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VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



ANATOMY OF AN EVENT

We are all in the same boat and sailing together through the storm! Those words have never been so true. Trying to plan for SOS events (or cancel them) has been a trying process, but it has also illuminated the strength and versatility of our club membership.

The annual Town Hall event, for example, proceeded only with the help and expertise of many hands. Questions abounded.....should we even have such an event right now? Where could we safely hold it? Is it a good idea to serve food? If so, how do we do it safely? How about drinks? How can people sit and eat safely? Can we ensure social distancing? What are the current city and county event restrictions? Is there a club mic? You get the picture!

Fortunately, our many talented members jumped in to answer the questions and help make this event happen. Are we clear about current restrictions? Becky Strandberg, our lawyer on the board, was readily available to offer legal guidance about

state and local restrictions. Jan Warfield, our Vice Commodore, planned the whole event and also brought her knowledge from the public health sector to bear in drafting the extensive safety plan. Suzanne Vaughn and Linda Perkins made several trips to club storage lockers scoping out stuff we might need for the meeting. Can't find a club microphone? No worries, Ron Pence has several and can hook them up for us. Folks who cannot attend ask if we can record or even do a live broadcast.....sure we can! Just call Bill Knapp! He can do both and has the right equipment. And, as we were setting up for the meeting, Chic Bach turned up with more mics.....hand-held and wireless! Fantastic!

Many other members assisted with table preparation, registration, and clean up. In SOS we take this help for granted, but it's not always so available in other organizations. And how about getting the message out? We have a great newsletter and Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky has held up several editions of the Whisker pole while officers and event organizers added paragraphs or even entire articles, then modified and/or

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ELECTION OF NEW DIRECTORS

On September 15th you will receive an email with a link to the anonymous online ballot to vote for the candidates running for the Board of Directors. Online voting closes at midnight on September 30th.

Members who do not have a valid email address will be mailed a paper ballot so you may vote. These ballots must be filled out, mailed and postmarked no later than October 1st. You may vote for up to **FIVE** people. Voting for more than FIVE will invalidate your ballot. Read more about the candidates on pages 7-9.

Results will be announced by October 15th in an email from the Commodore.



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cancelled events altogether. Ned Schwarz, hair on fire, hopefully sends out his "very last" draft of the Fleet Exercises. Then, gracefully deals with the flood of after deadline event changes! John McDonald manages so much that makes our events like Town Hall work, that's it's hard to know where to start. In addition to sending out the event blasts, he takes registration, makes name tags and offers reminders about time lines. Our club would be dead in the water without these guys!

At the Town Hall meeting, officers, and committee chairs provided updates. Candidates for election to the Board of Directors gave terrific speeches and members enjoyed the food, information, and camaraderie. If you attended the 2020 Town Hall event, watched it on Zoom, or played the recording, remember how many club members contributed their expertise and time to make this event happen. Hope it was enjoyed by all!

sandy

DUES RESTRUCTURING AN UPDATE



The bylaw changes proposed for club dues were a discussion item at the recent Town Hall General Membership meeting. By way of introduction, the long history of concern about a zero dues policy for Life members was reviewed. Recent Board of Director actions were also reviewed including a recent vote to set \$40 as dues for Life Members and \$60 for regular members as a **target** for 2021. The Board sets club dues and this target level will be voted on later in the fall after considering the club's fiscal situation for the year. Club members will receive ballots for an electronic vote on the dues restructuring issue during the first week of September.

Questions were asked about compliance with the IRS if there was a two dues level structure; the answer was yes. We think a two-level dues structure is safe and compliant with IRS policy. Other much larger sailing groups and yacht clubs have a two-level dues structure.

Questions were asked about various scenarios for structuring club dues and also about the feelings of Life Members concerning the proposed change. These discussions are available on the SOS website. The entire business meeting was recorded and is available at your convenience on the SOS site.

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Unofficial notes August 6, 2020 Board Meeting

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

The Board discussed the arrangements for the Town Hall meeting, in particular how to hold the event in the safest manner with COVID. There will be plenty of sanitizers, chairs will be wiped down and tablecloths will be paper. The food will be served in the best way to prevent spread of Covid. Masks will be required. Social distancing and attendance limits will be observed so that those who feel comfortable can attend. The event has already reached a 50-person limit so unless there is change in that limit, that will be the total number to attend. There will be a report of the Nominating Committee and discussion of the dues bylaw revision as well reports of the Treasurer, Database, Cruising, Education the Policies Subcommittee, and various other committees.

