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## Membership Renewal: Now through January 31, 2020

### Current Members:

Annual membership fee of \$70.00 plus \$20 to receive the hard copy monthly newsletter for the whole year.



### Life Members:

You are eligible to be a life member if you are 70 or older as of December 31, 2019 and you joined BEFORE March 31, 2009 and you have been a regular and/or associate member for over 10 consecutive years as of December 31, 2017. If you had any lapses in membership in the past 10 years, you are NOT a Life Member.

### New Members:

First year membership of \$80.00 which includes a \$10.00 one-time administrative charge.

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

## January 12<sup>th</sup> Brunch

### Thomas Point Lighthouse Preservation

The iconic Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse is the last remaining screwpile lighthouse in its original location and still serving as a navigational buoy in the world. Built in 1875, it has been a National Historic Landmark since 1999.



At our January brunch, John Potvin will join us. John is the Preservation Foreman for the Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse and a member of the U. S. Lighthouse Society. John and his team are actively involved in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of one of our favorite Chesapeake treasures. He is an active sailor and racer.

The brunch will be at the Doubletree by Hilton in Annapolis. Social time will start at 11:00 and the brunch will be served at noon. As always, log into the website and register now. Walk-ins are possible, but only if there is room, so reserve your spot today.

## Back by Popular Demand!! February Regional Brunches



We will once again be gathering for our regional brunches in February in member's homes. This offers us an opportunity to gather in smaller groups, contribute to the meal by bringing a dish to pass, and socialize during a cold, wintry month. We also have some of our southern-living members gathering in warmer climes. One year we had almost 100 people gather in seven locations! See page 9 for locations of the Brunches and join us for some fun!!

## VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Wow! Over 80 members gathered on December 15 to enjoy brunch and an interesting trans-Atlantic sailing saga. Sorry if you missed this, but be sure to sign up for the next (January 12) brunch. It's a great time to see friends, catch up on events, be fed and be entertained. Nothing to not like here!

Winter is definitely settling in, but although our boats are laid up for the season, the fun and camaraderie does not stop. We have a plethora of interesting events planned for the winter months. There are fireside chats scheduled throughout the winter. Christmas day dinners are planned for both the Annapolis and Burtonsville areas. In addition to the monthly brunches at the Doubletree Hotel, we also have regional brunches in February, happening from Maryland to Florida. (Travel to Florida not included in event registration!)

And.....looking for some educational events? Check out our newly formatted "SASSY" training event. This day includes an a la carte menu of six educational sessions, a social period followed by lunch, an awards ceremony, and the 2019 photo retrospective. The training includes sessions for those new to sailing as well as for those with more experience on the water. Later, in early April, the ever-valuable CPR and First Aid Courses are scheduled.

Finally, need a good party? How about a St. Patrick's Day party on March 14 at the Downs Community Room? And then Sock Burning on March 22 at the Hollendursky home. Get more details on this and the other winter events, later in this newsletter.

How lucky we all are as SOS members to have such a great variety of both fun and serious event options! No need to be gloomy on those dark days of winter.....both the Whisker Pole and the club website offer in depth information about our interesting menu of options.

Our 2020 cruising schedule has just been reviewed and approved, spring and sailing will be back in only a few months!

Until our next get togethers in January, I wish everyone a very festive and happy holiday season. Whether at home or away, enjoy this special time!

### Sandy

### Welcome New Members

Kathy Angstadt  
Timonium MD

Wendy Flores  
Annapolis MD

Laurie Martinson  
Annapolis MD

Rob Moulthrop  
Deale MD

Beth Schafer  
Frederick MD

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## Unofficial notes December 15, 2019 Board Meeting

**Commodore:** Discussed dates and locations of future Board meetings and discussed the upcoming Board/Committee Retreat.

**Vice Commodore:** Discussed nominations for Awards.

**Treasurer:** The revenue stream has slowed as we approach the end of the year. Membership renewals are categorized as unearned revenue until January 2020. Fixed expenses have reduced net income, but we are still \$5500 ahead of 2018. Coordinators should follow up on "no-show" participants who pay by check and do not mail the payment.

**Bareboat:** Refund checks for Sweden trip have been issued. The Bahamas trip final payments are being made and sailing itinerary being finalized. We need one more skipper for the France Barge Trip.

**Brunches:** January Brunch speaker will be John Potvin from the Thomas Point Lighthouse Society. February 16<sup>th</sup> there will be several regional Brunches in multiple locations. The March 15<sup>th</sup> Brunch speaker will be Kristen Berry from Gale Force Sailing.

**Cruising:** November 9<sup>th</sup> Cruising Appreciation Dinner was well attended. The Cruising schedule for 2020 has been submitted to the Board for approval.

**Database:** To date 170 members and 44 skippers have renewed for 2020. That leaves 251 members and 46 skippers yet to renew for 2020. Of the 251 there potentially 204 dues paying members yet to renew. There is a total of 199 life members which is an increase of 5 new life members so far during this renewal period. A new look to the website will take place March 2020.

