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Regional Brunches - February 16th

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 as soon as possible Carole Jordan at seajay2844@gmail.com.

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 10th. **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
(18 guests)
Meeps Yox, mpsyx@earthlink.net
(15 guests)

Bethesda:

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

Bradenton, FL (WEST coast):

Molly Harrison & Ned Schwartz
mollyned@verizon.net (12 guests)

Edgewater, FL (EAST coast):

Bobbie Thomas & Dick Saunders,
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
sailrn@comcast.net or
Jafort@comcast.net
(10 guests)

Northern Virginia

NEW!! JUST ADDED
Irene Aronian
Irene.aronian@gmail.com
(15 guests)

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. Guests are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. This will be a great time to reconnect with friends who were hibernating over the cold winter months.

The Social Committee will provide hearty food and drink which will help chase away the Winter lethargy and give you energy to lend a hand this spring to skippers preparing boats for the sailing season. 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!!!



\$35 for members and \$40 for non-members with a deadline of March 10th.

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Hi everyone. After just completing my second full board meeting as your commodore,

I'm happy to report that SOS is in very good hands! We have some extremely competent and committed people at all levels of administration in this club. In future columns, I plan to focus on some of the key SOS programs and issues as well as the people who make stuff happen. But for now, I want to comment on several of the core club functions and the committee chairs responsible.

First up is sailing and John Rogers; he took over his job as Cruising Chair from an impressive predecessor, Laura Gwinn. The Cruising Chair lays out a six-month schedule of both weekend cruises and day sails. For 2020 there will be 15 cruises and 22 day/afternoon sails. This schedule affects our SOS fleet of 40 to 50 boats and many, many crew. Knowledge of the Bay, some good anchorages, member preferences, and competing events is paramount. This is a highly visible and important job - key to the success of our sailing season. John is off to a great start!

Second up is the Whisker Pole newsletter and editor Shirley Brooks Hollendursky. Have you ever compared the quality of our newsletter to that of other volunteer organizations? Our Whisker Pole is just plain good! Well planned and edited with interesting articles and a format that works for both print and digital issues. Plus, Shirley reminds other chairs and coordinators when an article is due! If you want to keep up with club happenings, you can find it all in the Whisker Pole. What a great contribution to the success of SOS!

Third up is our club website and John McDonald, our extremely talented database administrator. I recently

told John that he was like the puppeteer, or the guy behind the curtain in Wizard of Oz. John manages much of the machinery that makes this club work. Need to add something to our club website; want to send a blast; need to know how many skippers we have; John makes it all happen. He also oversees the somewhat complex event credit and refund system - wow! Glad I don't have to do that stuff!

Last up is our very creative social committee. Gabi Van Wie and Beth Krushinskie took off in 2019 and produced a series of super parties and events. Creative touches were everywhere! Many events have been planned for 2020. Our members love to sail, but they also love the parties! SOS social events bring in the members, help with recruitment, and satisfy all of us who like to party, mingle with friends, and sometimes go dancing. Our social events are part of the backbone of the club.

There are many cool events coming up in February. The new SASSY event is an experiment in combining educational modules with a mid-day Awards luncheon and photo retrospective. Lots going on that day - don't miss it! There is surely something interesting for everyone.

Finally, there are several of the popular Fireside Chats plus Regional Brunches. Too cold to be out in the water, so sign up for some of these fun February events. See ya at the SASSY training and luncheon!

Sandy

Welcome New Members

Doug Macnair
Annapolis, MD
Emerson O'Neill
Annapolis, MD
Pat Reynolds
Fort Washington, MD
Michael Watts
Gaithersburg, MD

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Unofficial notes January 12, 2020 Board Meeting

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

Vice Commodore: The Board voted on Award recipients in Executive session. The VP stated that participation in the three area charity regattas will be encouraged by the PR Committee.

Treasurer: This year it appears the club will have less than an \$1,000 loss, which is a significant improvement over last year. She will prepare an end-of-year P&L statement for each committee to be referenced when establishing the upcoming budget.

