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## Cruising Corner

John Rogers, Cruising Chair



There is plenty to get excited about in July with SOS Cruising activities. Don't let the warm weather keep you in. For openers we will celebrate

Independence Day with an overnight(s) cruise anchored for watching fireworks. There are fireworks displays being prepared for St. Michaels/Rock Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Annapolis/Kent Island for the 4<sup>th</sup>. When you register, you may choose to sail both Friday and Saturday overnight, or just Saturday overnight.

The weekend of July 10 we will descend on Eagle Cove off the Magothy for wine tasting paired with chocolate dishes conjured up by the crew of each boat. Eagle Cove off of Sillery Bay is a beautiful anchorage. Remember the circle raft of a couple years ago?

Headed to the Choptank on July 24, we will anchor up Harris Creek in Dun Cove. Known for nice water, we can enjoy the hot weather with a host of water activities. Bring your beach ball, floating rafts, SUPs, or inflatable kayaks. Borrow the grandkids water cannons for some wet and wild fun.

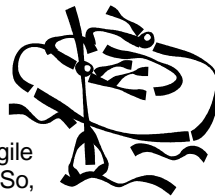
If you can handle some pure sailing, we have scheduled Day Sails on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> with hopes for fair winds.

See you out on the water in July!

## Dinghy Dance - July 18

When you hear about a Dinghy Dance, do you envision dinghies waltzing together on the Chesapeake Bay? Or sailors standing in their dinghies doing the Macarena? Nope! The Dinghy Dance is an opportunity for you to practice the skills required to get in and out of a dinghy in the safety of a swimming pool.

These maneuvers are often tricky, especially for some of us who are less agile than we used to be. So, the Safety Committee is sponsoring a dinghy demonstration and practice exercise on July 18<sup>th</sup> in a private pool in Annapolis. (If registration exceeds limit, we will add a second day.)



The afternoon will begin with viewing videos and discussion on:

- USCG new labels on PFDs
- How to select, inflate and re-arm an inflatable PFD
- How to put on a PFD after you are in the water
- Dinghy safety tips
- How to re-enter a dinghy from the water

The video viewing will be followed by a practice session in the pool. Everyone will have to opportunity to put on a PFD after you are in the water, jump into water with PFD on, and practice a variety of maneuvers to get into a dinghy from the water. The practice will be followed by Q&A and refreshments around the pool while we dry off.

## Seafood Cruise & Dance August 21-22

Here are more details to entice you to attend the upcoming annual Seafood Fest. Like all our summer parties, this one will be very special due to the fact that we were unable to have it last year!

Besides the beautiful venue of Haven Harbour South in Rock Hall with swimming pool and lovely grounds, there's the fun of socializing with all your SOS friends. A relaxing evening by the water watching the sunset is enjoyable if you're not dancing to the tunes of Andre' the DJ.

Now to the all-important food selections! Appetizers will include a vegetable tray, shrimp and smoked salmon. The main course from Chester River Crabs is a choice of #1 Chester River crabs, crab cakes and if you don't like crabs, there will be fried chicken. Sides are potato salad, macaroni salad, broccoli salad and corn on the cob. Finally, desserts are lemon cake and brownies



For those who drive to the party instead of sailing, there are hotels in nearby Rock Hall if you don't want to drive home that evening.

Go the to SOS web site event page to sign up soon for this popular event.

## HELP WANTED! Raft Captains

Join our distinguished group of SOS raft captains who construct our linear and circular rafts. Our Cruising season needs you. See article on page 12 for more information.

## VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



### MANY HANDS KEEP SOS SAILING

We all love our fun and adventurous cruises! We sail on safe boats, we have competent skippers, and we might also have a skilled First Mate on board. We sign up for a cruise, we list our skills and experience, and we are accepted on a boat going to an anchorage on the Chester River. So, what happens to make this work? Does the skipper know where to find the rafting spot? If it's a windy day, will a raft be safe? I'm in a small boat.....will this boat have a strong anchor? Lots of questions!

When I first sailed to an SOS Cruise, I was astounded! One had to wait to be called in and told exactly where and how to tie up! In my past experience, when you arrived at a club raft, you just joined by going alongside one of the boats. Was this safe? How many anchors were holding the raft? Turns out that many "simple" rafts were not safe at all, and I was involved in several middle of night raft breakups in other clubs which was neither fun nor safe! I'm thankful SOS has a winning formula!

**Activated Boats** - First, the club has a profile of each "activated "boat". This includes the boat length, freeboard (height above waterline), and details about anchor size and amount of rode (chain and line). The boat activations are the responsibility of our Safety Chair. Second, we have a trained Raft Captain who has this data about all of the boats who are registered for the cruise. He/she also knows if the skipper is brand new, or has been in numerous rafts.

