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VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Progress! As of mid-June, more corona virus restrictions have been lifted!

Recreational boaters may go

out with anyone, but not too many on board at any one time. Rafting is permitted. The limit of ten people per gathering has been lifted and indoor dining as well as outdoor dining is now permitted. In Annapolis. Various streets are even being blocked off to give restaurants a place to put their tables. By the end of June, we will see gyms, miniature golf and even malls open their doors.

In view of these positive steps, SOS is also restarting some events and activities. There will be changes, as social distancing and use of masks is still The Anniversary Party, required. originally scheduled for June 27, has been rescheduled twice! No music or dancing, but we will have an event and it will be held safely. The party has morphed into a picnic, to be held at a pavilion at Sandy Point State Park, on Sunday July 12. This will be a BYOB event and participants may choose to participate in a pot luck or to bring their own lunch along. This revised plan makes it easier to drive in and facilitates social distancing.

Our Annual General Meeting, scheduled for August 16, will be held at the pavilion at Port Annapolis, off Back Creek, rather than at our usual location in Galesville.

Changing the location allows us to move the meeting outside, with lots of space, and to a place where skippers may easily come by boat.

Sailing opportunities will be expanding. Event coordinators will maintain a list of available crew for each given date. However, our typical sailing coordination will not be restarting this month. Most skippers and crew will want to observe distancing and many will also want masks.

Your dedicated and talented officers and committee members held an online Membership Meeting, on Zoom last week. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to produce this presentation! This was a first ever event and enabled us to present key club information to the membership.

In addition to the committee reports, two changes proposed bylaw presented. If you missed this meeting, the entire presentation is available on the club web site. As a reminder, the dues change proposal will be open for discussion at the August General Meeting. More options for member dues will be considered and discussed prior to electronic meeting. The communication bylaw proposal will be out for member vote at the end of June or early July. Read about this proposal following this column.

That's all for now. It's great to be able to say "Hope to see you at one of our upcoming summer events!"

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Electronic Communication Proposal

During these unprecedented times of the COVID-19 pandemic, with the associated morbidity and mortality, your SOS Board has been unable to conduct in-person meetings and has therefore utilized "Remote Electronic Means" (ZOOM) to foster real-time communication for those in attendance. However, the SOS Bylaws never addressed such remote electronic communication.

Therefore, we have developed language to amend our Bylaws to allow these remote electronic communications. These changes will support Board and General Member meetings.

The bylaw proposal will be sent for a member vote during the first week of July.

2020 SOS Cruising Plan - Revised June 15

- No typical cruising coordination will take place until we are in Gov. Hogan's phase III. This keeps the club out of the position of suggesting specific crew for any skippers.
- 2. A list of members who are willing to sail this summer has been developed. Members who wish to be invited to crew may post their names on a club website page, or on the members io group (see details below).
- 3. The existing framework of both Day and Weekend sails and destinations will be retained. Event coordinators may now advertise and develop a specific list of crew who are available for a specific date or cruise. Cruises and destinations can be posted on the skippers io group or other platform in addition to remaining in the Whisker Pole.
- Skippers may invite known crew or crew from the list of available members.
 Skippers may coordinate sailing to specific locations; there may be limited rafting.
- 5. The first cruise related party (June 27 Anniversary Party) has been relocated to Sandy Point State Park. More information may be found in this newsletter.

We understand that this will not be helpful to new members and to many long-time members who do not own boats, but want to get out on the water. However, we do not want to encourage situations which could lead to transfer of illness among our members, or increase liability for the club. As boating and social distancing guidelines change, these guidelines will be modified as well.

No fees will be assessed until more boats are going out and more crew are being invited from the list of willing crew. However, skippers may ask their crew to complete and sign the sailing registration form which can be found on line.

SOS email io group

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

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 if you were a member of that subgroup. NOTE: Skippers group membership is moderated, and restricted to only be skippers, board members or relevant committee chairs.

Here are the *very simple* steps for you to join 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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Important General Membership Meeting August 16th

Attention SOS members!

Our General Membership Meeting is moving to a new location! (See article below.) At this meeting, the Dues Restructuring Bylaw Proposal will be open for discussion. Between now and August 16, various dues proposals suggested by members will be considered. Voting on the Dues Restructuring proposal will take place after the Town Hall meeting.



Nominations for Board of Directors

In September SOS will elect five new members for the Board of Directors for two-year terms. Lynn Gilley and Karl Scible have volunteered to be our Nominating Committee with Laura Gwinn as Chairman.

If you are ready to bring your energy and talents to support our club by providing positive leadership, ideas, and coordination with other SOS volunteers....or you want to nominate another who you think can do the same... please contact a member of the Nominating Committee as soon as possible.

The General Meeting is your opportunity to meet candidates and hear what they have to say. Additionally, any eligible member of the club may be nominated and seconded from the floor of the Meeting. All members who accept a nomination will appear on the September election ballot.

General Membership Meeting – August 16th Port Annapolis Marina

The August 16th General Meeting is free for all members. So, come visit with your SOS friends, participate in discussion of club business and meet the nominees to hear what they have to say about their desire to be on the Board.

