

January 2022, Vol. 44, No. 1

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



CURRENT MEMBERS

Annual membership dues for 2022 will be \$60 for Regular and Associate. For Lifetime membership dues are \$40. Dues for Inactive/Nonresident membership are \$15. For those wanting a printed copy of the whisker pole, there is a \$40 annual subscription.

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 membership dues.
- You review and make any updates to 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 subscription.

LIFE MEMBER RENEWAL

Annual Life Membership dues for 2022 are \$40. If you choose to receive a hard copy of monthly newsletter you must also pay the \$40 annual subscription. YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE A LIFE MEMBER IF: you were born on or before December 31, 1951 and you joined BEFORE March

31, 2009. Also if you had a lapse in your membership since March 31, 2009 you are NOT eligible to become a Life Member.

FEES & MEMBER PROFILE:

- To change your membership to Life member, you must contact the membership committee to verify your eligibility for lifetime membership. Then you pay the \$40 membership dues.
- You review and make any updates to 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 subscription.

INACTIVE/NONRESIDENT MEMBERS

Annual Inactive/Nonresident dues for 2022 are \$15. If you choose to receive a hard copy of monthly newsletter you must also pay the \$40 annual subscription. YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE AN INACTIVE/NONRESIDENT MEMBER IF: you live outside of the Chesapeake Bay area, or have physical or other limitations, and therefore no longer sail or attend social functions.

FEES & MEMBER PROFILE:

- You pay the \$15 membership dues

- You review and make any updates to 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 subscription.

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 annual subscription as current members.

Online renewal is preferred for all categories of membership. However, if you insist, paper forms will be accepted.

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Happy New Year!!

2022 is here and I hope that your holidays were filled with family, friends, and joy. It was so uplifting for me to actually visit with family in person; I hope you felt the same.

SOS was able to have several indoor events in the last few months and I want to personally thank all who attended, willingly showing their "vax" cards and enjoying the friendship of the club members. Thank you to Suzanne Vaughn and her Brunch committee for arranging such interesting speakers for our brunches. I hope you agree that the information from our speakers was fascinating. A special thanks also to all who opened their homes for the Regional Thanksgivings and holiday gatherings. We all thank you!

We hear the words "hope" and "normal" a lot these days. I would like to focus on "possibilities" and "opportunities" in 2022. We may not return to "normal" as we once knew it, but we know that we CAN and WILL function as a club and enjoy those events that are such a big part of our lives.

And there are many in the next few months! We have more Brunches, Fireside Chats and Educational Zoom Meetings to attend during these winter months. Education Chair Bill Knapp and his committee are working tirelessly to create a Spring Training Event for us all in March. Give Bill a quick email and offer to give him a hand! Participating in the planning and execution will make you enjoy it even more.

Cruising Chair Chuck Fort has been crafting a fabulous Cruising Schedule

with input from all skippers! Can't wait to see the finished product! Chuck will be looking for help with coordination of sailing events, as well as the Cruising kick-off. Can you lend a hand? Give him a call.

And believe it or not, our Social Chair, Noreen McGuire, is already hard at work, planning our SUMMER parties!! Yes, planning must start early to make things run smoothly. I'll just bet she could use some help in that endeavor. Are you artistic?? Love parties?? Social events are not only fun to attend, but fun to plan.

Let's make this year, 2022, a year of possibilities. I can't wait.....

Carole

Commodore

Welcome New and Returning Members

Mark Haven - Potomac, MD
Everette Lafon - Pikesville, MD
Ellen Martz - Annapolis, MD
Donna Schmitz - Lothian, MD
Kathrine Threefoot - Arden, DE

Volunteers needed for Social Committee

Have a creative streak or organizational skills? Or maybe you just want to be part of the party planning?

If interested in joining this fun committee (it's also a great way to meet people), please contact Noreen McGuire at nmcgny@hotmail.com, you can even pick your party! It's not too early, spring will be here before you know it.

Whisker Pole NEWSLETTER

Published Monthly

Singles on Sailboats, Inc.
P.O. Box 5708, Annapolis, MD 21403
410.798.4098

www.singlesonsailboats.org

Newsletter Editor:
Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky
editorwhiskerpole@yahoo.com

Proofreaders:
Angela Weathers, Barbara Shoemaker,
Marge Stembel, Perry Brown

10th of Month submission deadlines

Fleet Exercises & Shore Leave:

Ned Schwartz
sosfleetexercises@gmail.com

Photos : Bob Wright
robert.wright.bowie@gmail.com

Happy Hours : Jill Montgomery
jill.montgom@gmail.com

Classified Ads: Carole Jordan
seajay2844@gmail.com

Scuttlebutt: Jody Hutchinson
mjodyh@yahoo.com

15th of Month submission deadlines

All articles:

Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky
editorwhiskerpole@yahoo.com

Website admin:
adm_sos@singlesonsailboats.org

New Member Inquiry:
info@singlesonsailboats.org

Boat US Discount code #GA80619S

Inside:

Board Notes	3
Brunches	4
Classified	13
COVID Policy	4
Fireside Chats	8
Fleet Exercises	6-7
Happy Hour	14
Photo Contest	5
Photos	9-11
Retrospective	5
Scuttlebutt	12
Sicily Bareboat Trip	12
Spring Training	8
Tim Dougherty; In Memory	11
ZOOM Education Program	8

Unofficial Notes Dec. 2, 2021 Board Meeting

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of November 8, 2021 board (BOD) meeting approved.

Commodore: 2022 Retreat and Planning Session scheduled for Saturday January 8. BOD meeting; lunch; planning session with committee chairs.

Vice Commodore: Introduced resolution to change names on SOS bank accounts and credit card to reflect November changeover in officers. Adopted.

Treasurer:

Club Checking Account	19,379.22
Hi-Yield Savings Account	73,457.47
Club Credit Card	-6225.45
Bareboat Account	63,451.55

Secretary: Nothing to add.

Committees:

Bareboat: France September 2021 -- Final accounting prepared and submitted for review.

BVI April 5-15 2022 -- Wait list established.

Aeolian Islands September 10-17 2022 -- Application finalized, blast created, simple site in process, Sicily talk planned for Friday January 14 Education Zoom.

Brunch: Holiday brunch is on Sunday December 5. Historian Jamie L. H. Goodall, Ph.D. will speak on subject of her recent book *Pirates of the Chesapeake Bay: From the Colonial Era to the Oyster Wars*. 2022 brunches scheduled for Sundays January 9 and March 13, speakers TBD.

Cruising: 2022 season planning underway. Survey prepared to solicit skippers' input on sailing destinations and balance between types of sails, to assist in developing 2022 schedule.

Database:

	December 2021	December 2020
Members	233	227
Skippers	61	59
Lifetime Members	111	169
Lifetime Skippers	22	23
Inactive Members	19	6
Totals	446	484

Member Renewal -- During first month of 2022 renewal period 82 members renewed. December 1 reminder sent to remaining 349 members.

Education: Spring Training planning continues with arranging of date with Anne Arundel Community College and recruitment of six subcommittee chairs.

Friday Night Education Zooms scheduled for December 3, and the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month through April.

Barbara Mistrik coordinating Fireside Chats. First two scheduled for Saturdays January 22 and 29, at Jon Bernheimer's home in Rockville and Sandy Roswork's home in Annapolis.

First Mates: FM renewal process being brought current. Annual committee activities to be continued or resumed.

Membership: Four new members and one skipper member since November report. New member packets mailed.

Membership Committee Brunch on Sunday December 12 to involve new committee members and assess interest in Co- or Tri-Chair positions. Ties to BOD goal of "building depth on benches" with new people on committees and in their leadership.

Newsletter: Sixteen-page November Whisker Pole mailed to 79 members, 19 of them Happy Hour Coordinators. Printing cost \$451.47 (\$4.60/copy).

Ron Pence resigned as Annapolis Happy Hour Coordinator. Jean Gough accepted the position.

Public Relations: Nothing new to report.

Safety: Nothing new to report.

Skippers' Advisory: "Skippers who sailed in 2021" under review. Statistics will be provided to BOD.

Co-chairs looking for new faces to participate on committee and perhaps to assume future leadership.

Laura Gwinn and Ben Kauffman reappointed as New Skipper Mentor and Raft Captain Coordinator.

Social: Per Commodore, Noreen McGuire wants a committee she can count on rather than a co-chair. Database Chair will reach out to those who have volunteered actively, and to her. Whisker Pole Editor will talk with her about a blast in the January issue.

Old Business: Motion on Volunteer Recognition Program and its transfer to the BOD on hold awaiting recommended changes.

New Business: Pat Woodie moved that SOS donate 10 tickets for Spring Training to the Valhalla Sailing Project. Motion not seconded. Cost to SOS debated but not determined. Angela Eggleston-Howard moved to amend motion to table it until January BOD meeting in order to determine actual cost and revisit matter. Seconded and passed.

Action Items: Select recipients of four annual SOS awards.

January 9th Brunch Waterborne, the Result of a 14-year Circumnavigation of the World

Marguerite Welch and her husband Mike will share their adventures sailing the world in their 38" Shannon Cutter *Ithaca* and talk about her recently published book *Waterborne: A slow trip around a small planet*. It is the story of an artist, an engineer, and a Labrador—three entirely different personalities—who abandon a stable middle-age lifestyle for a pitching deck and the possibility of pirates.