Carole Jordan who has done a great job has resigned as Brunch chair and we are looking for topics and a new Brunch Chair. If interested please contact Suzanne Vaughn.

We have 15 new members and that is the only new revenue we have because of Covid. Membership is posting fliers at Marina's and sailing schools.

The French Canal Bareboat has been rescheduled to 2021. The Bareboat Committee is looking at destinations which are available with the travel restrictions and where our members will feel comfortable.

Education is continuing the online Happy Hours and training and is looking at a SASSY type of Spring training on zoom since it is unlikely that the COVID restrictions will be removed by this Spring.

Cruising is handling the day sails and several skippers and members have been out both through

coordination on the list serve on the and informally. The club has no data on the informal sails. Cruising is going to optimistically propose a cruising scheduled for next year that can be revised as we have this year as the restrictions due to COVID are revised and reviewed by the Board.

Social is looking at COVID safe events.

Rebecca Strandberg
Secretary

**Welcome
New Members**

Patricia Eleazer
North Beach, MD

Kathleen Haley
Rock Hill, SC

Zeynep Kalkay
Annapolis, MD

Gail Williams
Annapolis, MD

**Welcome
Returning Member**

Jeanne Maroney
Fairfax, VA

| SOS MEMBERSHIP | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | August 2020 | August 2019 | August 2018 | August 2016 | August 2010 | August 2005 | August 2000 |
| Members | 403 | 429 | 439 | 529 | 572 | | |
| Skippers | 78 | 90 | 87 | 116 | 148 | | |
| Totals | 481 | 519 | 526 | 645 | 720 | 755 | 932 |

| 2020 SOS Life Members | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Crew | 176 |
| Skippers | 21 |
| Total | 196 |

| SOS Finances August 2020 | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Club Checking Account | \$17,435.70 |
| Hi-Yield Savings Account | \$73,447.67 |
| Club Credit Card | \$ -1,862.63 |
| Bareboat Account | \$48,746.66 |

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.*



September 1 Tuesday Mid-Week Sail
Destination: Skipper's Choice **Cost:** No Coordination cost
Deadline: **Note:**
Facilitator: Michael Sommer msommer414@gmail.com



September 3 Thursday Board Meeting
Location: Via TBD **Time:** 7:00 to 10:00pm
Notes: Open to all Members



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



September 17 Thursday Mid-Week Sail
Destination: Skipper's Choice **Cost:** No Coordination cost
Deadline: **Note:**
Facilitator: Barbara Wingrove BKWingrove@outlook.com



September 19/20 Saturday or Sunday Day Sails (with overnight option)
Destination: Skipper's Choice **Cost:** No Coordination cost
Deadline: **Note:**
Facilitator: Laura Gwinn laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com



September 26 Saturday New Information Oktoberfest
Destination: Michael Summer's Home, Annapolis, MD **Cost:** No cost
Food & Drink: **BYOF** and **BYOD** Bring Your Own Food and Drinks. **Time:** 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm
 Club will provide German appetizers
Deadline: Mail (postmark) Sep. 19 **Note:** **Limited to 35 people**
 Online Sep. 23 All COVID safety precautions to be followed.
Coordinator: Beth Krushinskie bethsailingsos@gmail.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

**October 1****Thursday****Board Meeting**

Location: Via TBD

Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm
Notes: Open to all Members**October 8****Thursday****Mid-Week Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice

Cost: No Coordination cost

Deadline:

Note:

Facilitator: Barbara Wingrove BKWingrove@outlook.com**October 11 & 12 Saturday or Sunday****Day Sails**

Destination: Skipper's Choice

Cost: No Coordination cost

Deadline:

Note:

Facilitator: Linda Casucci casuccilj@gmail.com**October 17/18****Saturday – Sunday****Chili Cruise**

Destination: Cove past Pickering/Wye East River

Cost:

Deadline:

Note:

Coordinator: **No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions****October 24****Saturday****Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice

Cost: No Coordination cost

Deadline:

Note:

Facilitator: Lynn Gilley ltgilley@verizon.net**October 29****Thursday****Mid-Week Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice

Cost: No Coordination cost

Deadline:

Note:

Facilitator: Kathy Haven muskathha@gmail.com**Oct 31-Nov 1****Saturday Sunday****Halloween Cruise**

Destination: Pirates Cove/West River

Cost:

Deadline:

Note:

Coordinator: **No coordination for this event at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions****No Social planned for this cruise****November 5****Thursday****Board Meeting**

Location: Via TBD

Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm
Notes: Open to all Members**November 15****Sunday****Brunch**

Location: Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD

Cost: \$?? - Brunch
\$?? – After deadline and walk-ins.

