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St. Patrick's Day Party March 14

Reminder: sign up for the SOS annual St. Patrick's Day Party. Celebrate the Irish in you at The Downs club house in Annapolis.



The leprechaun will start the happy hour at 5pm. Please come out and find a pot of gold that the leprechaun keeps hidden. The Social Committee will dish up some nice Irish food and drinks. **Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.**

Your "finest green is the dress code" for the event, together with a lot of fun and smiles when we dance the night away.

Registration is open until March 10 for \$35 or at the door for \$40

Brunch: Sailing With Purpose March 15

Are you going to the fab St. Paddy's Day party? Don't forget the REST of the fun-packed weekend: the March Brunch and General Membership Meeting!!!!!!

March 15th will be an action-packed day. We start off with our usual "social hour" (read Happy

Hour) at 11:00 AM at the Doubletree in Annapolis on Riva Road. The scrumptious buffet will follow at noon. Our speaker for the day is Kristen Berry of Gale Force Sailing, whose topic is Sailing with Purpose.

Kristen is a full-time sailing educator and racing coach and will discuss how all 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!



Let's get ready for the sailing season that is only a short time away.

But that's not all.....John Parsons will once again present his Photo Retrospective of our sailing season 2019!!

Then, our annual general membership meeting will begin. This is one brunch you won't want to miss! Register early; you won't be disappointed.

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.

NOTICE: General Membership Meeting March 15

Attend the SOS General Membership meeting right after the brunch at the Doubletree Hotel.

Hear reports from club officers and committee chairs. Receive updated information on 2019 activities and future plans.

Submit questions or concerns to the commodore or any member of the board.

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



For over 40 years, SOS has been about two things – sailing and friendship. We cruise in the beautiful Chesapeake, enjoy cool parties, brunches, and interesting educational events. Periodically, we travel to exotic foreign locations to sail and explore. We are quite fortunate to be members of such an active and enjoyable club.

But now **we face a vital issue; our membership has been declining** over the past couple of years. The reasons for this decline have been much discussed. Our membership is aging. There are many more clubs, not necessarily sailing, and opportunities for other activities. Further, membership in all sorts of clubs from garden clubs to ski clubs, is declining nationally. Many factors are impacting our membership.

So, what can be done? The SOS Membership Committee has some ideas: When meeting a new member, make and take the time to get to know them. If they haven't been to a happy hour, invite them. Remember their name and face. It is discouraging to attend SOS events as a newbie and have the same person say, "it's nice to meet you" for three weeks in a row! Invite them to attend brunches and fireside chats with you. Take a picture of a new member at an SOS event for the first time and submit it to the Whisker Pole.

SOS is primarily about sailing. We cannot retain new members if we do not provide opportunities to sail. Lately we have been leaving new and longtime members "ashore" because we don't have open berths on sailboats. Sometimes there are just not enough boats going out. Sometimes weekend sails come "pre-booked" with their skipper and crew. There is no room to place a new member.

We must improve upon our ability to provide new members with sailing opportunities.

What can we, as a club, do to help? We have lots of ideas! Last fall, for example, the Cruising Committee introduced "Skipper Incentives" with awards going to those who took at least five coordinator placed crew on their boats. Nine skippers qualified in a 3-month period. Skippers Advisory Committee is continuing to promote "skipper tenders", helping new SOS skippers navigate our club rules and routines. And our Membership Committee has begun assigning mentors to our newest members as well as welcoming them at the brunches.

Our future is riding on the waves. I would love to hear from you, our members, with suggestions for ensuring that SOS continues as a welcoming place for all members, especially new. It is only with the financial support of a robust membership that we will be able to continue well into the future.

