

May 2018, Vol. 40, No. 5

Cruising Corner

Laura Gwinn and
Noreen McGuire,
Cruising Chairs



Cruising Word of
the Month:

TIMELINESS.

For SOS members this means signing up in a timely fashion, i.e., well before the deadline. For crew, it increases the likelihood the coordinator can place you; for skippers, it helps the coordinator assess her ability to place crew.

Timeliness is also important for inviting crew and accepting invitations. Skippers: call or e-mail your offered crew within 24 hours of speaking with the coordinator. Crew: respond promptly to phone calls or e-mail (your invitation could be rescinded!).

Finally, be on time the day of the cruise. Skippers usually select a time to leave the dock based on distance, weather, and the time the raft building will begin. You don't want to be late!

There are lots of great cruises on the schedule for May:

- Shakedown Cruise/Cinco de Mayo on May 5-6. Tacos and margaritas for dinner, maybe?

- The very popular DNR cruise May 19-20; you definitely want to sign up early for this one.
- Memorial Day weekend, we already have 20 boats signed up to go to Solomon's Island! While some skippers may pre-select some crew, there will be plenty of openings for additional crew.

And there are day sails to sign up for:

- May 10 for a mid-week sail,
- May 12 for a weekend sail.

Coordinators are standing by, anxious to fill boats! Sign up now!

DNR Cruise Pirate & Pig Roast Party

May 19-20

Ahoy, me hearties!! Get ready to P-A-R-T-Y

Skippers and crew who set sail Friday may want to come ashore and enjoy the tranquil DNR, setting, pitch in and help the working members, or just sit back and chill. Don't forget to indicate at registration if you are available to leave Friday. If you drive in, there are still eight rustic, dorm style bunks available on a first pay, first reserved bases. Cost is \$25 per

night for both Friday and Saturday, contact mary7570@yahoo.com is Mary Chevalier, mary7570@yahoo.com Don't forget to bring your own linens!

All attendees: Please bring the traditional appetizers for happy hour on Saturday and we will supply the rest:

- For vegetarians, an entrée option will be available when you register
- Pig roast includes: pork, chicken, coleslaw, bakes beans, pasta salad, cucumber salad, rolls and sauce
- Dessert
- Beer/wine, water, nonalcoholic beverages including sugar free.

Pirate costumes, language, dancing and jokes are the order for the night!

Q: How do pirates communicate with each other?

A: With an Aye



VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Wind on our faces, sun on our backs.... we are sailing into time on the water... and parties ashore, starting with my favorite – the DNR Cruise on May 19. Have you signed up to enjoy a pig roast and perhaps even being a pirate for an evening? We will raft in pods and dinghy to shore to enjoy food, dancing, and companionship.

And after you sail, whenever you sail, remember to share your feedback on the follow up Survey Monkey – we need to know the Good, the Bad, (and there is no “ugly” on the Chesapeake Bay) – tell the committee chairs what is working, what you suggest we do differently, where you want to help.

With the sailing season being young, many newer members may want to have their Basic Skills levels signed off. Be sure to click that choice when you sign up for a sail so the coordinators place you with a sign-off skipper. And then be sure to pack your forms – you may have received some Basic Skills forms in your New Member Welcome packet and they are always available to print out from www.singlesonsailboats.org

under “Forms and Such.” **As each section is signed off, please email forms to adm_n_SOS@singlesonsailboats.org or mail to P.O. Box 5708, Annapolis, MD 21403 so the database chair can update your new information.**

Watch Fleet Exercises for the for weekend, day, and four-day cruises. I already signed up for the Four-day Memorial Weekend... and soon the Anniversary Cruise. What are YOU looking forward to doing?

Remember: sign up early, sign up often! Join old friends and new, enjoy the beauty of our Chesapeake Bay. Participate in a committee, learn the ropes – make SOS the club for YOU!

Janet

Welcome New Members

Sherrill Barrett
Marlton, NJ
Diane DeTroye
Annandale, VA

Welcome Returning Members

Benai Dickinson
Mount Laurel, NJ
Robert Donaldson
Annapolis, MD
Pete Kregloh
Olney, MD
Susan Zevin
Annapolis, MD

Whisker Pole NEWSLETTER

Published Monthly

Singles on Sailboats, Inc.
P.O. Box 5708, Annapolis, MD 21403
410.798.4098

www.singlesonsailboats.org

Newsletter Editor:
Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky
editorwhiskerpole@yahoo.com

Proof readers:
Angela Weathers, Barbara Shoemaker,
John Murray, Ellie Kallins, Perry Brown

