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Membership Renewal: Nov 1, 2020 - Jan 31, 2021
Membership Year: Jan 1 - Dec 31

CURRENT MEMBERS:

Annual membership fee of \$60 plus \$40 if you choose to receive a hard copy of monthly newsletter for the whole year.

You are a member or associate member as of December 31, 2020 and you DO NOT meet the requirements of a LIFE MEMBER, or HONORARY MEMBER.

FEES & MEMBER PROFILE:

- You pay the \$60 renewal fee
- You must update your Member Profile
- For online renewal, payment is by credit card or check.
- For mail-in renewal, payment is by check only
- If you DO want to receive a printed newsletter, you MUST check the appropriate box and pay the \$40 fee.

LIFE MEMBER RENEWAL:

NEW: Annual Life Membership fee of \$40 plus \$40 if you choose to receive a hard copy of monthly newsletter for the whole year.

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE A LIFE MEMBER IF: you are 70 or older as of December 31, 2020 and you joined BEFORE March 31, 2009 and you have been a regular and/or associate member for over 10 consecutive years as of December 31, 2018. If you had any lapses

in membership in the past 10 years, you are NOT a Life Member.

FEES & MEMBER PROFILE:

- You pay the \$40 renewal fee. But you must email the Membership Chair if you were a dues-paying member this past year to get approval for Life Member status.
- You MUST update your Member Profile to prevent any lapse in membership.
- You MUST pay \$40 if you wish to receive a printed newsletter.

INACTIVE MEMBERS (NEW CATEGORY)

Annual Inactive Membership fee of \$15 plus \$40 if you choose to receive a hard copy of monthly newsletter for the whole year.

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE AN INACTIVE MEMBER IF: you live outside of the Chesapeake Bay area and/or have physical or other limitations, and therefore no longer sail or attend social functions and you have been a member for 10 years or more.

FEES & MEMBER PROFILE:

- You pay the \$15 fee
- You must update your Member Profile
- For online renewal, payment is by credit card or check.

• For mail-in renewal, payment is by check only.

• If you DO want to receive a printed newsletter, you MUST check the appropriate box and pay the \$40 fee

Inactive members:

- Will not have voting privileges.
- Will not be able to hold elected office.
- Would not have other benefits of membership.
- Could attend social functions only as the guest of a member, or by paying a non-member fee.

NEW MEMBERS:

First year membership of \$70 which includes a \$10 one-time administrative charge. New members will have the option of receiving a free hard copy of the Whisker Pole during the first year of membership; upon renewal the following year they will be able to opt in to continue receiving it with the same \$40 payment as current members.

Online renewal is preferred for all categories of membership. However, if you insist, paper forms will be accepted. All members will be sent an email reminder to renew with a link to the renewal from on November 1, 2020.

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

One Heck of a Year!



Those of us on the Bahamas Bareboat trip heard rumors about a strange virus popping up in China. And, on the trip home on February 29, we were asked by TSA people at the airport if we had recently been in China! (Not likely when departing from Nassau). Only a couple of weeks later, countries were locking down their borders.

Then, as we all know, most of our 2020 club activities were cancelled and sailing was drastically curtailed. However, the storm may be easing and I see safe harbors ahead! In January, your Board of Directors will be holding a planning session to set goals for 2021. These will include plans for sailing, education, and social events.

Our expectation is that we will start to ease back into various events by late spring with a "normal" cruising schedule by mid-summer.

Meanwhile, SOS Committee chairs are doing their best to keep things moving and members entertained. Bill Knapp and his talented committee have been putting out educational seminars every Friday. John McDonald adds good stuff to the club website, while Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky and her crew of editors maintain a high quality newsletter. Janet Gonski has developed a helpful grid of both in person and virtual happy hours. Links to the HH coordinators will soon be on the website, making it easier for members and visitors alike to keep up with the many options. And more than a few of our members are hosting happy hours online.

As we move through the holiday season and into the new year, let's all bear in mind how much we have

come to expect and enjoy from SOS. I have certainly missed all of the cruises, parties and fireside chats! But hopefully 2021 will see a recovery.

Don't forget to renew your membership! Spring, sailing and fun events are just around the corner!

Happy New Year everyone and good riddance to 2020!

Sandy

Getting Connected through Virtual Happy Hours

"I've gotten to meet and to know people I never would have seen at my regional Happy Hour!"

With so many of our in-person activities on hold through Covid complexities, many of us have really enjoyed the Friday Night virtual Education chats.

In addition to these great opportunities, several members have stepped up and hosted virtual Happy Hours. With an email/distribution list based originally on the Regional Happy Hour that they had frequented (and added to by new members' contact info forwarded from Membership Committee), it has been through word of mouth that a broader membership have been able to log on and join one of the virtual HH's.

