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VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



It's time to try one of our revised summer events!

The virus pandemic has eased considerably in Maryland, and our intrepid event planners have been busy retrofitting and rescheduling our traditional summer events.

The Anniversary Party ended up as a very successful picnic at Sandy Point State Park. Close to 50 members attended during the 12:00 to 5:00 time frame. We did the usual Commodores' Champagne Toast and enjoyed seeing and talking (at a safe distance) with our SOS friends.

Members were so pleased with the Flounder Pavilion at Sandy Point that we will use that venue again for the Summer Day at The Beach Picnic. This is an informal area, with a great view out over the bay, and pleasant summer breezes even on the warmest of days. See the details for this event, scheduled for August 30th in the call-out box to the right.

August 16th brings one of our most important summer events, the General Membership Meeting. This event includes a free dinner, sponsored by

the Board of Directors, plus an opportunity to hear from the candidates running for election to the board. This year the Town Hall General Meeting has been moved to a new venue, the Overlook Pavilion at Port Annapolis Marina. The outdoor park-like setting works well in this time of social distancing and facial coverings. Attendees will be happy with the dinner served by Red, Hot and Blue, our usual caterer. Drinks will be on your own, however, as a safer option than an open bar. See more details later in this newsletter.

The General Membership Meeting is also a chance to ask questions about current business. This year, we have two proposed bylaw changes on the floor for discussion:

1. A **member dues restructuring** has been approved by the Board. This proposal states that "Life members and honorary members shall pay less dues than regular members." This sentence replaces the existing sentence in Article VII of the bylaws which states:

"Life members and honorary members shall pay no dues."

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Summer Day at The Beach Picnic

August 30

12:00 - 5:00PM

Flounder Pavilion
Sandy Point State Park
Annapolis, MD

Cost: \$5 per person payable at the park entrance.

Food and Drink: BYOF and BYOD (Bring Your Own Food and Drinks). SOS Club to provide dessert.

Notes: **Limited to 50 attendees in compliance with County Executive Order. Sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**

Bring swim wear, beach chair, and umbrella if you wish to sit by the beach!

Be sure to print out the **Summer Day At The Beach flyer** for your car dashboard which will be sent to you in email. This is required for entrance to the park in case it is at full capacity.

The Cruising Corner

John Rogers, Cruising Chair

I think the success of the Anniversary Picnic has given some new energy for getting some on-the-water activities going this summer. Either that or we are just slipping our grip on isolation. Here is what is going on.

Cruising is experimenting with facilitating a match between crew that wants to go out and any skippers that will take a few. July 14, 18 and 19 were the first offerings. No skippers responded so the 14th, so it was a no go, but there was good interest from crew. For the weekend of the 18/19th, we had three skippers draw from the list, but I know of only one who went out on the 19th. I plan to continue the day sails on the "original" calendar may add days that are forecasted to have good wind. I hope my blasts don't become a pain! *If you are willing go on a Day Sail, please sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org. Be sure to log-in first, or contact Facilitator via email, who will place your name on a list of available crew. Skippers may invite crew from this list for a private sail.*

So that's it for the Cruising Program so far this summer. Hang in there and we will see what opportunities late summer and fall bring.

From the Education Committee

Bill Knapp, Education Chair



During the last month, we delivered three more courses using the Zoom software. At the start of each course we have a group chat in which we catch up with friends. Each course is recorded and once we solve a few technical issues the recording will be available on the club web site to view again.

The course list includes:

- "Being a Good Crew" May 15th by Emil Becker over 30 attendees
- "Trouble on the Water" May 22nd by Chuck Fort with 42 attendees
- "Knots" May 29th by Bill Knapp with 37 attendees
- "Docking and Handling a Sailboat in Close Quarters" June 5th by Emil Becker
- Happy hour June 12th – no class
- "Let's Anchor, part 1" June 26th by Corinne Lanquetuit
- "Boat Delivery" July 3rd by Ursula & Dane Skagen, Dane was Live from Tahiti
- "Buying a Boat during COVID-19 Times" July 10th by Andy Katz

Recordings of these courses are being uploaded to the SOS web site so that you may review the content if you missed the class or watch it again. By the time this is published we will have added the recording of: "Let's Anchor, part 2" July 17th by Corinne Lanquetuit.