**Education/Membership:** The SASSY Event has been finalized and details will appear in the January Whisker Pole; the next step is to send out an Email blast to the general membership announcing the classes, prices and early registration deadline. Information about self-study sailing courses will be in the January and February Whisker Pole. Next task is to organize Seminars for 2020.

**First Mates:** FMs were emailed and asked to advise about issues and concerns they have going forward. Skippers Advisory Chair Dennis Krizek and FM Chair have been in contact about issues and concerns. FM checkout sheets will be revised.

**Newsletter:** The December 16-page Whisker Pole was mailed to 123 members and 33 Happy Hour coordinators and was printed at a cost of \$539.60 which equates to \$3.46 per copy.

**Public Relations:** An article and photo has been submitted to Spin Sheet to advertise the SASSY event. Flyers are being developed for distribution to publicized the event.

**Safety:** The CPR and First Aid Course for Mariners has been scheduled with the Annapolis Fire Department for Saturday, April 4. Flare and Safety Day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 2. The Dinghy Dance Training is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Safety and First Mates are updating their job description documents to better reflect how we actually work together to support the First Mates program.

**Skippers' Advisory:** Discussed how to implement the Skippers' Incentives Program. Two new Skipper Members, have recently joined our ranks: Rob Moulthrop, sailing *Lonely Girl*, a Catalina 42 MK 2, out of Herrington Harbor North and Kenton Green, sailing *Alanna*, a Person Renegade 27, out of Northeast, MD. Steve Deller has been nominated to join the ranks of Skipper Emeriti. The Yahoo Skippers' group (aka, SOS skipper net) has been successfully transferred to the email groups internet service, Groups.io, by Bill Small. Bill will be the designated owner of the group (<https://groups.io/g/SOSskippers>) to provide continuity to the succession of Skippers' Advisory Chairs.

**Social:** Details for the February 9 SASSY lunch have been finalized. We are planning a March 14 St. Patty's Day party to be held at the Downs Club House; March 22 Sock Burning at the Hollendursky's home; and a May 9<sup>th</sup> party at the DNR.

SOS MEMBERSHIP			
	Dec 2019	Dec 2018	Dec 2017
Members	436	439	479
Skippers	91	91	116
<b>Totals</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>595</b>

## 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.**



**January 11**

**Saturday**

**Pennsylvania/Delaware/New Jersey FS Chat**

**Location:** West Chester, PA

**Cost:** \$ 20 by deadline  
\$ 22 after deadline

**Speaker/Topic:** Bill Knapp/Sailing the Swedish Archipelago

**Host:** Deb Kauffman  
**Time:** 5:00pm

**Deadline:** Mail: January 2 (postmark)  
Online: January 7

**Note:** Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, No walk-ins.  
**Limited to 18.**

**Coordinator:** Deb Kauffman. [debkauffman@comcast.net](mailto:debkauffman@comcast.net).

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**January 11**

**Saturday**

**Annapolis Area Fireside Chat**

**Location:** Annapolis, MD

**Cost:** \$ 20 by deadline  
\$ 22 after deadline

**Speaker/Topic:** Carole Jordan and Lorraine Fassett/ "Oops Happenings— What Was I Thinking?" with input by skippers and crew

**Host:** Lorraine Fassett  
**Time:** 5:00 pm

**Deadline:** Mail: January 2 (postmark)  
Online: January 7

**Note:** Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, No walk-ins.  
**Limited to 20.**

**Coordinator:** Bev Nash [beverlynash@verizon.net](mailto:beverlynash@verizon.net)

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**January 12**

**Sunday**

**Brunch**

**Location:** Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD

**Cost:** \$ 31 - Brunch  
\$ 35 – After deadline and walk-ins.

**Speaker/Topic:** John Potvin, Thomas Point Lighthouse Preservation Foreman, U.S. Lighthouse Society/Preserving a Historic Landmark for Generations

**Time:** 11:00 am Social Hour  
12:00 noon Brunch  
1:00 pm Program

**Deadline:** Mail: January 3 (postmark)  
Online: January 7

**Note:** Coastal Room

**Coordinator:** Linda Casucci, [casuccilj@gmail.com](mailto:casuccilj@gmail.com) **Coordinator change**

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**January 12****Sunday****Board Meeting****Location:**

Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD

**Time:** 9:00am to 11:00am **Time Correction**  
Before the Brunch**Notes:** Members may attend**February 6****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**February 8****Saturday****Annapolis Area Fireside Chat****Location:**

Annapolis, MD

**Cost:** \$ 20 by deadline  
\$ 22 after deadline**Speaker/Topic:**

Susan Zevin / "Bareboating Through the Eyes of a Personal Trainer"