Speaker/Topic: TBD

Time: 11:00 am Social Hour
12:00 noon Brunch
1:00 pm ProgramDeadline: Mail: November 6 (postmark)
Online: November 10

Note:

Coordinator: TBD

**STAND BY
Brunch Committee is
working on details**Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singleonsailboats.org



**September
2021**

Destination:

Choose One Week

Alsace Lorraine, France and
Germany

Note:

Week 1 – Sept 3 to Sept 10
Week 2 – Sept 10 to Sept 17

Coordinator:

Sandy Rosswork sgrosswork@aol.com

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

France/Germany – Bareboat Canal Trip

Cost: Members \$1000 = Boat cost and Insurance
incl. - Air fare separate.

Note: **To Download Registration Form with
Payment Information:**

<http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/361821746>

More Bareboat Survey Results

Last month we published results from the Bareboat Survey about traveling during COVID. This month we share responses when we asked where do you want to go when we can travel again? The answer to that question from our members is “everywhere.” These are some of the places suggested by our members.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| BVIs | Majora | New Zealand |
| Sea of Cortez | Lake Champlain | Turkey |
| Maine | Greece | Thailand |
| Erie Canal | Maldives | Seychelles |
| Riedel Canal | San Juan Island | Nova Scotia |
| Great Lakes | Croatia | Sardinia |
| St Martin | Italy | Sweden |
| Tahiti | Antigua | Aeolian Islands |
| Netherlands Canals | | |
| Florida panhandle | | |
| Block Island/Martha's Vineyard | | |
| South Coast of France | | |
| Anywhere in the Caribbean | | |



In the upcoming weeks, we are going to ask you to vote on spring and autumn 2022 destinations. We would like to get into a rhythm for a fall trip by alternating between North American and non-North American destinations. Because we are going to France in 2021, we would like to find a location in North America for 2022 and contemplate going outside of North America in 2023.

We would also like to announce trips to exotic locations such as Thailand and New Zealand about two or three years ahead of time. That would allow club members to save for trips with more expensive airfare and destinations where longer pre and post trip touring is appropriate.

Obviously, our plans are contingent on our members willingness to travel in the future. Fingers crossed – we will be back to sailing the seas.

And finally, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who make these trips happen and to the members who sail with them.

**Oktoberfest
Pool Party
Sept 26th
12 noon – 5:00 PM**

**Chase away your cabin
fever with fellow SOS
members. Bring your own
food, beverage, and
swimsuit to join the
pool party.
German Appetizers
will be provided.**



Wendy Adams

I'm pleased to be nominated as a candidate for the SOS Board. Our club faces steep challenges stemming from its changing composition, and from the corona virus pandemic. I enjoy governance and am experienced in it. In a challenge I see opportunity; in a cloud I look for a silver lining. I can help SOS meet its challenges and thrive.



An eight and a half year club member, I brought my pleasure in sailing with me from California where I grew up close to the Pacific and large mountain lakes. In my adult life in Washington I've sailed within and outside of the club as crew, on the Potomac, on the bay, and in New England. SOS's enrichment of my life, after major personal and career transitions, led me early on to reciprocate by volunteering.

I served for several years on the Social Committee, an "all-hands-on-deck proposition" from planning events in tandem w Cruising Chairs to staffing registration tables (a good way to meet other members). I've coordinated educational Fireside Chats; and I coordinate the NoVa-DC Happy Hour (HH) that became a weekly Zoom HH in spring due to the pandemic, gathering participants from here to Albany. Importantly, HHs now are the main tool for harvesting the "silver lining" of the wave of prospective and new members that social isolation of singles has brought SOS. They are skippers, experienced sailors, and novices. Upon attending HHs, prospectives are joining and new members assimilating. For nearly a decade I've purposely attended SOS events in different locations, meeting our wonderfully diverse members and discussing club matters with them.

My professional background includes law, journalism, education, and administration. Central was my federal legal career, at Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Environmental Protection Agency, and the White House. My non-SOS volunteer work spans 30 years of service on boards of volunteer organizations, as board chair, standing member, newsletter editor, and committee chair.