The General Membership Meeting schedule is:

4:30-5:30 Happy Hour 5:30-6:30 Dinner 6:30-8:30 Business Meeting

Because of COVID-19 concerns, we will not be having the General Meeting in our usual location at the

Galesville Memorial Town Hall. The location for the meeting this year will be the "Overlook Pavilion" at the Port Annapolis Marina, 7074 Bembe Beach Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401. This beautiful venue will allow us to maintain social distancing. (SEE MAP BELOW)

Drinks and dinner for all attendees will be provided with compliments of SOS. Non-members may come to the dinner for \$25.00 per person if they attend with a member. Walk-ins will not be admitted for dinner.

Please volunteer to help with set up. Contact Jan Warfield at: 443-794-9297/ j8warfield@gmail.com.



Rescheduled Anniversary Luncheon Picnic – July 12

Sandy Point State Park, Flounder Pavilion, Annapolis, MD 12 noon to 5pm

Registration Fee: There will be NO SOS registration and NO registration fee for the Anniversary Party.

Park Fee: Sandy Point Park will charge an entrance fee of \$5.00 per person, paid at park gate entrance.

Boat Access: Because the entrance canal and marina are small and narrow, keel boats are not recommended for this location.

Food: BYOF (Bring Your Own Food) Bring what you want to eat and drink. Alternatively, you are welcome to bring a dish or dessert to share, if you wish, for the potluck. There will be **NO** coordination of potluck dishes, we will simply





Drinks: BYOD (Bring Your Own Drinks) The Club will buy a liquor license for the group so you can bring adult beverages for yourself, if you wish. You may also bring non-alcoholic beverages for yourself, of course.

SOS Finances May 31			
Checking Account	22,007		
Savings Account	73,445		
Credit Card Outstanding	(649)		
Total	94,803		
Bareboat Account	69,733		

SOS MEMBERSHIP			
	June 2020	June 2019	June 2018
Members	395	423	428
Skippers	75	89	87
Totals	470	512	516

Welcome New Members

Sandy Daniels Arlington, VA

Nancy Dearstyne
Albany, NY
Soon to be Annapolis, MD

Marguerite Feldmann Annapolis, MD.

Kim Locke University Park, MD.

Banner Segraves Havre De Grace, MD

Fleet Exercises and Shore Leave

No typical cruising coordination will take place until we are in Gov. Hogan's Phase III. If you are willing to sail this summer, please contact John McDonald (dbchair.sos.org@gmail.com) who will place your name on a list of available crew. Skippers may invite crew from this list for a private sail.



July 2 Thursday Mid-Week Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice **Cost**:

Deadline: Note:

Coordinator: No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions



July 2 Thursday Board Meeting

Location: Via Zoom Conference **Time:** 7:00 to 10:00pm

Notes: Doors open 6:45pm
Open to all Members



July 3-5 Friday – Sunday Independence Day Cruise/Overnight

Destination: Fireworks - Skipper's Choice Cost

Deadline: Note:

Coordinator: No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restriction



July 11-12 Saturday – Sunday Wine Tasting & Chocolate Cruise

Destination: Rhode River **Cost**:

Deadline: Note: First Mates to Join Raft after their Saturday sail

Coordinator: No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions

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July 11-12 Saturday – Sunday First Mates Sail

Destination: Rhode River **Cost:** No cost. Open to First Mates, First Mate

Emeritus and First Mate Candidates.

Deadline: Spend the day honing FM skills, and enjoying the day.

Coordinator: No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions



July 12 Sunday Anniversary Luncheon Picnic

Destination: Sandy Point State Park **Time:** 12 noon – 5:00 PM

Flounder Pavilion Note: Bring own food and beverage, paper goods provided

Coordinator: No coordination due to COVID-19 restrictions, just come join the fun.



July 14 Tuesday Mid-Week Day Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice **Cost:**

Deadline: Note:

Coordinator: No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions



July 18 & 19 Saturday or Sunday Day Sails

Destination: Skipper's Choice Cost:

Deadline: Note:

Coordinator: No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions



July 25-26 Saturday - Sunday **Hot Air Cruise**

Destination: Round Bay/Severn River Cost:

Deadline: Note:

Coordinator: No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions



July 29 Wednesday Mid-Week Afternoon Sail

Destination: Skipper's Choice Cost:

Deadline: Note:

Coordinator: No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions



August 1 & 2 Saturday or Sunday **Day Sails**

Destination: Skipper's Choice Cost: Deadline: Note:

Coordinator: No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions



August 6 **Board Meeting Thursday**

ocation: Via TBD Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm

Doors open 6:45pm

Open to all Members Notes:



August 8/9 Saturday - Sunday **Appetizers & Desserts Cruise**

Destination: Reed Creek/Chester River Cost:

Deadline: Note:

Coordinator: No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions



Mid-Week Sail August 13 **Thursday**

Destination: Skipper's Choice Cost:

Deadline: Note:

Coordinator: No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions



August 15 Saturday CRAB Cup Regatta (Day Sail)

Destination: Annapolis Cost:

Deadline: Note:

Coordinator: No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions



Town Hall Meeting August 16 Sunday

Destination: Port Annapolis Marina - Overlook Cost: Member Meeting/Dinner/Drinks: Free

> Pavilion. Annapolis, MD Non-Member: \$25.00

4:30- 5:30pm Happy Hour Time: Deadline: 5:30-6:30pm Dinner Mail: August 8 (postmark)

6:30-8:30pm Business Meeting Online: August 11

NO WALK-INS - If you do not sign up you will not get dinner. Note:

Time to meet the Board of Director candidates.