**Host** Susan Zevin  
**Time:** 5:00 pm**Deadline:**Mail: January 29 (postmark)  
Online: February 4**Note:** Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, No walk-ins.  
**Limited to 22.****Coordinator:**Teri Dunn, [teridunn@juno.com](mailto:teridunn@juno.com)Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)**February 8****Saturday****Montgomery Co/Northern VA Area Fireside Chat****Location:**

Rockville, MD

**Cost:** \$ 20 by deadline  
\$ 22 after deadline**Speaker/Topic:**

Emil Becker &amp; Bea Schwartz/ The Southern Swedish Archipelago by Sail

**Host** Jon Bernheimer  
**Time:** 5:00 pm**Deadline:**Mail: January 29 (postmark)  
Online: February 4**Note:** Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, No walk-ins.  
**Limited to 20.****Coordinator:**Debra Lyle: [dlyle7311@yahoo.com](mailto:dlyle7311@yahoo.com)Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)**February 9****Sunday****SASSY 2020****Location:**

Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD

**Cost:** \$30 to \$75 depending how much you want to do.  
See details in article in this Whisker Pole.**Topic:**

Education Sessions, Lunch &amp; Retrospective &amp; Awards

**Time:** 9:00 am – 11:45 am Education Sessions  
11:45 am – 3:30 pm Lunch, Awards, Photos**Deadline:**Mail: January 28th (postmark)  
Online: February 4, 2020  
Early Bird: January 5, 2020**Note:** A day full of **S**eminars, **A**wards, **S**kills, **S**ailing, and our sailing **Y**ear 2019 in Pictures.**Coordinator:**Cathy Laws [lawscm55@gmail.com](mailto:lawscm55@gmail.com)Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)**February 16****Sunday****Regional Brunches****Location:**

Held in private homes of SOS members. List of hosts will be published in January. Then members contact host to register and receive directions.

**Cost:** \$10 payable at the door plus a dish to share**Deadline:**

Contact host by February 11

**Time:** 11:00 am Social Hour  
12:00 noon Brunch**Note:** No online sign-up for this event. Please RSVP directly to the host.**Coordinator:**To volunteer to host a brunch, contact Carole Jordan [seajay2844@gmail.com](mailto:seajay2844@gmail.com)



<b>March 14</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Day Party</b>
<b>Location:</b>	The Downs Clubhouse, Annapolis, MD	<b>Cost:</b> \$30 – Early Bird Registration by January 5 \$35 - Members \$40 – Non-Members, Walk-ins, and after deadline
<b>Music:</b>	DJ - Michelle	5:30 pm Social – Cash Bar 6:00 – 7:00 pm Dinner 7:30 - 10:00 pm Dancing
<b>Deadline:</b>	Mail: March 5 (postmark) Online: March 10	<b>Note:</b> Dress Code: Wear Green
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Barbara Mistrik <a href="mailto:mistrikbarbara@gmail.com">mistrikbarbara@gmail.com</a> Please <b>be sure to log-in first</b> , then sign up online at <a href="http://www.singlesonsailboats.org">www.singlesonsailboats.org</a>	



<b>March 15</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Brunch</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD	<b>Cost:</b> \$ 31 - Brunch \$ 35 – After deadline and walk-ins.
<b>Speaker/Topic:</b>	Kristen Berry from Gale Force Sailing/ Sailing with Purpose	<b>Time:</b> 11:00 am Social Hour 12:00 noon Brunch 1:00 pm Program
<b>Deadline:</b>	Mail: March 6 (postmark) Online: March 10	<b>Note:</b> Coastal Room
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Bev Nash <a href="mailto:beverlynash@verizon.net">beverlynash@verizon.net</a> Please <b>be sure to log-in first</b> , then sign up online at <a href="http://www.singlesonsailboats.org">www.singlesonsailboats.org</a>	



<b>March 15</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD	<b>Time:</b> 2:15pm to 4:00pm <b>Time Correction</b> After the Brunch
		<b>Notes:</b> General Membership Meeting Open to all Members



<b>Feb/Mar 2020</b>	<b>One Week or Two</b>	<b>The Exumas - 2020 Bareboat Cruise Adventure</b>
<b>Destination:</b>	Start at Nassau, Bahamas, Exuma Islands	<b>Cost:</b> Approximate. 1 wk \$1500 ++, 2 wks \$2650 ++
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Location has changed from the Abacos to Exumas because of Hurricane Dorian.</b>	<b>Note:</b> To Download Registration Form with Payment Information: <a href="http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/361821751">http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/361821751</a>
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Corinne Lanquetuit <a href="mailto:clanquetuit@hotmail.com">clanquetuit@hotmail.com</a> Go to <a href="http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/">http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/</a> for more details	



<b>September 2020</b>	<b>Choose One Week</b>	<b>France/Germany – Bareboat Canal Trip</b>
<b>Destination:</b>	Alsace Lorraine, France and Germany	<b>Cost:</b> Members \$1000 = Boat cost and Insurance incl. - Air fare separate.
<b>Note:</b>	Week 1 – Sept 4 to Sept 11 Week 2 – Sept 11 to Sept 18	<b>Note:</b> To Download Registration Form with Payment Information: <a href="http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/361821746">http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/361821746</a>
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Sandy Rosswork <a href="mailto:sgrosswork@aol.com">sgrosswork@aol.com</a> Go to <a href="http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/">http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/</a> for more details	

## DIRECTIONS

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

Take Rt 50 East to Exit 22, Riva Rd. Follow signs to Riva Rd. and make left at light onto Riva Rd. Second light, left onto Holiday Court.