**Planning the raft** - Using this data about boats and crew, the raft captain plans the raft. (See the article later in this newsletter for a great description

of building a raft.). Our skippers understand what's involved and why we do it in such a prescribed way. I sometimes grumble when I arrive at 2:00 and need to circle around until 3:00 before getting called to enter the Raft! But clearly, planning the raft type, boat placement, and number of anchors, makes good sense. Everyone understands and supports SOS rafting procedures. SOS skippers have even been invited to give seminars at several area yacht clubs about the club's rafting process because we do it so well!

**Passing lines** - sometimes there are passing lines. These are strong lines which may be handed off to a boat in a raft and used to help guide a second boat as it backs into a raft. If not handled carefully, these can be dangerous. But, if handled by competent crew, they can be quite helpful. Again, training is key!

**SOS Skippers** - Finally, we have a cadre of skippers who bring a variety of boats to SOS events. Skippers are solely responsible for the upkeep and condition of their boats. Once underway, the skipper is responsible for the conduct of the vessel, and the safety of all onboard. He/she must know a great deal about navigation, the rules of the road, and boat handling. To assist our skippers, we have a Skippers Advisory Committee. These folks act as advisors and spokesperson to the skipper community and recommend actions to assist skippers and facilitate participation in SOS sailing.

**Coming up**, we have many more cruises. Some to a marina (Anniversary Party) and some to a club raft up (Wine and Chocolate cruise). Sign up and enjoy! Know that SOS has a lot of policies and procedures designed to keep everything both safe and enjoyable! See you on the water!

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**Sandy**

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## Unofficial Notes June 3, 2021 Board Meeting

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

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**Approval of Minutes:** Board Meeting minutes of May 6, 2021 were approved.

**Commodore:** Nominating Committee is up and running.

**Vice Commodore:** Preparing for Town Hall meeting.

**Treasurers Report:**

1. Form 990ez for 2020 was submitted to the IRS and is being distributed to the BOD.
2. Revenue YTD is on par with last year. Big increase in cruising fees over last year thanks to lifting of pandemic restrictions.
3. Expenses YTD are on par with last year.
4. Net income YTD close to 2020.

**Secretaries Report:** Nothing new to add

**Committee Reports:**

**Bareboat** –

**France trip:** Participants:

Week 1 – 31

Week 2 – 11

Trip gathering is scheduled for Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at Michael Sommer's house. Wait list is being cultivated.

**BVI Trip:** Eight boats have been reserved for 10 days. The estimated cost of a 10-day trip is \$2,000. This cost does not include trip insurance or any other related costs.

**Aeolian Island.** Deposits have tentatively been made for eight boats. At this time, we have six skippers who have expressed an interest in sailing at 14 months out.

**Brunch** – Completed for the year.

**Cruising** – The 2021 Cruising is going well. We had a great Cruising Kickoff at Port Annapolis. Many of

the crew are being accommodated on both day sails and overnight cruises. A blast was sent out to the club regarding raft-ups.

**Database** – All events up to and including the August 14 Town Hall are open for sign-ups.

**Education** – At this time there are no new education activities planned

**First Mates** – The FM potluck (catered by Meeps Yox and Carole Jordan) and meeting was held at Sandy Point State Park May 1. FMs attended Cruising Kickoff on May 8

**Membership** – Profile updates requested by Rita Svec of Members by June 1. All information to be updated by June 16. Directory to be submitted to the printer by Linda Casucci o/a June 17. New Members packets were sent out to twelve new members who joined May 1 to May 30.

**Public Relations** – PR was glad to support Cruising Committee in facilitating access to SOS Tee shirts for their Cruising Kick Off. We have had very positive feedback about the Backyard Gatherings, including offers for additional (or repeat) hosts

**Safety** – The CPR and First Aid class for mariners was held today. We had approximately 28 members in attendance. Plans for the Dinghy Dance training are well underway thanks to the leadership of Shirley Brooks. More skippers are gradually providing information on their boats allowing more boats to be activated.

**Skippers Advisory** - Monthly ZOOM Skipper HH meetings continued in May and will continue monthly throughout the sailing season on the

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Attendance has been good. There have not been any recent requests for boat helpers, yet skippers may still request one or more by contacting Lorraine Fassett. A skippers' party for skippers and one guest will be held on Friday, August 13 starting at 4 PM with venue TBD.

**Social** – All sailing related parties are planned for the summer and fall.

**Unfinished Business:** PR: items to purchase: Board decided to not purchase swag items. Back yard gatherings were discussed and resolved.