10th of Month submission deadlines

Fleet Exercises & Shore Leave:
Ned Schwartz
sosfleetworkers@gmail.com

Photos : Bob Wright (NEW)
Bob.Wright1@aecom.com

Happy Hours: Ed Petersohn
sailhither@hotmail.com

Classified Ads: Pat Randall
parandall@comcast.net

Scuttlebutt: Jody Hutchinson
mjodyh@yahoo.com

15th of Month submission deadlines

All articles and photos:
Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky
editorwhiskerpole@yahoo.com

Website admin:
adm_n_sos@singlesonsailboats.org

New Member Inquiry:
info@singlesonsailboats.org

Boat US Discount code #GA80619S

Inside:

Anniversary Cruise	13
Board Notes	3
Classified	17
Cruising Schedule	15
Directions	8
Fleet Exercises	4-7
Four Day Memorial Cruise	14
Happy Hour	18
Leukemia Cup	18
Photos	9-12
Scuttlebutt	16
Yahoo Groups	15

Unofficial notes April 5, 2018 Board Meeting

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

Commodore: Discussed efforts to find Education chair and reviewed past and upcoming education events.

Vice Commodore:

Treasurer: Presented current financial statements.

Bareboat: For the Lake Champlain Cruise: A skipper has replaced the one who cancelled and has invited 5 of the 7 people left ashore to join him and his significant other on the second catamaran. Currently working on placing the remaining two crew. The second deposit is due in April and the skippers and crew were notified via email, Whisker Pole and the Simplesite website. Coordinator Michael Sommers is currently addressing the travel insurance piece and we hope to have that secured by the May meeting.

A survey has been sent to all the members asking them to choose between a destination of Belize or St. Lucia. Frank Hopkins has graciously agreed to coordinate that cruise.

Brunches: Brunches are over until Fall of this year. After the new Brunch dates have been determined, I will make an appointment to firm up those dates and menus with the Doubletree caterer. She has confirmed, to date there are no food price increases.

Cruising: The first cruise scheduled for the weekend of April 14. Unfortunately, there was a dearth of boats and crew to sign up. The two boats that did sign up may not be ready. Cruising kick-off was on March 25 at the Doubletree Hotel. There were approximately 50 attendees, including 30 skippers. We broke out into 3 groups (skippers, coordinators, First Mates) for short meetings. An hour-long coordinator training was presented by Lynn Gilley. Upcoming sails include; April 18 mid-week day sail, May 5-6 for Shakedown Cruise. The coordinator for the Memorial Day weekend cruise to Solomon's advises that 18 boats have signed up so far.

Database: Have identified 27 Life Members with no login activity for over a year. Have starting trying to contact these members to determine with they are still alive. The 2018 calendar has been updated and sails will be opened for registration as details are published in Whisker Pole. A hard copy of sailing calendar is available for download on website

Education: Planning and advertising continues for the Lunch and Learn. Fireside Chats and Seminars have been well attended.

Membership: Membership packets have been sent to seven new members and one new skipper.

First Mates: On March 25th Bill Knapp (one of our FM Candidates) stepped up to facilitate the First Mate portion of

the Cruising Kickoff along with Kitty St. Romain. Four First Mates and two Candidates participated. Questions and recommendations were put forward. Plans are being put together for the First Mates Meeting/Party on June 16. Discussions are moving forward for the activities for the First Mates Cruise on July 21-22, in conjunction with the Lollypop Cruise. In process of verifying First Mate Status and/or availability of team members to participate in this year's sailing season. Will be working with Safety Committee to update the First Mate Candidate Checkout Skipper list.

Newsletter: The April 20-page Whisker Pole was mailed to 89 members and 29 Happy Hour coordinators and were printed at a cost of \$ 420.55 which equates to \$3.89 per copy. There has been no coordinator for the North Baltimore Happy Hour for the last three months. This event will be removed from the Happy Hours printed in the newsletter and should be removed from the web page and Meet Up. I understand from Barbara O'Brien (previous coordinator) that the majority of the attendees are non-SOS people and no new member has been recruited in several years from this gathering. She has contacted several SOS members, none who are willing to become the coordinator

Public Relations: No report

Safety: The Safety Skills Hands on planning is well underway and am still recruiting volunteers.

Skippers' Advisory: Have identified only one new skipper and boat joining in this year. This skipper is getting TLC. There are 12 boats that fell off last year's list. Two were found to have forgotten to re-up. One dropout recounted a lack of sensitivity on the part of the club when he was incapacitated by major illness. Led a discussion on how to enlist new boats and skippers.

Social: The March Spring party posted a profit of around \$279 minus credit card/clicks The DNR planning is done, looking for volunteers to help set up/break down. The Anniversary Party planning commenced. We will have a 40th anniversary party, ruby stone is traditionally the gift so members will be encouraged to wear something red. We still need an event manager, band, caterer, memorial gift suggestions etc.

NEXT SOS BOD MEETING

May 3rd, 7:00 pm

Greenbriar Community Room

7600 Hanover Parkway

Greenbelt MD

Meeting is open to all members

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.