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. Future topics we are considering are: Meal Planning (How to Cook on a Gimbal), Weather & Reefing, Rules of the Road, Sail Trim, Cruising Coordination Explained, How Cruising Schedules are Determined, Pictures of Past Cruising Destinations (including photos of Australia and other early trips the club took), Boat Mechanics, Celestial Sailing, What is it like to Live Aboard a Sailboat, and Basic Racing Experiences on a Sailboat, several local races include "Cruisers."

Please let us know if you would present on any of these topics. See you online!

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Town Hall General Membership Meeting – Aug 16th Port Annapolis Marina

Our annual Town Hall General Meeting at the Overlook Pavilion at Port Annapolis Marina, 7074 Bembe Beach Rd, Annapolis, MD 21403.

This meeting is where we enjoy a dinner paid by the Club, hear from our candidates running for the Board of Directors, and have a General Meeting to discuss important issues for SOS. **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 General Meeting.**

This year, we are dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, and so we moved the venue outdoors to the Overlook Pavilion at Port Annapolis Marina. This is a park like location with nice lawn, gazebo and great views of the Annapolis Harbor. I'm happy to announce that Red Hot & Blue is catering.

We are following county and public health guidelines for this meeting. **Please note that a new Anne Arundel County Executive order went into effect on Friday, July 24, 2020 which prohibits outdoor social gatherings of more than 50 people. To be in compliance, we will restrict attendance to 50 people, so sign up early!**

In addition:

Masks: Masks must be worn on the property when you cannot maintain at least 6' of social distancing. Please leave the masks on when inside the pavilion except when you are seated at your table, eating and drinking.

Seating: There should be 3 to 4 people at a table, 3 is preferred. The tables are 60" (5 feet) round tables. There's plenty of room in the pavilion and the surrounding grounds to spread out. **Feel free to bring your own table and chairs.**

Food Service: Food service will be in a designated place outside the actual pavilion. Please refer to the July Whisker



Pole to see the map of the Overlook Pavilion area at Port Annapolis Marina.

- All food, Appetizers, Dinner, and Desserts, will be served by Red Hot & Blue servers who will be masked and using appropriate food safety measures. Members will please maintain a 6-foot safe distance as they wait in line to get served.

- People will pick up their own plates and the servers from Red Hot & Blue will put the food that people request on their plates using serving utensils (there will be no shared serving utensils). This applies for appetizers, the dinner, and dessert.

- For the dinner, each table will be called one at a time to come up and get served.

- Red, Hot & Blue plastic ware, which includes a fork, knife, and napkin, is packaged. **But, feel free to bring your own eating utensils and plates.**

- We will have hand sanitizer available in appropriate locations.

Drinks: Drinks will be BYOB/BYOD. Please bring your beverages of choice. We will have some sodas and water available and have available a spray to sanitize the cans/bottles if you wish to have one. We will also have some plastic glasses/cups available, but it's a good idea to bring your own.

Restroom: There will be a table set up with several sanitation products, such as a spray sanitizer, Clorox wipes, and paper towels, near the restrooms for people to use.

Meeting: Please stay seated during the meeting.

When speakers use the microphone, there will be hand sanitizer nearby for their use. The microphone will be sanitized after use.

Questions? Contact Vice Commodore Jan Warfield, Vice Commodore:



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 Town Hall 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.

Did you miss the June 11th Virtual General Meeting?

If you missed the June 11th meeting, you can read the minutes, notes, Q&A, and slide show presentation from the meeting on the web site at singlesonsailboats.org. After you login, just scroll to the bottom of the home page to find links for all of the above.