Sandy

Welcome New Members

Elizabeth Elsdon
New Castle, DE

Harry Jennings
Arlington, VA

Robert Masserini
New Castle, DE

Karen Parsons
Alexandria, VA

Georgie Peet
Annapolis, MD

Sue Rowland
Walkersville, MD

Eric Swift
Culpeper, VA

Melinda Whitfield
Owings, MD

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SOS Board Awards Presented at the Awards Banquet



Commodore's Award	Janet Gonski	To an individual who has made significant contributions in fostering the goals of SOS, and who continues to contribute to many aspects of the Club.
Ed Klein Member of the Year	Chuck Fort and Laura Gwinn	Recognizes an individual who time after time volunteers to advance the goals of the Club through efforts often behind the scenes.
Elinor W. (Elli) Abramson Award	Irene Aronian and Dave Henkin	For outstanding contributions to the Education Program for members and non-members, both on the water and on land.
Rookie(s) of the Year	Beth Krushinski and Andy Katz	Recognizes the individual who, in his or her first year sailing with SOS, demonstrates superior interest in and learning about sailing, and who becomes highly involved in one or more of the many SOS programs



Jibe-Ho Just for Fun Awards Presented at the Awards Banquet

Hostess With The Mostest	Barbara Mistrik	Who lives in a 700 Sq. Ft., 1 bedroom Townhouse but has Place Setting & Silverware For Over a Hundred Guests
Guys in the Galley	Walt Flowers	Flowers Who Prepared A Pot Of Meatballs For The Parade Of Lights Party. After Spending Over An Hour At The Party, Walt Realized The Reason He Did Not Recognize Anyone Was Due To His Being In The Wrong Hotel Room.
Photography	Samia AbdelWahed	For Spending 2 1/2 Hours In a Bosun's Chair Atop The Mast Of Jazzy Catt So She Could Take A Picture Of The Appetizers & Desserts Circle Raft
Oops What Was I Thinking	Kathy Higdon	For Volunteering To Facilitate A Fireside Chat Titled "Oops What Was I Thinking". Then Realize She Was Not Going To Be In The State While The Chat Was Taking Place
Oops What Was I Thinking #2	Ron Pence	After Turning A Weekend Cruise Into A Day Sail Due To Weather. Ron Thought He And His Crew Would Be Immediately Seated At The Boatyard Grill On A Saturday Night Without Reservations
Oops What Was I Thinking #3	Bill Knapp	As Guest Skipper Of Bonne Idee Accidentally Dumped The Fresh Water Tank Before Leaving The Dock To Head For The DNR Party
Being A Sailboat Owner Is Fun	Doug Love	For Spending Hours Dealing With An In-Mast Mainsail Furling System
Spirit of SOS	Gabi Van Wie	For Abandoning Her Crew, Her Friends, A Galley Full Of Dirty Dishes And The SOS Raft, So She Could Go Jet Skiing With A Millionaire Yacht Owner!

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.



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, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Dinner 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Dancing
Deadline:	Mail: March 5 (postmark) Online: March 10	Note: Dress Code: Wear Green Drinks & Dinner provided by SOS. Please bring Appetizer or Dessert to share
Coordinator:	Barbara Mistrik mistrikbarbara@gmail.com Please be sure to log-in first , then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	



March 15	Sunday	Board Meeting
Location:	Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD	Time: 9:00am – 11:00am Time Correction Before the Brunch
		Notes: Open to all Members



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) Online: March 10	Note: Coastal Room
Coordinator:	Bev Nash beverlynash@verizon.net Please be sure to log-in first , then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	



March 15

Sunday

General Membership Meeting

Location:

Double Tree Hotel,
Annapolis, MD

Time:

2:15pm After Brunch Program

Notes:

Reports from club officers and committee chairs.
Open to all Members

March 21

Saturday

No. Virginia, DC, Mont. Co. 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 13 (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,

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 shirleybrooks@yahoo.com

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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
Annapolis Fire Dept., EMS Team
CPR/AED and First Aid for Mariners

Cost:

\$40 (the club is paying half the training and
certification costs)

Speaker/Topic:

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

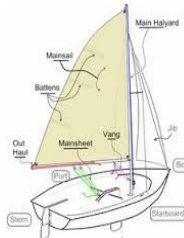
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

**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.**April 19****Location:****Note:****Coordinator:****Sunday**Double Tree Hotel,
Annapolis, MD**By Invitation Only**Noreen McGuire nmcgny@hotmail.comPlease **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**Cruising Kick-off Meeting****Cost:** Free to Skippers, First Mates, Cruising Committee Members,
\$20 for guests**Time:** First Mates and Coordinators will join skippers for Lunch and Meeting at noon.
Coordinator Training will begin 2:15pm.**May 2****Location:****Deadline:****Coordinator:****Saturday**Camp Wabanna
Edgewater, Maryland
Mail: April 27 (postmark)
Online: April 29Joan Tannen jtkeuka@gmail.comPlease **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**Flare and Safety Day****Cost:** Free**Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am**Note:** Details in the Whisker Pole**May 2****Location:****Deadline:****Coordinator:****Saturday**

Various Skipper' Boats

Mail: April 24 (postmark)
Online: April 27Irene Aronian irene.aronian@gmail.comPlease **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**Dockside Training****Cost:** \$17**Time:** 1:00pm – 4:00pm**Note:** See Whisker Pole for details.**May 3****Destination:****Deadline:****Coordinator:****Sunday**

Skipper's Choice

Mail: April 23 (postmark)
Online: April 27 (9 pm)Emil Becker emilbec@msn.comPlease **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**Day Sail****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.



May 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



May 9/10

Saturday – Sunday

Shakedown Cruise

Destination: Broad Creek/Magothy
Deadline: Mail: April 23 (postmark)
Online: April 28

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.

Coordinator: Bill Small smallfavours@hotmail.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



May 14

Thursday

Mid-Week May Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by May 7

Cost: \$17- Member or Non-Member
Note: Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate registration form with a check to the coordinator.

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

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.

50/50: Fun and Philanthropy: S/V Maiden

SOS is invested in the Bay sailing community. As you know we are environmental and safety conscious; we participate in the Leukemia and Hospice Cup charity sailing races (and this year we will add the CRAB Cup to be part of the Triple Crown of Charity Sailing – more in future WP)



This April we have a unique opportunity to be part of a once ever event: The arrival of S/V Maiden in Annapolis. Tracey Edwards' story is captured in the movie "Maiden" released last summer. She held a first-ever all-female crew sailing in the 1989 Whitbread Race and now, 30 years later, she has rehabbed her boat and is organizing a world tour with a mission to highlight and create awareness of the 130 million girls worldwide who are not afforded an education: The Maiden Factor. SOS plans to be involved with her Annapolis visit:

- Be part of a flotilla to greet Maiden's arrival outside Annapolis (at R2 off Tolly Point) around April 8 or 9, planning for a daylight arrival. How many boats can we get into the water (with or without sails and finishing touches)?
- Join events and fundraiser/party at City Dock and/or AYC/EYC between the arrival and April 13-15 for The Maiden Factor Foundation
- Use our SOS fundraising capabilities to raise funds for their goal of #WomenEmpowerment through education and gender equality. **So, look for a 50/50 Raffle at the March Brunch and know you are part of a powerful phenomenon.**

New Members! Returning Members! Check Out These Events!

Flare and Safety Day: Saturday, May 2



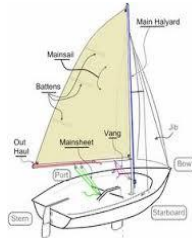
It's time to start getting ready for the upcoming sailing season! Join us for Flare and Safety Day where we learn new safety skills and brush up on the old ones. Members will be able to view and practice the use of different types of flares, extinguish flames with a fire extinguisher, practice tossing lines,

simulate the use of a passing line, and more. This event is held on the beach at Camp Wabanna located on the Rhode River, not far from Annapolis, from 9:00 AM to Noon. Safety is always a high priority in the club, so join us to work on these important skills and at the same time, have a lot of fun!

