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## Cruising Corner

(Laura Gwinn & Noreen McGuire)

Cruising word for this month:

**SKILLS.** We all have different skill levels, whether you are a skipper, First Mate, or (what we affectionately call) Plain Old Crew (POC). Having started out as POC, and now a skipper, I encourage you to:

**Be forthright** about your skills or lack thereof. On your profile be honest about whether you really are experienced, or have moderate experience. Are you able to immediately secure a line to a cleat, or a fender to the lifeline? When the skipper says it's time to tack, do you know what to do without having to ask? Are you certain about how to come into the raft and what it means when the

raft captain says "port to starboard presentation"?

**Think about** what skill(s) you might want to learn/work on during your next cruise or sail. Many skippers and First Mates are happy to work with you on your chosen task. While you are sailing it is easy to take an extra line and practice knots, or use the time to practice tying the fender to the lifeline. Look at a paper chart and see if you can figure out the next marker, or where you are. Ask the skipper if you can decide how the sails should be trimmed.

**Review** the Basic Skills program. Even if you are signed off as a "graduate", you can AND SHOULD

practice those skills. Under "Forms and Such" there is an Intermediate Skills write-up that you can review and work on.

Let's all use this month in particular to hone our skills which will enhance everyone's sailing enjoyment! Especially on the upcoming sails: June 9-10: Appetizers and Desserts (Pickering Cove); June 23-24 Anniversary Party (Lankford Creek), June 28-29, Full Moon Sail (mid-week to Drum Point). Or enjoy a blissful day of sailing on June 6, 16, or 21. Sign up early, sign up often!

## Anniversary Cruise & Ruby Red Party

40<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY

## 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.

Questions or to volunteer contact Mary Ellen Murphy at [mem3912@aol.com](mailto:mem3912@aol.com)

P.S. We are reaching out to early members including those who may not be active in the club any more – are you in contact? If so, would you ask them to contact Commodore Janet Gonski at [JGSunset@yahoo.com](mailto:JGSunset@yahoo.com). She will send them a link to sign up for the party.

Remember: A ruby is a gem and many of would agree that this club is indeed a gem!

## VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Have you ever watched racers and admired, "They've got skills!?" Well, all of us SOSers have skills, too... a variety, for sure, but we direct and sail our own boats without professional guides, so we have to be able to cleat, tie, hoist, winch... follow our skipper's directions when rafting, anchoring... and all that takes skills. And it takes continually honing our skills.

I sailed as a child on a "rowboat with a mast" (a turnabout) and have been sailing with SOS for 12 years, yet I continually need to review that bowline(!) knot, how to tie on a fender while looking upside down (ever tried to be graceful standing over the lifeline??). And charting – I always look at the paper chart while sailing, but one summer I tried to apply my Spring Training learning to plan the course up a creek with all its meandering curves (successfully, I might add). That was three or four years ago and I need to learn all over again before I would trust my chart knowledge. However, the skill development and enhancement is fun, it is part of what we get to do as we sail together each summer.

As "Plain Old Crew" I have the privilege and joy of sailing on a variety of boats... and the responsibility of asking directions and clarifications because, as we POC know, each boat (and skipper's system) is different. And sometimes, as I ask the skipper what "the regular way" looks like on his or her boat, it causes the skipper to stop and think, "Well, how DO I do that?" for procedures that have become so customary. Being able to ask, being able to proactively explain (sometimes even practice) takes skill, too. If I

am told, "We will use a passing line coming into the raft," I am going to ask, "How do you like to do it? Where would you like me to position?" etc.

And so, as we roll into the best sailing time, I plan to sign up often, sign up early and practice my skills while enjoying the camaraderie of our club members, the beauty of the bay, and the gifts of skippers willing to share their boats and expertise.

Because, when we've cast off, heading up the bay toward our gathering place, and those sails are playing the wind we might see another boat (especially one flying an SOS burgee) and perhaps the 'race is on'. We trim, we finagle, getting every last drip of speed out of the boat... celebrate as we catch up (and pass) our 'competitor' even as we turn to one another and pretend "we weren't racing... really." While grinning, "Baby, we got skills!"

*Janet*

### Welcome New Members

**Marie Corbin**  
Bethany Beach DE

**Emily Giacomini**  
College Park MD

**Jacqui Higgins**  
Annapolis MD

**Beth Krushinskie**  
Milton DE

**Jamie Rosini**  
Springfield PA

**Lisa Sanders**  
Dover DE

**Debra Stanley**  
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## Unofficial notes May 3, 2018 Board Meeting

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

**Commodore:** Led discussion of need for additional insurance. Led discussion about revision of the refund policy to increase clarity.