Challenged by culture clashes, gear failure and sudden storms, the story of their 14-year adventure is as much a sea saga as travel memoir.

"There are still some starstruck **struck**-nights on the boat when I look up at the sky, study the compass, listen to garbled voices on the VHF and wonder if we were really gone for 14 years. Was it just a dream, that world that only exists in my mind now—my memories, my heart? It's as if I made it all up but I didn't. It's a fact that after thirty-three years of marriage, two careers for "Michael," two sons and many reincarnations of me, we abandoned everything and everyone we loved to explore the world in a small boat for fourteen years. "Why?" you might ask. "Why not?" I might reply."

Marguerite is a writer, photographer, teacher, and sailor whose eclectic tastes and interests have often led her in unexpected directions. Her passion for the photographic image and its history led her back to writing. She became a critic and commentator for many art publications.

Mike Welch is a retired Navy Captain, graduate of the Naval Academy Class of 1961, fighter pilot and test pilot. Duty stations included Commanding Officer of Patuxent River Naval Air Station and Executive Officer of the USS America. After 30 years in the Navy and eight years with ARINC, he retired as the V.P. of Advanced Technology and Engineering.

www.margueritewelch.com

February 13th & 20th Regional Brunches

Snow and those cold blusters are keeping us off the Bay, so February Regional Brunches are here to shoo those winter blues away! You can call this a Valentine celebration, or not. It's our way to create opportunities for you to meet people you'll be sailing with, skippers and crew, in the coming warmer months and years. This is not a speakers' event, but we do have generous members opening their homes for you to be part of a delightful brunch.

This is how it works: consult the list below then **Email or phone** the host of the location that you would like to attend.

There will be locations in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Washington DC or Florida from which you can choose one nearby OR be adventurous and go to a further location.

Each host will coordinate the menu and communicate directly with the attendees for the event at their home. They will also send you any necessary directions.

This is the general setup: arrive at 11:00 a.m. or another agreed on time with the prearranged dish to share. Each participant will contribute \$10.00 at the door to cover the costs that the host has incurred, such as paper goods, beverages, etc. **No online sign-up for this event. Please RSVP directly to the host.**

COME FOR THE SAILING, STAY FOR THE FRIENDSHIPS

February 13 Brunches: Annapolis, MD:

*Shirley and George Hollendursky, 20 guests. shirleybbrooks@yahoo.com

*Cindy Hooper, 15 guests
hoopercynthia20@gmail.com

*Suzanne Vaughn, 10 guests
suzyvaughn2@gmail.com

Chestertown, MD:

*Carol Niemand, 10 guests
mscarolniemand@gmail.com

North Bethesda MD:

*Debra Roane, 15 guests
msdebrar@verizon.net

Arlington, VA:

*Dorothy Nicholson, 9 guests
dorothy.m.nicholson@verizon.net

Newark, DE:

*Julie & Chuck Fort, 18 guests
sailrn@comcast.net

February 20 Brunches:

Bradenton, FL:

*Molly Harrison & Ned Schwartz, 12 guests
mollyned@verizon.net

COVID VACCINATION REQUIRED AT SOS EVENTS

All participants attending SOS indoor events must provide evidence of COVID vaccination upon request during the period November 1 - April 15 as well as follow the requirements of a specific venue then in effect.

SOS events held at private homes will honor the rules of the host and these will be posted for each event.

Members should expect to be denied admission without refund if they do not comply with this policy.

An unvaccinated member may attend an indoor SOS event by presenting a negative COVID 19 test taken within the past 72 hours.

You Ought to be in Pictures: The 2021 SOS Photo Contest

Have you taken **stellar shots** of this year's SOS activities? If so, keep on shooting! If not, start taking photos to be submitted to the 2020 Photo Contest.

1. **Entries must be taken at events with other SOS members in 2020 by the member of SOS submitting the photo.** **Note:** If you are in the photo, you **cannot** have been the photographer and your submission will not be accepted (unless on a tripod with a timer, which is acceptable). A photo does not necessarily have that event as a theme (a picture of Annie Anchorage at a raft-up or the sunset seen from a raft-up is acceptable, even though there is nothing in the picture to prove that it was taken at a raft-up or cruise.) We are on the "Honor System". An SOS event can be cruising, day-sail, a brunch, seminar, destination cruise, shore party, etc. Happy Hours are **not included**.

2. Each photo **must** identify at which SOS event it was taken and the name of the photographer.

3. This is an amateur photographer contest. Professional photographers - i.e. anyone who earns more than 50 percent of his or her annual income from photography – are excluded from the contest.

4. Each member may submit up to a **total of eight (8) photos**. The photographs should be submitted in a 5" x 7" format or the coordinator will crop it for you.