## ONLINE CLASSES, *Bill Knapp, Education Chair*

Over the past few months I have been researching ways that our membership may improve our sailing skills. We have found a number of free courses on-line as well as self-tests. Some are offered by the American Sailing Association. These include but are not limited to:

- Your first Sail
- Docking Made Easy
- Knots Made Easy Videos
- Bite Sized Lessons



To view them go to:

[https://asa.com/online-sailing-course/?gclid=Cj0KCQiAno\\_uBRC1ARIsAB496IU8GB2C6KcjJQ5XJLolou9kmd1o01i7gDx645O8EQUzAzpcjgsVIMlaAtoTEALw\\_wcB](https://asa.com/online-sailing-course/?gclid=Cj0KCQiAno_uBRC1ARIsAB496IU8GB2C6KcjJQ5XJLolou9kmd1o01i7gDx645O8EQUzAzpcjgsVIMlaAtoTEALw_wcB)

They also have an App that is a cutting-edge gaming program for learning to sail called: ASA's Sailing Challenge App. Next month I will describe an exciting partnership we are forming with a local sailing school.

### WEATHER THOSE WINTER WOES WITH A FIRESIDE CHAT

*Lorraine Fassett*

Seems as though cold weather has already been here long enough and yet winter has barely begun. So what to do? Come to a Fireside Chat in your area or beyond. There will be food, drinks. And a sailing or water related program complete with lively and friendly people to share the evening with.

At the beginning of the new year, on **Saturday January 11**, there will be a gathering at the home of Deb Kauffman in West Chester, PA and she will be the coordinator as well. Bill Knapp will present "Sailing the Swedish Archipelago" as he extolls the beauty and great sailing in that area of the world. On that same date in Annapolis, Lorraine Fassett will host "Oops Happenings--Why Did I Do That" with Carole Jordan and Lorraine Fassett as facilitators of what we are sure will be a lively discussion with the input of the skippers and crew present. Bev Nash is the coordinator.

**Saturday, February 8** will bring two Fireside Chat opportunities. In Rockville, Jon Bernheimer will host as Emil Becker and Bea Schwartz offer information and slides of the lovely Swedish Archipelago. Debra Lyle is the coordinator. Additionally, in Annapolis, Susan Zevin will host and present "Bareboating Through the Eyes of a Personal Trainer" offering information and demonstrations. This is sure to benefit all sailors and others. The coordinator is Teri Dunn.

On into the beginning of Spring, **March 21** will finish the Fireside Chat season with another two offerings. In Centreville, Virginia Linda Casucci will host Kathy Haven leading the group as they "Envision Future Sailing Experiences Using Tarot Cards as a Tool." Where this will take them is anyone's guess. Oh, the places they will go; the people they will meet. Anne Simmons is the coordinator for this event. Also on March 21, at a location is to be determined, Ian Sanderson and Jim Rodd will recap their experiences of crewing on a log canoe race out of St. Michael's. We can participate, vicariously, as they reminisce, about that time in their lives.

So, get out your Whiskerpole and sign up for one or more of these gatherings. You will be glad you did.

## SASSY 2020 (Seminars, Awards, Skills, Sailing, and an eventful Year in pictures) February 9, 2020

*Bill Knapp, Education Chair*

We hope everyone has heard about SASSY and is looking forward to a day of skill sharing and memories. Previously we described SASSY as a new event that will bring new members and old salts together while combining four of our traditional events into one day: Spring Training, Awards, Photos Awards and Photo Retrospective.

The day will begin with six seminars offered in two tracks from 9:00AM – 11:45AM. Seminars are intended for new, intermediate and experienced sailors and skippers. Full class descriptions and registration is posted on our website and listed below.

