency medical personnel will conduct the training at the Annapolis Fire Department, 620 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401. TEL: 410-263-1116. The class will start at 9:00 AM and run to approximately 4:00 PM.

Your cost is \$35.00, which includes coffee and lunch on site. Class size will be limited.

## Bareboat Trip Photos Needed for March Retrospective

The Photo Retrospective will be presented at the March 11<sup>th</sup> Brunch! The Retrospective is always a popular feature, with candid photos from previous cruises, parties, and other fun SOS activities. Hundreds of photos have been submitted for these events but I would like to include some from the 2017 Bareboat Cruises. If you have photos from your travels to the Leeward Islands or Croatia, please send them to me (Gabi Van Wie at [vanwieg@web.de](mailto:vanwieg@web.de)) for inclusion.



## Directions to The Barns at Ulmstead

11 Lynch Drive, Arnold, MD 21012

*From Route 50 heading toward the Bay Bridge, cross the Severn River Bridge, then take exit 28 toward Bay Dale Drive; go 0.2 miles. Turn RIGHT onto Bay Dale Drive passing back over Rt. 50; go 1.2 miles. Turn LEFT at 2nd light onto College Parkway; go 0.5 miles then turn RIGHT at first light onto Shore Acres Road; go 1.2 miles. Turn LEFT onto Bayberry Drive; go 0.4 miles. Bear LEFT at the fork onto Lynch Drive; go 0.6 miles. Turn RIGHT into The Barn parking lot just after a long stand of pine trees on the right.*

*From Rt. 2 (Ritchie Hwy.) in Arnold, turn onto College Pkwy; go 2.4 miles. Turn LEFT onto Shore Acres Rd; go 1.2 miles. Turn LEFT onto Bayberry Dr. then LEFT at the fork onto Lynch Drive as above.*

## Barbara Billek 1935 – 2017

An active SOS member since 1983, Barbara was a skipper tender, area contact for Columbia/Ellicott City, hostess for fireside chats, Awards Party emcee, and a first mate since 1986. In 1988 she co-authored the original Basic Skills Program and managed the Program until all then current members had completed Units I and II. She received the Ed Klein Award in 1990. She warmly welcomed new members whether on the boat or at land based activities.



*Fair Winds, Barb, as you sail off on your next journey.*

## Sock Burning - March 17

Marge Stembel, Coordinator

Join us in our annual tradition with "The Burning of the Socks" and bid adieu to the blustery winter season!



Celebrate with SOS friends, anticipate future sails, tell tales of past sailing adventures, and share food and drink. Don't forget to bring those odd or worn out socks; the ones that have lost their mates or the ones with worn out heels and toss them in the fire.

5:00 – Happy Hour

6:00 – Burn Those Socks

6:30 – Dinner

Register early as attendance is limited to 30 guests. If you have questions please contact Marge Stembel at [margestembel@gmail.com](mailto:margestembel@gmail.com)

## Fireside Chats Continue

Fireside Chats provide an opportunity during the non-sailing months to gather in a home to enjoy good food, libations, great company and hear a short educational presentation by an excellent speaker. For a \$20 fee Happy Hour and dinner is provided. Groups are small (15-25 usually) so you have the opportunity to get to know people you may not have met during the sailing season.



### February 24, Bethesda, MD

- All those Nautical Nuggets, Fun Facts and Curiosities you hear about are true. Or are they? You have to show up to find out!

### February 24, Arnold, MD

- Is there much difference in single handing a mono-hull verses a multi-hulled boat? Come find out!

### March 3, Woodbine, MD

- Did you know a figure 8 could become a beached rowboat in just a few strokes of the pencil? Expand your vision of yourself as an artist and enjoy an evening with other SOSers as we share our creative side.

### April 7, Annapolis, MD

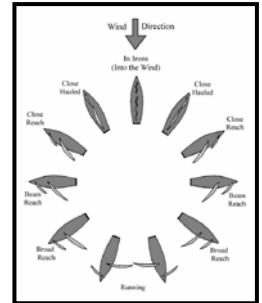
- Have you forgotten your knots over the long cold winter? Or never knew them in the first place? Come see how well you can learn, or relearn, your knots after a good dinner and some wine. (Check out the Seminar on same day and location; combine the two!)

## Seminars Gear Up

### *The Art and Science of Teaching and Learning Sailing - February 10*

Join us for a sailing seminar with a unique approach: **The Art and Science of Teaching and Learning Sailing.**

Everyone learns and teaches differently. Long-time skipper and experienced sailor Rick Morefield will associate things we all learned in elementary school - including on the playground - with the art and science of sailing.



The seminar will focus on how a boat sails, points of sail, and the sailing environment (wind & water). While this was originally designed as a FUNDamentals of sailing class, the seminar may provide other experienced sailors with inventive ways to explain various aspects of sailing to new crew members.

During the interactive seminar, participants will explore books, apps, and other resources, and share teaching and learning experiences.

The seminar will be at Anchorage Marina, 2501 Boston Street, Baltimore (Canton) on Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 1:30 to 4:30 pm.