Bareboat: Fifty-seven people have been placed on seven boats for the Bahamas trip. Participants have received their trip insurance information. Seventy people applied for the France Barge trip and so far, 57 have been placed. A survey will be sent to gather ideas for 2021 trips.

Brunches: February 16th there will be regional Brunches in eight locations. The March 15th Brunch speaker will be Kristen Berry from Gale Force Sailing.

Cruising: The Cruising Calendar has been approved and will appear in the February Whisker Pole. The venues for the shore parties have been booked with the particular marinas. Training for the coordinators will be provided at the Kickoff event. Lynn Gilley will provide training in procedures. Kathy Haven will provide training of the coordinator's spreadsheet.

Database: To date 232 members and 62 skippers have renewed for 2020. That leaves 198 members and 28 skippers yet to renew for 2020. These members will be contacted 3 times by email reminding them to renew between now and January 31, 2020.

Education: A blast was sent to membership advertising the SASSY program and an article will appear in the February newsletter. There are a number of links under Education on the web page that should be deleted.

Long Range Planning: Three proposals concerning policies were presented and adopted: (1) Conflict of Interest Policy, (2) Document Retention and Destruction and (3) Non-Harassment Policy.

Membership: The committee is exploring less expensive alternatives to the annual membership directory. A list of "Benefits of Being An SOS Skipper" will be posted on the web site and a similar list "Benefits of Being An SOS Member" is being developed. Beginning in March the Committee will reach out to area sailing clubs and yacht clubs to post SOS flyers for recruitment.

First Mates: First Mates have been emailed and asked to comment on issues of concern -- many did. The First Mate Advisory Chair Duties are in the process of revision.

Newsletter: The January 16-page Whisker Pole was mailed to 56 people (23 members and 33 Happy Hour coordinators) and was printed at a cost \$240.64 which equates \$4.30 per copy. Last year we mail 123 copies of the January issue compared to 56 this year. My assumption is that due to the price increase for a printed copy, significant fewer members have elected to receive a printed copy. The lower number of copies printed results in a higher per copy cost.

Policies & Procedures sub-committee: has asked all committees to review online documents related to their tasks.

Public Relations: An ad has been created to appear in Spin Sheet's "Start Sailing Now" brochure. Brunch and education events have been submitted to several location publications. We have requested the Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron share their schedule of winter/spring education seminars.

Safety: The contract has been signed, and the deposit submitted, for Flare and Safety Day at Camp Wabanna. Kathy Higdon, Ned Schwartz, John Parsons and Still working on revisions to the First Mates and Safety responsibilities documents to make sure tasks pertaining to the First Mates program are updated and in synch.

Skippers' Advisory: No report.

Social: Details have been finalized for all the February and March events.

SOS MEMBERSHIP			
	January 2020	January 2019	January 2018
Members	437	442	494
Skippers	91	90	94
Totals	528	532	588

SOS FINANCES

Club account: \$25,529.74
Hi Yield savings: \$73,443.01
Credit card: (\$3,905.94)

Bareboat account: \$105,048.60

Fleet Exercises and Shore Leave

Please email your questions and request for directions to the coordinator
If you are **paying by check** for any sailing event, a **paper Sailing Registration Form must accompany the check**. A copy of this form can be found on the SOS website, under Forms and Such – Cruising – Sailing Registration Form.

Plan to mail your check early to the **event coordinator, not the SOS mail box**.
Many events have limited capacity; therefore, an event may be filled even before the deadline date
The postmark is the date used as the mail in cutoff/deadline date.
All checks are to be made payable to SOS, Inc.

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



February 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: Will start the program promptly at 5:00pm, followed by drinks, dinner and socializing by 6:00pm. **New information**

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

Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at 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 & 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: dlyle3711@yahoo.com **Email change**

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February 9

Sunday

SASSY 2020



Location:

Double Tree Hotel,
Annapolis, MD

Cost: \$30 to \$75 depending how much you want to do.