**Vice Commodore:** Led discussion on policy about SOS documents to be retained or destroyed.

**Treasurer:** Present current financial statements.

**Bareboat:** The Lake Champlain Skipper/Crew gathering is scheduled for Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The results of the survey to all the members have been returned with 32 in favor of Belize and 22 for St. Lucia. Frank Hopkins is currently working to get a registration form out to the members which will indicate a time and cost for the cruise. Deb Kaufmann is currently working on coordinating a Trip to Sweden (summer of 2020).

**Brunches:** No Brunches to plan until Fall. Would like to have the dates as soon as they have been determined, in order to make reservations and pursue speakers.

**Cruising:** The weather in April was not conducive to sailing, so no day sails took place and only one boat for IRS cruise. There are 10 boats for Shakedown and all but one crew placed. Plan to send out a monthly reminder blast of upcoming sailing events.

**Database:** Sixty-four boats have been activated for Weekend Cruises, two for Day Sail only. Eight boats not activated. From new member applications 2017-2018, question "How Did You Hear About SOS": 5 No answer; 46 Referred by current member; 16 Internet search; 9 Meet Up; 5 Spin Sheet; 22 Other.

**Education:** No Report.

**Membership:** The orientation weekend was very successful. A few non-members seemed interested and plan to join. Rita Svec has completed the directory. Cost for printing 550 directories with coiled binding is \$2,934.25. Mailing cost is \$381.50.

**First Mates:** Candidate Bill Knapp will be doing one of his checkouts this coming weekend. First Mate meeting in June is still on schedule. First Mate weekend "sail", planning in progress with Candidate Bill Knapp and FM Dean Collins working on the details. Candidate Checkout Skippers list is still a work in flux. Plans for addressing this item are identified.

**Newsletter:** The May 20-page Whisker Pole was mailed to 88 members and 33 Happy Hour coordinators and were printed at a cost of \$ 484.66 which equates to \$4.00 per copy.

**Public Relations:** No report

**Safety:** Boats have been activated for those skippers who filled out the profile with boat information. One FM candidate is requesting checkouts. Safety Hands On Training Event was a success. The administration of the Flare Exchange didn't go well. Exploring the possibility of having an examiner come to an SOS event to conduct Vessel Safety Exams.

**Skippers' Advisory:** Dave Henkin has been working with four new and returning skippers. Several haven't joined/re-joined yet. Dave is giving this great attention. Crew training deficiencies identified are: 1) rafting and docking including fenders and line handling, 2) general knowledge of the actions needed and positions to be attended 3) the proactivity needed in reacting to situations that come up. Raft Captain Training being handled one-on-one by George Hollendursky. Skippers need to contact offered crew ASAP (24 hours) so all can be prepared for a cruise. I participated in the Spinsheet Annapolis crew/skipper. There is an energetic crowd out there that wants to go sailing, but it is a younger crowd..

**Social:** Planning for both DNR Party and Anniversary Party are well underway. Requested the Board allocated additional funds to make the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary extra special.

### **NEXT SOS BOD MEETING**

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

Greenbriar Community Room  
7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt MD  
Meeting is open to all members

**Did ya know? SOS is on social media!!**



[www.facebook.com/groups/268838264195](https://www.facebook.com/groups/268838264195)



[https://www.instagram.com/Singles\\_on\\_sailboats](https://www.instagram.com/Singles_on_sailboats)



<https://www.meetup.com/Singles-on-Sailboats>

## 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.**

### 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.

**Cost:** \$68 - Member or Non-member

**Deadline:**

Mail: May 10 (postmark)  
Online: May 14

**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](mailto:shirleybbrooks@yahoo.com)  
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### June 2

### Saturday

### Leukemia Cup Regatta



**Destination:**

10:00 Regatta at mouth of  
Severn River

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

**Coordinator:**

4:00pm Shore Party at EYC  
Hosted by The Annapolis Yacht Club and The Eastport Yacht Club  
See more information in this newsletter

### 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](mailto:bkwingrove@outlook.com)  
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### 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

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

**Deadline:** Mail: May 25 (postmark)  
Online: May 29

**Coordinator:** Carol Coltharp [cjc44@comcast.net](mailto:cjc44@comcast.net)  
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**June 16**