April 29 Sunday Tour of USCG Cutter Barque EAGLE
Location: US Coast Guard Surface Forces Logistics Center, 2401 Hawkins Rd, Baltimore, MD
Cost: Free
Deadline: Online Only: April 26 **Time:** 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.
Coordinator: Suzanne Vaughn suzyvaughn2@gmail.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



May 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



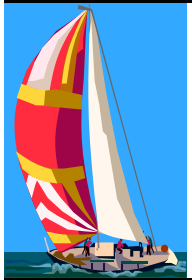
May 5/6 Saturday – Sunday Shakedown Cruise (Cinco de Mayo)
Destination: Crab Creek/South River **Cost:** \$34 - Member or Non-member
Deadline: Mail: April 18 (postmark) **Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.
 Online: April 23
Coordinator: Bill Small SmallFavors@hotmail.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



May 10 Thursday Mid Week Day Sail
Destination: Skipper's Choice **Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by May 2 **Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.
Coordinator: Barbara Wingrove bkwingrove@outlook.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



May 11 Friday Leukemia Cup Fundraising Potluck Party
Location: Hollendursky's Home
Deadline: Mail: May 7 (postmark) Online: May 9 (9 pm)
Cost: Donations to **Leukemia Cup** welcome
Note: Bring a dish to share and BYOB **Limited to 30**
Coordinator: Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky shirleybbrooks@yahoo.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



May 12 Saturday Day Sail
Destination: Skipper's Choice
Deadline: Mail: May 2 (postmark) Online: May 6 (9 pm)
Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member
Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.
Coordinator: Teresa Scofield tscofield55@gmail.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



May 19/20 Saturday - Sunday DNR Cruise/Party (Pirates Pig Roast)
Destination: Wye East River/Granary Creek
Entertainment: Music by the "Motor Driven Band"
Deadline: Mail: May 4 (postmark) Online: May 8 Party only: May 15
Cost: \$74 - Member or Non-member \$40 - Party only
Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must 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



May 22 Tuesday Mid Week Day Sail
Destination: Skipper's Choice
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by May14
Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member
Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.
Coordinator: Anne Bastian bastian.anne@gmail.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



May 25-28 Friday - Monday 4 Day Memorial Day Cruise
Destination: Friday: Little Choptank, Saturday: Zahniser's, Solomon's Sunday: Baby Owl or Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail: May 10 (postmark) Online: May 14
Cost: \$68 - Member or Non-member
Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.
Coordinator: Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky shirleybbrooks@yahoo.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



June 2 Saturday Leukemia Cup Regatta
Destination: 10:00 Regatta at mouth of Severn River
Note: Regatta Registration Information: <http://www.leukemicup.org/md/>
 4:00pm Shore Party at EYC See more information in this newsletter
Coordinator: Hosted by The Annapolis Yacht Club and The Eastport Yacht Club



June 6 Wednesday Mid Week Day Sail

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

Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by May 30 **Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.

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



June 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



Jun 9-10 Saturday - Sunday Appetizers & Desserts Cruise

Destination: Wye East River/Pickering Cove **Cost:** \$34 - Member or Non-member

Deadline: Mail: May 25 (postmark) **Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.
Online: May 29

Coordinator: Carol Coltharp cjc44@comcast.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



June 16 Saturday Day Sail

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

Deadline: Mail: June 6 (postmark) **Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.
Online: June 10 (9 pm)

Coordinator: Kitty St. Romain k.st.romain@comcast.net
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



June 16 Saturday First Mate Meeting/Potluck

Location: Molly & Ned's Home
Annapolis, MD

Deadline: Register by June 11

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

Note: **By Invitation Only**
Start at 5:30pm. Bring a dish to share

Coordinator: Meeps Yox mpsyx@earthlink.net
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



June 21 Thursday Mid Week Day Sail

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

Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by June 15 **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.anne@gmail.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



June 23/24 Saturday – Sunday 40th Anniversary Weekend Cruise/Party
(Ruby Red - When in doubt, wear red)
Destination: Lankford Bay Marina, Chester River
Cost: \$74 - Cruise & Party
 \$40 - Party only
 \$45 – Party after deadline and walk-ins
Deadline: Mail: June 8 (postmark) **Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.
Cruise & Party: Online: June 12
Party only: Mail: June 15, Online: June 18
Coordinator: Molly Harrison and Ned Schwartz mollyned@verizon.net
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



June 28-29 Thursday, Friday Mid Week Full Moon Sail (Overnight)
Destination: Wye River/Drum Point
Cost: \$34 - Member or Non-member
Deadline: Mail: June 15 (postmark) **Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.
 Online: June 19
Coordinator: Cherie Comly mectwist@aol.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