Topic:

Education Sessions, Lunch & Retrospective & Awards

See details in article in this Whisker Pole.
Time: 9:00 am – 11:45 am Education Sessions
11:45 am – 3:30 pm Lunch, Cash Bar, Awards, Photos

Deadline:

Mail: January 28th (postmark)
Online: February 4, 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

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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

Time: 11:00 am Social Hour
12:00 noon Brunch

Deadline:

Contact host by February 11

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

**Feb/Mar 2020****One Week or Two****The Exumas - 2020 Bareboat Cruise Adventure****Destination:**

Start at Nassau, Bahamas, Exuma Islands

Cost: Approximate. 1 wk \$1500 ++, 2 wks \$2650 ++

Note:

Location has changed from the Abacos to Exumas because of Hurricane Dorian.

Note: To Download Registration Form with Payment Information:

<http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/361821751>

Coordinator:

Corinne Lanquetuit clanquetuit@hotmail.com

Go to <http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/> for more details

March 14**Saturday****St. Patrick's Day Party****Location:**

The Downs Clubhouse, Annapolis, MD

Cost: \$35

\$40 – After deadline and walk-ins.

Music:

DJ - Michelle

5:30 pm Social (bring app or dessert to share)

6:00 – 7:00 pm Dinner

7:30 - 10:00 pm Dancing

Deadline:

Mail: March 5 (postmark)

Note: Dress Code: Wear Green

Online: March 10

Coordinator:

Barbara Mistrik mistrikbarbara@gmail.com

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

March 15**Sunday****Brunch****Location:**

Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD

Cost: \$ 31 - Brunch

\$ 35 – After deadline and walk-ins.

Speaker/Topic:

Kristen Berry from Gale Force Sailing/ Sailing with Purpose

Time: 11:00 am Social Hour

12:00 noon Brunch

1:00 pm Program

Deadline:

Mail: March 6 (postmark)

Note: Coastal Room

Online: March 10

Coordinator:

Bev Nash beverlynash@verizon.net

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

**March 15****Thursday****Board Meeting****Location:**

Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD

Time: 2:15pm to 4:00pm **Time Correction**
After the Brunch

Notes: General Membership Meeting
Open to all Members

**March 21****Saturday****Northern Virginia Fireside Chat****Location:** Centerville, VA**Cost:** \$ 20 by deadline
\$ 22 after deadline**Speaker/Topic:** Kathy Haven, "Searching the Universe for the Perfect Sailing Experience"**Host:** Linda Casucci
Time: 5:30 pm**Deadline:** Mail: March 12 (postmark)
Online: March 17**Note:** Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, No walk-ins.
Limited to 15.**Coordinator:** Anne Simmons, sosannie2019@aol.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**March 21****Saturday****Annapolis Fireside Chat****Location:** Annapolis, MD**Cost:** \$ 20 by deadline
\$ 22 after deadline**Speaker/Topic:** Ian Sanderson and Jim Rodd
"Crewing on a Log Canoe Race"**Host:** John & Nancy Parsons
Time: 5:30 pm**Deadline:** Mail: March 13 (postmark)
Online: March 17**Note:** Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, No walk-ins.
Limited to 12.**Coordinator:** Anne Bastian, bastian.anne@gmail.com, 443-949-0635
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**March 22****Sunday****Annual Sock Burning****Location:** Private home, Annapolis, MD
Directions upon registration**Cost:** \$25 – by deadline
\$30 – After deadline**Hosts:** Shirley & George Hollendursky**Time:** 5:00pm – 8:pm**Deadline:** Mail: March 16 (postmark)
Online: March 19**Note:** Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.
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**April 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**April 4****Saturday****Seminar****Location:** Annapolis Fire Department, 620
Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD
Speaker/Topic: Annapolis Fire Dept., EMS Team
CPR/AED and First Aid for
Mariners**Cost:** \$40 (the club is paying half the training
and certification costs)
Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm**Deadline:** Mail: March 28 (postmark)
E-mail: March 30**Note:** Coffee and lunch will be provided**Coordinator:** Joan Tannen jtkeuka@gmail.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

**April 11****Location:****Note:****Point of Contact:****Saturday**

Pick your Skipper

See details in this Whisker Pole
Possible April 18th or 25th also.
Skipper, pick your date.Dennis .Krizek denniskri@msn.com**Skipper Helper Day****Cost:**

A little bit of your time and energy.