Unofficial notes July 9, 2020 Board Meeting

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

At this time, Governor's order permitting, the Town Hall meeting will be at Port Annapolis with social distancing of the tables, masks, wrapped hamburgers or boxed meals individually served rather than buffet, and BYOB to accommodate social distancing. The Seafood Feast is still in planning to look at alternatives that can be held with social distancing rules.

Bareboat has rescheduled the French Canal trip to 2021 and is waiting until later to look at trying to schedule a winter bareboat since the survey indicated most of our members were not willing to fly or go out of the country without a vaccine although they might drive.

Cruising is looking at setting up facilitated cruises with social distancing.

Database shows 483 members versus 518 this time last year.

Treasurer Highlights:

1. Refunds given to members who signed up for weekend and day sails.
2. Membership directories added to the expenses for June.
3. Net income YTD is \$1000 behind last year.
4. Quarter #2 cash rewards allocated to committees.
5. Credit card compromised and replaced.

Education, Database and Whisker Pole will work on putting the virtual training programs recorded recently on the website with a tab to scroll through and view them.

The Board unanimously approved a bylaw amendment that Lifetime members would pay dues less than regular members to be presented to the membership before the Town

Hall meeting and voted on electronically after the Town Hall meeting.

The Board also unanimously approved a bylaw amendment to have an inactive membership category and a policy to be adopted defining the benefits and requirements of inactive members if the members pass that bylaw amendment. The bylaw amendment will be present to the membership before the Town Hall meeting and votes on next fall.

Respectfully submitted
Rebecca Strandberg

Welcome New Members

James Blakeney

Edgewater, MD

Melissa Buller

Gambrills, MD

Bern Collins

Chantilly, VA

Kimberly Chulis

Chester, MD

Bill Haegele

Deale, MD

Bonnie Houghton

Joint Base Andrews

**The best medicine is
medicine.
But laughter is good
medicine, and it helps.**

Radio Conversation

This is the actual transcript of a radio conversation between a British Navy ship and the Irish Coastguard, off the coast of Kerry:

Irish. Please divert your course 15 degrees to the south, to avoid collision

British. Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the north, to avoid collision

Irish. Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the south ' to avoid collision.

British. This is the Captain of a British Navy Ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

Irish. Negative. I say again, you will have to divert YOUR course

British. THIS IS THE LARGEST SHIP IN THE BRITISH FLEET. WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE DESTROYERS, THREE CRUISERS, AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT SHIPS. I DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES TO THE NORTH, OR COUNTERMEASURES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS FLOTILLA.

Irish. THIS IS A LIGHTHOUSE YOUR CALL!

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, for Day Sails, please sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org. **Be sure to log-in first**, or contact Facilitator via email, who will place your name on a list of available crew. Skippers may invite crew from this list for a private sail.*



August 1 & 2 Saturday or Sunday Day Sails
Destination: Skipper's Choice **Cost:** No coordination. No cost.
Deadline: **Note:**
Facilitator: Nancy Bromberg nbromberg78@verizon.net



August 6 Thursday Board Meeting
Location: Via TBD **Time:** 7:00 to 10:00pm
Notes: Open to all Members



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



August 13 Thursday Mid-Week Sail
Destination: Skipper's Choice **Cost:** No coordination. No cost.
Deadline: **Note:**
Facilitator: Barbara Wise bwise8426@gmail.com



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



August 16 Sunday Town Hall Meeting
Destination: Port Annapolis Marina - Overlook Pavilion. Annapolis, MD **Cost:** Member Meeting/Dinner/Drinks: **Free**
Check Location Mail: August 8 (postmark) **Non-Member: \$25.00**
Deadline: Online: August 11 **Time:** 4:30- 5:30pm Happy Hour
5:30-6:30pm Dinner
6:30-8:30pm Business Meeting
Note: **Limited to 50 attendees in Compliance w/ Executive Order**
NO WALK-INS - If you do not sign up you will not get dinner.
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

**- STILL ON -
Check location**



August 22 & 23 Saturday or Sunday Day Sails
Destination: Skipper's Choice **Cost:** No coordination. No cost.
Deadline: **Note:**
Facilitator: Karla Address seasmoke2001@gmail.com

**August 29/30 Saturday – Sunday**

Destination:
Music by:
Dinner by:
Deadline:
Coordinator:

Seafood Feast Cruise And Party

Cost:
Note:

CANCELED
See replacement event on
August 30.