**Saturday**

**Day Sail**

**Destination:** Skipper's Choice

**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.

**Deadline:** Mail: June 6 (postmark)  
Online: June 10 (9 pm)

**Coordinator:** Kitty St. Romain [k.st.romain@comcast.net](mailto:k.st.romain@comcast.net)  
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**June 16**

**Saturday**

**First Mate Meeting/Potluck**

**Location:** Molly & Ned's Home  
Annapolis, MD

**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

**Deadline:** Register by Jun 11

**Coordinator:** Meeps Yox [mpsyx@earthlink.net](mailto:mpsyx@earthlink.net)  
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**June 21**

**Thursday**

**Mid Week Day Sail**

**Destination:** Skipper's Choice

**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.

**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations  
must be received by June 15

**Coordinator:** Anne Bastian [bastian.anne@gmail.com](mailto:bastian.anne@gmail.com)  
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**June 23/24**

**Saturday – Sunday**

**40<sup>th</sup> 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

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

**Deadline:** Mail: June 8 (postmark)  
Online: June 12

**Coordinator:** Molly Harrison and Ned Schwartz [mollyned@verizon.net](mailto:mollyned@verizon.net)  
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**Party only:** Mail: June 15, Online: June 18

**Coordinator:** Molly Harrison and Ned Schwartz [mollyned@verizon.net](mailto:mollyned@verizon.net)  
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**June 28-29**

**Thursday, Friday**

**Mid Week Full Moon Sail (Overnight)**

**Destination:** Wye River/Drum Point

**Cost:** \$34 - 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.

**Deadline:** Mail: June 15 (postmark)  
Online: June 19

**Coordinator:** Cherie Comly [mectwist@aol.com](mailto:mectwist@aol.com)  
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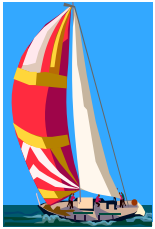
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July 5 Thursday Board Meeting  
**Location:** Commons Room  
 Greenbrier Community Building  
 7600 Hanover Parkway  
 Greenbelt, MD 20770  
**Time:** 7:00 to 10:00pm  
 Doors open 6:45pm  
**Notes:** Open to all Members



July 6-9 Friday – Monday 4 Day Cambridge Sail  
**Destination:** Friday: Dun Cove/Harris Creek  
 Saturday: Cambridge  
 Sunday: Skipper's Choice.  
**Deadline:** Mail: June 22 (postmark)  
 Online: June 26  
**Coordinator:** Laura Gwinn [laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com](mailto:laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com)  
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



July 14 Saturday Day Sail  
**Destination:** Skipper's Choice  
**Deadline:** Mail: July 5 (postmark)  
 Online: July 8 (9 pm)  
**Coordinator:** Teresa Scofield [tscofield55@gmail.com](mailto:tscofield55@gmail.com)  
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



July 18 Wednesday Mid Week Day Sail  
**Destination:** Skipper's Choice  
**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations  
 must be received by July 11  
**Coordinator:** Emil Becker [emilbec@msn.com](mailto:emilbec@msn.com)  
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



July 21/22 Saturday – Sunday Lollipop Cruise  
**Destination:** Round Bay/Severn River  
**Deadline:** Mail: July 5 (postmark)  
 Online: July 10  
**Coordinator:** Bev Nash [beverlynash@verizon.net](mailto:beverlynash@verizon.net)  
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



July 21/22 Saturday – Sunday First Mates Sail  
**Destination:** Round Bay/Severn River  
**Deadline:** Mail: July 5 (postmark)  
 Online: July 10  
**Event Coordinators:** Bill Knapp/Dean Collins  
**Coordinator:** Bev Nash [beverlynash@verizon.net](mailto:beverlynash@verizon.net)  
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

**Cost:** No cost. Open to First Mates, First Mate Emeritus and First Mate Candidates.  
**Note:** Spend the day honing FM skills, as well as enjoying the day.  
 First Mates to Join Lollipop Raft after the Saturday sail  
**BY INVATION ONLY**



August 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



August 4/5 Saturday - Sunday Seafood Feast  
**Destination:** Sailing Emporium, Rock Hall  
**Cost:** \$74 - Cruise & Party  
 \$40 - Party only  
 \$50 - Party after deadline and walk-ins  
**Deadline:** Mail: July 20 (postmark)  
**Cruise & Party:** Online: July 24  
**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.  
**Party only:** Mail: July 27, Online: July 30  
**Coordinator:** Kathy Haven [mskathha@gmail.com](mailto:mskathha@gmail.com)  
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August 8 Wednesday Mid Week Day Sail  
**Destination:** Skipper's Choice  
**Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member  
**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by August 1  
**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](mailto:bastian.anne@gmail.com)  
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