**New Business:** BVI Bareboat Cruise. Sandy Rosswork made a motion to approve the BVI cruise as proposed. Robin Meigel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Review of Action items.**

1. Dockside training to be added later in the year. A discussion regarding monitoring and accountability of Basic Skills completion status for overnight cruises was conducted.

2. Membership committee to report back on cost reduction measures.

3. Nonresident member category on temporary hold.

4. Plan not to promote SOS participation in the summer charity races if they conflict with scheduled SOS activities.

## Fleet Exercises and Shore Leave

Please email your questions and request for directions to the coordinator

If you are **paying by check** for any sailing event, a **paper Sailing Registration Form must accompany the check** mailed to the **coordinator**. A copy of this form can be found on the SOS website.

All checks are to be made payable to **SOS, Inc.** The postmark is used as the mail in cutoff/deadline date.

**Note: individual request for refunds will incur a \$3 Administration Fee.**



### July 3/4 Saturday – Sunday

### Find the Fireworks Cruise

**Destination:** Various Harbors  
**Deadline:** Mail: June 17 (postmark)  
 Online: June 22

**Cost:** \$34 - Member or Non-member

**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.

**Coordinator:** Anne Simmons [sosannie2020@aol.com](mailto:sosannie2020@aol.com)

Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)



### July 8 Thursday

### Mid-Week Day Sail

**Destination:** Skipper's Choice  
**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by July 1

**Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member

**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

**Coordinator:** Kathy Haven [MsKathha@gmail.com](mailto:MsKathha@gmail.com)

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### July 8 Thursday

### Board Meeting

**Location:** Double Tree Inn, Annapolis, MD

**Time:** 7:00 to 10:00pm

**Note:** Open to all Members.



### July 10/11 Saturday – Sunday

### Wine & Chocolate Cruise

**Destination:** Eagle Cove/Magothy River  
**Deadline:** Mail: June 24 (postmark)  
 Online: June 29

**Cost:** \$34 - Member or Non-member

**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.

**Coordinator:** Sue Donaldson [sbdonaldson713@verizon.net](mailto:sbdonaldson713@verizon.net)

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### July 17 Saturday

### Day Sail

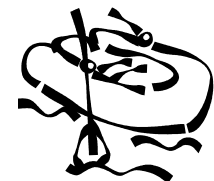
**Destination:** Skipper's Choice  
**Deadline:** Mail: July 7 (postmark)  
 Online: July 11 (9 pm)

**Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member

**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

**Coordinator:** Debbie Lyle [dlyle7311@yahoo.com](mailto:dlyle7311@yahoo.com)

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### July 18 Sunday

### Dinghy Dance Seminar

**Destination:** Annapolis, MD – Private Home  
 (directions sent upon registration)

**Cost:** \$10 – Members only

**Time:** 1:00pm – 3:30pm

**Deadline:** Mail: July 11 (postmark)  
 Online: July 15

**Note:** Bring a towel and wear bathing suit to event as there will be no facilities to change clothes. Beverages and snacks provided.

**Coordinator:** Shirley Brooks [shirleybbrooks@yahoo.com](mailto:shirleybbrooks@yahoo.com)

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**July 20 Tuesday****Mid-Week Day Sail****Destination:** Skipper's Choice**Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by July 13**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.**Coordinator:** Kitty St. Romain [K.St.Romain@comcast.net](mailto:K.St.Romain@comcast.net)Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)**July 24/25 Saturday – Sunday****Wet and Wild Cruise****Destination:** Harris Creek/Choptank River**Cost:** \$34 - Member or Non-member**Deadline:** Mail: July 10 (postmark)  
Online: July 13**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.**Coordinator:** Jill Montgomery [jill.montgom@gmail.com](mailto:jill.montgom@gmail.com)Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)**August 3 Thursday****Mid-Week Day Sail****Destination:** Skipper's Choice**Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by July 27**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.**Coordinator:** Samia AbdelWahed [samia.wahed@gmail.com](mailto:samia.wahed@gmail.com)Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)**August 5 Thursday****Board Meeting****Location:** Via Hybrid Zoom and/or in person,  
Contact Commodore for details**Time:** 7:00 to 10:00pm**Note:** Open to all Members.**August 7-8 Saturday – Sunday****Appetizers & Desserts Cruise****Destination:** Reed Creek/Chester River**Cost:** \$34 - Member or Non-member**Deadline:** Mail: July 22 (postmark)  
Online: July 27**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.**Coordinator:** Beth Krushinski [bkrushinski@gmail.com](mailto:bkrushinski@gmail.com)Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)**August 14 Saturday****Day Sail****Destination:** Skipper's Choice**Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member**Deadline:** Mail: August 4 (postmark)  
Online: August 8 (9 pm)**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.**Coordinator:** Samia AbdelWahed [samia.wahed@gmail.com](mailto:samia.wahed@gmail.com)Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)**August 14 Saturday****Town Hall Meeting****Destination:** Port Annapolis, Marina Pavilion.**Cost:** Member Meeting/Dinner: **Free**  
Non-Member: **\$25.00****Deadline:** Mail: August 6 (postmark)  
Online: August 10**Time:** 5-6pm Happy Hour  
6-7pm Dinner  
7-9pm Meeting**Note:** There is not a coordinated sail for this event. Skippers who wish to sail, may invite crew and arrange for a slip at any marina in Annapolis.**NO WALK-INS - If you do not sign up you will not get dinner.**