Coordinator: Jan Warfield J8warfield@gmail.com

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

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location



August 22 & 23 Saturday or Sunday **Day Sails**

Destination: Skipper's Choice Cost: Deadline: Note:

Coordinator: No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions



Social Committee **August 29/30** Saturday - Sunday **Seafood Feast Cruise/Party**

Destination: Cost:

Music by: Dinner by: Deadline:

Coordinator: No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrict

Note:



September 1 Tuesday **Mid-Week Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice Cost: Deadline: Note:

Coordinator: No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions



Board Meeting September 3 **Thursday**

Location: Via TBD Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm

Doors open 6:45pm Open to all Members Notes:

Working on an

alternative.

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September 4-7 Friday - Monday 4 Day Labor Day Sail

Destination: Solomons Island/Mill Creek. Cost: Deadline: Note:

Coordinator: No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions



September 12/13 Saturday - Sunday **Eastport Oyster Boys Cruise**

Destination: Shaw Bay/Wye River Cost: Deadline: Note:

No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions Coordinator:

le boat Destination:

September **Choose One Week** France/Germany - Bareboat Canal Trip 2021

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Note: Week 1 – Sept 3 to Sept 10 Note:

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Coordinator: Sandy Rosswork <u>sgrosswork@aol.com</u>

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

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What have you been doing during COVID-19 Social Distancing?

Doug Gage and Cecille Javier are both recovering from an encounter with COVID-19. Doug was in the hospital from 20 April to 1 May, and was included in an open study of Remdesivir. Cecille had a MUCH milder case, but still was in the hospital from 2-5 May. They are both recovering at Cecille's house, and her niece Corinne is here helping out. Cecille is now fine, but Doug is still slowly but surely weaning himself from oxygen. It will likely take a few more weeks to be completely free of it.

The World ARC started in St. Lucia in January and stopped in Santa Marta Colombia, San Blas Islands, Panama, Las Perlas Islands and Galapagos where **Ursula Skagen** got off and flew home, leaving **Dane Skagen** on board to continue the race as crew aboard *Cloud Shadow*, a 54 ft. cutter ketch. The ARC was supposed to continue on to the Marquesas (3000 miles) but while they were at sea, COVID-19 shut down the world and they were redirected another 1000 miles to Tahiti where they have been for several months.

In May, the boat finally got clearance to leave Tahiti with Sydney as a final destination. They sailed first to Mo'orea and then made Bora Bora. In this photo take at the Bora Bora Yacht Club, Dane (on right) is wearing an SOS cap.

The other guys in the photo are Scot Wheelhouse (owner of Cloud Shadow) and Steve Ormsby of Annapolis and owner of another yacht that



is participating in the World ARC).

Cloud Shadow made it to Suwarrow in the northern Cook islands in early June after a 500+ mile passage where they blew out the mainsail; they had quite a few squalls. Cloud Shadow is a 54 ft. cutter ketch, so they were able to sail with head sails and mizzen. They're going to have to continue on that way until they stop at an island that has some sail repair facilities. They're going to rest up briefly (Suwarrow only has a part-time park ranger on it--nothing else but sharks all around). Next stop will be Samoa--another 500 or so miles. American Samoa is still closed to sailboats, but Samoa is open thank goodness.

Dane doesn't expect to be home until the end of July or into August. Meanwhile, Ursula is managing their yacht delivery service my herself and doing his half of the work in the company and at home. When he comes back, it will be time for Ursula to take time off for a little vacay!!



Lorraine Panaccio took this time to reorganize her pantry!

As a veterinarian, **Nancy Bromberg** is considered "essential", so she had to continue working. No clients, just pets, which has its plusses and minuses! She was exposed at work, so had to

isolate for two weeks. It was a bit worrisome, since she is in that group considered higher risk. She used the time to pack for her move to Annapolis on May 22!

During "Spring Vacation", Skipper **Ron Pence** has been spending (too many) hours doing family genealogy. Looking at family roots from Lancaster and Berks County, PA, he found a marriage on his mother's side joined a Miss Boyer to Mr. Lincoln Boone. This Boone is a second generation descendent of Daniel Boone's (1734-1820). This also creates a connection, though farther "removed," from Boyer to Boone to the Lincoln family of Abe Lincoln. Also, at least one MISTER Boone married a MISS Lincoln, they all being residents just east of Reading, PA.

To boot, Virginia Governor Ralph Shearer Northam shares the Shearer name with Ron's great-great grandmother (1800-1828), so tracking him was easy. Both of their ancestors are from the town/area of Milton, PA. Milton is just a few miles from Lewisburg, a town founded by Ron's 10th generation by marriage. Maybe that will end up with Ralph a relative?

And THEN, Ron's brother, Bob, being the U.S. Ambassador to Finland, has talked with Vice President Mike Pence, and the determination was there are no common ancestors. "HA!," says I. There is no "Pence" relationship, but by the Lancaster origin, another Boyer/Bayer/Huber (1737-1809) lady of the correct name/date was married to one of Mikes ancestors (research continues on THAT family link). But first, I need a nap.

Don Rexrode shares this photo of immaculately trimmed hedgerows leading back to his house. Said it really keeps him in shape!

Angela Beradino says she still have a mess!

Ruth Moore removed 307 photos from frames, scanned all, and is now deciding which ones to re-frame!! Most likely she will have a "frame sale" in the near future.