August 11 Saturday Town Hall Meeting  
**Destination:** Galesville - Pirates Cove  
**Cost:** Member Meeting/Dinner: Free  
 Non-Member: \$25.00  
**Deadline:** Mail: August 3 (postmark)  
 Online: August 7  
**Time:** 5:00 Happy Hour  
 6:00 Dinner  
 7:30 - 9:00 Meeting  
 A coordinated weekend cruise will not be part of this event, so SOS will not be paying slip fees. Skippers who wish to sail may invite crew and make their own slip reservations.  
**NO WALK-INS - If you do not sign up you will not get dinner.**  
**Coordinator:** Joan Tannen [jtkeuka@gmail.com](mailto:jtkeuka@gmail.com)  
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



August 18 Saturday Day Sail  
**Destination:** Skipper's Choice  
**Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member  
**Deadline:** Mail: August 8 (postmark)  
 Online: August 12 (9 pm)  
**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.  
**Coordinator:** Kitty St. Romain [k.st.romain@comcast.net](mailto:k.st.romain@comcast.net)  
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August 19-26 Sunday to Sunday Lake Champlain Bareboat Trip  
**Destination:** Leaving out of Plattsburgh, NY  
**Cost:** About \$900 total (inclusive)  
**7 day:** Boarding Sunday 6:00pm  
 Returning Sunday 3:00pm  
**Note:** Contact Coordinator for details.  
**Coordinator:** Mike Sommer [msommer414@gmail.com](mailto:msommer414@gmail.com)

## DIRECTIONS

### 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 the 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.

## SOS Cookbook Returns!



The oh-so-popular SOS Cookbook has been out of print for a year now. So editor Teeja Meier, has made it available online for members who may need new ideas (or refreshers) for cooking onboard.

Just go to [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org) and login. The click on Forms and Such and you will find the cookbook under "Members."

## SOS BANK BALANCE April 30, 2018

Checking	\$38,253
Credit Card Balance	(\$ 2,271)
Savings Account	<u>\$ 73,338</u>
Total	\$105,480

Bareboat Escrow           \$ 64,599

SOS MEMBERSHIP			
	Skippers	Members	Total
May 2017	114	436	550
May 2018	89	419	506

**Looking for a fun way to be involved** and give back to SOS? Please consider an active role on the **Social C ommittee** and help plan the next party!

The **Social C ommittee** is SOS's "event planning" team, and is active year around. We plan the club's many, varied social activities.

During sailing season, several parties are held at yacht clubs or marinas:

- DNR party in May
- Anniversary part in June
- Seafood Fest in August

When we're not sailing, SOS folk dance, socialize, & party!

- Valentines parties in February
- Spring party in March
- Thanksgiving parties in November
- Holiday parties in December
- Awards Dinner in December



What do we do? We plan and manage events including but not limited to:

- ORGANIZE!
- Select venues
- Hire bands and caterers
- Plan party themes & decorations
- Bartend & oversee vendor

Contact Mary Ellen Murphy at  
[mem3912@aol.com](mailto:mem3912@aol.com)  
and join the fun!



# DNR Party (and Cruise)



*Blue Dancer* was determined to sail. Dave O'Hara uses boat hook as a whisker pole.



Bob Lucas comes back to visit.



(L to R) Bill Knapp and Heide Harper



(L to R) Barbara Shoemaker, John Rogers and Daisy



(L to R) Catherine Fox and Beth Dumesco



(L to R) Lora Donia and Carol Scott



(L to R) Jill Hansen and John Murray



Anne George



(L to R) Susan Zevin and Norman Bowden



(L to R) Flavia Favali and Phil Smith

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# USCG Barque Eagle



SOS Group preparing to go aboard.



Jon Bernheimer ducks away as Suzanne Anderson Vaughn rings the ship's bell.



SOS Group listens to the history and description of the USCG Barque Eagle.



The Eagle used to carry the German insignia, now carries the USCG emblem.

# Leukemia Cup Pot Luck Fund Raiser



SOS members playing Nautical Bingo. George Hollendursky calls the "terms" (nautical terms used instead of bingo numbers). Nancy Briggs was the winner.

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# Shakedown Cruise



Jody Hutchinson (mid-ship) and Dean Collins (bow) on **Serenade** preparing for raft-up.