Time to meet the Board of Director candidates.

**Coordinator:** Robin Meigel [rmeigel@hotmail.com](mailto:rmeigel@hotmail.com)Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

**Aug. 21-22 Saturday – Sunday**

**Destination:** Haven Harbor South, Rock Hall  
**Catered by:** Chester River Crabs  
**Music by:** Andre' the DJ  
**Deadline:** Mail: August 5 (postmark)  
**Cruise & Party:** Online: August 10  
**Party only:** Mail: August 6, Online: August 11

**Event Mgr.** Meeps Yox  
**Coordinator:** Kathy Haven [MsKathha@gmail.com](mailto:MsKathha@gmail.com)

Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

**Seafood Feast Cruise/Party**

**Cost:** \$87 - Cruise & Party  
 \$53 - Party only  
**NO walk-ins**

**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration form with a check to the coordinator.

**August 26 Thursday**

**Destination:** Skipper's Choice  
**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by August 20

**Coordinator:** Kitty St. Romain [K.St.Romain@comcast.net](mailto:K.St.Romain@comcast.net)

Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

**Mid-Week Day Sail**

**Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member

**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

**August 29 Sunday**

**Destination:** Skipper's Choice  
**Deadline:** Mail: August 4 (postmark)  
 Online: August 8 (9 pm)

**Coordinator:** Debbie Lyle [dlyle7311@yahoo.com](mailto:dlyle7311@yahoo.com)

Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

**Day Sail**

**Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member

**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

**Sept. Thursday**

**Location:** Via Hybrid Zoom and/or in person, Contact Commodore for details

**Board Meeting**

**Time:** 7:00 to 10:00pm

**Note:** Open to all Members.

**Sept. 4-5 Saturday – Monday**

**Destination:** Solomons Isl, Choptank Rv, Home Port.  
**Deadline:** Mail: Aug 19 (postmark)  
 Online: Aug 24

**Coordinator:** Nancy Briggs [nancybriggs@hotmail.com](mailto:nancybriggs@hotmail.com)

Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

**3 Day Labor Day Cruise**

**Cost:** \$51 - Member or Non-member

**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

**Sept. 10-12 Friday – Sunday**

**Destination:** Skipper choice Friday, Saturday Shaw Bay/Wye River, Rafting in Pods  
**Deadline:** Mail: Aug. 26 (postmark)  
 Online: Aug 31

**Coordinator:** Linda Casucci [ccasuccili@gmail.com](mailto:ccasuccili@gmail.com)

Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

**3 Day Eastport Oyster Boys Concert Cruise**

**Cost:** \$51 - Member or Non-member

**Note:** Non-member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

**September 2021 Choose One Week**

**Destination:** Alsace Lorraine, France

**Note:** Week 1 – Sept 3 to Sept 10  
 Week 2 – Sept 10 to Sept 17

**Coordinator:** Sandy Rosswork [sgrosswork@aol.com](mailto:sgrosswork@aol.com)

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

**France – Bareboat Canal Trip**

**Cost:** Members \$1000 = Boat Cost and Admin Fee. - Air Fare and Insurance are separate.

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



**April 5-15  
2022**      **10 day trip**

**Destination:** British Virgin Islands

**Note:** Must be fully vaccinated to sign up for this trip per BVI Immigration requirements.

**Coordinator:** Michael Sommer [msommer414@gmail.com](mailto:msommer414@gmail.com)  
Go to <http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/> for more details

**Belated 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Bareboat Cruise**

**Cost:** Members \$2000 = Boat Cost and Admin Fee. - Air Fare and Insurance are separate.

**Note:** To Download Registration Form with Payment Information:  
<http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/449637246>



### **Directions to August 14<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Meeting**

#### **Port Annapolis Maria 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.

### **Directions to August 21st Seafood Feast**

#### **Haven Harbor South Marina (formerly named Sailing Emporium):**

21144 Green Ln, Rock Hall, MD [www.havenharbour.com](http://www.havenharbour.com)

**From the South** - East over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge to Rt. 301. Take Rt. 213 north to Chestertown.