5. Photos may **NOT** be edited to achieve color balance that reflects the scene as you observed it. Heavily manipulated photos are **not** eligible. Cropping is the only acceptable edit. We ask the photographer to 'Suggest' a category, but the Judge has the discretion to change the category.

Categories: People, Bay scenes (including sunsets), Sailboats (sailboats under sail, raft-ups), and Destination

Cruises. The Destination Cruises category includes photos taken during the actual SOS destination cruises and photos taken on days when traveling prior to or after a destination cruise, provided the photos are from the same area.



Other Useful information: Submit your photos in digital format. Send photos attached to emails, Drop Box or contact Bob Wright for instructions to upload the Photo Editor's Google drive. Submit photos in high resolution. The photos will be enlarged to 5" x 7" (and larger to project to a screen). If the photo is fuzzy, it reduces your chance of winning. Photos not submitted in the 5" x 7" format will be cropped to that format. Smart phone photos may be submitted. Please select high resolution for photos in your smart phone setup.

Judging: The Photo Contest Manager and Judge may put your photos in the best applicable category. There will be First, Second and Third Place Awards for each of the four categories and also a Grand Prize Award. The photos will be judged by a greater Annapolis area professional photographer from outside the club. The judging will be blind, so the Judge will not know which photographer took which photograph. The Judge may add a fourth-place award in any category, if deemed necessary due to the quantity and quality of entries in a category (not to exceed a total of 13 awards including the Grand Prize Photograph).

SEND Photo Entries **by Friday, January 7th at 11:59:59 PM** to Bob Wright at: Robert.Wright.Bowie@gmail.com

2021 WP Call for Photos Wanna See Yourself in Film?

Each year SOS presents a Retrospective video, a compilation of photos taken in at club activities, on land and on the water, starring YOU, our members! Prepared by John Parsons, the results are sure to be exciting! We know there are many photographers out there who have taken stunning photos of boats, people, and places, and we want to include them in the Retrospective. Please send your photographs taken in 2021 to John so he can compile a presentation that will bring back memories of this year that will be sure to make us laugh, exchange stories, and tell tall tales about our adventures. Smart phone photos are acceptable. Identify at which SOS event the photos were taken. Please send the photos to John Parsons at johnparsons_9@msn.com by **January 15th**.



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.



January 8

Saturday

Board Meeting

Location: Greenbrier Community Building
7600 Hanover Parkway
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Time: 9:00am – 11:00am
Note: Retreat/Planning meeting for BOD & Chairs
11:15am – 4:00pm



Various

Fridays

Education Zoom Seminars

Location: Comfort of your home

Time: 6:30pm to 7:00pm Socializing.
7:00pm to about 8:00pm Presentation.
Notes: Zoom application is needed for your PC,
Laptop or Phone.
Dial-in option is also available.
Open to all Members.

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

January 9

Sunday

Brunch



Location: Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD

Cost: \$31 - Brunch
\$35 – After deadline and walk-ins.

Speaker/Topic: *Waterborne: A slow trip around a small planet* is the recent book about the adventures of Marguerite and Michael Welch's 14-year circumnavigation.

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

Deadline: Mail: January 3 (postmark)
Online: January 4

Note: Coastal Room
Covid 19 vaccination is required, provide evidence upon request..

Coordinator: Lynn Gilley ltgilley@verizon.net

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

January 22

Saturday

Fireside Chat: Montgomery Co/Northern VA



Location: Rockville, MD

Cost: \$20, member or guest

Speaker/Topic: Several speakers / Brief synopses of books on sailing related topics.

Host: Jon Bernheimer

Deadline: Mail: January 12 (postmark)
Online: January 18

SOS COVID Restrictions are in place.
Time: 4:30 PM
Note: Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.
Limited to 20 persons.

Coordinator: Linda Casucci casuccilj@gmail.com

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

January 29

Saturday

Fireside Chat: Annapolis



Location: Annapolis, MD

Cost: \$20, member or guest

Speaker/Topic: Sandy Rosswork / 2021 **French Canal** Bareboat trip.

Host: Sandy Rosswork

Deadline: Mail: January 21 (postmark)
Online: January 25

SOS COVID Restrictions are in place.
Time: 5:30 PM
Note: Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.
Limited to 15 persons.

Coordinator: Debra Roane msdebrar@verizon.net

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



February 3 Thursday

Board Meeting

Location: In person, location TBD
Contact Commodore for details

Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm
Note: Open to all Members.



February 13 Sunday

Regional Brunches

Location: Held in private homes of SOS members.
Annapolis, MD, Chestertown, MD, North Bethesda, MD, Arlington, VA, Newark, DE. Members contact host listed in article on page 4 to register and receive directions.