After the seminar, join participants and other SOS members and friends for a Happy Hour gathering at Canton Boat House (formerly Bay Café) <https://boathousecanton.com/> where the GM has offered HH prices and snacks for our group. It's close to Anchorage Marina with free parking and outdoor seating on the water, weather permitting.

### *Basic Navigation and Introduction to Rules of the Road – April 7*

SOS Skippers Dennis Krizek and Sandy Rosswork join forces to teach you how to plot a course and find your way there and back. Avoid a collision! Rules of the road count!

This hands-on seminar using charts will be from 2:00-5:00 at an Annapolis home. Following the seminar will be a Fireside Chat (Knots and Wine) in the same location. If you are interested in attending both, sign up for each separately and make a day of learning and socializing. But if you have time to attend only one of them, just sign up for the one you are interested in.



## Scuttlebutt:

*A communal water cask around which sailors traded gossip.*

Send your news to Jody Hutchinson [mjodyh@yahoo.com](mailto:mjodyh@yahoo.com)



For 16 days, from August 27<sup>th</sup> to September 12th, **Carole L owry** and her American Red Cross partners were deployed to Houston post Hurricane Harvey. They were an eclectic group from many parts of the USA and their abilities varied as greatly as their appearance. They sought out, fed, clothed, sheltered and supported the victims in Harvey's wrath. Many of these victims lost every personal belonging as they watched their homes destroyed and their lives changed forever.

Carole has been asked by many Registered Nurses (and there are a few in the Singles on Sailboats community!) how they can assist the American Red Cross. It is not difficult and since many of our members are retired, they often have the time. The American Red Cross Disaster Health Services Team is made up of EMTs, Para Professionals, Mental Health Workers, Case Managers and many other members of our professions. In addition, the Sheltering Staff provide a safe haven for disaster victims, Logistics and Disaster Assessors provide analysis and estimate the immediate needs response, Information Techs are our computer gurus and in the Houston area Interpreters were essential. You may be surprised how your expertise may be needed with or without a healthcare background.

Heading down to Houston, Carole partnered with another driver of our Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV); a box truck set up to serve food to victims and first responders in the field. Needless to say, many ERV drivers are needed to accomplish this huge task. Truck drivers are also needed for the 18-wheelers that drive to disasters with the many items necessary for temporary living and housing. Around 1.9 million people lost their homes to Harvey.

Carole's job was as a "Hot Shot" with 2 to 3 staff who went out into the field door-to-door seeking out victims who had remained behind and some that had returned to clear out what was left. They replaced lost medications, eye glasses, hearing apparatus and durable medical equipment; they assessed health issues and found medical care for those that needed urgent and emergency issues addressed; and they provided fresh water and sheltering where needed. Nurses and EMTs are also stationed in the shelters to address health care issues and find resources for those in need of healthcare.

She was quite exhausted after 16-hour days, up at 0500 every day, and only one day off. Carole was ready for her flight home and upgraded to first class for the pure

satisfaction of a comfortable ride. Altogether, an exhausting and rewarding experience.

February is one of **C. J. Corneliussen's** favorite months! For one thing, it has the highest chance of snow. Perhaps it's because his dad was Norwegian, but he loves snow! He realizes he is quite in the minority here, but he grew up in Santa Cruz CA, which was its own little heaven, But the temperature range year round was roughly 63 to 73. He always wanted to live where he had a change of seasons and is now delighted to be here and have them.

As to snow ... he loves to watch it, walk in it, play in it... even shovel it (within reason). And if it's really bad, there's always a neighbor with a snow machine or a student looking to earn a little money. Things to do? Catch up on reading, enjoy fires in the fireplace, move around furniture, wash curtains, redecorate a room, plan changes to your garden, have friends over, go through the house and get rid of things you don't use or want or create your dream bucket list.

And since this is a boating group... for owners, take a heater down to the boat and clean it out, reorganize storage and polish/wax your wood. Also consider taking one of the various Coast Guard courses or an online boating course or lay out your entire boating season. His winters fly by. This year he is sorting the house top to bottom and planning to complete an online sailing course.

**Sandy Rosswork** reminds us that about 15 SOSers will be happily sailing in the BVI's in early February. All of the usual bars and restaurants may not be rebuilt yet, but the sun, sea, wind and snorkeling will all be great! She's certain that they will find sufficient food and drink along the way.

**Laura Gwinn** is sunning and diving in Costa Rica for two months! Several SOS buddies have/are coming to visit: Harry Keith and Kati Sabin (for diving), Carole Jordan and Lynn Gilley. Laura's son and his girlfriend pay a visit in January to learn to dive.

**Carl M cHenry** sailed down to St. Augustine and will cross over to the Exumas in the Bahamas in mid-January. He plans to be there, frequently in Georgetown, until April when he will sail back to the Chesapeake.