Note:Help those skippers that so graciously
provide us with their boats all through
the sailing season.

DIRECTIONS

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

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

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

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



March 15th Brunch: Sailing with Purpose

Carole Jordan, Brunch Chair

Want to improve your sailing skills? Be more secure and confident on the water? What are your goals for this season?



Kristen Berry, our speaker for the March Brunch will be presenting ideas on how sailors can continue to expand their knowledge and improve their sailing by setting mini-challenges for each sailing trip, finding time to actually practice and approach sailing with a slightly more structured approach this season. You can take 10 minutes out of each sailing session to improve your close quarters boat handling, docking and departing, sail trim, boat handling and on the water decision-making... all while having fun!

Kristen is a full-time sailing educator and racing coach. He has lead teams on racing and cruising adventures throughout the US and Caribbean. His work focuses on helping teams and individuals with hard to reach dreams and **high-performance** goals be successful. Over the past 20 years, Kristen has supported community sailing programs in New York, Baltimore and Washington, DC; supported the US Naval Academy's sailing program, operated a sailing school in Annapolis and served as chair of US Sailing's commercial schools committee. When he isn't helping sailors reach their goals, he can most often be found with a camera in his hands chasing images of the natural world.

Come join us for this informative and fun approach as we head into the season!!



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
SOS Members:	\$20	\$40	\$60	\$50
Non-members/guests	\$35	\$40	\$75	not available
Walk-in day of event, members & non-members (no registration)	\$30	\$45	\$75	not available

Session 1 - 9:00 - 10:15 am		
1-A Intro to SOS & weekend sailing prep. by: Janet Gonski Learn how to register for SOS events, volunteer for committees, what to pack for your weekend sail, and food preparation.	2-A Sailing FUNdamentals 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).	3-A Medical Emergencies on the Water. 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.
Break: 10:15 - 10:30 am		
Session 2 - 10:30 - 11:45 am		
1-B Knots 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.	2-B "Nautical Rules of the Road" 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.	3-B "Extended Cruising on the Bay & Beyond" lead by: Carole Jordan Bring your ideas. Where would you like to go? What would you like to see?
Social: 11:45 am – 12:30 pm - Room set-up for lunch. Cash bar in hall.		
Lunch: 12:30 – 1:30 pm - Lunch with a running display of your 2019 Sailing Season in Pictures		
Awards: 1:30 – 2:15 PM - Emcee: John McDonald		
Break: 2:15 – 2:30 pm		
Photo Retrospective: 2:30 – 3:00 pm - Emcee: John Parsons		
Photo Contest: 3:00 – 3:30 pm - Emcee: Bob Wright		

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 Turner 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.

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 jtkeuka@gmail.com.

SOS Flotilla Welcomes S/V Maiden In April

Many of us have seen and been talking about the fantastic documentary *Maiden*, a film about the first all-female crew to ever sail around the world (most of them in their 20s).

When *Maiden* crossed the finish line of the 1989/90 Whitbread Round the World Race, she silenced the critics by winning two legs and coming in second overall; the best result for a British boat since 1977.



Maiden has now been restored and is making a world tour; **she will be at Annapolis Yacht Club this April.** SOS is planning to put together a welcoming flotilla (like the one in the film). Details will be coming as her sailing itinerary firms up!

Use this website to follow *Maiden* on her world journey: <https://www.themaidefactor.org/worldtour/routes-and-stops/Annapolis>.