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

**August 30 Sunday NEW EVENT**

Destination: Flounder Pavilion, Sandy Point State Park, Annapolis, MD

Food & Drink: **BYOF** and **BYOD**
Bring Your Own Food and Drinks
The Club will provide dessert.

Registration: Mail (postmark) 8/22 - Online 8/29

Coordinator:

Limited to 50 attendees in compliance w/ County Executive Order

Beth Krushinskie bethsailingsos@gmail.com

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

SOS Summer Day at the Beach Picnic

Cost: \$5 fee per person at the park entrance
Be sure to print out Summer Day At The Beach flyer for your car dashboard. This is required for entrance to the park in case it is at full capacity).

Note: 12:00 noon to 5:00pm

Plan to come early to avoid congestion at the park entrance plus you can stay until 8 pm if desired.

Note: Swimming is available so bring beach chair/towel/swimsuits, if desired.

**September 1 Tuesday**

Destination: Skipper's Choice

Deadline:

Facilitator: Michael Sommer msommer414@gmail.com

Mid-Week Sail

Cost: No coordination. No cost.

Note:

**September 3 Thursday**

Location: Via TBD

Board Meeting

Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm

Notes: Open to all Members

**September 4-7 Friday – Monday**

Destination: Solomons Island/Mill Creek.

Deadline:

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

4 Day Labor Day Sail

Cost:

Note:

**September 12/13 Saturday – Sunday**

Destination: Shaw Bay/Wye River

Deadline:

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

Eastport Oyster Boys Cruise

Cost:

Note:

**September 17 Thursday**

Destination: Skipper's Choice

Deadline:

Facilitator: Barbara Wingrove BKWingrove@outlook.com

Mid-Week Sail

Cost: No coordination. No cost.

Note:

**September 19/20 Saturday or Sunday**

Destination: Skipper's Choice

Deadline:

Facilitator: Laura Gwinn laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com

Day Sails (with overnight option)

Cost: No coordination. No cost.

Note:



September 26/27 Saturday – Sunday **Oktoberfest Cruise**
Destination: Anchorage Marina/ Baltimore, **Cost:**
Deadline: **Note:**
Coordinator: No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions



October 1 Thursday **Board Meeting**
Location: Via TBD **Time:** 7:00 to 10:00pm
Notes: Open to all Members



October 2-4 Friday – Sunday **3 Day Small Craft Festival**
Destination: St, Michaels/Miles River. **Cost:**
Deadline: **Note:**
Coordinator: No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions



October 8 Thursday **Mid-Week Sail**
Destination: Skipper's Choice **Cost:** No coordination. No cost.
Deadline: **Note:**
Facilitator: Barbara Wingrove BKWingrove@outlook.com



October 11 & 12 Saturday or Sunday **Day Sails**
Destination: Skipper's Choice **Cost:** No coordination. No cost.
Deadline: **Note:**
Coordinator: Linda Casucci casuccilj@gmail.com



September 2021 **Choose One Week** **France/Germany – Barre Canal Trip**
Destination: Alsace Lorraine, France and Germany **Cost:** Members... and Insurance
Note: Week 1 – Sept 3 to Sept 10 **Note:** ...ion Form with
 Week 2 – Sept 10 to Sept 17 **Note:** ...on:
Coordinator: Sandy Rosswork sgrosswork@aol.com
 Go to <http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/> for more details



DIRECTIONS

Sandy Point State Park, 1100 E College Pkwy, Annapolis, MD 21409

Take US-50 E/US-301 N toward the Bay Bridge. Take Exit 32 toward Oceanic Drive. In .04 mile exit onto S. Beach Road for .09 mile. Turn left on Oceanic Drive for .03 mile. Turn right onto S. Beach Road for .02 mile which will take you to the entrance of the Park.