As we look toward these colder months we want to warm you up with the idea of greater flexibility and access. We will be posting the Zoom link to the virtual Happy Hours on the SOS Event Calendar available after member log in. Once we get the links posted on the SOS website, look for a blast update!

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Unofficial Notes December 3, 2020 Board Meeting

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

Present on Zoom:

Board members: Sandy Rosswork, Craig Coltharp, Heidi Harper, Robin Meigel, Pat Woodie, Teresa Scofield.

Others: Andrew Katz, Bill Knapp, Jon Bernheimer, John McDonald, Janet Gonski, Joan Tannen, Emil Becker, Lorraine Fassett, Deb Kauffman, Debra Lyle, Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky, Linda Casucci.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Board meeting on Nov 15, 2020 were approved as presented.

Commodore: Will ask Board liaisons and committee chairs to discuss their goals and plans for 2021 at a January meeting. The 2021 budget is voted on in January. We will hold a separate planning meeting in January prior to the next BOD meeting.

Andy Katz will be the new Board member starting in January.

Vice Commodore: Nothing new to report.

Treasurer Report:

1. Net revenue holding steady. Only expenses are for monthly club operations.
2. Supporting documents for financial review have been submitted. Awaiting the final report.
3. Ten vouchers have been used for renewal.
4. Forty-six Lifetime members have renewed at the new \$40 dues amount.
5. Three members have opted for inactive status.

Secretary Report: The Secretary developed an email list for the BOD and Committee Chairs from the SOS Directory. If anyone is not getting correspondence from the Secretary please update your email address.

Bareboat - Deb Kauffman: Planning for 2021 underway. Marketing for 2021 Canal trip to get more aggressive in early spring.

Brunch – Susan Zevin and Debbie Lyle: December and January brunches are cancelled. Nothing new to report.

Cruising –John Rogers: Nothing new to report

Database – John McDonald: This month there are 484 members, down from 527 in December of 2019. (Inactive-6, Lifetime-192, Regular-286).

To date 141 members have paid 2021 dues with 343 yet to renew.

Education – Bill Knapp: Is soliciting suggestions for presenters.

First Mates – Kathy Higdon: No activity to report this month.

Membership – Linda Casucci, Jon Bernheimer, and Lora Donia. Membership Committee proposes several steps for write-ups when a member passes away. These steps include notification of the Membership committee, and/or Emil Becker; draft an inclusive write-up; submit to the Whisker Pole editor; send blast or member email list notice when there is word about funerals or memorial services. Discussions included amount of information to be added, possibly by a link; and a reluctance to include on Facebook.

Newsletter - Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky: Sixty-three copies of the newsletter have been mailed; printing costs were \$ \$190.89. Only one Happy Hour coordinator requested copies.

Public Relations – Karl Scible and Janet Gonski: Nothing new to report.

Safety – Joan Tannen: No new activities. Proposes a one-time donation to Camp Wabanna in the amount of \$200. The Board was polled and unanimously approved of the one-time donation of \$200.

Skippers Advisory - Emil Becker and Lorraine Fassett:

1. We mourn the passing of David Henken and wish to acknowledge his years of extraordinary service to SOS as Skipper Mentor.
2. Laura Gwinn will assume the role of Skipper Mentor.

Social - Vacant:

Volunteers urgently needed for this committee! The Database can provide names of people and their interests in serving on various committees, but that information must be requested as it is not automated.

New Business:

Janet led a discussion regarding the SOS Happy Hours, both virtual and in person. It was suggested that links on the website be made available to members for the recurring ZOOM Happy Hours.

Review of Action items:

- Plans for a 2021 Education event in May are being worked on.
- Next BOD meeting is Jan. 7, 2021 via ZOOM.

Craig Coltharp

Secretary

Fleet Exercises and Shore Leave

For all events, please sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org. **Be sure to log-in first**, or contact the Coordinator via email if you have questions. Please see articles elsewhere in Newsletter with more details about most events.



Various

Location:

Invitation:

Fridays

Comfort of your home

Moderator will send out a Blast with sign on information prior to day of event.

Education Zoom Seminars

Time: 6:30pm to 7:00pm Socializing.
7:00pm to 9:00pm Presentation.

Notes Zoom application is needed for your PC, Laptop or Phone.
Dial-in option is also available.
Open to all Members.

Various

Location:

Invitation:

Moderator:

Various

Comfort of your home
This is a good opportunity to keep in touch and share, during these trying times.

Moderator will send out an email with sign on information prior to day of event.

TBD

Area Happy Hour Zoom Calls

Time: Around 5:00pm.

Note: Get in touch with your Area Contact, listed in back of your Whisker Pole to be put on their HH notification list. Or, check out the SOS Web site to find ZOOM link.

Note: Zoom application is needed for your PC, Laptop or Phone.
Dial-in option should also be available.