**Circus** (L to R): Skipper Bob Meadows, Laura Gwinn, Diane DeTroye and Kathy Higdon



Raft Captain, George Hollendursky, (R) discusses the passing line technique.



**Blue Dancer** (L to R): Skipper Don Henfling, Susan Lewis, Angela Weathers, Richard Cardaro, Rita Svec (FM)

## DNR Party (continued)



Adam's Ribs serving up the Pig Roast.



*Motor Driven Band* provided the music.

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## BASIC SKILLS PROGRAM

The SOS Basic Skills Program is a three-level introduction to sailing which was developed by and for SOS. It does not provide a certification equivalent to the ASA courses. The Basic Skills Manual and Checkout Sheets are located on the SOS website, [OTwww.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org), in 'Forms and Such' under *Education*, and may be downloaded at your convenience.

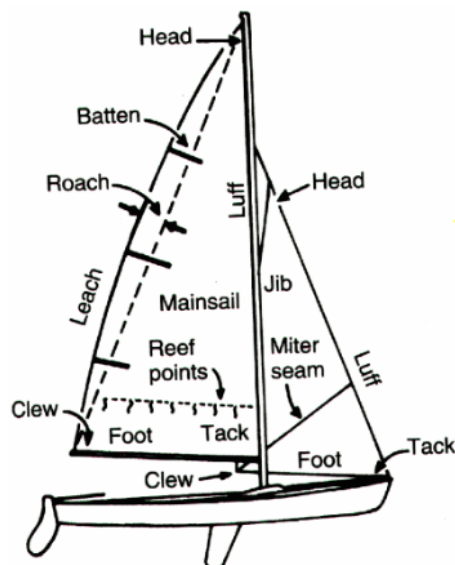
**Level I** of the Basic Skills Program introduces a sailor to what SOS considers minimum skill requirements for sailing as a crewmember on a weekend cruise. Members usually demonstrate these skills during a dockside training session or on day sails, prior to signing up for weekend cruises. (Crew members may sail on a weekend cruise if they are prepared to be checked out on Basic Skills 1, and a skipper consents to do the checkout. The skipper's consent must be obtained by the coordinator). This Level contains some basic boat and equipment nomenclature; some references on the use of basic safety equipment; securing lines to cleats; some key points regarding Man Overboard Procedures (MOB); and some frequently used knots for you to learn.

As you progress through the units of the Basic Skills Program, more of the material will be learned through demonstration aboard. You should bring both the Skill Level Checkout Sheet and the Basic Skills Manual with you on the sails. Practice through repetition is important to maintaining and perfecting the skills, and enhancing your value as crew.

**Level II** includes some nomenclature related to sails and sail handling; considerations involved in moving the boat from the dock or slip; rafting; additional knots; points of sail and MOB procedures.

**Level III** covers a third level of nomenclature, navigation aids, "Rules of the Road", points of sail, anchoring, and the maneuvering of a boat under sail. Completion of Level III recognizes you as a Basic Skills Graduate and makes you more desirable as competent crew.

All Basic Skills Checkout Sheets must be completed, signed by a skipper or first mate. Then you should send to [adm\\_n\\_SOS@singlesonsailboats.org](mailto:adm_n_SOS@singlesonsailboats.org) so your skill level can be recorded in the database. Please remember to make a copy for yourself and to send in each Check Out sheet upon completion.



## SCUTTLEBUTT

*(A communal water cask around which sailors traded gossip)*

**Ron Pence** has been mending well and quickly from his heart valve replacement surgery in March. He and his boat, TERI LYN, will be back on the water the first of May. Ron thanks the folks who sent cards and some excellent meals!

Ron recently had a once in a lifetime experience. In April he was invited to the White House office of Vice President Mike Pence (no relation). The occasion was Ron's brother, Bob, being sworn in as the new ambassador to Finland. Due to Ron's recent surgery, he had a chauffeur, SOS-newbie Linda Phillips, she being a high school classmate of Ron's sister-in-law, Suzy.