Port Annapolis Marina Pavilion, 7074 Bembe Beach Rd, Annapolis, MD 21403

Take US-50 E/US-301 N toward Bay Bridge. Take Exit 22 onto 665 E for 2 miles. Continue straight onto Forest Drive for 2.8 miles. Turn left onto Edgewood Road/Bembe Beach Road for 1.2 miles. Marina will be on your left.



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Rationale for this change, various dues models, and a Q and A on the topic, may all be found on the club web site's home page.

2. A new **Inactive Member category** has been approved by the board. This bylaw proposal states:

"There is a subset of SOS members who are inactive. Since these members live out of the Chesapeake Bay area and/or have physical or other limitations, these members no longer sail or attend social functions. Specifics regarding benefits and limitations of the Inactive Member category are defined in a separate SOS Policy."

The new policy applying to Inactive Members states that:

Anyone who has been an SOS member for 10 years or more, may apply for an "Inactive Member" status and be charged a nominal fee (to be determined by the board on an annual basis). This status allows inactive or out-of-area members to keep up with the club and club news without paying full dues.

Inactive Members: May not vote or hold elective office. They may attend social events as a guest, or by paying a nonmember fee.

My thanks to all of our committee chairs, committee members and members of the Board of Directors for their work and flexibility in keeping the club going during this very difficult virus situation. From the folks trying to schedule events, to the cruise planners and coordinators, to the Whisker Pole editors and the data base manager, all have contributed a great deal of time and energy re-inventing nearly all of our club activities, events and communication. Good job to all of you!

That's it for now. Hope to see you at the Town Hall General Membership Meeting.

Sandy

Bareboat Activities

The latest bareboat survey asked three questions of members:



1. How likely are you to sign up for a bareboat trip if a proven COVID-19 vaccine is not available?
2. How likely are you to fly to a destination if a proven COVID-19 vaccine is not available?
3. How likely are you to drive to a destination if a proven COVID-19 vaccine is not available?

The respondents answered 60% "unlikely" and "very unlikely" to questions 1 and 2. The response to question 3 was 24% "unlikely" and "very unlikely" giving an indication that members may be more inclined to sign up for a trip within driving distance.

The results of this survey were discussed at the Board of Director's Meeting on June 9th. We do not have a spring 2021 trip planed as of now because of the uncertainty of COVID-19 and the path it will take. We have decided to revisit the possibility of a spring 2021 trip later this fall.

We have some options for destinations within the US including the beautiful Chesapeake. Before we make plans for a spring 2021 trip, we need to identify procedures to help ensure the safety of our members.

The French Canal trip originally scheduled for fall 2020 has been moved to next year. Members who were registered for 2020 should update their registration form for 2021 if still going. Registration is also open to new participants.

Any questions about the French Canal trip should be addressed to the coordinator Sandy Rosswork at sgrosswork@aol.com.

Any other general questions about committee activities should be addressed to Deb Kauffman at debkauffman@comcast.net.

Fundraising and donating to worthy causes have been part of Singles on Sailboats' mission to be an active member of the Chesapeake Bay sailing community.



Triple Crown of Charity Sailing 2020

SOS members have participated in the annual September Hospice Cup Race and Party After for many years – as racers and as volunteers for set up/registration/clean up at the evening party.

For the last several years, members have also participated in the early-season Annapolis Leukemia Cup Regatta, with some of our boats competing in both.

Last year, we learned more about CRAB (Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating) and the newly formed Triple Crown of Charity Sailing which encompasses all three non-profits' regattas.

With a grand plan for facilitating raffles and potluck fundraiser gatherings throughout this 2020

sailing season focused on each upcoming race, the Public Relations Committee had to put a sudden stop on all plans for the Triple Crown participation when COVID took over our days – key ideas of “gatherings” and “sailing with non-household members” being the greatest factors.

As the races have been postponed and rescheduled, they all now fall in the weeks from mid-August to mid-September. In early July as I write this article, it is not foreseen how those races will be planned or managed; whether their traditional party after (Hospice and CRAB) will occur. Therefore, we are not promoting the club's participation as a club, but would be excited to know if any members are able to join any of the races on their own (please send photos if you do: JGSunset@yahoo.com).