Cost: \$10 payable at the door plus a dish to share
Time: 11:00 am Social Hour
12:00 noon Brunch

SOS COVID Restrictions are in place

Deadline: Contact host by February 8

Note: No online sign-up for this event.
Please RSVP directly to the host.

Coordinator: To volunteer to host a brunch, contact – Lorraine Fassett Lhfassett@verizon.net



February 20 Sunday

Regional Brunches

Location: Held in private homes of SOS members.
Bradenton Beach, FL.
Members contact host listed in article on page 4 to register and receive directions.

Cost: \$10 payable at the door plus a dish to share
Time: 11:00 am Social Hour
12:00 noon Brunch
SOS COVID Restrictions are in place

Deadline: Contact host by February 15

Note: No online sign-up for this event.
Please RSVP directly to the host.

Coordinator: To volunteer to host a brunch, contact – Lorraine Fassett Lhfassett@verizon.net



March 3 Thursday

Board Meeting

Location: In person, location TBD
Contact Commodore for details

Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm
Note: Open to all Members.



March 13 Sunday

Brunch

Location: Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD

Cost: \$31 - Brunch
\$35 – After deadline and walk-ins.

Speaker/Topic: TBD

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

Deadline: Mail: March 7 (postmark)
Online: March 8

Note: Coastal Room
Covid 19 vaccination is required, provide evidence upon request.

Coordinator: TBD

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



March 19 Saturday

Spring Training

Location: Anne Arundel Community College
Arnold, MD

Cost: \$TBD

Presentations Classroom setting with various levels of experience, covering sailing/boating topics.

Time: 8:30am to 4:30pm

Note: Stand by for additional details next month.

Coordinator: TBD

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



**April 5-15
2022**

10-day trip

Belated 20th Anniversary – Bareboat Cruise

Destination: British Virgin Islands

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

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

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

Coordinator: Michael Sommer msommer414@gmail.com
Go to <http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/> for more details



**September
10-17, 2022**

7-day trip (article page 12)

Aeolian Islands – Bareboat Cruise

Destination: Aeolian Islands, Portorosa, Sicily, Italy

Cost: Members \$1800, Non-Members \$1860 = Boat Cost and Admin Fee. Air Fare and Insurance are separate.

Note: Must be fully COVID vaccinated to sign up for this trip per requirements

Note: **To Download Registration Form with Payment Information:**
<http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/451264828>

Coordinators Teresa Schofield tschofield55@gmail.com & Debra Roane msdebrar@verizon.net
Go to <http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/> for more details (soon)

March 19th SOS Spring Training: A Sure Sign of Spring!

Signs of spring are the buds on the trees and the longer days. But sailors have their own way of celebrating spring with the **Spring Training event** sponsored by Singles on Sailboats. This annual event has been held for over 30 years!

This year's event is an all-day affair to be held on March 19, 2022, at Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, MD. SOS has assembled an extremely knowledgeable group of experts on various aspects of sailing and boat ownership. There will be sessions on Sailing for Beginners, Sail Trim, Sail Care, Knots, Boat Electrical System, Basic Navigation for Novice sailors, Apps for Navigation, Medical Emergencies on the Water and on and on.

The neat thing about the SOS Spring Training is that you can individually tailor your program of instruction to your own needs and interests! There are sessions for just about everyone at every level of sailing skill and experience.

So, whether you are an "old salt" or new to sailing, Spring Training is for you! What you learn at the SOS Spring Training will help you to be a better sailor on those SOS bay cruises this spring, summer and fall as well as bareboat cruises in faraway waters.

All program details and online registration will be available soon at www.Singlesonsailboats.org and in a club-wide email blast. The event will include all instructional materials, buffet lunch and

continental breakfast. Please sign up early since many sessions fill up fast and individuals are assigned to the sessions of choice on a first come, first served basis.

Okay Sailors – so you've signed up for the Spring Training to learn about knots and all sorts of other seamanship skills, and your mind will be overflowing with all this new knowledge. What next? The Social Committee has just the right idea, and it's called "The After Spring Training Party". Watch for details coming soon!

If you would like to volunteer to help the Education Committee with this event or be a speaker, please contact Bill Knapp at bankapp@gmail.com

Popular Fireside Chats Return!



Fireside Chats provide an opportunity during the non-sailing months to gather in a home to enjoy tasty food, libations, great company and hear a short educational presentation by an excellent speaker. For a \$20 fee Happy Hour and dinner are provided. Groups are small (15-25 usually) so you can get to know people you may not have met during the sailing season. The first two Fireside Chats of the season will be held in January. The first on January 22nd will be in Rockville at the home of Jon

Bernheimer who graciously opens his home every year. The speaker will be Jon (yes, he is doing double duty that evening) and others who will give a brief synopsis of books on sailing related topics. The next Fireside Chat will be January 29th in Annapolis at Sandy Rosswork's home, and she will also be the speaker sharing photos and stories about the club's adventure on the French Canal Bareboat trip.