This is a short column this month, and we know you are out there doing fun and exciting things – on and off the water! So share your news. Send articles to Jody Hutchinson [mjodyh@yahoo.com](mailto:mjodyh@yahoo.com)

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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](http://www.Mercer44.net) \$99K. Contact SOS life-member Floyd Hollister at [fhh11@columbia.edu](mailto:fhh11@columbia.edu)  
06-18

**Classic Sabre 32: Priced reduced to \$31,000.** *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. For more details: [johnfparsons\\_9@msn.com](mailto:johnfparsons_9@msn.com) or [nancybparsons@hotmail.com](mailto:nancybparsons@hotmail.com)

**1995 Boat Show Sabre 38 MKII 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](mailto:h.newman2@comcast.net) 03-18

**1987 Catalina 27:** *Wolf Pack* - Sole owner, Furler roller-furling, Universal 18 diesel, Raymarine i70/iTC-5 electronics, new Micron CSC bottom, Martec folding prop, UK and North sails, CNG 2-burner stove, bimini, always winter hauled, 8.5' West Marine dinghy. \$17,500. For more info contact John Petrow at [jepva@yahoo.com](mailto:jepva@yahoo.com)  
06-18

**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](mailto:beverlynash@verizon.net)  
04-18

**ITEMS FOR SALE**

**For sale: Honda O outboard motor 2001,** 4 stroke BF5A Approx 50 hrs use. Professionally maintained since new. Selling due to health. \$650 Contact Suzanne Farr  
[Aquila3@comcast.net](mailto:Aquila3@comcast.net) 06-18

**Items for Sale:** 77 lb. Luke Storm Anchor \$175  
50 ft 50A power cord \$150  
25 ft 50A power cord \$75  
50A 2-30A Marincos Y-adaptor \$49  
ACR SM-2 Crew Overboard Strobe \$50  
Whale Gusher 30 Emergency Pump \$299  
Davis Radar Reflector \$25  
Fortress Guardian G-55 \$199  
250 ft 3/4" 3-strand nylon rode \$99  
4 Hella fans \$19 each  
Orion 25mm flare gun \$40  
12g flare gun \$10  
Gaff hook \$15  
Garhauer expandable boat hooks \$12  
[KGevecker@aol.com](mailto:KGevecker@aol.com) 06-18

**OTHER**

**Room to Rent:** Very Large Waterfront bedroom with private bath, WIFI, laundry. \$750 Contact Suzanne Farr:  
[sofarr@aol.com](mailto:sofarr@aol.com) 06-18

**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](mailto:stoffregendana@gmail.com)

**Skipper 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](mailto:stoffregendana@gmail.com) 05-18



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**

**ELLCOTT CITY, MD:** June 7th 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:** June 7th 5:30 PM  
**RIVERWIND'S R RESTAURANT**, Great food, drinks and Happy Hour prices. 1075 Riverwinds Dr, West Deptford, NJ  
Contact : **LORA - [doniala@aol.com](mailto:doniala@aol.com)**

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

**SE PA:** June 7th at 6 pm  
**BLUE BELL INN-** 601 Skippack Pike Blue Bell, PA 215.515.5769 This is on Rte 73, bet Broad Axe & Center Sq... **Outside Patio, raw bar, HH prices** 5-7. Our first of two Happy Hours. Meet a great group of social people who like sailing, conversation & great food !  
Contact: **PATTI - [pattievans@aol.com](mailto:pattievans@aol.com)**  
Contact: **ED - [sailhither@hotmail.com](mailto:sailhither@hotmail.com) (near there)**

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

**SOUTH-CENTRAL PA:** June 7th 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](mailto:sosrjmorrow@aol.com)**

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

**NVA/DC:** June 6th 5 pm  
**MYLOS GRILL** (in the bar area) [mylosgrill.com](http://mylosgrill.com).  
6238 Old Dominion Dr, (Chesterbrook Shopping Center), McLean, VA. **Free parking, great food!**  
Contact: **TRISH Remele: [trishrem@gmail.com](mailto:trishrem@gmail.com)**

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

**BALTIMORE:** June 14th 5 – 7 pm  
**Boathouse Canton**, 2809 Boston St, Baltimore, MD 21224 [boathousecanton.com](http://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- [mskathha@gmail.com](mailto:mskathha@gmail.com)**



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

**WILMINGTON, DE:** June 20th 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 - [Geriwalker12@gmail.com](mailto:Geriwalker12@gmail.com)**

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

**ROCKVILLE, MD:** June 21st 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](mailto:jonbernheimer@verizon.net) 703-405-2250**

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

**KENT ISLAND:** June 21st 4:30 – 7pm  
**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:** (our 2nd HH) June 21st 6-10 pm  
**OTAZIE 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)**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:repenca@msn.com)**

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## *So Many Sails & Parties!*

June 2 – Leukemia Cup Regatta

June 6, 16, 21 – Day Sails

June 9/10 – Appetizers & Desserts Cruise

June 16 – First Mates' Potluck Meeting

June 23/24 – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise/Party