If you haven't yet seen the film, it is available on Amazon for your viewing pleasure!

FOUR MORE FIRESIDE CHATS CLOSE THE SEASON

Saturday, February 8 will bring two Fireside Chat opportunities. In Rockville, Emil Becker and Bea Schwartz offer information and slides of the lovely Swedish Archipelago. 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.

There are also two chats on **March 21**; one in Centreville, Virginia where Kathy Haven leading the group as they "Envision Future Sailing Experiences Using Tarot Cards as a Tool." The second will be in Annapolis with Ian Sanderson and Jim Rodd discussing "Crewing on a Log Canoe Race."

2020 SOS Cruising Calendar

Date	Event	Location
04/11	Skipper Helper Day	Various – pick your skipper
04/19	Cruising Kickoff & Coordinator Training	Doubletree Annapolis
04/18, 25	Skipper Helper Days	Various – pick your skipper
05/02	Flares, Safety, Dockside Training	Camp Wabanna and docks TBA
05/03	Day Sail	Skipper's Choice
05/09-10	Shakedown Cruise	Broad Creek/Magothy
05/14	Day Sail	Skipper's Choice
05/16-17	DNR Cruise	Granary Cr/Wye East
05/20	Day Sail - Blue Angels Demo	Annapolis area
05/23-25	Memorial Day Cruise	Bodkin Cr/Worton Cr.
05/30	Leukemia Cup> Day Sail	Annapolis
06/07	Day Sails	Skipper's Choice
06/11	Day Sail	Skipper's Choice
06/13-14	Wet & Wild Cruise	Baby Owl Cove/Choptank R
06/16	Day Sail	Various
06/20	Dinghy Dance training	TBA Annapolis
06/21	Day Sail	Skipper's Choice
06/27-28	Anniversary Cruise	Lankford Cr Marina/Chester R w/slips
07/02	Day Sail	Skipper's Choice
07/03-05	Independence Day Evening Sail/Overnight	Where the fireworks are: Skipper choice
07/11-12	FM/Wine Tasting and Chocolate Cruise	Rhode R/Big Is-High Is
07/14	Afternoon Sail	Skipper's Choice
07/18-19	Day Sails	Skipper's Choice
07/25-26	Hot Air Cruise	Round Bay/Severn
07/29	Afternoon Sail	Various
08/01	Day Sail	Skipper's Choice
08/02	Day Sail	Skipper's Choice
08/08-09	Appetizers & Desserts Cruise	Reed Cr/Chester R
08/13	Afternoon Sail	Skipper's Choice
08/15	C.R.A.B. Cup	Annapolis Area
08/16	Town Hall Meeting	Galesville town hall
08/22-23	Day Sails	Skipper's Choice
08/29-30	Seafood Feast Cruise	Haven Harbor South w/slips
09/01	Day Sail	Skipper's Choice
09/4-7	Labor Day Cruise	Solomons/Mill Cr, Dun Cove/Harris Cr
09/12-13	Eastport Oyster Boys	Shaw Bay / Wye R
09/17	Day Sail	Skipper's Choice
09/19	Hospice Cup race	Annapolis
09/19-20	Day Sails w/ overnight possibility	Skipper's Choice
09/26-27	Oktoberfest Cruise	Anchorage Marina w/slips
10/2-4	Small Craft Fest	St. Michaels/Miles River
10/08	Day Sail	Skipper's Choice
10/10-12	Sailboat Show	Annapolis
10/11, 12	Day Sails	Skipper's Choice
10/17-18	Chile Cook-off cruise	Cove PAST Pickering Creek/Wye R
10/24	Day Sail	Skipper's Choice
10/29	Day Sail	Skipper's Choice
10/31-1	Halloween Cruise	Pirates Cove/West River w/slips

Annapolis Fireside Chat



(L to R): Lorraine Fassett (Host), Nancy Bromberg and Pam Ledford (RAW)



(L to R): Doug Macnair (New Member) and Beth Dumesco (RAW)