Proceed through Chestertown- turn left at Rt. 291 (Morgnec Rd) go to end, turn right onto Rt. 20 to Rock Hall (12 miles). Turn left at the blinking light (Main St.). Go through town of Rock Hall. Turn right onto Green Lane. Continue to the Sailing Emporium entrance on your right.

**From the North** - Interstate 95 to Rt. 896 S to Rt. 896/301 Take 301 (past Middletown, DE) to exit right onto Rt. 290 to Galena. Go through light at Galena. Now on Rt. 213. Continue to Chestertown. Turn right on Rt. 291. Go to the end; turn right on Rt. 20, to Rock Hall. Continue as above.

## Team SOS Leukemia Cup Race Results



Thanks to the 31 SOS members and friends who made donations, Team SOS raised **\$3,129** to fund Leukemia research and education. Quite a successful community outreach effort by SOS!

Two SOS boats participated this year: *Sail Away* and *Ingenuity*. Once again there was a hard-fought battle between the two for the lead position. At the last nail-biting minute, higher wind came up and *Sail Away* pulled ahead to win by just a few boat lengths. If the wind had stayed light, *Ingenuity* would have won first place as they did last year!



2<sup>nd</sup> place - *Ingenuity* Skipper Joe Lombardo

*Photo by Al Schriemuller*



1<sup>st</sup> place – *Sail Away*  
Skipper George Hollendursky

*Photo by Al Schriemuller*



*Sail Away* crew:  
Shirley Brooks, Craig Coltharp,  
Skipper George Hollendursky,  
Mike Swift

*Photo by Joy Meacham*



The Chesapeake Regional Accessible Boating (CRAB) Cup is right around the corner on August 21st. Please make sure you mark your calendar to donate to this worthy cause! Over 30 sponsoring companies have confirmed their support to make the event a success. With the State of Maryland opening up on July 1st, CRAB will host its After Party at the EYC... SOS will likely not attend as it conflicts with our wonderful seafood Feast in Rock Hall. However, there is a Skippers Challenge virtual fundraiser which will kick off on July 12th. You don't have to be sailing in the race to participate. The funds raised from the annual CRAB Cup event are nearly a quarter of the CRAB operating budget and serve to keep our sailing programs free of charge for CRAB guests.

### Back Yard Gatherings

With a very successful and well-attended spate of Backyard Gatherings, we have been approached by some members to continue the regional potluck gatherings. Some potential hosts have even suggested it could include a dip in their pool. If you want to host – look at the Cruising Calendar, at your own calendar, and choose a date (you may even consider a weekday event) then contact Linda Casucci [CasucciLJ@gmail.com](mailto:CasucciLJ@gmail.com) or Janet Gonski [JGSunset@yahoo.com](mailto:JGSunset@yahoo.com) with your ideas and we will help make it happen.





## August 14<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Meeting: Meet Board Candidates and General Membership Meeting

The club will be electing four new members for the Board of Directors for two-year terms this September. Cherie Comly, Bev Nash and John Parsons have volunteered to be our Nominating Committee with Anne Bastian 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 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 Town Hall Meeting. All members who accept a nomination will appear on the September election ballot.

The General Membership Meeting schedule is:

5-6 Happy Hour

6-7 Dinner

7- 9:00 Business Meeting

9:00 Clean up and close

This event is free for all members. So come out, visit with your SOS friends, meet the nominees and hear what they have to say. The meeting will be at Port Annapolis Pavilion, 7074 Bembe Beach Rd, Annapolis, MD 21403.

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

Please volunteer to help with set up. Contact Robin Meigel at [rmeigel@hotmail.com](mailto:rmeigel@hotmail.com).

The previous **April 8<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting** was held via Zoom with more than 50 members participating. The agenda included a presentation of the recent membership survey, reports from the club officers, and reports from all committee chairs. These reports are part of a power point presentation which may be seen in entirety on the SOS web site.

There were no motions presented at this meeting, and none were discussed. There were no substantive questions asked which required a follow up written response.

### Welcome New Members

Tara Brannigan - Arlington, VA.  
Ruth Connell - Annapolis, MD.  
Mary Payne - Wallingford, PA.  
Marci Seeger - Annapolis, MD..  
Judith Templeton - Annapolis, MD.  
Gwyn Vernon - Wallingford, PA.

### Welcome Returning Members

John Swahn - Bryn Mawr, PA.

### Welcome New Skipper

Stuart Danoff - Ft Myers, FL

### Skipper Appreciation Program

Vouchers to be used at a major party or brunch will be awarded to skippers from the Board of Directors as a thank you for their participation. To qualify a skipper must complete:

1. Five Day Sails, taking at least one crewmember offered by the coordinator.
2. Three weekend sails taking at least one crew member offered by the coordinator.
3. Any combination of the two above with a total of six days on the water.