After the morning seminars end, we will break for a 45-minute social including a cash bar while the hotel converts the classrooms for lunch. This will be followed by lunch, Awards, Photo Retrospective and Photo Contest. Due to many requests, we have created an à la carte pricing chart:

	Just Seminars	Just Lunch & After Events	Seminars, Lunch & After Events	Early Bird Registration by Jan 5th
<b>SOS Members:</b>	\$20	\$40	\$60	\$50
<b>Non-members/guests</b>	\$35	\$40	\$75	not available
<b>Walk-in day of event, members &amp; non-members (no registration)</b>	\$30	\$45	\$75	not available

Session 1 - 9:00 - 10:15 am		
<b>1-A Intro to SOS &amp; weekend sailing prep.</b> by: Janet Gonski Learn how to register for SOS events, volunteer for committees, what to pack for your weekend sail, and food preparation.	<b>2-A Sailing FUNdamentals</b> by: Rick Morefield Rick uses inventive ways to associate things we learned in elementary school with the art and science of sailing. This class will teach the fundamentals of how a boat sails, points of sail, and the sailing environment (wind and water).	<b>3-A Medical Emergencies on the Water.</b> by: Chuck Forte & Karl Scible What to do when an unexpected medical emergency happens. Who to call, how to call and how to stop the bleeding.
<b>Break: 10:15 - 10:30 am</b>		
Session 2 - 10:30 - 11:45 am		
<b>1-B Knots</b> by: John Wiggins Hands-on practice of the three most common knots used in sailing: attaching a line to a cleat, tying a fender to a lifeline and stopper knots.	<b>2-B "Nautical Rules of the Road"</b> by: Dennis Krizek Topics: Give-way and stand-on vessels, lights, shapes and sounds, with an emphasis on situations we encounter on the Chesapeake Bay.	<b>3-B "Extended Cruising on the Bay &amp; Beyond"</b> lead by: Carole Jordan Bring your ideas. Where would you like to go? What would you like to see?
<b>Social: 11:45 am – 12:30 pm</b> - Room set-up for lunch. Cash bar in hall.		
<b>Lunch: 12:30 – 1:30 pm</b> - Lunch with a running display of your 2019 Sailing Season in Pictures		
<b>Awards: 1:30 – 2:15 PM</b> - Emcee: John McDonald		
<b>Break: 2:15 – 2:30 pm</b>		
<b>Photo Retrospective: 2:30 – 3:00 pm</b> - Emcee: John Parsons		
<b>Photo Contest: 3:00 – 3:30 pm</b> - Emcee: Bob Wright		



## St. Patrick's Day Party – March 14

We are kicking off the new year with the lucky charms of St. Patrick with a party at The Downs Club House in Annapolis. Get your heart rates up while dancing to the tunes of our favorite DJ, Michelle. Reconnect with friends who were hibernating over the cold winter months.



Good hearty food will give you new energy to arrange where you can lend a hand to some boats, eager to being in the water again. Have a fun time in green at The Downs. With the rainbow over our heads, a pot of gold in our hearts we will be off to a new strong 2020 SOS season!!!

Register now as space is limited. The early bird special is only \$30 if you register by January 5<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members with a deadline of March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## SOS Annual Sock Burning Ceremony - March 22

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



**season adieu!** Celebrate with SOS friends, anticipate future sails, tell tales of past sailing adventures, and share food and drink.

Bring those odd or worn out socks and toss them in the fire, the ones that have lost their mates or the ones with worn out heels.

How did the tradition of Sock Burning begin? After a particularly snowy winter in 1978, Annapolitan Bob Tuner was anxious to shed his socks with the arrival of spring. He invited his colleagues to celebrate the end of winter by burning their socks after work, a symbolic goodbye to winter as the group of boat builders, sailors, and watermen intended to forgo wearing socks until the cold weather returned; and so a tradition was born.

Register early for the SOS Sock Burning as attendance is limited to 30 guests. Bring your favorite sailing stories or songs. If you have questions please contact Shirley Brooks, 410-573-5229.

## CPR & First Aid Training for Mariners April 4

Do you know how to administer CPR or provide first aid support in the event of an emergency situation? SOS encourages you to learn and maintain these skills.



The Annapolis Fire Department emergency medical personnel will be providing this training, sharing their extensive experience. This is your opportunity to learn the techniques that result in your American Heart Association First Aid CPR AED certification. And for those of you who have already been certified, the Heart Association recommends you renew every two years.

In recognition of the importance of this training, SOS is paying half the cost of the certification. Your cost is \$35.00, which includes coffee with light breakfast as well as lunch on site.

The training will take place 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.

For more information contact Joan Tannen at [jkeuka@gmail.com](mailto:jkeuka@gmail.com).

## Regional Brunches - February 16<sup>th</sup>

Regional Brunches are back by popular demand! Below are the locations that have been offered by these gracious hosts/hostesses. It's not too late to volunteer your cozy home, especially in PA, VA or the Eastern Shore. To do so, contact Carole Jordan at [seajay2844@gmail.com](mailto:seajay2844@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

Here's how you as a guest can participate: Choose a location from list below and email the host/hostess or Carole Jordan to sign up by February 10<sup>th</sup>. **Capacity is limited, of course, so please do not delay.** This event is open to members and their immediate guests only. Arrive at 11:00 am with a dish to share. Host/ess will coordinate the menu. You pay \$10 at the door to cover the extra costs the host/ess has incurred for paper products, wine, etc. Small groups make this a perfect opportunity for newer members to meet new friends!