January 7

Location:

Thursday

Via TBD

Board Meeting

Time: 7:30 to 10:00pm
Notes Open to all Members



January 17

Sunday

Brunch - **CANCELLED**



February 4

Location:

Thursday

Via TBD

Board Meeting

Time: 7:30 to 10:00pm
Notes Open to all Members



February 14

Sunday

Regional Brunches **CANCELLED**



March 4

Location:

Thursday

Via TBD

Board Meeting

Time: 7:30 to 10:00pm
Notes Open to all Members



March 14

Location: Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD

Speaker/Topic:

Deadline:

Coordinator:

Sunday

TBD

Mail: March 5 (postmark)
Online: March 9

TBD

Brunch

Cost: TBD

Time: 11:00 am Social Hour
12:00 noon Brunch
1:00 pm Program

Note: **Stand by**
Depends on COVID restrictions



Eight Bells for Members Who Have Crossed the Bar:

In Memory of Jay Harrison

Former SOS Member Jay Harrison (son of SOS member Molly Harrison) passed away on November 25th at the age of 62 having been in poor health for some time. Jay was an avid sailor, and many remember how he never wanted to stop sailing at the end of the day, even in the lightest breeze. Bill Small recalls a weekend when Jay sailed with him on *Small Favors*. Saturday was a fantastic sail and Sunday morning Jay was eager to set sail again which resulted in a lively discussion where Bill explained there was nothing in the weather pattern to create wind.



Jay was well known for his beloved Corvette and drove it to several SOS events where he had fun showing how it could become a convertible. Debra Roane remembers a spectacular ride with Jay over the Bay Bridge and through backwoods to the Seafood Feast! She was the envy of every woman there when they showed up in the snazzy car with the wind in their hair!

Jay will be fondly remembered and missed by friends and family. Jay will be buried in the spring in May's Chapel Cemetery near his father and grandfather; all three named James Joshua Harrison.

In Memory of Kathy Wright

Former SOS Skipper Kathy Wright passed away November 28 at age 62.



Kathy kept *Karibu*, her 41' Bristol, in the northern Chesapeake Bay, but sailed the entire bay with SOS, the Annapolis Sailing Club, the Maryland Yacht Club, and the Chesapeake Bristol Club.

In 2014 she went on the SOS Bareboat trip to the BVIs.

She frequently published photos and wrote articles for Spin Sheet; in the March 2020 you can read her article on cruising the Northern Bay.

Kathy worked in the field of medical research at Shriners Hospital, MIT and pharmaceutical companies. In addition to her love for sailing, she was a wonderful gardener and deeply involved in rescuing and fostering dogs.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers please donate to the American Cancer Society.

In Memory of Lindsay Courtney

SOS Skipper Lindsay Courtney passed away November 20 at age 71. She was a skipper with her Herreshoff sailboat *Ariel Song*. The boat, based in Baltimore, was an unusual design as it has two unstayed masts. After she lost *Ariel Song* she sailed *Strega* whose name was hand-painted by Duane Hull who had designed the SOS burgee and the Whisker Pole masthead.



Always sailing with Lindsay was Wickett, a Maltese terrier, whose personality made him a favorite sailing dog.

Lindsay was an active participant in the workings of SOS as Whisker Pole editor from 1993-96 and general "I'll help if I can" attitude. When with Lindsay, sailing became a class act with Waterford crystal and similar accompaniments part of the meal service. For those of us that had the privilege to sail with her, the experience was memorable.

Lindsay was married to Bobby Frey (one of the founders of SOS). After their divorce, Lindsay was not seen much in SOS as her final years were marred with bad health. A few select friends and Bobby made those years tolerable. Those of us who knew her savor those sailing memories and wish her peace.

In Memory of Charles Van Doran

Former SOS member Charles (Charlie) Van Doran passed away December 5 at the age of 87.



Ann Ashton and he traveled on many SOS bareboat trips and was welcomed crew because of his excellent sailing skills, congenial personality and wine expertise.

A graduate of Yale University '55 he went on to fly fighter jets as a Captain in the US Air Force. After leaving the service he continued to fly when possible and applied his flight knowledge to improving his sailing skills.

He spent his career with Ford as a Management Engineer in New York, Michigan and Pennsylvania, retiring in 1990.

Due to COVID, a private family interment was held. A public memorial service may be held at a future date. Donations may be made in Charlie's name to the American Cancer Society.

In Memory of Dorsey Owings

Former SOS Skipper Meredith Dorsey Owings passed away peacefully in his sleep in Chestertown, Md. on Dec. 9. He was 99 3/4. He lived his life fully, right up to the end, traveling in his RV from New England to Florida each year.



Farmer, trucker, sailor and traveler, Dorsey was born in Howard County, grew up on the family farm and took over its operation after his father died.