This system is starting immediately using the sails already completed. Skippers may receive more than one voucher a season as long as the criteria above is met.

The voucher system is in place for this 2021 sailing season only. However, the vouchers may be used by the recipients during 2022.

Showing appreciation to our skippers and getting more crew on the water sure sound like winners!

# DNR Party



(L to R):  
Meeps Yox and Carole Jordan  
DNR Party Co-coordinators

Happy SOS Gathering  
Without COVID-19 Masks



(L to R): Teresa Scofield,  
John McDonald, Lora Donia &  
Beth Krushinskie

(L to R): Chuck Fort, Charlie  
Wright, Rita Svec, Lorraine  
Fassett & Pat Woodie

(L to R): Fran Wright,  
Catherine Fox, Katie  
Amundson & John Rogers



(L to R): Catherine Fox  
& Beth Schafer

(L to R): Commodore Sandy  
Rosswork presenting SOS  
burgees to new skippers  
Andy Katz & Rick Stewart

(L to R): Debra Roane, Rita  
Svec & Dustin Kuzan

**Photographers: John Parsons (JFP); Samia AbdelWahed (SAW); Bob Wright (RAW)**  
**NOTE FROM PHOTO EDITOR:** Please include names with your photos so we can learn everyone's names.

# Day Sails (dates as noted)



June 12<sup>th</sup> (L to R): Martha Haines, Ruth Connell, Skipper Andy Katz & Kate Collins.



May 26<sup>th</sup> – Blue Angel (L to R): Nancy Bromberg, Susan Jenkins, Bill Knapp & Jeannie Bessmer.



May 20<sup>th</sup> (L to R): Pam Ledford, Skipper Dennis Krizek, Karen Parsons & Judith Downey.



Memorial Day Cruise (L to R): Debra Roane, Julie Fort, Samia AbdelWahed & Cheri Comly.



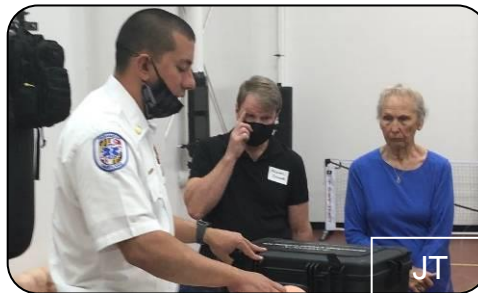
Happy Hour on *Sea Tango* Martha Haines, Sandy Rosswork, David Hassett, Kate Collins



CPR/AED/First Aid Training for Mariners  
Photo of the SOS Group.



New Member David Hassett  
May 12 Day Sail



CPR/AED/First Aid (L to R): Instructor, Michael Sommer & Lorraine Fassett.



CPR/AED/First Aid (L to R): Instructor, Pam Ledford & Joan Tannen.

Photographs submitted by: Samia AbdelWahed (SAW); Emil Becker (EB); Chuck Fort (CF); Andy Katz (AK); Pam Ledford (PL) and Joan Tannen (JT)

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## SCUTTLEBUTT

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



**Bill Knapp** did an Around the Delmarva sail with Richard Stewart and his brother Tom from June 2nd to June 12th. It may take longer if they stop at a few places along the way.

**Kati and Harry Keith** are heading north with a planned departure of June 8. Their destination is Maine or, COVID permitting, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. They will return in late September or October. Some ways to track them on their trip:

- (1) AIS (Automatic Identification System) broadcasts their location. Click this link: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/en/ais/details/ships/shipid:6621113/mmsi:368148990/imo:0/vesel:CIRCE> for their location. It works on a phone, but much nicer on a PC. There is also an app for the phone which works a bit better. The two buttons you want to look at are "past track" and "show on live map."
- (2) Or instead of the link, search for their MMSI, 368148990
- (3) They are exploring a web site that they hope to use. They have never used it before, so not sure. [Spring 2021 - Around our home base - Annapolis, MD - Harry & Kati](#)

## The SOS Scoop on Being a Raft Captain

By

Emil Becker, Lorraine Fassett, Co-Chairs, Skippers' Advisory Committee and Bennett Kaufman, Raft Captain Coordinator

One of the best things about SOS are the rafts. When we raft, we have a chance to make new friends, visit with old friends, eat, and drink. SOS has built rafts with just a few boats to a monster raft with 62 boats in June, 2002.

SOS rafts are either linear (boats in single line) or circular (boats in a circle). Circular rafts are usually built when there are more than 14 boats.