July 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



July 6-9 Friday – Monday 4 Day Cambridge Sail
Destination: Friday: Dun Cove/Harris Creek
 Saturday: Cambridge
 Sunday: Skipper's Choice.
Cost: \$68 - Member or Non-member
Deadline: Mail: June 22 (postmark) **Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.
 Online: June 26
Coordinator: Laura Gwinn laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



July 14 Saturday Day Sail
Destination: Skipper's Choice
Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member
Deadline: Mail: July 5 (postmark) **Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.
 Online: July 8 (9 pm)
Coordinator: Teresa Scofield tscofield55@gmail.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at 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: The second payment of \$600 is due April 1, 2018
 Contact Coordinator for details.
Coordinator: Mike Sommer msommer414@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS



DNR, 632 Wye Island Road, Queenstown, MD 21658

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/eastern/wyeisland.html>

From Bay Bridge (East bound):

Travel 12.5 miles eastbound on Route 50 and turn right onto Carmichael Road. Travel 5.1 miles on Carmichael Road until you cross the Wye Island Bridge. From the Wye Island Bridge, travel south on Wye Island Road for approximately 4.2 miles. Numerous public parking areas are available along Wye Island Road.

From Easton (West bound):

Travel westbound on Route 50 to the Maryland Route 213 traffic light. Continue west on Route 50 for three miles and look for sign (Wye Island NRMA). Turn left onto Carmichael Road. Travel 5.1 miles on Carmichael Road until you cross the Wye Island Bridge. From the Wye Island Bridge, travel south on Wye Island Road for approximately 4.2 miles. Numerous public parking areas are available along Wye Island Road.

Lankford Bay Marina, 23002 McKinleyville Road, Rock Hall, MD 21661, 410-778-1414

301/50 travel north on 213 to Chestertown.

Follow Route 290 to Route 20 towards Rock Hall - Do NOT turn on Lankford Bay Road.

Turn left on Crosby Road - Route 288.

Turn left at stop sign. Follow Route 288.

When road splits, go left onto McKinleyville Road and follow to end of road to Lankford Bay Marina.

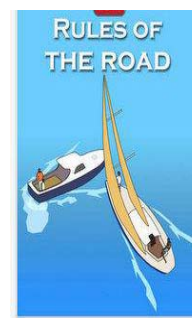
Greenbriar Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD. From Washington Beltway (Interstate 95/495), Exit onto Baltimore/Washington (BW) Parkway toward Baltimore. Exit BW Parkway at the first exit (to Greenbelt), bear left on exit ramp to Greenbelt Road (east), make first left at light onto Hanover Parkway 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.

Three Charity Sailing Events Launch New Triple Crown Trophy

Skippers participating in the Annapolis Leukemia Cup (June 2), CRAB Cup (August 18) and Hospice Cup (September 15) will be eligible for the Weems & Plath Triple Crown of Charity Trophy. It will be awarded to the boat finishing highest in all three events while raising the most funds for the respective charities.

"Weems and Plath has a long-standing relationship with all three charity races and the sponsorship of a trophy that will serve to benefit Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and Hospice of the Chesapeake brings great pride to all of our employees and customers," said Peter Trogdon, CEO of Weems & Plath.

The race results of each sailing event will be combined with the fundraising of each skipper and crew and calculated into their final standing for the Trip Crown Trophy. The trophy presentation will be held in October, 2018.



This old poem says it best:

Here lies the body of Johnny O'Day
Who died preserving his right of way.
He was right, dead right, as they sailed along.
But he's just as dead as if he'd been wrong.

Fireside Chat (McLean, VA) “Just Another Day on the Water. . . OH, OH, What is THAT?”



Above Seated (L to R): Judy Downey, Charlie (???), Jeanne Maroney, Susan Jenkins and Karl Hamady.
Standing: Irene Aronian (Host)



Left: Standing: John Ihnat (Speaker)
Seated: Susan Jenkins and Jim Wray

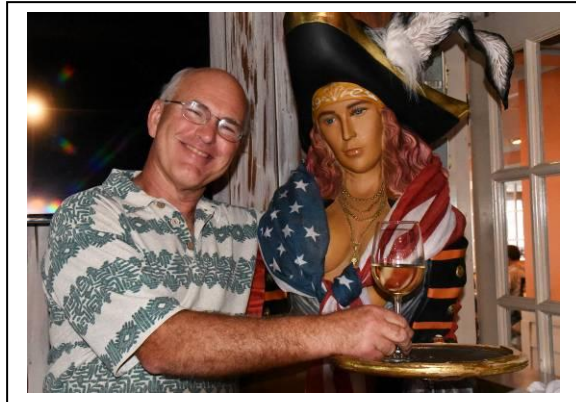
Photos by Hope Andruss

NOTE FROM PHOTO EDITOR: Please include names with your photos so we can learn everyone’s names.