### Annapolis:

Cindy Hooper, [chooper@prodigy.net](mailto:chooper@prodigy.net) (18 guests)  
Meeps Yox, [mpsych@earthlink.net](mailto:mpsych@earthlink.net) (15 guests)

### Bethesda:

Barbara Reese, [reesebj68@gmail.com](mailto:reesebj68@gmail.com) (18 guests)  
Flavia Favali, [flavia4222@comcast.net](mailto:flavia4222@comcast.net) (20 guests)

### Bradenton, FL (east coast)

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

### Edgewater, FL (west coast):

Bobbie Thomas & Dick Saunders, [captbobbie@gmail.com](mailto:captbobbie@gmail.com), (20 guests). This event will be held at the Smyrna Yacht Club. No dish to pass; \$16.50 for brunch/ Coffee; cash bar. Please notify Bobbie by **Feb 1** to reserve your space.

### Newark, DE

Chuck & Julie Fort, [sailrm@comcast.net](mailto:sailrm@comcast.net) or [jafort@comcast.net](mailto:jafort@comcast.net) F (10 guests)

# Regional Thanksgivings

## DELAWARE - photos submitted by Chuck Fort



(L to R): Gerrie Walker, Chic Bach and Chuck Fort



(L to R): the Turkey and Chuck Fort



(L to R): the Turkey and Chuck Fort



Hostess: Meeps Yox (SAW)



Group Photo (SAW)



(L to R): Lorraine Fassett, John Parsons, Lynn Gilley, Nancy Briggs, Cynthia Palmer, Kathy Higdon and Ruth Moore (SAW)

## ANNAPOLIS - photos submitted as shown



(L to R): Ben Fulton, Jerry Axler, Dan Meier and Carole Jordan (SAW)



(L to R): Molly Harrison and Ned Schwartz (SAW)



(L to R): Ruth Moore and Sandy Huberfeld (JRP)

Photographers by Chuck Fort, John Parsons (JRP) and Samia AbdelWahed (SAW)

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

# Parade of Lights



(L to R): Sandy Rosswork and Dana Stoffregen (JRP)



SOS Group Photo (SAW)



(L to R): Fran & Maureen Wright, and Wendy Adams (JRP)



Group 1 of Lighted Boats (SAW)



Group 2 of Lighted Boats (SAW)



(L to R): Nancy Parsons, Kate Collins, Jody Hutchinson, and Sandy Rosswork (JRP)



(L to R): Ursula Skagen, Dennis Krizek, Dane Skagen, and Nancy Parsons (JRP)

Photographers by John Parsons (JRP) and Samia AbdelWahed (SAW)

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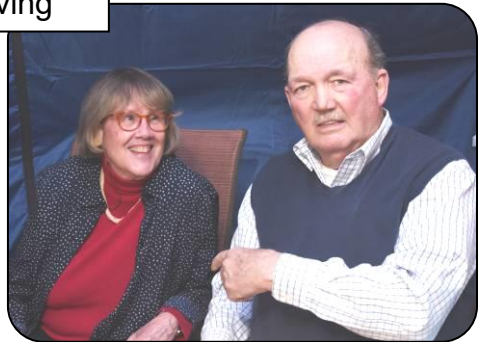
More ANNAPOLIS (Meep's) Thanksgiving



(L to R): Bev Nash and Oren Wolfe (JRP)



(L to R): Nancy Briggs, Cynthia Palmer and Kathy Higdon (JRP)



(L to R): Teeja and Dan Meier (SAW)

December BRUNCH



(L to R): Jan Warfield and Gene Jacob



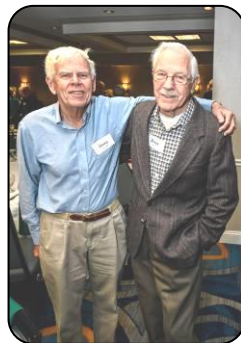
(L to R): Sue and Charles Springett – Speakers



(L to R): Judy Barral and Bill Small



(L to R): Lynn Singley, Judy Clark, and Judy Crews-Hanks



(L to R): Doug Townsend and Brian Hanks



(L to R): Mimi Galligan (guest), Martin Halvorsen, and Ursula Skagen

December Brunch photos by John Parsons.  
Photographers by John Parsons (JRP) and Samia AbdelWahed (SAW)

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Happy Hour page!  
Be sure to check here  
for a Happy Hour  
event in your area.  
Send any changes,  
updates or new  
information about Happy  
Hours to Lora Donia  
[doniala@aol.com](mailto:doniala@aol.com)



**KEY WEST, FL:** SOS HAPPY HOUR place and time to be Determined. **Contact:** TERRI AND KARL, [410-707-4319](tel:410-707-4319) or [267-221-6312](tel:267-221-6312)