There will be more Fireside Chats around the region in February and March, so watch future Whisker Poles for details.

If you would like to volunteer to host a Fireside Chat or have a topic/speaker

to recommend, please contact Barbara Mistrick at mistrickbarbara@gmail.com

Zoom Education Programs

On the second and fourth Friday evenings this winter the Education Committee will present a variety of one-hour education programs via ZOOM. The evening starts at 6:30 with thirty minutes for socialization before the 7:00 program begins. A club-wide email blast is sent each week with the link for you to use to join. **If you would like to volunteer to help the Education Committee with this event or be a speaker, please contact Bill Knapp at bankapp@gmail.com**

Pre-Thanksgiving Regional Dinners



Annapolis Dinner. Meeps Yox, hostess.
Photo by Samia AbdelWahed



Annapolis Dinner. Susan Zevin, hostess.
Photo by Emil Becker



Great Falls, VA Dinner.
Chilo Obolensky, Hostess
Photo by Samia AbdelWahed



Chester County Dinner.
Deb Kauffman, Hostess
Photo by Deb Kauffman



Annapolis Dinner. Carol Cronin Williams, Hostess.
Photo by Suzanne Vaughn



Derwood, MD Dinner.
Debbie Goldberg, Hostess
Photo by Shelley Castle

December Brunch



Barbara Mistrik & Debra Roane
Photo by Pam Ledford



New Members
Melinda Zimmerman & Ellen Martz
Photo by John Parsons



Deb Kauffman, Bareboat Chair
Photo by John Parsons



New Member Steven Kurtz & Mel Lessing
Photo by John Parsons



New Member
Miriam Morrow
Photo by John Parsons



Carol Cronin Williams
Bill Small
Photo by John Parsons



John McDonald, Pam Ledford, Jon Bernheimer
Photo submitted by Pam Ledford



Commodore Carole Jordan, Linda Casucci,
Alan Schneiderr, Julia Oravec
Photo by Pam Ledford

Parade of Lights Party



Debi Daugherty and Sandy Rosswork
Photo by John Parsons



Susan Zevin
Photo by John Parsons



John and Nancy Parsons
Photo submitted by John Parsons



Nancy Bromberg, Jean Gough, Nancy Briggs
Photo by John Parsons



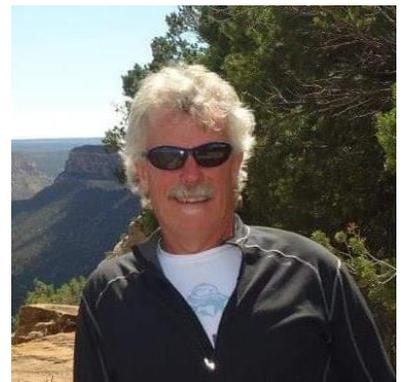
Although parade was cancelled, a few boats were in Ego Alley
Photo by John Parsons

In Memory of Tim Dougherty

SOS member Tim Dougherty passed away on November 27, 2021. Tim joined SOS in 2014 and participated in many bareboat cruises as well as often sailing as crew on weekend sails.

He will be remembered for the custom homes he built, his passion for sailing, biking, the great outdoors and live music. More importantly Tim will be remembered as a good friend and devoted father to his 3 children.

A memorial service for Tim was held on December 12, 2021 in Ambler, Pennsylvania.



SCUTTLEBUTT

(A communal water cask around which sailors traded gossip)

Nancy and John Parsons'

Christmas present to themselves is the next version of *Water Music*, a

2020 Ranger Tug 31 Sedan. They look forward to more time on the water next season. Their much-loved Catalina 355 is up for sale.



Seriously, to celebrate the release of his latest novel, Dan Meier hosted a book launch party at the Yellow Fin Restaurant, Annapolis, in December for all the people who have supported his writing endeavors. Shirley Brooks has been named "Number One Supporter," because she, not only was the first person to buy his book, *THE DUNG BEETLES OF LIBERIA*, but she has also bought all his books, AND she attended the party only 3 ½ weeks after hip replacement surgery just so she could catch the book!!!

As Dan announced during the party, after years of writing a book, then the agony of finding a publisher, then the editing and rewrites, when the book is finally launched it is a big deal! All of Dan's books are available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble and wherever books are sold. More information is available on his website

<https://danielmeierauthor.com>

Dan Meier launched his latest novel, *BLOOD BEFORE DAWN* (Book 2 of the Dung Beetles of Liberia Series) and **Shirley Books** was there to catch it!