Gabi Van Wie gutted her master bath room in the last four weeks down to the



studs, and remodeled from tub to 6' shower. Now she feels ready for re-

beautification and started the tiling phase. Here are before and after photos.

Lorraine Fassett has been busy gardening, gardening, cooking, cooking, and Netflix.

Kathy Abgstadt has stayed pretty busy during the quarantine and feels accomplished. She is usually not home very much; it is amazing what gets done when one is home:

- 1. Washed windows inside and out of townhouse
- 2. Scrubbed grout in kitchen, and bathrooms and foyer
- 3. Worked to prepared her dad's boat for sailing season every Friday in April, May and into June
- 4. Planted grass seed in back yard and now get to see it filling in nicely
- 5. Made nana sauce and/or nana muffins for grandkids and dropped them off weekly
- 6. Biked 12 to 35 miles a week
- 7. Walked weekly and two or three mornings of stretch exercises
- 8. As of two weeks ago began watching two of three grandkids Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays to help the parents' work
- 9. Demolishing bathroom and preparing to upgrade it
- 10. Relaxed on weekends with boyfriend
- 11. Cooking meals and using her kitchen, which wasn't a common experience as she used to work or play so much.

Eric Swift has been digging a ditch to replace his water service. Sailing or at home, it's always about water!



Jeanne Bessemer shared a quarantine accomplishment where she lives at Collington. On June 5th it was

announced that all 288 residents living in cottages, villas, and apartments tested negative for COVID-19 at this retirement community, just 22 miles west of Annapolis.

Stephen T. Garris has been working from home and going to the marina each afternoon and weekend to work on his new-to-him Catalina 42. He just sold his beloved Islander 30 *Nirvana* which he has had for over 30 years. He has not yet named his new/old boat.

Dan Duvall knows what to do with lemons, make lemonade. COVID-19 took a little creativity, but he found

a way to keep busy. First, he constructed a COVID-19 voodoo wall in his front yard to ward off the evil spirits made up of masks from his mask collection. The most unexpected phenomena occurred and keeps recurring, namely; as mothers push their strollers past his house plugged into their music with their other little ducklings following behind the stroller. They get to the end of the block only to discover their ducklings are missing. Frantically they look back to find their little tykes transfixed at his fence gazing at the voodoo wall. Too much fun.

His cat, Lullaby, and dog, Cash, have entered into a happy détente. Dan gives all the credit to Cash. He told him "just don't play her game and she will stop tormenting you." He was a little slow on the uptake, but he finally learned, just ignore her.

Finally, since the beginning of the pandemic shut down, Dan done over 70 daily posts - app. 600 words or more - about life growing up in the 60's in Hyattsville, Maryland. He posts on his Facebook site and also on a Facebook site entitled Old Hyattsville. The popularity and reception has been very flattering. The most well received post to date was one entitled 'Skipping School'. It's hard to describe how much Dan enjoy writing. He wakes up with fully formed stories that seem to type themselves and go to sleep to the vision of keystrokes tapping letters into words like sheep jumping over a fence.

He misses swimming, dancing, and friends. But he has a 6-year old great-granddaughter that wakes him up every morning at 6AM and demands her pound of flesh and his undivided attention.

Carol Niemand's yard looks like a park and she is having a new split rail fence put in. Too bad a heron ate all 35+ fish that were in her pond, but she still has tons of frogs, lilies, and yellow iris. Birds even built a nest and had babies in a Christmas wreath still hanging outside in her picture window. The cats went nuts watching the babies from inside the glass. Carol joined a Photography Club and painted flowers on an old doghouse to match real day lilies and metal sculpture in yard.

Ellen Penndorf has been busy making wee little face masks. She lives in a 55+ housing development where there is a void for face masks for the under six-year old group. After working at downsizing the adult



size, the process began to flow. Each has a nose bump to help them keep it on. Lots of tots now have cute masks for the time when they may need to wear one.

Nauti Jeopardy Game Results

"Ooh, I like the cut of your jib!" We learned this phrase (to add to our eyebrow-winking repertoire) from a Nautical Jeopardy game no less. SOS' tradition of educating members in all kinds of weather - including being landlocked due to the Corona virus - continued its 10-year streak of hosting Nautical Jeopardy with an evening on a Zoom "Ocean" this year.

Sunday, June 7, over 50 SOS members gathered in four virtual "houses" where two to four teams of three or four members each competed on a Jeopardy-type grid. The participants, on many sailing experiential levels, teamed up to face each other while words of encouragement flew through the computer audio, "You go for it ... take a chance... I believe in you"

With categories of "Where in the Bay Am I?", "Armchair Sailing", "SOS Kum Bah Yah", "Getting Our Bearings", "Salty Phrases", and "All Tied Up", the questions challenged even the saltiest of our members.

Congratulations to the four winning teams from Round One: Representing Cruising Brains, the Boomer Zoomers won with Deb Kaufman, Irene Aronian, Hope Andrus, and Nancy Bromberg. From the House of Windy Warriors, their Weird Windy Warriors team of Ben Kaufman, Angela Weathers, and Anne Simmons took the high honors. Gale Force House was represented by Lynn Gilley, Barbara Mistrik, Lorraine Fasset, and Nancy Briggs. And The Nauti Mariners sent their A Team of Laura Gwinn, Cheri Comly, Mary Moore, and Beth Dumesco to the play off.