IRS Happy Hour (No Sail)



Phyllis Hoot and Barbara Shoemaker



John Rogers
(Keep your hand on the wine glass)



Beth Dumesco, Sandy Rosswork,
and Dennis Krizek



Ian Sanderson and
Samia AbdelWahed

All photos by Samia AbdelWahed



Ellie Palins, Phyllis Hoot, Lynn Singley, Suzanne Farr,
Cindy Hooper and Ellie Kallins

NOTE FROM PHOTO EDITOR: Please include names with your photos so we can learn everyone's names.

Lunch & Learn



Commodore Janet Gonski



Skipper Laura Gwinn dealing with ALL the "gear" Sandy Huberfield brings in opening skit



Sandy Huberfield leads Nautical Twenty Questions. L-R: Mary Ellen Murphy, Linda Phillips, Caroline Cherry raised hand

Safety Skills Hands On



Susan Zevin and Sherrill Barrett



Jim Wray & Caroline Cherry



Beth Blanchfield and Karl Scible



John McDonald



Carol Bohatila and Sandy Demento



Pete Kregloh

NOTE FROM PHOTO EDITOR: Please include names with your photos so we can learn everyone's names.

The Happy Hour at The Pier Restaurant following Lunch 'n Learn



(L to R): Dave Enos, Sara Doolittle, Sherrill Barrett, Wendy Steussy, Lora Donia



(L to R): Howard Lane, Barbara Wise, John McDonald, Teresa Scofield, Barbara Shoemaker, Linda Perkins



(L to R): Mary Ellen Murphy, John Wiggins, Meeps Yox



(L to R): Carol Bohatila, John Ihnat, Alan Osterholm, Emil Becker

NOTE FROM PHOTO EDITOR: Please include names with your photos so we can learn everyone's' names.

When Gaps Create Gaps or Create Change

Eighteen months ago the planning for Spring Training 2017 began under the leadership of our Education Chair. After three years as chair, he considered stepping down from the position, but for the good of our SOS club, he graciously followed through until the fall. No one stepped into the Education Chair role for the following year, creating a gap and a major change in our club's legacy; **we did not hold Spring Training 2018.**

With the Education Chair gap, other education programs were in jeopardy. To continue the Fireside Chats Lorraine Fassett stepped in to organize them and some board members stepped in to plan seminars. We changed how we manage the winter education programs, but we got by.

Now we are pleased to announce we have a Spring Training Chair and plan to hold a training in 2019. But we continue to have gaps in this program: no Education Chair, no Fireside Chat Coordinator, and no Seminar Coordinator. **What will change with all these gaps?** It is up to the SOS members to determine if these programs will become a part of the past or continue.

When the Social Chair stepped down in the fall of 2017 we had another major gap with no incoming chair. Recently new member Mary Ellen Murphy stepped in as Social Chair with the understanding there was support and volunteers for social events. She was able to enlist an Event Manager for the St. Paddy's Dinner & Dance and took the lead herself for the DNR Dinner & Dance. Now it is time to find an Event Manager for the Anniversary Party – another gap.

Singles on Sailboats is forty years old; something to celebrate in a club, especially in these days of diminishing membership in all clubs at all ages. So, to ensure we have an anniversary celebration, Mary Ellen has re-structured how the committee will divide and accomplish the tasks to make our 40th a special event.

As we move through the rest of the sailing party season, we again have a choice – with a 'gap' we may not have the ability to plan a party... with volunteers, supported by their Social Chair, we can... again, **it is up to the SOS members to determine what our club will be in our future. Please Volunteer!**



40th Anniversary Cruise and Ruby Red Party

**June 23 & 24
Lankford Bay Marina**

We have a special party planned to celebrate a special Anniversary – SOS was established forty years ago! We are reaching out to former Commodores and early members to come and share their experiences of those first years.

5:00 – Happy Hour

6:00 – Dinner with Former Commodore Toast

7:00 – Music and Dancing

The destination for our very special 40th Anniversary is beautiful Lankford Bay Marina, nestled at the mouth of Davis Creek overlooking Cacaway Island on the Chester River, an easy drive (like Rock Hall from Annapolis). If you are attending the party only, there is an array of small hotels nearby in Rock Hall area.

New Members:

Come join the Social Committee and get to know your Club faster. Your presence as a volunteer for a fun job (decorators, registrations, servers, bartenders, and clean ups) is all part of the fun!

This is the easy way to meet more people in the Club and learn the ropes of activity in SOS while having a great time in the process!

Questions or to volunteer contact Mary Ellen Murphy at mem3912@aol.com

**Fun
Sailing Notice to SOS Skippers
June 2, 2018**



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

You don't have to own a boat to contribute or to join in the fun. In the past members of the Cruising and Social Committees have sold raffle tickets and provided tip jars at SOS functions. Individuals have volunteered to help with the regatta or at the post race party.