Questions? Contact Joan Tannen at jtkeuka@gmail.com

Dockside Training: Saturday, May 2

On Saturday afternoon we will meet dockside aboard member's boats in an afternoon session structured to simulate an SOS cruise. The Skipper and First Mate will conduct standard pre-cruise information and safety briefing, and will then work with attendees to provide hands-on training about all aspects of the boat and how it works. For those attendees who are ready to do so, it is usually possible to complete some of the Basic Skills I & II checkout requirements as well. Be sure to bring your Basic Skills forms with you. Go to the SOS web page under Forms and Such, then Education where you will find the Basic Skills Check out Forms as well as the manual.



If the weather cooperates and the boat is ready, you may be able to sail a little even though it is not part of the expected Dockside Training.

Skippers, remember we need your expertise so sign up! Questions: Irene Aronian at irene.aronian@gmail.com

CPR/AED & First Aid for Mariners: Sat, April 4

Take advantage of this opportunity to become CPR Certified by Annapolis Fire Department emergency medical personnel at half the cost you would pay elsewhere. Because SOS encourages you to learn and maintain skills in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), the use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and in first aid... SOS pays half the cost of the training. Whether you are learning these techniques for the first time, or recertifying, there is always more to learn. Recommended procedures are always being updated.



Coffee and a light breakfast, as The training will be held at the Annapolis Fire Department, 620 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401. TEL: 410-263-1116. The class will start at 9:00 AM and run to approximately 4:00 PM. Your cost is \$40.00, which includes lunch as well on site. Class size will be limited. If you have any questions, contact Joan Tannen at jtkeuka@gmail.com.

Boat Helper Days in April

In last month's *Whisker Pole* we introduced the SOS Boat Helpers' Program. During the month of April, crew and skippers will get the fleet ready so when the weather gets nice for sailing, boats and crew can get on the water.



Like to participate? There are two ways to consider:

1. **Contact a skipper or skippers that you sailed with last season and offer to help.** Try to be flexible and provide several alternative days because April has several holidays and the weather is often unpredictable. Reserve at least four hours. Ask the skipper about what you will be doing and what you should wear. Some jobs are dirty, so a change of clothes could be a good idea. Ask if the boat is on the "hard" which means you might have to climb a ladder and work six or eight feet up in the air. If that doesn't suit you, then try to schedule when the boat will be at a dock.
2. **If you don't have a specific skipper or skippers you feel comfortable about contacting, send an email to Skippers' Advisory Chair, Dennis Krizek denniskri@msn.com with available dates.** Reserve at least a four-hour block of time, and mention if working on a boat on the "hard" is not for you.

Remind your skipper to note your participation and send your name to Dennis. The names of participants will be recognized in the June *Whisker Pole*. **And always keep in mind that Boat Helpers' is a learning experience; a chance to become more familiar with the systems on boats, how they work, and how to keep them working properly underway.**

Cruising Corner

Ahoy Cruisers! Spring is within grasp now and time to start planning for your activities. The links are up for cruising dates now. For newcomers, those who apply for an event early get to be placed first in line. Our most popular events (like cruises with parties) fill up fast, unfortunately sometimes leaving folks ashore. So, pick your favorites and sign up early.

Also up early are the training events. Don't miss out. Of great interest this year should be the Dinghy Dance in mid-summer. Do you know how to safely board and leave a dinghy? From the stern of a boat? From a dock? Join this event and don't risk getting a dinghy dunk and a jibe ho award!

For Skippers, First Mates and Coordinators, April 19 is the Kickoff event. Come share the discussion and a bite to eat. We'll have training for new Coordinators and veterans are welcome to refresh their knowledge. See you there!



Where Does My SOS Money Go?

As each new sailing season rolls around, members often ask "Where do our annual dues go? What benefits do I get?"



Discussions with the new Board and Committee Chairs at the January Retreat led to the decision to write this article.