These four teams took up their oars again and represented their "House" in the Final Jeopardy Round on June 19, where they were virtually cheered on by their house mates. With a whole new set of nauti categories, the teams vied for their scores, with the ultimate winners the team of the Nauti Mariners – Beth Dumesco knocked Final Jeopardy out of the park with her knowledge of the Prudential Rule to avoid collisions. Congratulations to them!

The 12-person team who created the event, led by the Nauti Manager, Past SOS Commodore Sandy Huberfeld, labored mightily to ensure questions were challenging to all sailors: beginners or "old salts" and they hit a broad range of topics — what a great review! We added a few support team members with the final jeopardy round vetting questions and throwing a "life line" opportunity into the mix.

So, congratulations to the Round One winning teams, to the Final Nauti winners, and to all who took a chance and participated.

In addition to follow up emails which included lots of "Thank You's" "That was fun!" and even, "The questions were not what I expected, but I learned a lot," there were many: "Hope to see you back out on the water soon!"

As do we all!



MAGICAL NAUTI GAME MAKER TEAM

The first SOS

Massive Virtual Game Competition
Game Play in 4 Houses Simultaneously

Jerry Axler
Chuck Fort
Julie Fort
Janet Gonski
Sandy Huberfeld
Carole Jordan
Andy Katz
John Parsons
Nancy Parsons
Karl Scible
Jean Wintemute
Meeps Yox

Virtual Nautical Jeopardy Teams



Team Cruising Brains



Team Gale Force



Team Nauti Mariners

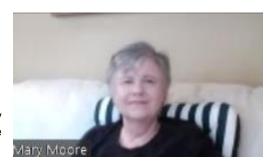


Team Windy Warriors

CONGRATULATIONS TO TEAM NAUTI MARINERS WINNERS OF FINAL JEOPERDY



Laura Gwinn



Mary Moore



Beth Dumesco



Cherie Comly

Education Events, Bill Knapp, Chair

In my last two articles I spoke about scheduled Education Events – Dockside Training, SASSY and others. The world has changed; we no longer gather in person. However, we can still see meet and talk with each other. **SOS is a social club** composed of a group of people with the common interest of sailing.

To meet the challenges of being social in a Corona-19 environment, the Education Committee in March proposed to the board that we conduct virtual training via ZOOM. What does this mean? Well it is just like attending a live class, but instead of traveling to a venue you do it from the comfort of your own home on your computer. You can see everyone attending, speak with them and view the presentation.

In April we received approval to proceed. After much deliberation we developed a plan to hold a course on Friday evenings at 7 PM. The first course was delivered May 22: "Being a Good Crew" by Emil Becker and over 30 people attended.

Based on feedback from attendees, we expanded the meeting time to include a half hour happy hour with live discussion starting at 6:30 before the 7 PM start of the course.

The second course, "Trouble on the Water" was delivered by Chuck Fort with 42 attendees. The third course, "Knots", was delivered by Bill Knapp with 37 attendees. Based on course evaluations, we will continue this program every Friday night as long as we do not have organized sails and have presenters volunteer.

We are actively seeking presenters to continue this program. Each presenter will receive Zoom Training prior to the class delivery and we will handle all logistics. See you on-line.

In Memory of Louise Burke

A member of SOS for thirty years, Louise passed away on June 16th shortly after she was nominated for the Sailing Hall of Fame. Louise had a storied sailing career as a pioneer in Women's sailing. When Louise Burke took command of The USNA's 82-foot training schooner in 1977, she shattered a naval tradition. For the first time in the 201-year history of the USNA one of its vessels would be under a woman's command. Her sailing career included her being the only female Director of the Naval Academy "Navy Sailing", she was a member of the Explorers Club, Storm Tri Sail, and a founding member of Eastport Yacht Club. As a member of SOS, Louise shared her expertise as a speaker at Spring Training.



Louise moved from Annapolis into an assisted living facility, located north of Boston, a month ago. Due to a variety of health issues, Louise entered into hospice care shortly before passing away.

In Memory of John Wiggins

SOS Skipper John Wiggins (Skippy) passed away (non-COVID) on May 31st with his daughter, Helen, by his side.

A member of SOS since 2001, John was known for his love of sailing and having fun. He danced with everyone and was often the last one off the dance floor.

John introduced many new sailors to the joys of sailing aboard Summersail. He



looked forward to welcoming new and seasoned crew. He truly enjoyed sharing his boat with others. We will continue to see *Summersail* sailing on the Bay as she is now owned by John's dear friend, Jean Logan.

Helen will honor her father next summer with a celebration of life and raft-up. She suggests that remembrances of him be donations to the ASPCA of Annapolis (from where he adopted his beloved Prince), or to Virginia Military Institute.

Singles on Sailboats (SOS): Conflict of Interest Policy

I. Application of Policy

This policy applies to members of the Board of Directors ("Board" or "BOD") of Singles on Sailboats, Inc. ("SOS" or the "Organization"), referred to as the "Interested Party(ies)."

II. Conflict of Interest

A conflict of interest may exist when the interests or concerns of an Interested Party may be seen as competing with the interests or concerns of SOS. There are a variety of situations that raise conflict of interest concerns including, but not limited to, the following.