When developer James Rouse offered to buy the Howard County farm for his planned city of Columbia, MD, Dorsey used the proceeds to purchase several farms in Kent and Queen Anne's counties on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

In addition he bought a 40-foot Hinckley named *Falcon* and along with his wife and four children sailed south from Annapolis for a year of cruising the Bahamas and competing in the Southern Ocean Racing Circuit. He continued sailing for the next 40 years on the eastern seaboard, from the Bahamas north to the New England maritime.

Dorsey was an active skipper in SOS for many years, sharing his beautiful boat, skills, and love of sailing. One story told 'round the raft is at the age of 80 he rescued sailors from a catamaran during a gale on the Bay.

Ever the pragmatist, he made a decision that he was just worn out and would let things take their course. He stopped taking his medicine, made sure his beloved bulldog Macksie was provided for, expressed sincere gratitude to his friends and staff at Heron Point, then died in his sleep a few days later.

Dorsey is survived by a daughter, a son, and several grandchildren. Services for Dorsey will be private.

For those who would like to remember him in a material way, the family suggests donations to the Kent County 4-H at 709 Morgnec Road, #202, Chestertown, Md. 21620.

In Memory of Fritz Eisele

Frederick (Fritz) H Eisele died peacefully on December 7th at the age of 95. Fritz was a wonderful adventurous man. He was a pilot in the Army Air Corps during WW II, loved sailing, and went to a dude ranch horseback riding at age 89.

He is survived by one daughter and was predeceased by two sons and his wife.

A member of SOS for twenty years, he loved sailing and will be fondly remembered by many.

TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD:

- Due 10th of month for publication the following month
- Send email to seajay2844@gmail.com with "classified ad" in the subject line
- You will receive a confirmation email back
- Ads will appear for only three months unless you notify me earlier to delete or continue.
- 75 word limit

Carole Jordan, Classified Page Editor

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

Part Time Job in Annapolis running the financial office of a small software company using QuickBooks. Tasks include all financial operations: monthly payroll, client invoicing (accounts receivable), recording income and expenses (check writing), cash and budget forecasting, and other tasks as required. Market is Higher Education. Contact Wayne Singley at Trimdata Corp 410-505-5558.

BOAT SLIPS

DEEP WATER SLIP: Join other great dock mates. Available immediately on Mill Creek, Annapolis Contact Suzanne Farr sofarr@aol.com 3-21

ITEMS for Sale**FOR SALE: GIL OS5 Jacket**

Medium Red, Like new, Hardly worn \$75 Contact: Lynn Winkler beachlynn@comcast.net 3-21

OTHER

VARNISH, BRIGHTWORK, WAX, and PAINT. Flabo Brightworks, LLC. Call Julian Sargeant 985-227-5389 or email julianflabo@outlook.com (Recommend by Dan and Teeja Meier.) 3-21

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 3-21

FOR RENT: Large waterfront bedroom and bath in Annapolis. Contact Suzanne Farr sofarr@aol.com 3-21

Kitchen and Bathroom Renovations : Home or Vessel . Contact Mark Rybas @ The Craftsman Connection or mark.rybas@rocketmail.com 3-21

FREE Type III PFDs! Assorted life preservers, handy if you have grandchildren or guests onboard. One adult large ski vest; one adult small/medium paddling & sailing vest; one youth ski vest. Please call or email Susan Veccia: 410/693-4538 or susanveccia@gmail.com. 3-21

SCUTTLEBUTT

(A communal water cask around which sailors traded gossip)

Andy Katz moved to The James Apartments in Annapolis from Rockville in October to be closer to his boat, *Peaceful One*.

Alan Cecil reports that *Sigmachi* is snugly inside the giant temperature-controlled boat house at Pleasure Cove Marina on Bodkin Creek just north of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. The marina is just 35 minutes from our home in Randallstown, MD.

Jeanne & I have been through a battery of doctors and medical tests since our return from our Florida eight-month cruise.

On December 14th Jeanne had neck surgery and then in January will have hand surgery. She needs both corrections to handle those dock lines and help me get up when I fall!

We hope to see you in the forthcoming year as we cruise aboard *Sigmachi* either around the Chesapeake Bay or who knows where along America's Great Loop. It all depends on COVID restrictions.

SOS MEMBERSHIP			
	Dec 2020	Dec 2019	Dec 2018
Members	402	436	439
Skippers	82	91	91
Totals	484*	527	530

SOS FINANCES NOVEMBER 30, 2020	
Club Checking Account	16,846.72
Hi-Yield Savings Account	73,450.13
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Connect with ZOOM Events

Friday Night Education Seminars

Watch for email each week with topic, speaker, and ZOOM link.

Virtual Happy Hours – various dates

Check SOS Calendar for dates and ZOOM links.