(L to R): Wayne Singley and Ben Kauffman (RAW)



(L to R): Nancy Bromberg, Doug Townsend and Debra Roane (RAW)



(L to R): Lynn Gilley, Mary Chevalier and Pam Ledford (RAW)



(L to R): Julia Oravec, Ben Fulton and Jody Hutchinson (RAW)



(L to R): Cindy Hooper, Barbara Mistrik and Nancy Briggs (RAW)



**** Rockville Happy Hour ****
(B.Wise)

Photographers by Bob Wright (RAW) and Barbara Wise (B.Wise)

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

SCUTTLEBUTT

(A communal water cask around which sailors traded gossip)



Jeanne and Alan Cecil have been cruising aboard *Sigmachi*, their 40' trawler. Recently they made about 57 miles from their anchorage near in Currituck Sound, past Coinjock, NC into the legendary potential rough waters of the Albemarle Sound.

The Albemarle-Pamlico Canal is a long straight water passageway leading southward toward their destination of Bellhaven, NC. They tied up at the city's downtown dock to use their new folding JUPITER electric bikes

Chuck and Julie Fort spent a week in January on Grand Cayman Island getting warm before they settle down for the winter and start preparing *At Last* for the 2020 sailing season.

Jean Parcher and Andy Katz will be on J World Annapolis' 2020 flotilla in the BVIs from February 1 to February 8, 2020. They will be taking their Bareboat Charter certification class during the cruise. They will be taking a Coastal Navigation seminar at J World in March.

In November and December **Craig Coltharp** participated in the Atlantic Rally for Cruisers (ARC) aboard *Altaire*, a 48' Saga, along with 200 other boats, sailing from Las Palmas de Gran Canaria to St. Lucia. The anticipated 18-21 day trip took much longer as *Altaire* had to divert to Cape Verdes with a failed watermaker, failed generator and low fuel. Although the detour put them low on the leader board, they made good time on the final leg.

Other SOS members sailing in an ARC Rally are **Ursula and Dane Skagen** who crewing on the World ARC Rally with a previous client on an Alden 54 ketch named *Cloud Shadow*. Ursula starts in St Lucia doing final preparations and will depart Saturday 11 January. She will passage from there to Colon, Panama, through the Panama Canal to the Galapagos Islands. She will fly home from there. Dane will fly to Panama 1 February and join the crew, passage through the Canal to the Galapagos, a tearful goodbye to Ursula, then continue on to Tahiti and fly home early in May. Follow this link to the World ARC site and look for *Cloud Shadow*.

https://www.worldcruising.com/world_arc/world_arc/eventfleetviewer.aspx

Getting Our Fleet Ready for Action

by

Emil Becker and Dennis Krizek,
Skippers' Advisory Committee

The SOS fleet is awesome! You have to agree that the best part of SOS membership is that we get to be invited to sail on these magnificent yachts week after week. We are not going to hazard a guess as to what some of these boats cost to purchase and maintain, but from our own personal experiences it is substantial.

Owning and maintaining a sailboat is not only costly, but a lot of hard work! In spring to get a boat ready for SOS crew, much has to be done. Sails have to be hanked on, cushions brought aboard, decks cleaned and polished, lockers cleaned out, and pots, pans, and dishes brought aboard. A few



boats have to be moved from their "winter homes" to their summer docks. This might sound mundane, but believe us it is not! Everything gets done quicker and easier when people are working together. It is a team effort. **Bottom line** – boats get into commission faster and are able to have SOS crew aboard earlier in the season!

In April several weekends have been set aside for helping skippers prepare their boats. Next month in the *Whisker Pole* we will tell you how you can volunteer. Volunteering will make you a better sailor! You get to see up close how things come together and meet new people. You also get to understand how systems work without pressure, so if and when an emergency repair has to be made at sea, you can better assist!

No special skills are required. All that is needed is a willingness to come and help with this important spring ritual. Please volunteer!!! You will be helping to get our fleet ready and getting more people out on the water earlier in the season.