<u>Financial Interests</u> - A conflict may exist where an Interested Party, or a relative or business associate of an Interested Party, directly or indirectly benefits or profits as a result of a decision made or transaction entered into by the Organization. Examples include situations where:

- the Organization contracts to purchase or lease goods, services, or properties from an Interested Party, or a relative, or business associate of an Interested Party;
- the Organization purchases an ownership interest in or invests in a business entity owned by an Interested Party, or by a relative or business associate of an Interested Party;
- the Organization offers employment to an Interested Party, or a relative, or business associate of an Interested Party;
- an Interested Party, or a relative or business associate of an Interested Party, is provided with a
 gift, gratuity or favor, of a substantial nature, from a person or entity doing business, or seeking
 to do business, with the Organization;
- an Interested Party, or a relative or business associate of an Interested Party, is gratuitously
 provided use of the facilities, property, or services of the Organization.

Other Interests — The Board may determine that other interests may constitute a conflict that violates this policy.

III. Disclosure of Actual or Potential Conflicts of Interest

An Interested Party is under a continuing obligation to disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest as soon as it is known, or reasonably should be known.

Interested Parties shall complete a questionnaire, in the form attached hereto (the "Disclosure Statement"), to fully and completely disclose the material facts about any actual or potential conflicts of interest. Interested Parties shall complete the Disclosure Statement upon election to the SOS Board of Directors, and shall update the Disclosure Statement annually while serving on the Board of Directors. Interested Parties must complete the form each year prior to the first meeting of the Board of Directors in November. An additional Disclosure Statement shall be filed at such time as an actual or potential conflict arises.

Interested Parties shall provide their Disclosure Statements to the Commodore. The Commodore's Disclosure Statement shall be provided to the Vice Commodore.

The Secretary of the Board of Directors shall file copies of all Disclosure Statements with the official corporate records of the Organization on the member-only section of the SOS website. Such copies shall remain on the SOS website for the duration of an Interested Party's term on the Board of Directors.

IV. Procedures for Review of Actual or Potential Conflicts - Generally

Whenever there is reason to believe that an actual or potential conflict of interest exists between SOS and an Interested Party, the SOS Board of Directors shall determine the appropriate organizational response. This shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, invoking the procedures described in Section V, below, with respect to a specific proposed action or transaction.

Where the actual or potential conflict involves an Interested Party other than the Commodore, the Commodore shall, in the first instance, be responsible for reviewing the matter and may take appropriate action as necessary to protect the interests of the Organization. The Commodore shall report to the Board the results of any review and the action taken. The Board shall determine if any Board review or further action is required.

Where the actual or potential conflict involves the Commodore, the Vice Commodore shall be responsible for reviewing the matter and taking appropriate action as necessary to protect the interests of the Organization.

V. Procedures for Addressing Conflicts of Interest - Specific Transactions

Where an actual or potential conflict exists between the interests of SOS and an Interested Party with respect to a specific proposed action or transaction, SOS shall refrain from the proposed action or transaction until such time as the proposed action or transaction has been approved by the disinterested members of the Board of Directors. The following procedures shall apply:

- An Interested Party who has an actual or potential conflict of interest with respect to a proposed
 action or transaction of the Organization shall not participate in any way in, or be present
 during, the deliberations and decision making of the Organization with respect to such action or
 transaction. An Interested Party may, upon request, be available to answer questions or provide
 material factual information about the proposed action or transaction.
- The disinterested members of the Board of Directors may approve the proposed action or transaction upon finding that it is in the best interests of the Organization. The disinterested members of the Board of Directors shall consider whether the terms of the proposed transaction are fair and reasonable to the Organization and whether it would be possible, with reasonable effort, to find a more advantageous arrangement with a party or entity that is not a member of the Board of Directors.
- Approval by the disinterested members of the Board of Directors shall be by vote of a majority of directors in attendance at a meeting at which a quorum is present. An Interested Party shall

not be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present, nor for purposes of determining what constitutes a majority vote of the Board members in attendance.

- Notwithstanding the foregoing, the disinterested members of the Board of Directors may permit an Interested Party to participate in matters unrelated to the conflict.
- The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors shall reflect that the conflict disclosure was made, the vote taken and, where applicable, the abstention from voting and participation by the Interested Party.

VI. Violations of Conflict of Interest Policy

If the Board of Directors has reason to believe that an Interested Party has failed to disclose an actual or potential conflict of interest, it shall inform the person of the basis for such belief and afford the person an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.

If, after hearing the response of the Interested Party and making such further investigation as may be warranted in the circumstances, the Board determines that the Interested Party has, in fact, failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

Singles on Sailboats: Remote Electronic Communication Policy

PURPOSE

This policy sets forth the circumstances when it is appropriate for Singles on Sailboats, Inc. ("SOS") to conduct its governance functions utilizing remote electronic communication technologies, such as conference telephone, videoconference, or other communications equipment, allowing all persons to hear each other at the same time (hereinafter, "Remote Electronic Means"). The policy also sets out the procedures that must be followed when SOS governance functions are conducted by Remote Electronic Means.

POLICY

SOS encourages all governance functions (including, but not limited to, Board of Director ("Board") meetings and associated voting) to be conducted *in person* whenever possible or practical. Generally, *in person* meetings would be expected to be more productive and to encourage team building. However, there are occasions when it is not possible or practical to have full *in-person* attendance of all Board officers and/or individual Board members at Board meetings. Board members may participate in Board meetings, and vote on matters discussed therein, by Remote Electronic Means. Such participation shall constitute in-person presence of the Board member at the meeting.