For this year, in acknowledgement of these worthy causes, we are placing a donation button on our home page that will allow SOS members to choose a “Jewel” in the Triple Crown for a donation to Leukemia Society, Hospice of the Chesapeake, and/or CRAB.

We will try again next season, without COVID complications, to enjoy some fun fundraising gatherings and activities. Do you have any ideas or suggestions, too?



SOS Finances July 2020	
Club Checking Account	\$ 20,880.41
Hi-Yield Savings Account	\$ 73,447.05
Club Credit Card	\$ -969.30
Bareboat Account	\$ 48,746.66

SOS MEMBERSHIP			
	July 2020	July 2019	July 2018
Members	396	428	433
Skippers	77	90	87
Totals	473	518	520

SCUTTLEBUTT

Sharing positive outcomes during this incredible pandemic:

Dane Skagen's positive outcome of the pandemic is that his short cruise in paradise doubled in length as he got stuck in Tahiti with no way home and then he was "forced" to continue sailing to Samoa, Fiji and is about to leave for Australia.

John Dombach, First Mate Emeritus, would like to thank our SOS leaders and membership for a great organization. Willow Valley Community, a 55 plus residential and long care facility where he lives, has a Radio-Controlled Sailing Yacht Club. They sail and race one design Victory boats twice a week on one of their ponds and generally have 5 to 7 boats racing. Great fun and competitive guys (they recently lost their one female member due to stability issues) enjoying themselves and remembering past sailing days on big boats.

Laura Gwinn, Sandra Rosswork and Anne Bastian enjoyed an hour kayaking at the end of June at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center in Grasonville before the hot weather arrived! Nature observations included jelly fish, turtles, a green heron, no mosquitos, and lots of clean air, blue skies and some small white caps to keep the arms in training! Alas, no dolphins were seen, as had been recently around Kent Island.

CBEC, bayrestoration.org, is a treasure with lots of walking trails, a beach, ponds, kayaking and classes for kayaking and about nature. Check out their website! (Dogs and grandchildren like this place too!)

Brenda Bodian and Antonio flew to Milan, Italy, on Feb 12 to complete several projects, and planned to return to the US in April. Within two weeks, with a few hundred cases of COVID 19 identified in the country, the government established strict stay-at-home rules that were in place for three months and successfully controlled and lowered case numbers. It was horrific to see on TV the incredible toll the daily tsunami of new patients took on front-line workers and to hear sirens blaring and bells tolling continually. They were glad to be safely inside with five weeks of provisions Brenda's son had urged them to stock as soon as they arrived.

In a matter of days with no cars on the street, the usually polluted air cleared up, they could hear birds much more clearly, they could sleep with street-side windows open, and did not have to continually dust. They started to use a rarely used stationary bike facing a great view over rooftops, past the Duomo, and on to the mountains beyond. Brenda has been competing with herself to increase the distance she can "ride" in a half hour, now is now up to 12.5 km from a much lower number when she started! She is super happy she can take Pilates classes on Zoom with the Goucher Pilates Center in Baltimore, something she usually misses when there. On a lark, she signed up for a one-week

Italian class nearby a day before all schools had to close. The school converted all classes to Zoom; and she ended up taking 15 weeks of intensive Italian classes with excellent instructors, and most interesting of all, students from 20 countries. It was a great way to have a mental break from the barrage of bad news. Antonio has been enjoying more time to listen to music, finding lots of classical and jazz recordings that he had not heard before. They do a lot of Zoom gatherings with family and friends, including a weekly one Brenda loves: each participant contributes thoughts on a topic with no interruption from the others. It is so nice to hear each person through. They missed their favorite pizza place, so endured a number of pathetic and so-so pizza experiments, until Brenda figured out measures and flour blends to have an even better pizza at home than out!