The individuals in SOS responsible for putting rafts together are **The Raft Captains**. Raft Captains are highly experienced SOS skippers. Raft Captains begin their training with a three- or four-hour seminar that is followed up with being mentored by an experienced raft captain.

Being a raft captain is one of the more difficult jobs in SOS with a great deal of responsibility for lots of expensive boats. The raft captain's job begins early in the sail. He or she must ascertain which boats on the cruise list are sailing by using a VHF radio check-in at 1315 (1:15 PM) hours. Raft captains usually arrive at the anchorage before the majority of the fleet and select a safe place to build the raft. The raft captain decides upon the arrangement of the boats in the raft. At the raft captain's order some boats are asked to put down anchors (and others are not). Finally, when all the boats are in the raft, the raft captain checks the lines between the boats and pronounces the raft closed. No more joyous words than that!

But the raft captain's job is far from over! Raft captains continually have to keep an eye out for the weather. Storms and wind changes can occur that make rafting dangerous and the raft captain can be faced with a decision to break up the raft and ask the boats to anchor individually.

Finally come morning, the raft captain has to announce the time for the raft breakup and the order in which the boats in the raft can safely leave the raft.

All this sound like fun? Might be difficult at first, but it is rewarding to know that you contributed to a safe and fun experience for your cruising friends and fellow skippers.

Let us know if you would like to be a Raft Captain!

### In Memory of Barbara Holmes

Long-time SOS Member, Barbara Holmes, passed away January 30, 2021  
No additional information is available at this time.



Welcome to the SOS  
Happy Hour page!  
Be sure to check here  
for a Happy Hour  
event in your area.  
Send any changes,  
updates or new  
information about Happy  
Hours to Jill Montgomery  
[jill.montgom@gmail.com](mailto:jill.montgom@gmail.com)



### Virtual Happy Hours on ZOOM VARIOUS DATES:

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 for dates and ZOOM links to all the Virtual Happy Hours.

**KEY WEST, FL:** SOS HAPPY HOUR place and time to be determined. **Contact: TERRI AND KARL, 410-707-4319 or 267-221-6312**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday

**ELLCOTT CITY: July 1st 5:00-7:30 PM**  
La Palapa Grill, 8307 Main Street, Ellicott City  
MD 21043 410-465-0070 [www.lapalapagrill.com](http://www.lapalapagrill.com)  
**COORDINATOR: JILL** -  
[jill.montgom@gmail.com](mailto:jill.montgom@gmail.com)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

**NOVA/DC: July 7th 5:00-7:00 PM**  
Salt & Pepper Restaurant (sheltered 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
terrace), 5125 MacArthur Blvd. NW, Washington, DC  
20016 **\*NOTE\*: RSVP TO COORDINATOR  
REQUIRED by Sunday July 4th at 4pm, for venue  
reservation with headcount.** No walk-ins.  
**COORDINATOR: WENDY** -  
[wladams11@verizon.net](mailto:wladams11@verizon.net)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

**PA: July 8th 6:00 PM**  
The historic **Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia**,  
300 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Essington, PA 19029. **\*NOTE\*:**  
Cash bar with snacks, \$5 cover charge. Reservations  
are required. **RSVP TO COORDINATOR.**  
**COORDINATOR: MARY** -  
[Mary.payne@comcast.net](mailto:Mary.payne@comcast.net)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**ROCKVILLE: July 15th 5:00-7:00 PM**  
**Save the Date!** Location to be determined & sent-out  
via a "blast"  
**COORDINATOR: JON-**  
[jonbernheimer@verizon.net](mailto:jonbernheimer@verizon.net)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**KENT ISLAND: July 15th 4:00-6:00 PM**  
**FISHERMAN'S INN** 3116 Main Street, Grasonville,  
MD 21638. 410-827-6666 [www.fishermansinn.com](http://www.fishermansinn.com)  
**COORDINATOR: BARB -**  
[bbbroomsao@aol.com](mailto:bbbroomsao@aol.com)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

**WILMINGTON: July 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30 PM**  
**TIMOTHY'S Restaurant and Bar**, 930 Justison  
Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 Wilmington Riverfront  
by Blue Rock Stadium, facing the waterfront. Drink  
specials until 7 PM. 302-429-7427  
[www.timothysontheriverfront.com](http://www.timothysontheriverfront.com)  
**COORDINATOR: SUE-**  
[Sbdonaldson713@verizon.net](mailto:Sbdonaldson713@verizon.net)

### 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

**ANNAPOLIS: July 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:00-7:00 PM**  
**THE PIER**, 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, MD. Rt. 2  
on south side of South River Bridge. If we are not in  
the bar area, we will be on the UPPER deck outside.  
443-837-6057 [cocojoes@comcast.net](mailto:cocojoes@comcast.net)  
**COORDINATOR: RON- repence@msn.com**