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday**  
**SE PA: (1<sup>ST</sup> HH)** **Jan 7th** **4:00-6:00 PM**  
**NORTH ITALIA** 350 Mall Blvd, Suite 1000C, King of Prussia, PA 19406. Happy Hour specials include \$4 Beer & \$5 Wine. Park in the lots on either side of Macy's. 484-751-9000 [www.northitaliarestaurant.com](http://www.northitaliarestaurant.com)  
**CONTACT:** PATTI - [evansapatti@gmail.com](mailto:evansapatti@gmail.com)

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday (2<sup>nd</sup> Weds in January only)**  
**NVA/DC:** **Jan 8th** **5:00-7:30 PM**  
**MYLO'S GRILL** 6238 Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA 22101. Located in the Chesterbrook Shopping Center. Meet in the bar area. Free parking and great food! 703-533-5880 [www.mylosgrill.com](http://www.mylosgrill.com)  
**CONTACT:** TRISH - [trishreml@gmail.com](mailto:trishreml@gmail.com) 703-919-7729

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**  
**NEW JERSEY** **Jan 2nd** **5:30-7:30 PM**  
**RIVERWIND'S RESTAURANT** 1075 Riverwinds Drive, West Deptford, NJ 08096. Exit 21 off Route 295. Meet in the bar area. Happy hour pricing on drinks & apps 'til 7 PM. 856-579-7900 [www.riverwindsrestaurant.com](http://www.riverwindsrestaurant.com)  
**CONTACT:** LORA - [doniala@aol.com](mailto:doniala@aol.com) 856-655-5535

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**  
**ELLCOTT CITY:** **Jan 2nd** **5:30-7:30 PM**  
**BARE BONES Grill & Brewery** 9150-22 Baltimore Natl Pk, (Corner of St. Johns Lane & Rt 40) Ellicott City, MD 21042 410-461-0770 [www.barebonesgrill.com](http://www.barebonesgrill.com)  
**CONTACT:** JILL - [jill.montgom@gmail.com](mailto:jill.montgom@gmail.com)

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**  
**SOUTH-CENTRAL PA:** **Jan 2nd** **6:30-9:00 PM**  
**O'REILLY'S TAPROOM** 800 Eastpark Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111. Located in the The Central Hotel & Conference Center. 717-561-2800 <http://thecentralhotelharrisburg.com>  
**CONTACT:** BOB - [sosjrmorrow@aol.com](mailto:sosjrmorrow@aol.com)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**  
**DE BEACHES** **Jan 9th** **5:30-7:30 PM**  
**HAMMERHEADS** 1818 Coastal Highway, Dewey Beach, DE 19971. Happy Hour Specials available 4-7 PM. Ask the hostess to direct you to the SOS group. 302-227-7325 [www.hammerheadsde.com](http://www.hammerheadsde.com)  
**CONTACT:** BETH - [bethsailingsos@gmail.com](mailto:bethsailingsos@gmail.com)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday**  
**SE PA: (2<sup>ND</sup> HH)** **Jan 21st** **5:00-7:00 PM**  
**HARVEST GRILL** 555 E. Lancaster Ave, Radnor, PA 19087. Happy Hour Specials 4:30-7 PM. 484-584-4975 [www.harvestseasonalgrill.com](http://www.harvestseasonalgrill.com)  
**CONTACT:** PATTI - [evansapatti@gmail.com](mailto:evansapatti@gmail.com)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**  
**WILMINGTON:** **Jan 15th** **5:30 PM**  
**TIMOTHY'S Restaurant and Bar**, 930 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 Wilmington Riverfront by Blue Rock Stadium, facing the waterfront. Drink specials until 7 PM. 302-429-7427 [www.timothysontheriverfront.com](http://www.timothysontheriverfront.com)  
**CONTACT:** GERI - [geriwalker12@gmail.com](mailto:geriwalker12@gmail.com)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**  
**ROCKVILLE:** **Jan 16th** **5:00-7:00 PM**  
**THE MARRIOTT Hotel** 5701 Marinelli Rd, North Bethesda, MD 20852. Located near the White Flint Metro station. Meet in the bar area. Two hours free parking - validate parking ticket at the bar. 301-822-9200 [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)  
**CONTACT:** JON - [jonbernheimer@verizon.net](mailto:jonbernheimer@verizon.net)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**  
**KENT ISLAND:** **Jan 16th** **4:30-7:00 PM**  
**FISHERMAN'S INN** 3116 Main Street, Grasonville, MD 21638. Happy Hour food and drink specials from 4-6 PM. 410-827-6666 [www.fishermansinn.com](http://www.fishermansinn.com)  
**CONTACT:** BARB - [bbb Brooksao@aol.com](mailto:bbb Brooksao@aol.com)

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**  
**ANNAPOLIS:** **Jan 23rd** **5:00-7:00 PM**  
**THE GREEN TURTLE** 177 Jennifer Road. Across from the Annapolis Mall Sears Auto. Enter the parking lot from Jennifer Road. 410-266-7474 [www.thegreenturtle.com](http://www.thegreenturtle.com)  
**CONTACT:** RON - [reponce@msn.com](mailto:reponce@msn.com) 301-717-2770