I know from experience that even if it's long and delicate, there can be light at the end of a transition, whether personal, presidential, or organizational. Willingness to adapt to change, fairness and flexibility in approach, and belief in success are key. This is a great club, a valuable asset to its members. I offer my skills, experience, and perseverance to move it forward. I'm optimistic that we'll work through our internal challenges and those imposed by the present health situation, and emerge vibrant.

Craig Coltharp



I have been a member of SOS since 2008. I have met many good people in SOS during this time. I know that good people make a good organization and I believe SOS is a good organization because of you, the members. I have seen organizations

that are made up of volunteers, where the bulk of the work is done by a few dedicated people. I feel it is my turn to help out. In stressful times SOS can and should help its members. I believe the Board has done a great job so far adjusting to the environment we face. I want to meet more new members and find out what they want and need from SOS. I want to help in any way I can to help SOS to meet those wants and needs.

My qualifications:

I love sailing. I have been sailing for 60 years. I started racing small sailboats when I was 12 years old. By the time I was 18 I had raced in 15 states in the country and in 25 states by the time I was 30. I move to Maryland in 1976, and raced on the bay in one designs and PHRF. I bought my first cruising boat in 2013, fixed her up and spent the winter of 2015 in the Bahamas. I have cruised in the bay since then and sailed with SOS on my boat and on others. Last November I did an Atlantic crossing on a friend's boat from Portugal to St Lucia in the Caribbean. That was an interesting trip.

My Professional experience includes being a Navy Corpsman (medic) 1968-1972.

I am an aerospace engineer by training. I worked for National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for 25 years managing professional people. I motivated them and assisted in focusing to accomplishing common goals. Those programs include The Hubble Space Telescope, James Webb Space Telescope, and Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter.

Other Qualifications:

- Previous member of Magothy River Sailing Association, and their Rear Commodore for 2 years.
- Sailing Instructor for YMCA in 1964, For Tulane University in 1966, and Rush Creek Yacht Club in 1973.

I look forward to a successful and fun experience with the SOS board and the club.

Meet the Candidates

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Heidi Harper



My name is Heide Harper. I am a Clothing Engineer, Textile Artist and Technical Designer. Besides working in the apparel industry, I taught in the Fashion Design

program at Phila. College of Textiles and Science for 16 years. I have worked with large corporations like Dupont, W.L.Gore(tex) and Reebok. I have worked with world-renowned artists and domestic clothing manufacturers in every market (womens, childrens, mens, sports, couture). I have worked with temperamental egotistic designers, young up-and-coming designers as well as established designers.

These days I work freelance for individuals and companies that hire me for my creative and practical talents like making or fixing clothing. I create decorative home/boat items, (anybody need custom mattress covers or new cushions for the cockpit?). I work with inventors, helping to make their ideas become reality. In other corners of my life I am a gardener, a yoga teacher and Recording Clerk for my Quaker Meeting.

SOS has been a really fun addition to my life. I love learning new skills, challenging my abilities and being able to experience new places. I have only been sailing four years (three as a member) but I really enjoy being on the water and socializing with other members. It has been a privilege to sail with so many generous skippers and knowledgeable crew. Last season I sailed a dozen times on the Chesapeake plus the Bahamas in February, each time exceptional in its own way. I have made many friends and learned so very much.

I talk highly of SOS wherever I go and have been instrumental in bringing three new members into the Club this past year, plus had a hand in one other membership. So as we get settled in to whatever form the club takes in the future, I will continue advocating memberships and I look forward to the opportunity of working with the Board.

Robin Meigel



I'm a longstanding SOS skipper who single hands my 27-foot Cape Dory most of the time. I want to do whatever I can to ensure that SOS continues to be the GREAT club that it is. The current

board and committee chairs have been incredibly creative during this season of Covid. We will need all the creativity we can muster to conserve our financial strength and grow membership as we manage to our changing demographics and evolution in the sport of recreational sailing.

I am a fan of expanding the options that we are experimenting with during this season of Covid – including the list of crew that wish to sail which allows for spontaneous invitations. We have also seen what I would call “follow the flag” events, where skippers reach out to organize smaller gatherings without formal coordination. These efforts are embryonic at the moment but have the potential to grow and we should do what we can to track these contributions and acknowledge the efforts of these skippers.

I am not a fan of expanding our fleet to include rafting with powerboats. Jus' saying. But powerboats with coordinated crew on marina cruises could make sense.