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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**

**ELLICOTT CITY, MD:** February 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30- 7:30 pm

**BARE BONES Grill & Brewery** 9150-22 Baltimore Natl. Pike, 410-461-0770 [barebonesgrill.com](http://barebonesgrill.com)

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

Contact: **JILL- [jill.montgom@gmail.com](mailto:jill.montgom@gmail.com)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**

**SO NJ & PHILA:** February 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30 PM

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

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**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**

**SE PA:** February 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:pattievans@aol.com)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**

**SOUTH-CENTRAL PA:** February 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:sosrjmorrow@aol.com)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**

**NVA/DC:** February 7<sup>th</sup> 5 pm

**MYLOS GRILL** (in the bar area) [mylosgrill.com](http://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: [trishrem@gmail.com](mailto:trishrem@gmail.com)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**

**NORTH BALTIMORE:** February 8<sup>th</sup> 5 pm

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

Contact: **BARB O'Brien - [barlo@comcast.net](mailto:barlo@comcast.net)**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**

**ROCKVILLE, MD:** February 15<sup>th</sup> 5 - 7 pm

**THE M ARRIOTT 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](mailto:jonbernheimer@verizon.net) 703-405-2250**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**

**KENT ISLAND:** February 15<sup>th</sup> 4:30 - 7 pm

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

Contact: **MARILYN Goodson - [msgoods7@gmail.com](mailto:msgoods7@gmail.com)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**

**SE PA:** February 15<sup>th</sup> 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 super low long HH prices Meet a great group of sailing people!

Contact: **PATTI - [pattievans@aol.com](mailto:pattievans@aol.com)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**

**WILMINGTON, DE:** February 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30 pm

**TIMOTHY'S Restaurant and Bar**, Wilmington Riverfront by Blue Rock Stadium, facing the waterfront.

930 Justison Street, (19801) 302-429-RIBS (7427). [timothysontheriverfront.com](http://timothysontheriverfront.com) Drink specials 'til 7pm

Contact - **GERI - [Gerwalker12@gmail.com](mailto:Gerwalker12@gmail.com)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

**ANNAPOLIS, MD:** February 22<sup>nd</sup> 5-7 pm

and later at **THE PIER** (prev. Coconut Joe's) 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, [cocojoes@comcast.net](mailto:cocojoes@comcast.net) 443-837-6057.

**FROM AN NAPOLIS:** 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 - [reponce@msn.com](mailto:reponce@msn.com)**

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**Happy Hour PICTURES**

TO: [sailhither@hotmail.com](mailto:sailhither@hotmail.com)

**TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD:**

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**BOATS FOR SALE**

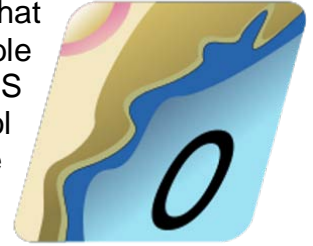
**Classic Sabre 32 for sale:** *Water Music*, a very well maintained and loved Sabre 32 cruiser/racer. 1986 Hull #65. Sleeps 5-6. Keel centerboard, 21hp Westerbeke diesel engine. Outfitted with 3 yr. old Frigoboat keel-cooled refrigeration w/freezer, 25-pound Manson Supreme anchor on anchor roller, new chart plotter, 2-burner stove with oven (CNG), head w/25 gal holding tank, carries 63 gal. of water, dripless stuffing box, battery charger, DSC-capable VHF radio & RAM, stereo, bilge pump counter and new bilge pump. Main, 135% genoa, whisker pole, spinnaker halyard. Dodger and bimini w/covers, connector, two Oceanair hatch screens/shades, custom cockpit screens. Sails like a dream. Full winter cover. Upcoming winter storage included. (Has been hauled every winter.) For more details email [johnfparsons\\_9@msn.com](mailto:johnfparsons_9@msn.com) or [nancybparsons@hotmail.com](mailto:nancybparsons@hotmail.com). 3-18

**OPENCNP CHART PLOTTER NAVIGATION**

Thoughts by Chic Bach

At the 2017 Spring Training Emil Becker gave a presentation on OpenCPN. I would love to have a group to delve into chart plotting.

The information from that presentation was valuable on my first sail with SOS overnight sail with Carol Neimand on the Goose Cruise. She introduced me to chart plotting using hard copy paper charts and markers.



The open source computer engineer in me went home and finished installing OpenCPN and printed the course we had sailed. I studied Carol's two GPS's and was almost able to navigate Reed Creek.

In 2018 I hope to have a big screen on Carole's *Bon Chance* to navigate the Chesapeake in real time.

Hopefully, this might spur some interest in a sailing skill that can be valuable at almost no cost, if you don't have a \$4000 Garmin available.

**SOS Bank Accounts – December 31**

Bareboat Escrow	\$ 51,669
Checking	\$ 47,052
Savings	\$ 73,319
Credit Card	\$ ( 22,855)
End of month total	\$ 97,515

SOS Membership		
	January 2018	January 2017
Members	494	502
Skippers	94	119
<b>Totals</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>621</b>

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### *Fireside Chats*



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### *Regional Brunches*

February 18