When you joined SOS, you received a New Member Packet for which you paid a one-time \$10 toward printing and postage; your package included a **Member Directory** which we have sent to all members annually free of charge. Each time you log into singlesonsailboats.org, you are receiving the benefit of **web hosting, domain name**, as well as **Memberclicks software** to register for events, search for a member, view the calendar, newsletter, links throughout the site.

Some general "keeping the business going" items include the **Post Office Box rental, phone contact, insurance**, and required **annual audit**. We also have **storage lockers** for all those items used at Spring Training, coolers and materials for parties; banners, lines, cleat boards and so much more materials we use repeatedly as well as a small **air-controlled locker** to maintain the required documents of the club and our audio-visual equipment. Each August, we hold a Town Hall for the general membership where you meet the new Board nominees – and enjoy a **free dinner**.

The **monthly newsletter**, though we pay \$40 for a hard copy if we wish, that only covers a portion of the annual cost. The newsletters are also printed and sent to the Happy Hour coordinators to give out to potential members at their monthly gatherings. Another public outreach comes with articles and ads in local media with a sailing interest – we have several ways to get our name out there without paying for it, but when we **advertise special events**, the ads cost money.

And as we acknowledge those who have contributed to SOS in the annual

Awards Banquet, the etching of the **plaques and the cups** are paid for by the general membership funds – the origin of which is our annual dues.

Along with the access to ever so many events, sails, bareboat opportunities, parties, experiences ... phew! And friends.... It is a pretty good deal for the money!

If you have any ideas on ways to increase the club's revenue, to decrease costs in any area, please share with any Board member – in person, via email... in any way. This is your club – share your ideas.

Sailing On A Power-driven Vessel Heresy or What?

By Dennis Krizek

Recently, I attended my first SOS Board/Committee Chairs retreat. Remembering mandatory federal government retreats and team building exercises from the past, I arrived armed with the lyrics for "Kumbaya". Fortunately, the lyrics were unnecessary for we immediately slipped our mooring pennants and our retreat flotilla set sail. Following a course skillfully plotted by our intrepid Commodore, we dropped anchors at the club's declining membership, lack of participation by skippers and the alarming number of crew being left ashore. At one anchorage, to escape yet another team building exercise, I rowed my dingy to visit a nearby power-driven vessel that shared our anchorage.

I was enthusiastically welcomed aboard by the jovial captain and found that we shared similar interests about boating and the Chesapeake Bay. The captain, seeing our unique burgee, was inquisitive about our club. He was surprised to learn of the number of married couples we have in a club that is purported to be a "singles" club. He was also surprised to learn that one of our most successful overseas bareboat trips involved over a hundred members "sailing" on power-drive vessels on the Canal du Nivernais. The captain also commented that the Titanic "sailed" from Southampton for New York and that cruise ships routinely "sail" from Baltimore to the Caribbean. As I climbed back into my dingy, he jokingly pointed out that the only difference between a power-driven vessel and a

sailing vessel, was that sailing vessels only motor about ninety percent of the time.

Rowing back to the retreat, I thought that some members of SOS, because of injury, issues with balance or advancing age, may actually elect to "sail" on a power-driven vessel, given the opportunity. I also remembered that there are a number of power-driven vessels owned by members of SOS and these could be used to get more crew out on the water and to raft-ups and land-based events, especially if the crew were to be left ashore.



I confess that last fall I committed blasphemy and attended the Trawler Fest on Kent Island because I'm not sure how much longer I can continue to sail *Sea Tango*. On reflection, I would like to think that forward thinking individuals would find a place in SOS's fleet for power-driven vessels. To those that shout heresy and are content to sit by the campfire to talk about how the club used to be, I have the lyrics for Kumbaya.