Regatta Registration Information:

SKIPPERS: www.eastportyc.org/leukemia-cup

VOLUNTEERS: www.leukemicup.org/get-involved/volunteer

To make donations to Team SOS:

<http://pages.leukemicup.org/md/md18/SinglesOnSailboats>

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

**Team SOS Pot Luck dinner
May 11th, 6:00pm
Leukemia Cup Fundraiser**

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

Why: to benefit Team SOS, a four boat team racing in the Annapolis Leukemia Cup Regatta on June 2nd.

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

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

Bring: pot luck dish to share and BYOB

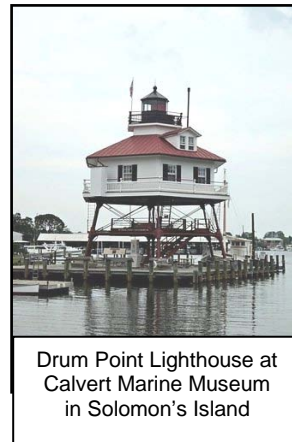
Sign-up: On SOS web page by May 4th. Limited to 35 people.

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

Memorial 4-Day Cruise May 25-28

**To Solomons Island,
Where the Patuxent River
meets the Chesapeake**

We have an exciting itinerary planned for you.



Drum Point Lighthouse at Calvert Marine Museum in Solomon's Island

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

Saturday: We will continue to sail south and will dock at Zahniser's Yacht Center in Solomons Island. You'll have time to explore Solomons, hang out at the pool, take a hot shower, do laundry, take a bike into town, or take the shuttle to the grocery store. At 5:00 we'll gather under a

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

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

Sign up now for the extremely popular cruise!

IMPORTANT INFO FOR SKIPPERS:

If you are even a little bit interested in participating in the 4-day Memorial Cruise **you should call Zahniser's now to reserve your slip for Saturday, May 26th as reservations are taken on first come, first serve basis. This is an extremely popular weekend in Solomons and slips fill up quickly. So call NOW.**

Be sure to tell the Dockmaster you are with Singles on Sailboats as the club will be paying for your slip and electricity as long as you have left an open berth for the coordination. (Call Dockmaster: Terry Walters at 410-326-2166 x4) If you find you are unable to sail or decide not to participate, call Zahniser's **by May 23rd to cancel. If you do not do so**, you will have to pay for your slip.

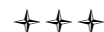
Date	2018 Cruising Schedule
March 24	Cruising Kick-off
April 14-15	IRS Cruise – Pirates Cove
April 18	Mid-week Day Sail (Wednesday)
April 21	New member day; flare & fire demo
April 22	Dockside Training/Earth Day
May 5-6	Shakedown Cruise, Cinco de Mayo – Crab Creek
May 10	Mid-week Day Sail (Thursday)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

What is the SOS Net and Why Would I Want to Join It?

The SOS Net is the **unofficial** online communication for SOS members, providing a convenient way for discussion of various sailing related topics. It is also a tool skippers can use to recruit crew for an impromptu day of sailing or to request a boat helper. Need to arrange a carpool to an SOS party – this is a good way to reach out to members who may live near you.

To join, simply set up a Yahoo email account if you do not already have one. Then navigate in your browser to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SinglesOnSail> There are no fees or subscriptions. For questions, e-mail the list owner: singlesonsail-owner@yahoo.com



What is the Skippers' Net and Why Would I Want to Join It?

The Skippers Net is the **official** online communication for SOS skippers, providing a convenient way for discussion of various sailing related topics. Need to brainstorm about how to change a difficult-to-reach impellor? Find out where CNG can be purchased? Who can repair your outboard? The Skippers Net is the tool for you to use to find solutions to these situations.

To join, simply set up a Yahoo email account if you do not already have one. Then navigate in your browser to: <https://groups.yahoo.com>. Browse for Singles on Sailboats Skippers. Click "Join Group". Set your membership information and click "send request". For questions or information, e-mail the list owner: smallfavours@hotmail.com

Scuttlebutt



A communal water cask around which sailors traded gossip.

Send your news to Jody Hutchinson mjodyh@yahoo.com

Carl McHenry: After wintering in the Exumas since mid January, *Morning Star* left on April 5 to sail back to the Chesapeake Bay. Should be back at Oak Harbor in a couple of weeks.

Lynn Winkler: Susan Donaldson, Carole Lowrey, Gil Eaton and me are off to the Bahamas in April to sail on a modern Tall Ship for a week long cruise. They will sail from Nassau and visit Eluthere and other islands.

John Dombach: Spring is coming, as is the Chesapeake Bay sailing season. Recovery from open heart surgery in September has been a slow steady process. And now I am looking forward to sailing on the Bay and seeing friends I missed last summer.