In our last business meeting IRS source material was cited as the basis for proposed changes in the dues structure, and I asked that it be made available. If elected I will do my best to see that transparency is a hallmark of the incoming board. But I don't think an IRS justification is needed to do what is in the best interests of the club regarding modifying our dues structure. As I write this, the proposed bylaw amendments have not been voted on but I support them. The new board will be managing in a changed environment and I am ready to meet the challenges.

PAT WOODIE

I want to thank the nominating committee for considering me as a candidate for the Board. First, a little about my personal background: I have been a practicing veterinarian for 35 years and owner of my own



practice for over 25 years, I have been on several boards in the past including the Delaware Veterinary Medical Association Board and The Smyrna Opera House Board.

I joined SOS over 20 years ago. My sailing experience started with a Snark moving up to a 16-foot sailing dingy followed by a 20ft trailerable with outboard. My partner and I finally bought a 35-foot Coronado. I was a decent sailor and navigator and he was excellent with motors and motor sailing. I loved sailing and after we separated, I wanted to continue. I read about SOS in the Chesapeake Bay Magazine and gave a call to the then contact Emil Becker. I started doing mainly day sails since I was working on Saturdays and full weekends were difficult.

I have always been so impressed with the talented and knowledgeable sailors in this club and their willingness to share their knowledge with other enthusiasts. Over the years the club has done an outstanding job with education, especially Spring Training. I have participated in many day sails, many of the overseas charters and when my work schedule allows, weekend sails. I really appreciate all that SOS has brought into my life and now that I am retired, I would like to give back. The club is still filled with terrific people but many of us are getting older and possibly less active.

I see our biggest problem is recruiting younger people to join. The club is not sustainable without new members. SOS is a bargain for anyone wanting to sail. I learned so much in this club and the wealth of knowledge is incredible. One of my goals as a board member would be to encourage new members, both those wanting to learn and individuals with boats wanting crew. I think we need to find ways to make owners more willing to do day sails since this is the best way to encourage new members. Sometimes organizing for just one afternoon can be burdensome. I am sure we could find ways to better help these skippers so they can feel like a day sail is worth their time. I have met some very enthusiastic people who want to sail and we need to find ways that they can feel welcome and encouraged.

When I was in Veterinary College we all had a Big Sib to guide us through our first year. I think we might get some volunteers to help potential members negotiate their first 6-12 months in the club. Again, thank you for this opportunity and I

AHOY SKIPPERS

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

SOSskippers@groups.io is an official means of communication among SOS

skippers. To participate, you must be a skipper in SOS, on the Board of Directors, or Chair of the Cruising, Safety, or First Mates Advisory Committee.



During these times when normal operations of the Club are not possible because of the restrictions in place due to the pandemic, it is especially important for skippers to be able to share information and concerns in the skippers discussion group.

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

go to groups.io and follow the

instructions to join. Either way, be sure to use the email address in your profile in the SOS online directory or one which clearly identifies you. This



is needed to allow those handling approvals to know that you meet the criteria for group membership.

If you have any question, email to smallfavors@hotmail.com.

Meet the Candidates

2020 Town Hall



Teresa Scofield,
Treasurer



Registration Table



John McDonald,
Database/Internet
Chair-person

VITUAL Gathering
LIVE Gathering



Commodore Sandy
Rosswork



The Candidates
(L to R): Robin Meigel, Heide
Harper, Craig Coltharp, Patricia
Woodie and Wendy Adams

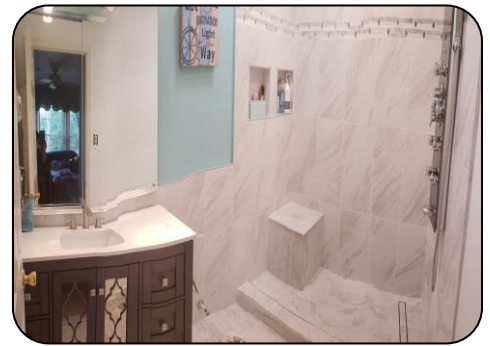


Bill Knapp,
Audio/Visual
(Zoom) Support

Photographs by Samia AbdelWahed

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SOS Member COVID-19 Activities