Una Nuova Avventura – SOS Bareboat Trip to Sicily

Join SOS on its Sept. 10 – 17, 2022 sailing adventure in the Aeolian Islands, the UNESCO- designated islands off Sicily's northeastern coast. SOS has chartered seven monohull sailboats and a catamaran. The SOS flotilla will begin and end at the Sail Italia base on Portofino (northeast corner of Sicily) and will follow proposed itinerary to five islands: Vulcano, Filicudi, Salina, Stromboli, and Lipari.

Things to experience besides spectacular views, cobalt-blue waters with snorkeling, and good anchorages:

***Vulcano** – baths in warm waters of its submarine springs. Fumaroles (thermal springs and gas vents) active on one of its three volcanoes:

***Filicudi** – Grotta del Blue Marino Sea cave;

***Salina** – only Aeolian Island with blooming vegetation and over 400 different types of plants;

Our Recommended Itineraries from Portofino



***Stromboli** – the largest active volcano after Mt. Etna with smoke rising from its peak; and

***Lipari** – oldest and largest of the Aeolian Islands – archaeology, art, castles, and museums.

The cost of the trip is \$1,800 for members and \$1,860 for nonmembers. Travel insurance and airfare is not included in the price and must be purchased separately as required by SOS. In addition, participants will be

responsible for their share of the boat's food provisioning cost.

For more information on the islands, including details on anchorages, and to download the trip application, go to sosbareboatsimple.com.

Complete your application according to the instructions, mail it with a copy of your vaccination card showing you are fully vaccinated (including booster), and check for the initial \$700 (\$760 nonmembers) deposit to the address listed in the application.

Join the Bareboat Committee on January 14 for an informational session on the trip and Sicily. Additional detail will be provided at in-person session in early May. Check the website frequently for updates and trip information.

For additional questions, contact the trip co-coordinators Debra Roane msdebrar@verizon.net or Teresa Scofield tscofield55@gmail.com

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

BOAT SLIPS

FOR ANNUAL LEASE: DRIVE THROUGH boat slip in Martins Cove behind Cantlers Riverside Inn on Mill Creek for sailboat 32 ft or less. \$2600.00. Call Spud Flowers: 703-969-2048. 2-22

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 1-22

FOR SALE: \$40 each, 4 (yes 4) MARINCO-50' Economy **ShorePower Cordset**, 30A 125V, Yellow. New connectors installed on some of these but all in good shape. Retail at \$100. Contact Dane Skagen - daneskagen@gmail.com 2-22

ITEMS FOR SALE: REDUCED Nordic Track recumbent bike, model SL 710. Runs on "D" cell batteries x 8, built -in fan, shelf for book or drink, adjustable padded seat with full back, no video monitor. Originally cost \$800, asking \$100. **Nordic Track Cross Country Ski Machine.** Collapses to store easily, heart beat monitor, great workout! Original cost \$800, asking \$100. Precor **Rowing Machine.** Adjustable hydraulic resistance, no video monitor. Asking \$100. Voit (adult size). **Air Hockey Table.** Fan and air box. Manual score keeper. Comes with 2 pucks and 2 pushers. Dimensions are 60" long, 28.5" wide, 32" high. Great fun for grandkids, and kids, parents, and grandparents' interaction! Asking \$75. Carol Holmes, cholmanap@verizon.net. 1-22

Washington Nationals Tickets. I have a **season ticket plan** for two tickets to 2022 Washington Nationals games in The Champions' Club. If anyone might be interested in taking tickets to some games on a discounted basis, please contact me at johnncfilippini@gmail.com, or on 703-409-9187, for further details. 3-22

WANTED: Old paper charts or chart books. Any waters are fine, as I want them for collage artworks rather than navigation! It's OK if they are marked up with routes, etc. — that will add to the interest. Please call Mary Moore at 410-573-1724 or send me an email, mary.e.moore824@gmail.com. 2-22

FOR RENT

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 2-22

FOR RENT: Large waterfront bedroom and bath in Annapolis. Contact Suzanne Farr sofarr@aol.com 2-22

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

HIRING

Bookkeeping support, part time, but long term if you're interested. Computerized accounting program. Call Suzanne Farr at 410-757-3553 or my cell: 703-405-3377. (Office is in my home, any contacts are fully vaccinated)

TRAVEL

Get away from the cold and enjoy a captained cruise on a beautiful Leopard catamaran based in Georgetown, Exumas. Visit Marbrysails.com. 1-22



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



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**

1st Wednesday
NOVA/DC: **Jan 5th** **5:00-7:00 PM**
MYLO'S GRILL, in the back dining room, 6038 Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA. 22101. (in the Chesterbrook Shopping Cntr) 703-533-5880 www.mylosgrill.com
COORDINATOR: **HOPE - hopedav@verizon.net**