Now, in July, with active cases in the Italy below 15,000, most people, particularly in the hard-hit north, they wear masks out and about, and more places are open with lots of hand sanitizer at entries. With distancing rules, they are used to lines to get into stores now. Some small stores can only have one customer in at a time. The hardware store has such narrow aisles the staff has to bring items outside to help customers decide what to buy and payments are made on the sidewalk. They continue to be diligent with fierce hopes that people do not get too complacent so that all can enjoy having a bit more freedom and the valiant medical and support staff can have time to recover and process what they endured. They watch in concern what is happening in the US and other countries without unified approaches to control the spread. From what they hope is the other side of the storm here, they urge SOS members to overdo preventive practices--stay well and protect others in case you happen to be asymptomatic.

Bernie Halloran misses sailing, but doesn't miss his own boat. A three-story house and a two-acre hillside lot offer more than enough maintenance. So, to get off the house arrest funk, Bernie's oldest son suggested novels. He admits he haven't finished John Bolton's book yet, but he did knock off half a dozen books last month, three of which were great espionage thrillers. He passes on this advice: classic novels.

Jody Hutchinson's "silver lining" from this enormous horrendous cloud is that her younger daughter decided she could work remotely in Washington State (where Jody is now) as well as from her apartment in Santa Monica. She drove up to the Seattle area, and is staying with Jody's older daughter. It is the first time in 30 years that the three of them have lived in the same place! Although it is temporary, she is enjoying it immensely.

SOS Anniversary Party



Commodore Sandy Rosswork
(photo: Gabi Van Wie)



Former Commodores: Emil Becker, Sandy Rosswork, Hope Andruss, Brian Hanks, Debra Roan, Angela Eggleston, Rebecca Strandberg. (photo: Gabi Van Wie)



John Rogers (photo: Gabi Van Wie)



Gabi Van Wie (photo: Emil Becker)

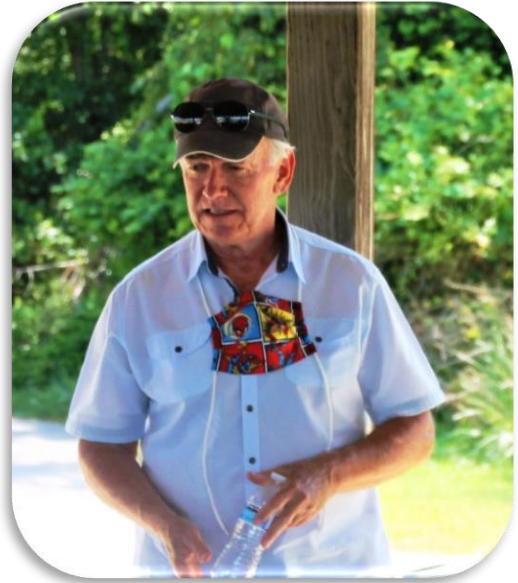


Pavilion at Sandy Point State Park
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SOS Anniversary Party



Anniversary Cupcakes (Photo: Samia AbdelWahed)



Don Rexrode (Photo: Gabi Van Wie)



Phil Seiser and Jill Montgomery
(Photo: Samia AbdelWahed)



Doug Love, Cheryl Hatch, Samia AbdelWahed, John Rogers
(Submitted by: Samia AbdelWahed)



Party in the Pavilion
(Photo: Samia AbdelWahed)

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The beach at Sandy Point State Park (photo: Emil Becker)



Commodore Sandy Rosswork receives French Commodore hat from Former Commodore Hope Andruss (Photo by Gabi Van Wie)



Geri Walker (photo by Gabi Van Wie)



Wildlife at Sandy Point State Park (Photo: Samia AbdelWahed)

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**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 chart plotter 2016, rebuilt transmission 2017, solar panels 2018, new house batteries 2019, new autohelm 2019, and all routine maintenance. See the March 2017 Spin Sheet 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 07-20

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. \$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 07-20

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](mailto:jkir436@comcast.net) 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 Annapolis. Contact Suzanne Farr sofarr@aol.com 07-20

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

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 bottom.

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