#### Kent Island Happy Hour



**TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD:**

- **Due 10<sup>th</sup> of month** for publication the following month
- Send email to [parandall@comcast.net](mailto:parandall@comcast.net) with "classified ad" in the subject line
- You will receive a confirmation email back
- Ads will appear for only three months unless you notify me earlier to delete or continue.
- 75 word limit

Pat Randall, Classified Page Editor

**BOATS FOR SALE**

**1982 Canadian Sailcraft CS-36T "Triton"** This shoal draft (4'11" perfect for the Chesapeake Bay) classic, designed by Raymond Wall, has been well maintained with new upholstery 2012, CruiseAire heating/ac 2014, new bimini/dodger 2015, VHF w/AIS and Garmin chartplotter 2016, rebuilt transmission 2017, solar panels 2018, new house batteries 2019, new autohelm 2019, and all routine maintenance. See the March 2017 SpinSheet for "*The CS 36 Used Boat Review*" <https://www.spinsheet.com/boat-reviews/cs-36-used-boat-review>. \$56,400 Contact Richard Green [ragreen01@gmail.com](mailto:ragreen01@gmail.com) 01-20

**BOAT SLIPS**

**DEEP WATER SLIP:** Join other great dockmates. Available immediately on Mill Creek, Annapolis Contact Suzanne Farr [sofarr@aol.com](mailto:sofarr@aol.com) 01-20

**WANTED:**

**Hydraulic-lift dock/slip for 29'x 20' trimaran** (gross wgt 3000 lbs) for dry sailing and ease of access to the water. This could be seasonal or year-round, with on-site parking. Location is flexible, though I'd prefer the greater Annapolis area from Pasadena, MD to Galesville, MD, inclusive. Please contact Dana: [stoffregendana@gmail.com](mailto:stoffregendana@gmail.com) 01-20

**ITEMS FOR SALE****3.4 gpm West Marine Water-Pressure Pump**

Never used. Runs 3-4 outlets. Current similar pump \$169 new. Best Reasonable Offer. Contact [parandall@comcast.net](mailto:parandall@comcast.net) 01-20

**OTHER**

**FOR RENT:** "Marsh Magic" - A serene vacation rental in West Ocean City, MD. [www.ocmarshmagic.com](http://www.ocmarshmagic.com). 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath house; 5 decks; 2 kitchens; elevator; near inlet and Route 50 bridge. Sleeps 12. Contact Sharon Taylor at [ocmarshmagic@gmail.com](mailto:ocmarshmagic@gmail.com) 01-20

**FOR RENT:** Large waterfront bedroom and bath in Annapolis. Contact Suzanne Farr [sofarr@aol.com](mailto:sofarr@aol.com) 01-20

**New SOS Email Group**

Steve Deller

This new group will provide simple management of your account. You can join, leave and rejoin most subgroups without moderator intervention. You can turn on or off emails from any subgroup you are part of and even to the main "All" group. So you could restrict your emails, for example, to only [Skippers@sos.groups.io](mailto:Skippers@sos.groups.io) if you were a member of that subgroup. NOTE: Skippers group membership is moderated, and restricted to only be skippers registered with SOS, board members or relevant committee chairs.

Here are the \*very simple\* steps for you to transfer yourself to the new SOS email group.

**STEP 1 - Get a groups.io account**

1.1 In a browser, go to <http://groups.io> and click Sign Up in the upper right corner. Follow the directions to register an account email (use the one you get SOS email at).

1.2 In your email, look for the "Verify your account" email and click the link to verify you are the owner of the email address you registered with.

**STEP 2 - Connect to the SOS group**

2.1 In a browser, go to <http://sos.groups.io> and click the blue "Apply for Membership In This Group" button near the button.

2.2 Wait until a moderator okay's your subscription (the moderator will first verify that you are an SOS member, based on your email used to subscribe). You will know this is done when you get an email welcoming you to the group. Read that email, then browse to the site <http://sos.groups.io>.

**STEP 3 - Optional - Join one or more subgroups.**

3.1 On the main SOS page on the left is "Subgroups". Click that. From the list of subgroups, click one that you are interested in. Read the description and if you want, the Message History of that subgroup. If you want to join the conversation and get email when someone posts there, go to 3.2

3.2 On the main subgroup page, click "+Join This Group" near the bottom. You will be automatically added to the Subgroup.

Photos, Files and Databases can be uploaded by any member of the main group or subgroup (subgroups have their own Photos, Files, and Databases).

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***Cold January!***  
***It's Time for Warm Fireside Chats***

- Jan 11 – Fireside Chat, Annapolis**
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- Jan 12 – Brunch at Double Tree Hotel**
- Feb 8 – Fireside Chat, Annapolis**
- Feb 8 – Fireside Chat, Northern VA**