In the meantime, Joan Kreeger and I have enjoyed some warm weather ship cruising in the western Caribbean; Mexico and Belize. And on the Pacific Ocean, from Lima, Peru to San Diego, CA, stopping at ports and enjoying excursions in Ecuador, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Mexico.

This is our first introduction and taste of South America. Will also spend time in San Diego and seeing family in LA.

Then home and ready for spring and sailing.

Marcia Cole: Marcia Cole reports that she's spent this winter across the pond, house sitting her daughter's flat in London. While there she's walked many miles and visited many of its well known tourist sites and lesser known hidden treasures. So much to see and do!

In March she made her first visit to Western Africa and traveled to Liberia, where her daughter is currently working, for a ten day vacation. They enjoyed spending time together both in Monrovia and visiting Liberia's three ecolodges out of town. Marcia's favorite was the Libassa Ecolodge and Wildlife Sanctuary, which is located less than an hour outside Monrovia, and boasts five pristine swimming pools, a lazy river, excellent accommodations, and delicious food.

While the rest of the country may not be ready for prime time tourism, in Marcia's opinion this place is well on its way to world class. Very encouraging for a country that has suffered so much in recent years.

Marcia is looking forward to returning to DC in May and, after a trip to Alaska with Desiree DeLiser (a former SOS member) in June, joining day sails and weekend cruises with SOS.

Did ya know – there is a new SOS Happy Hour a'coming to Baltimore!

May 10th

The Northern Baltimore Happy Hour has moved to a new location and date.

It will now be the on the second Thursday of each month, 5-pm at The Boathouse Canton, 2809 Boston St, Baltimore. Free parking, great food, drinks and Happy Hour prices. Waterfront dining with stunning views of the Inner Harbor.

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 come earlier.
- 75 word limit, effective May 1, 2018



Pat Randall, Classified Page Editor

BOATS FOR SALE

1962 Mercer 44 : "Spirit", classic Bill Tripp designed CCA fiberglass keel-centerboard sloop, rebuilt in 1998 & well maintained, third owner. Spirit sleeps 2 in the V-berth and up to 5 in the main salon. Since 2004 Spirit has been sailed on the Chesapeake and is now berthed in Irvington, VA on the Rappahannock River. Her details are located on her website: www.Mercer44.net \$120K. Contact SOS life-member Floyd Hollister at fhh11@columbia.edu 02-18

Classic Sabre 32 : *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 refrigeration, 2-burner stove with oven (CNG), 25-pound Manson Supreme anchor on anchor roller, new chart plotter and depth sounder, main, 135% genoa, whisker pole, dodger and bimini w/covers and connector, full winter cover. Topsides waxed and bottom painted. \$35,000. For more details: johnfparsons_9@msn.com or nancybparsons@hotmail.com . 02-18

1995 Boat Show Sabre 38 Masthead Sloop, Hull 216. Parfait. Blue Awlgrip Hull, Gold Accent, Red Boot Strip. Fully Battened Mainsail with Atal Track, Dutchman Flaking System and Cover, 135% Genoa and Cruising Spinnaker with Sock, Windlass, 33lb. Bruce Anchor with 200 Chain and Danforth Anchor with 150' Rode. 38hp Westerbeke Diesel Engine, Two Blade Folding Prop, 12V Refrigerator/Freezer, Raymarine 48 Mile Radar, D120 Chart Plotter, Auto Pilot, 110V Air/Heat Air Conditioner, and much more. If interested, please contact Howard Newman at h.newman2@comcast.net 03-18

BOAT SLIPS

SLIP FOR RENT: Deep water slip in protected cove off Mill Creek (Severn River). Rebuilt, rewired pier. Water and electricity available at pier. Plenty of parking available for cars. Contact Bev Nash beverlynash@verizon.net 04-18

OTHER

Skipper A available: I am an SOS skipper who owns and sails a performance sailboat (29' trimaran) that is only approved for daysails due to a lack of overnight accommodations for guests. I am offering my voluntary services as skipper to SOS sailboat owners who now find it physically difficult or impossible to sail their boats to SOS overnight destinations, but would still enjoy attending. Please contact Dana Stoffregen Email- stoffregendana@gmail.com 05-18

Wanted: Room to Rent: two SOS members from out-of-state (PA.) looking to occasionally rent bedroom with bath privileges in greater Annapolis area. Contact Dana: stoffregendana@gmail.com

**SOS BANK BALANCE
March 31, 2018**

Checking	\$34,658
Credit Card Balance	(\$ 2,511)
Savings Account	<u>\$ 7,333</u>
Total	\$105,480

Bareboat Escrow \$ 42,752

SOS MEMBERSHIP			
	Skippers	Members	Total
March 2017	114	423	537
March 2018	86	408	494

Interesting membership statistics in data base

- 73 sailing vessels out of 86 skippers
- 185 Life Members
- 309 Dues Paying Members
- 283 Female Members
- 211 Male Members



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 Thursday

ELLICOTT CITY, MD: **May 3rd** **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: **May 3rd** **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: **May 3rd** **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: **May 3rd** **6:30 – 9 pm**

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

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

1st Wednesday

NVA/DC: **May 2nd** **5 pm**

MYLOS GRILL (in the bar area) mylosgrill.com.
6238 Old Dominion Dr, (Chesterbrook Shopping Center), McLean, VA. Free parking, great food!