Life Jackets for Kids

Joan Tannen, Safety Chair



When many of us aren't out sailing with SOS, we often enjoy spending time on the water with children. At the beginning of the

summer season I'm always checking what size life jackets I have for my grandchildren so I can keep them well protected on the water. This can be a challenge since kids keep growing! I recently learned about the BoatUS Foundation Life Jacket Loaner Program for Kids. This program allows you to borrow an appropriately sized life jacket for a day or week-end from a loaner site.

To learn more about this program and find a location near you go to <https://boat.us.org/life-jacket-loaner/>

SCUTTLEBUTT

(A communal water cask around which sailors traded gossip)



Alex Daly and **Becky Strandberg** joined the snowbirds to Florida immediately after SASSY. They will be back in time for the March brunch/board/membership meeting. They stopped in Petersburg at the 1760 Inn, the HalfWay House for dinner. George Washington frequented the place.

Nancy Briggs and **Jody Hutchinson**, nee "Polywogs", having been initiated by King Neptune in a secret (and very messy) ritual, are now officially "Shellbacks". They crossed the equator on 2/13/2020 at 1645 Hawaii Time, in route from Hawaii to French Polynesia.

George and Shirley Hollendursky spent seventeen days aboard Windstar's S/V Wind Surf cruising from Aruba up the coast of Central America, ending in Cozumel, Mexico. After a few days in Mexico they flew to Aruba to meet up with crew to sail for two weeks with the SOS Bareboat trip. They certainly enjoyed being in tropical waters and warm weather.

AHOY SKIPPERS

Why should you join SOSskippers@groups.io? It is for SOS skippers and run by SOS skippers.

SOSskippers@groups.io is an official means of communication among SOS Skippers. To participate, you must be a skipper in SOS, on the BOD, or Chair of the Cruising, Safety, or First Mates Advisory Committee.

As the Bay sailing season approaches, skippers are busy getting their boats ready, the Club's plans for the season are being finalized, and there is usually a lot of important and valuable information being shared between skippers through the SOS skippers' group.

There are also frequent exchanges about skipper experience with marine products and services as well as alerts about significant navigation challenges based on local knowledge.

To become a member of this group, contact smallfavors@hotmail.com and ask to be invited to

join. You may also go to groups.io and follow the instructions to join.

Either way, be sure to use the email address in your profile in the SOS online directory or one which clearly identifies you. This is needed to allow those handling approvals to know that you meet the criteria for group membership.

If you were a member of the SkipperNet (skippers@yahooogroups.com) as of December 4, 2019, your membership has been automatically transferred to SOSskippers@groups.io.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

SOS has a Public Relations Committee... *and we need YOU!* We want to get the word out about SOS – invite non-members and potential members when we have an open event; let the sailing community know the fun and educational events we enjoy; participate in the three charity sailing races of the summer. Maybe even jump back into the Parade of Lights with a boat ad. To do all this, we need you.

We need your stories: what is the best way to come to know someone? By the stories they share! Share your stories of sailing and of SOS: What we love about sailing? What makes SOS special? What has SOS done for you?

We need your input: where & with whom should we be connecting? What are the media outlets and online calendars in your area? We especially need info for areas like NJ, PA, VA/DC.

We need your time: we will have a table at the Solomons and Annapolis SpinSheet crew parties; we are looking into having a table or presence at the fall Annapolis boat show; we want to have fundraiser potluck gatherings throughout our areas for each charity race and we want boats and crew to sail in those races; and we want to provide simplified decorations with an SOS banner on a boat in the Parade of Lights.

Share your stories, your ideas, your connections, your knowledge and skills by contacting PR Co-Chairs: Janet Gonski JGSunset@yahoo.com and/or Karl Scible KScible2@aol.com

SASSY (The Training)



(L to R): Suzanne Vaughn and Judy Barral (JFP)



(L to R): Linda Casucci and Chuck Fort (JFP)

SASSY (The Awards)



Prior Socializing (SAW)



Commodore Sandy Rosswork (JFP)



Enjoying the Brunch



(L to R): John McDonald and Ron Pence (JFP)



(L to R): Sandy Rosswork and Janet Gonski (JFP)