(L to R): Before

During
Gabi Van Wie - DIY Bathroom Project

After



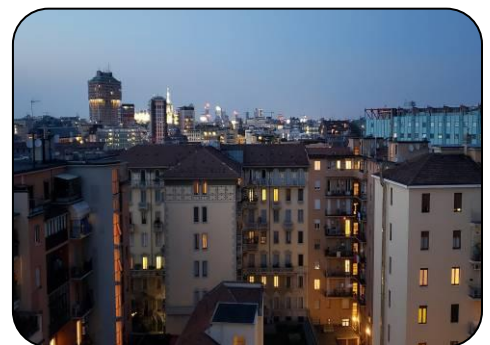
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Lorraine Panaccio
organized her pantry



Heron by Carol
Niemand



“Evidently there is a small woman
(Cheryl Hatch) with a very large
knife loose in Annapolis.
Be careful and don't try to
apprehend her yourself! “
Sent in by Suzanne Vaugh



Skyline of Milan, Italy
by Brenda Bodian

Photographs sent by the person named
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SCUTTLEBUTT

*(A communal water cask around
which sailors traded gossip)*

Sharing positive outcomes during this incredible pandemic:

Ursula Skagen updates Dane Skagen's Pacific Sailing Adventure: They got clearance to enter Australia as a through-transit: visitor and departed Fiji mid-July. However, Mother Nature, espied them lolling along under clear skies with gentle trade winds on the aft quarter. She just couldn't have that! So, she gave them one more obstacle by conjuring up a big storm off Australia. The US Ambassador in Fiji (who had helped them get permission to enter Fiji) helped them again with a couple of high-level phone calls which allowed them to seek safe harbor in New Caledonia, whose borders are officially closed to pleasure craft. So, after sailing west a few hundred miles, they had to turn back and sail back a couple hundred miles EAST to make port in Nomea, New Caledonia where they are anchored and under quarantine but in a well-protected harbor. The plan is to sail the last 1200 miles or so to Australia once the weather lets up.

Dean Collins just had a great vacation in Seaside, FL with his three kids and six grandkids. He took them all sailing in Pensacola Bay for a day. It was nice to leave DC and see the country that is still social distancing but is alive!

Brian Hanks and Judy Crews decided to get married and combine households, Judy was faced with moving 19 carousel trays of family and travel slides. She painfully reduced them down to nine.

Now, 16 years later with this confinement those trays, occupying two shelves, were bugging her. So she went through another very painful reviewing, sorting and throwing away and cut nearly 1,000 slides to just under 500!

Since then, Brian's dear son-in law has scanned all of them into Judy's computer. Now she has about 200 into albums, and hope finish sorting the rest soon!

A note from Ed Menegaux for those who are feeling confined and constrained by the current situation.

I was 25, with a BS in Chemistry employed at Albany Medical College as a biochemist. One morning I got to the lab and was told I needed to go to the TB facility across the parking lot. The Medical Center had an epidemic of people with TB, a dangerous lung disease, and the whole College and Hospital staff was tested. I walked over and while waiting to see the Director of the Facility, it was announced on TV that President

Kennedy was shot. Then the Director saw me and told me I had TB and would be admitted to the Sanitarium. I was so shocked I asked no questions. I found out later that I could have been there the rest of my life.

They took all of my clothes and put me in a hospital gown and a private room, telling me to lie down. I found out I was to do no activity for a week when they found me doing my skiing exercises one morning. After that week I was put in a room with a fellow studying to be a doctor. The Sanitarium had 100 patients but only six of us were from the Medical School.

Most of the rest were homeless people with TB. Two of the patients had been there for over 20 years because they had a resistant form of TB, that could infect others. Initially I had no idea how long I would be there, but later found out the minimum time was three months because of the testing needed to make sure I could not infect others. I had no visitors for those three months and minimum contact with people from the lab.

Our time and actions were totally controlled by the people running the Facility. We got up at 7 AM and got our breakfast to take to our room to eat. After eating we took the dishes back and had to be in bed for an hour, we could sit up. Lunch was the same but we had to lie down for the hour in bed. Dinner was the same as breakfast. We were supposed to go to bed and sleep at 8 PM, but on Mondays were allowed to stay up to watch the Football Game on TV. There were only a few TVs in the building.

Once a week the Director would come around and tell you how you were doing and when the contagion test came back negative the second time I asked when I would be let out, he wanted to keep me for another month and from the reading on TB I had done I questioned that. His response was "OK we will release you tomorrow". That was three months.