The circumstances when participation by Remote Electronic Means is appropriate include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Health or illness or medical convalescence
- 2. Temporary travel (business or vacation)
- 3. Seasonal relocation ("snowbird migration")
- 4. Local/regional weather concerns
- 5. Transportation availability (automobile issues)

PROCEDURES

Board members and committee chairs are expected to indicate their intent to be present at Board meetings, by responding by email when requested by the Secretary, usually when the tentative Agenda is distributed. If a member is unable to attend the meeting, he/she is expected to give notice to the Commodore and/or Secretary by email or telephone at least 24 hours, when possible, ahead of the scheduled start date/time.

When a Board member anticipates a prolonged absence that will prohibit attendance at two or more Board meetings, the Board member should communicate that anticipated absence to the Commodore and/or Secretary as soon as possible by email or telephone. By so doing, the Board member provides advanced notice to the Board officers whether or not a quorum will be achieved to conduct governance business at the scheduled meeting.

SOS standing and *ad hoc* committee chairs also are encouraged to attend Board meetings and may also participate by Remote Electronic Means; however, executive sessions are limited to Board members and individuals invited by the Board. Meetings of the board are open to the general membership. In the event the board does not meet in- person and holds a meeting via Remote Electronic Means, members may attend such meetings via Remote Electronic Means. The Board may provide access by Remote Electronic Means to committee chairs and general club members who wish to attend its open meetings. Such access may be given on an as-needed basis.

Singles on Sailboats (SOS): Document Retention and Destruction Policy

Policy and Purposes

This Policy represents the policy of Singles on Sailboats, Inc. ("SOS" or the "Corporation") with respect to the retention and destruction of documents and other records, including hard copy and electronic records. The purposes of this policy are: (a) to retain and maintain documents necessary for the proper functioning of the Corporation and to comply with any applicable legal requirements; (b) to destroy documents that no longer need to be retained; and (c) to guide the SOS Board of Directors (the "Board"), officers, staff and others with respect to their responsibilities concerning document retention and destruction. The Board reserves the right to revise or revoke this Policy at any time.

Responsibilities in general

The Secretary of the Board shall be responsible for the retention and destruction of documents pursuant to this policy, although, in some instances, the Secretary shall share responsibility with the Treasurer and chairs of SOS committees ("Committee Chairs"), as outlined here and according to the Document Retention Schedule below.

Responsibilities of the Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for: 1) drafting and maintaining the minutes of each Board meeting during the fiscal year and submitting them to the appropriate person for posting to the SOS website; 2) keeping copies of all pertinent Board actions, resolutions, and other similar activity during the year and storing them online or in an appropriate centralized location; and 3) documenting the actions taken to maintain and/or destroy SOS documents and retaining such documentation.

Responsibilities of the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for delivering the year-end financial report to the Secretary to permanently retain, in hard copy or on the SOS website. The Treasurer shall retain the back-up documentation, such as party receipts, cruising refunds, etc. for seven (7) years after the year in which an expense was incurred or payment was made. At the end of the seven-year period, the Treasurer shall destroy the back-up documentation and notify the Secretary when this destruction has been completed.

Responsibilities of the Committee Chairs

Committee Chairs and their designees shall maintain receipts and other documents necessary for the performance of their jobs and to inform budget preparations for subsequent years.

After all such documents have been submitted to the Treasurer for a particular fiscal year, the Chairs shall determine how long they wish to retain any other documents for that previous year.

Document Destruction

SOS becomes subject to a duty to preserve (or halt the destruction of) documents once litigation, an audit (IRS Examination, financial statement audit performed by a CPA, or government audit), or a government investigation is reasonably anticipated. Further, federal law imposes criminal liability (with fines and/or imprisonment for not more than 20 years) upon whoever "knowingly alters, destroys,

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mutilates, conceals, covers up, falsifies, or makes a false entry in any record, document, or tangible object with the intent to impede, obstruct, or influence the investigation or proper administration of any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States ... or in relation to or contemplation of any such matter or case." 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1519.

If any Board member becomes aware that litigation, a governmental audit or a government investigation has been instituted, or is reasonably anticipated or contemplated, the Secretary shall immediately order a halt to the destruction of all documents relating to the litigation, government audit, or government investigation, and communicate the order in writing to all those affected. The Secretary may thereafter amend or rescind the order only after conferring with the Board, and possibly legal counsel. If any Board member becomes aware that litigation, a government audit or a government investigation has been instituted, or is reasonably anticipated or contemplated, with respect to the Corporation, that Board member shall inform the Secretary.

Electronic Documents; Document Integrity

The term "document" as used in this policy includes any Corporation record maintained in hard copy or electronic format. If an electronic copy of a document is retained, there is no need to also keep a paper copy.

Document Retention Schedule

Permanent retention

The following documents are to be maintained permanently by SOS while in existence:

- 1. Articles of Incorporation and related documents
- 2. Bylaws and amendments
- Minutes of Board and General meetings
- 4. Corporate resolutions
- 5. Federal, state, and local tax returns
- 6. Employer Identification (EIN) Designation
- Financial Statement Audits and other reports provided by Independent Certified Public Accountants
- 8. Determination letters and other IRS and state and local rulings
- 9. End-of-year financial statements
- 10. Property, D&O, Workers' Compensation and General Liability insurance policies and insurance claims records
- 11. Licenses and permits

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12. Correspondence and internal memoranda important to SOS or having lasting significance to SOS Legal correspondence not related to one of the above.