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

2nd Thursday **NEW! NEW! NEW!**

BALTIMORE: **May 10th** **5 – 7 pm**

Boathouse Canton, 2809 Boston St, Baltimore, MD 21224 boathousecanton.com (410) 773-9795, Free parking, great food, drinks and Happy Hour prices. Waterfront dining with stunning views of the Inner Harbor.

Contact: **Kathy Haven- mstkathha@gmail.com**



3rd Wednesday

WILMINGTON, DE: **May 16th** **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 - Gerwalker12@gmail.com**

3rd Thursday

ROCKVILLE, MD: **May 17th** **5 - 7pm**

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 703-405-2250**

3rd Thursday

KENT ISLAND: **May 17th** **4:30 – 7pm**

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

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

3rd Thursday

SE PA: (our 2nd HH) **May 17th** **6-10 pm**

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**

4th Thursday

ANNAPOLIS, M D: **May 2 4th** **5-7 p m** and later at

The Pier, 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, (still 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 UPPER deck outside.

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

e-mail

Happy Hour PICTURES

TO: sailhither@hotmail.com

Contacts

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Office	Name	Liaison to Committee	E-mail Address
Commodore	Janet Gonski		commodore@singlesonsailboats.org
Vice-Commodore	Joan Tannen	Safety	vicecommodore@singlesonsailboats.org
Secretary	Cathy Laws	Social	secretary@singlesonsailboats.org
Treasurer	Gretchen Young		treasurer@singlesonsailboats.org
Director	Brian Guptil	First Mates & Newsletter	sailordude@mac.com
Director	Jon Halpern	Bareboat & Membership	jonathandhalpern@gmail.com
Director	Alan Osterholm	PR/Communications & Education	osterholmah@aol.com
Director	Sandy Rosswork	Cruising & Skippers Advisory	sgrosswork@aol.com
Director	Teresa Scofield	Brunch & Database	tscofield55@gmail.com

YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Committee	Name	E-mail Address
Bareboat Cruising	Kathy Haven	mzkathha@gmail.com
Brunches	Suzanne Vaughn	suzyvaughn2@gmail.com (NEW)
Cruising	Laura Gwinn Noreen McGuire	cruisingchair@singlesonsailboats.org
Database Internet	John McDonald	dbchair.sos.org@gmail.com
Education	OPEN	
First Mates' Advisory	Ned Schwartz	firstmate.sos.org@gmail.com
Membership	Donna Kachura	mdonna916@verizon.net
Newsletter	Shirley Brooks Hollendursky	editorwhiskerpole@yahoo.com
Public Relations	Jeannie Bessmer	jeanniebb@gmail.com
Safety	Beth Dumesco	beth.dumesco@gmail.com
Skippers' Advisory co-Chairs	John Rogers Doug Townsend	johnrogers@gmail.com Douglas.W.Townsend@Att.Net
Social	Mary Ellen Murphy	mem3912@aol.com

YOUR AREA CONTACTS

Geographic Area	Area Contact	E-mail Address
Central PA	Bob Morrow	sosrjmorrow@aol.com
Philadelphia & Suburbs	Ed Petersohn	sailhither@hotmail.com
Delaware	Chuck Fort	saillrn@comcast.net
New Jersey	Lora Donia	doniala@aol.com
Northern Virginia & Washington, DC	Irene Aronian	irene.aronian@gmail.com
Prince George's County	Nancie Park	nanciepark@hotmail.com
Montgomery County	Debbie Goldberg	Hidebbieg@yahoo.com
Crownsville, Edgewater	Ruth Moore	rmoore1433@msn.com
Baltimore	Kathy Haven	mzkathha@gmail.com
Annapolis	Ruth Moore	rmoore1433@msn.com
Eastern Shore, North East	Chuck Fort	saillrn@comcast.net

Singles on Sailboats, Inc

410-798-4098

www.singlesonsailboats.orgFacebook: www.facebook.com/groups/268838264195

Singles
On
Sailboats
INCORPORATE



P. O. Box 5708
Annapolis, MD 21403



So Many Sails & Parties!

- May 5/6 – Shakedown Cruise
- May 10 – Mid Week Day Sail
- May 11 – Leukemia Cup Potluck Party
- May 12 – Day Sail
- May 19/20 – DNR Cruise & Party
- May 22 – Day sail
- May 25-28 – Four Day Memorial Cruise