Gabi Van Wie started remodeling her bathroom April 20th and finished August 10th. The shower door is the only thing which was installed professionally. During the renovation she did take off four weekends for tremendous sailing and spent ten days in North Carolina.

Free photo of the famous SOS Monster Raft

This extraordinary aerial photo of the 64-boat circle raft was taken at Drum Point in June of 2002. The high quality, 11" x 14" photo is suitable for framing and was originally sold to members for \$10.

The photos not given away will be discarded, so please contact Shirley Brooks shirleybbrooks@yahoo.com soon if you would like to have one.



The following article by John Halstead is reprinted from the July, 2002 Whisker Pole

We Built it and YOU Came!

64 boats, 64 skippers, and 163 crewmembers

Over 40% of the boats in SOS and over 25% of the membership rafted in the Wye River on June 8, 2002. A day and night that will be long remembered in the annals of SOS history.

At a time when the club is undergoing many changes, and a new generation is pushing SOS to evolve in new directions, we pulled some ancient SOS history out of the archives and dusted off the four-corner construction method for a circle raft. Though the club had evolved away from this old technique, it just seemed the right way to go with this many boats. The raft captains five (**Bill Small, Dee Doyle, Suzanne Farr, Charlie Letourneau, and John Halstead**) held three separate meetings beginning way back in March to begin planning what we hoped would be the club's greatest raft construction effort.

Several of us arrived in the Wye River Friday evening so as to be unhurried with preparations and to assure that we were able to claim our space just above Drum Point. In fact, we needed to send chief negotiator **Mike Remillard** to negotiate peace with a local waterman so we could build where he had carefully laid out his trot lines.

Shortly after 11 AM we began positioning the primary anchor boats at the four corners of an imaginary circle carefully calculated by Bill Small to hold precisely 63 boats. A 200-foot anchor line metered the distance between the 12 o'clock boat and the 6 o'clock boat while four 150' lines went from 12 o'clock to 3 o'clock, to 6

o'clock, to 9 o'clock, and then back to the 12 o'clock boat. The overall plan was repeatedly challenged as the wind shifted continuously during the morning, afternoon, and evening. By Sunday morning, each of the four primary anchor boats had been head into the wind at some point.

Though we publicized that the raft would open at 2:00 PM, boats began arriving shortly after 1:00 PM with those skippers and crew anxious to be there to watch what surely would be a spectacle. We opened the raft ahead of schedule and began building. Each of the four primary anchor boats had a Sector Raft Captain with a colored flag to designate their location: Red, Yellow, Green, and Blue. Arriving boats called Whisker Pole on Channel 72 and were directed to one of the colored sectors with its own Raft Captain and an alternate VHF channel for positioning in the raft. The raft building went smoothly as anchor boats and non-anchor boats were sorted out and directed to sectors that needed or could accommodate them most quickly, while strengthening the are of the raft that happened to be windward at the moment. By 5:45 PM all boats were in, including an unexpected 64th boat, and the raft was closed.

A small lake, approximately 0.7 acre in area, encompassed by the raft became a playground for dingy rides and a very large swimming hole. Walking around the entire raft was a three-hour journey. As planned, both a helicopter and a plane flew to photograph the occasion. As the sun went down, the water glistened, and the enthusiasm of the day subsided into quiet conversation, laughter, and relief. The raft slept quietly.

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In Memoriam**Brian B. Guptil
1943-2020**

Our fellow club member and friend Brian Guptil, skipper of S/V Cayenne, passed away during the weekend of August 1st.

Brian has been a longtime member of SOS, who happily contributed to the club his time, knowledge of sailing, sound judgement and great stories. Regardless of weather and life's obstacles, Brian maintained a positive outlook upon the future.

As a member of SOS Brian has served as: Vice Commodore, Member of the Board of Directors and a Committee Chair. He has also been a recipient of the Elinor "Ellie" Abramson Education Award and the Commodore's Award.

(A Memorial Service will be held in the future when safe for family and friends to gather.)

In Memoriam**Jan Erskine**

Former SOS Member and longtime resident of Severn House, Jan Erskine passed away August 19th.

Jan took a fall in her home in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico that required surgery to repair her broken knee. Shortly after surgery she suffered lung failure and a bilateral stroke. She was put on life support while her daughter and granddaughter traveled from Ontario to be with her as she slipped away.

Jan was an intrepid adventurer who loved travel, tango dancing, politics, and new adventures. One of the few people who totally lived life with no regrets.

(No information about services is available at this time.)

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