(L to R): Sandy Rosswork and Chuck Fort (JFP)

Photographers: John Parsons (JFP); Samia AbdelWahed (SAW)

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

Bareboating through the Eyes of a Personal Trainer (FSC)



(L to R): Susan Zevin and Linda Perkins (JFP)



Susan Zevin on left front leading exercise (JFP)



(L to R): Susan Zevin and Dennis Krizek (JFP)

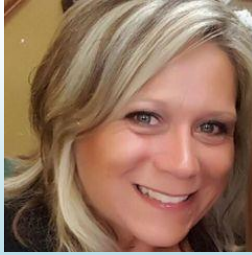


SOS Florida West → Regional Brunch (NS)

← Delaware Regional Brunch (CF)



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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 or 267-221-6312**

1st Wednesday
NVA/DC: MAR 4th 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: WENDY – wladams11@verizon.net

1st Thursday
NEW JERSEY MAR 5th 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: MAR 5th 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: MAR 5th 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 - sosrjmorrow@aol.com

2nd Thursday
DE BEACHES MAR 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) MAR 10th 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: MAR 18th 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: MAR 19th 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: MAR 19th 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: MAR 26th 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 - repace@msn.com 301-717-2770



ROCKVILLE Happy Hour

TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD:

- **Due 10th of month** for publication the following month
- Send email to parandall@comcast.net with "classified ad" in the subject line
- You will receive a confirmation email back
- Ads will appear for 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 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

SLIP 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

ITEMS for Sale

ZODIAC Inflatable Dingy For Sale – (8'6") and 4 HP JOHNSON outboard motor. Excellent condition. Includes: seat, boat carry bag, tow line, fuel tank, motor storage stand, anchor with rode, and manuals. Asking \$800, original price was \$1600+ Contact jkirk436@comcast.net 3-20

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

Kitchen and Bathroom Renovations : Home or Vessel . Contact Mark Rybas @ The Craftsman Connection or mark.rybas@rocketmail.com 03-20

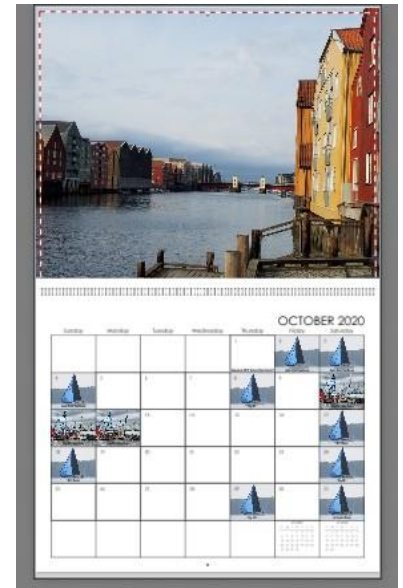
New SOS Calendar and New SOS Car Magnet

The first SOS calendar was presented at SASSY 2020 and was sold out in minutes. Now a second edition will be available at the St. Patrick's Day Party and the March Brunch. The calendar goes from Feb 2020 to Feb 2021 and the cost will be between \$15 and \$20 depending on rebates given on the number of calendars reprinted.

The 11" x 14" calendar has the photos from the winners of the 2019 Photo Contest and all cruising events are marked, so there is no more reason to forget to sign up!

If you would like to purchase a calendar, but are not attending the St. Patrick's Party or Brunch, please send an email to Gabi Van Wie at gabisailingsos@gmail.com

We also have new car magnets available for \$5.00. They are 5x 3" featuring the SOS burgee.



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Spring is Almost here!

Mar 14 – St Patrick’s Day Party

Mar 15 - Brunch

Mar 21 – Fireside Chat, Northern VA

Mar 21 – Fireside Chat, Annapolis

Mar 22 – Sock Burning Party

Apr 4 – CPR Seminar

Apr ?? – Maiden Flotilla

Apr 11 – Skipper Helper Days