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**BOATS FOR SALE**

**1964 Pearson Vanguard Sloop 32'** for sale by owner. Docked in Middle River, rebuilt engine, new compost head, AC/DC power systems, refinished original spruce boom, sails, tons of 'stuff', tools, parts, etc. Roller Furling Jib, spinnaker and pole, new spars, Pictures available. Call Paul, 802-490-3792 7-21

**BOAT SLIPS**

**DEEP WATER SLIP:** Join other great dock mates. Available immediately on Mill Creek, Annapolis Contact Suzanne Farr [sofarr@aol.com](mailto:sofarr@aol.com) 8-21

**ITEMS FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE: Maringo day/night plus solar vent 4"** white plastic. Works on rechargeable battery at night. Ventilation for boat or RV. Advertised at West Marine online for \$224.99. **Asking \$100.** Never used. Mint condition in original box. Bob Morrow, [cogito28@aol.com](mailto:cogito28@aol.com) 7-21

**FOR SALE:** Brand new never worn **TILLEY HAT** size 7 1/8, 57 cm. List price \$110, for you \$25.00, pick up in Edgewater. Call Barbara at 410 956 1445. 7-21

**FOR SALE:** Weems & Plath, **TEAK Log Book** cover with brass sailboat plate retail \$212.99, Logbook insert retail \$31.99. NEVER USED. \$100 obo. Ruth Moore 410-267-0599 7-21

**FOR SALE: Fujinon 229.99 VHF handheld transceiver,** ICOM with recharger. \$75.00 Lorraine Fassett, 410-573-1030, [lhfassett@verizon.net](mailto:lhfassett@verizon.net) 7-21

**FOR SALE: Dinghy - 2016 Achilles Aluminum HB 310.** Never used /Never titled /Excellent condition. Will be getting a MD title. MRSP: \$4200. Selling for \$2500. Call Neil at 267-337-1181 or email [Rossail@goeaston.net](mailto:Rossail@goeaston.net)

**FOR SALE:** A pair of NRS Titanium waterproof cold weather full finger **sailing gloves** Size M. Never worn. Keep your hands dry and warm! \$25 obo Mary Ann 410-980-0515 10-21

**FOR SALE:**

1. Platismo Compress **Compass** 17291/Contest130 .Never used. \$225.
  2. Jet Technology Double Leaf **Cockpit Pedestal Table** marine grade polyethylene, UV stable P/N 51797008, Measures 23.5 X 13.5; with 2 leaves open 23.5 X 27. New \$500.
  3. Lewmar Ocean series Size 10 **Hatch/Window** # 90438 with accompanying ocean air Sky Shade and Screen. New \$300.
- For all contact [gwynsails@gmail.com](mailto:gwynsails@gmail.com) 10-21

**FOR SALE:** West Marine **VHF100 Marine Radio** Model 3677036 in box with all accessories, Best Offer. Meeps, **text** 410-812-6248

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**Life Jackets** in a Bag: Free to good home. Or bad home. Or indifferent. Just free. Pick up Annapolis area. Reply to [laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com](mailto:laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com).

**FOR RENT**

**FOR RENT:** "Marsh Magic" - A serene vacation rental in West Ocean City, MD. [www.ocmarshmagic.com](http://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](mailto:ocmarshmagic@gmail.com) 10-21

**FOR RENT:** Large waterfront bedroom and bath in Annapolis. Contact Suzanne Farr [sofarr@aol.com](mailto:sofarr@aol.com) 10-21

**FOR RENT:** "SANDS SOUCI" a family beach vacation home on the Outer Banks, Duck, North Carolina. 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, Jacuzzi bath, 5 decks. View sunsets on the Currituck Sound. Beach accessories and Golf Cart included. Contact Judy Barral for availability at [jbarral60@gmail.com](mailto:jbarral60@gmail.com) 10-21

SOS Members	June 2021	June 2020	June 2019	June 2018
Members	200	395	423	428
Skippers	53	75	89	87
Lifetime Members	110			
Lifetime Skippers	20			
Inactive Members	18			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>516</b>

SOS Finances June 2021	
Club Checking Account	27,817.34
Hi-Yield Savings Account	73,453.79
Club Credit Card	-7,057.42
Bareboat Account	42,448.98

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### ***Day Sails***

July 8, 17, 20, 29

### ***Weekend Cruises***

July 3-4 - Find the Fireworks Cruise  
July 10-11 - Wine & Chocolate Cruise  
July 24-25 - Wet and Wild Cruise

### ***Safety Seminar***

July 18 - Dinghy Dance