Ten-year retention

The following documents shall be maintained for a period of ten (10) years after the year in which the document was generated:

Employment and personnel records regarding employees or independent contractors who are no longer with the Corporation. (For employees or independent contractors who are still working for the Corporation, these records shall be maintained for a period of ten (10) years after the employee or contractor leaves the Corporation.

Seven-year retention

The following documents shall be maintained for a period of seven (7) years after the year in which the document was generated:

- 1. Bank statements for all SOS accounts; and
- 2. All supporting documentation used by the Treasurer in depositing receipts and paying expenses and recording other pertinent matters.

Singles on Sailboats: Non-Harassment Policy

PURPOSE

To ensure that all Singles on Sailboats, Inc. ("SOS") members, guests, and any other persons associated with SOS enjoy a recreational and social environment free from discrimination and harassment.

POLICY

SOS will administer and conduct all official club activities without regard to a status or condition protected by state or federal laws applicable to 501(c)(7) organizations, e.g., race, color, or religion. Accordingly, during SOS educational, governance, recreational, safety, and social activities, discrimination and harassment, including unfavorable treatment or hostile behavior (verbal, physical, or sexual) based on a status or condition protected by state or federal laws applicable to 501(c)(7) organizations, e.g., race, color, or religion, are not acceptable.

SOS encourages individuals who believe they are being subjected to discrimination or harassment to address the issue, regardless of the alleged offender's identity or position. Individuals who lodge a complaint with respect to discrimination or harassment will not be retaliated against because they have made such a complaint.

All reported complaints related to such behavior will be dealt with promptly, confidentially, and impartially by the procedures set forth below.

CLUB PROCEDURES

All reported complaints under this policy will be taken seriously. Some complaints may require the involvement of an independent mediator, or the police in the case of a criminal offense.

Individuals who want SOS to address prohibited conduct under this non-discrimination and harassment policy should direct a formal complaint either orally or in writing to the Commodore (unless the complaint directly concerns the Commodore). If the complaint directly concerns the Commodore, the Vice-Commodore will perform the Commodore's role in handling a complaint. On receiving a complaint, the Commodore will decide whether:

- 1) he/she is the most appropriate person to receive and handle the complaint;
- 2) the nature and seriousness of the complaint warrants a formal resolution procedure;
- 3) to appoint a person to investigate (gather more information on) the complaint;
- 4) to refer the complaint to mediation;
- 5) to refer the complaint to the Board for action; to refer the matter to the police or other appropriate authority; and/or
- 6) to implement any interim arrangements that will apply until the complaint process set out in these Procedures is completed.

Regardless of the process adopted, both the complainant and the respondent will be informed of what is being said about the other and have the opportunity to respond. SOS decision maker(s) will treat the parties in an unbiased, fair, and just manner.

REASON FOR REVISED SOS NON-HARRASMENT-POLICY

- SOS' existing discrimination and non-harassment policy was focused primarily on employer-employee relations and did not reflect the setting of the club.
- The revised policy is tailored to the social club environment.
- While social clubs generally are exempted from many anti-discrimination laws at the federal level, Maryland has a its own anti-discrimination law that applies to social clubs.

IRS Ruling and SOS

The IRS Code Section 26 USC 501(c) (7) which outlines our tax exemption is the applicable statute language and states: "(7)Clubs organized for pleasure, recreation, and other nonprofitable purposes, substantially all of the activities of which are for such purposes and no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder."

Members are private shareholders. This is the language the General Counsel of the Nonprofit Organizations relied upon in giving the opinion we needed to change the dues structure.

Even if our life members attrition is such that life members are not more than 50% of the membership this is a problem legally. Fixed costs and shortfalls of revenue neutral events, such as social events, as we have had in recent past years, means that we do not having enough revenue and the club would have to subsidize lifetime members benefits with regular member's dues and the reserves built up from those dues. That would trigger a problem under the language in the IRS Code.

TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD:

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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

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. \$13,000

Contact: david.crosland@usdoj.gov 07-20

BOAT SLIPS

DEEP WATER SLIP: Join other great dockmates. Available immediately on Mill Creek, Annapolis Contact Suzanne Farr sofarr@aol.com 07-20

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

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 <u>jkirk436@comcast.net</u> 7-20

FOR SALE:

New Tasco offshore binoculars with built-in compass; 7 x 50mm; waterproof; case; Still-in package . comfort strap. \$95. Compare with Fujinon at \$299.99 and West Marine at \$369.99. Icom VHF handheld radio with stand and AC charger. \$65

Email: ihfasset@verizon.net 07-20

FOR SALE: GIL OS5 Jacket

Medium Red, Like new, Hardly worn \$75

Contact: Lynn Winkler

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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 07-20

FOR RENT: Large waterfront bedroom and bath in Annapois. Contact Suzzanne Farr sofarr@aol.com

Kitchen and Bathroom Renovations: Home or Vessel . Contact Mark Rybas @ The Craftsman Connection or mark.rybas@rocketmail.com 07-20

All July Happy Hours cancelled.



There are several virtual SOS Happy Hours; contact your area HH Coordinator to see if there is one in your area.

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No typical SOS cruising coordination will take place until we are in Governor Hogan's Phase III.