Welcome to the SOS
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



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)

1st Tuesday
SE PA: (1ST HH) **Feb 4th** **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
CONTACT: PATTI - evansapatti@gmail.com

1st Wednesday
NVA/DC: **Feb 5th** **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
CONTACT: TRISH - trishreml@gmail.com 703-919-7729

1st Thursday
NEW JERSEY **Feb 6th** **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.theriverwindsrestaurant.com
CONTACT: LORA - doniala@aol.com 856-655-5535

1st Thursday
ELLCOTT CITY: **Feb 6th** **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
CONTACT: JILL - jill.montgom@gmail.com

1st Thursday
SOUTH-CENTRAL PA: **Feb 6th** **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

2nd Thursday
DE BEACHES **Feb 13th** **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
CONTACT: BETH - bethsailingsos@gmail.com

3rd Tuesday
SE PA: (2ND HH) **Feb 18th** **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
CONTACT: PATTI - evansapatti@gmail.com

3rd Wednesday
WILMINGTON: **Feb 19th** **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
CONTACT: GERI - geriwalker12@gmail.com

3rd Thursday
ROCKVILLE: **Feb 20th** **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. 301-822-9200 www.marriott.com
CONTACT: JON - jonbernheimer@verizon.net

3rd Thursday
KENT ISLAND: **Feb 20th** **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
CONTACT: BARB - bbb Brooksao@aol.com

4th Thursday
ANNAPOLIS: **Feb 27th** **5:00-7:00 PM**
THE GREEN TURTLE 177 Jennifer Road, across the road from the Annapolis Mall Sears Auto. Enter the parking lot from Jennifer Road. 410-266-7474 www.thegreenturtle.com
CONTACT: RON - repenca@msn.com 301-717-2770



NJ Happy Hour - Chic Bach

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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 01-20

For sale by owner: Bristol 29.9, 1979 Yanmar diesel engine, 15 hp. New jib; self-furling. Fully battened mainsail. Lazy jacks 2 years old. New halyard. Bottom painted last season. Modified full keel. Shoal draft. Dodger. In slip at Castle Harbor Marina (Chester, MD) paid through December 2020. \$14,900. Contact: david.crosland@usdoj.gov 02-20

BOAT SLIPS

DEEP WATER SLIP: Join other great dockmates. Available immediately on Mill Creek, Annapolis Contact Suzanne Farr 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 01-20

OTHER

FOR RENT: "Marsh Magic" - A serene vacation rental in West Ocean City, MD. 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 01-20

FOR RENT: Large waterfront bedroom and bath in Annapolis. Contact Suzanne Farr sofarr@aol.com 01-20

Education Events

by Bill Knapp

SASSY 2020

(Seminars, Awards, Skills, Sailing, and an eventful Year in pictures)

We hope you plan to attend SASSY on February 9th at the Double Tree in Annapolis, MD. This will be an exciting day of skill sharing and memories. SASSY is a new event created to bring new members and old salts together for a day of Learning, Awards, and Photos. If you have not registered, there is still time, so **register TODAY.**

J-World in Annapolis Sailing School

Attention all novice sailors, J-World in Annapolis is offering our members a discount when you attend their classes. These are held on the water on the 26 ft. J/80 sailboat with a certified instructor. You may visit their web site to learn more about the courses offered:

<http://jworldannapolis.com/annapolis-sailing-courses/>

Please email Bill Knapp at (banknapp@gmail.com) know if you are interested, as SOS is negotiating a club discount which will depend on number of people attending.



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***Last Educational Events
As We Move Toward Spring***

Feb 8 – Fireside Chat, Northern VA

Feb 8 – Fireside Chat, Annapolis

Feb 9 – SASSY Educational Event

Feb 16 – Regional Brunches

Mar 21 – Fireside Chat, Annapolis

Mar 21 – Fireside Chat, Northern VA

Mar 22 – Sock Burning Party