1st Thursday
ELLCOTT CITY: **Jan 6th** **5:00-7:30 PM**
La Palapa Grill, 8307 Main Street, Ellicott City MD 21043 410-465-0070 www.lapalapagrill.com
COORDINATOR: **JILL - jill.montgom@gmail.com**

1st Thursday
SOUTH CENTRAL PA: **Jan 6th** **6:30 PM**
O'REILLY'S TAP ROOM 800 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA. 17111 717-561-2800 oriellystaproom.com
COORDINATOR: **BOB - cogito28@aol.com**

3rd Tuesday
PHILLY AREA: **Jan 18th** **4:30 PM**
Fava Ristorante Italiano, 1102 Baltimore Pike, Ste 101, Glen Mills, PA 19342. 484-840-8603 www.favaglenmills.com
COORDINATOR: **DEB - debkauffman@comcast.net**

3rd Wednesday
WILMINGTON: **Jan 20th** **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
COORDINATOR: **SUE - Sbdonaldson713@verizon.net**

3rd Thursday
ROCKVILLE: **Jan 21st** **5:00-7:00 PM**
Bontanero Restaurant, 800 Pleasant Drive, Rockville, MD 20850 301-947-5400 www.bontanerorockville.com
COORDINATOR: **DEBBIE - hidebbieg@yahoo.com**

3rd Thursday
KENT ISLAND: **Jan 21st** **4:00-6:00 PM**
RAMS HEAD SHORE HOUSE (in the back room) 800 Main Street, Stevensville, MD 21666. 410-827-6666 www.ramsheadshorehouse.com
COORDINATOR: **BARB - bbb Brooksao@aol.com**

4th Thursday
ANNAPOLIS: **Jan 27th** **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 www.thepierwaterfrontbarandgrill.com
COORDINATOR: **JEAN - jgough4you@gmail.com**



Delaware Happy Hour

Contacts

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name	Office	Liaison to Committee	E-mail Address
Carole Jordan	Commodore	Public Relations	seajay2844@gmail.com
Robin Meigel	Vice Commodore	Skippers' Advisory	rmeigel@hotmail.com
Wendy Adams	Secretary		wladams11@verizon.net
Craig Coltharp	Treasurer		coltharp2@gmail.com
Angela Eggleston-Howard		Cruising & First Mates	Angela.Eggleston@comcast.net
Bob Wright		Social	Robert.Wright.Bowie@gmail.com
Doug Gage		Newsletter & Brunch	douggage@gmail.com
Heide Harper		Database & Bareboat	heide.patternpro@gmail.com
Pat Woodie		Membership & Safety	allpets1@verizon.net

YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Committee	Name	E-mail Address
Bareboat Cruising	Deb Kauffman	debkauffman@comcast.net
Brunches	Suzanne Vaughn	suzyvaughn2@gmail.com
Cruising	Chuck Fort	saillrn@comcast.net
Database Internet	John McDonald	dbchair.sos.org@gmail.com
Education	Bill Knapp	banknapp@gmail.com
First Mates' Advisory	Rob King	robking3179@gmail.com
Membership Co-Chairs	Linda Casucci Jon Bernheimer Lora Donia	casuccilj@gmail.com jonbernheimer@verizon.net doniala@aol.com
Newsletter	Shirley Brooks Hollendursky	editorwhiskerpole@yahoo.com
Public Relations	Janet Gonski Karl Scible	JGsunset@yahoo.com Kscible2@aol.com
Safety	Joan Tannen	safety@singlesonsailboats.org
Skippers' Advisory	Emil Becker Lorraine Fassett	emilbec@msn.com lhfassett@verizon.net
Social Co-Chair	Noreen McGuire	nmcgny@hotmail.com

YOUR AREA CONTACTS

Geographic Area	Area Contact	E-mail Address
Central PA	Bob Morrow	sosrjmorrow@aol.com
Philadelphia & Suburbs	Patti Evans	evansapatti@gmail.com
Delaware	Chuck Fort	saillrn@comcast.net
New Jersey	Lora Donia	doniala@aol.com
Northern Virginia & Washington, DC	Irene Aronian	irene.aronian@gmail.com
Prince George's County	Nancie Park	nanciepark@hotmail.com
Montgomery County	Debbie Goldberg	Hidebbieg@yahoo.com
Crownsville, Edgewater	Ruth Moore	rmoore1433@msn.com
Baltimore	Kathy Haven	mkskatha@gmail.com
Annapolis	Ruth Moore	rmoore1433@msn.com
Eastern Shore, North East	Chuck Fort	saillrn@comcast.net

Singles on Sailboats, Inc 410-798-4098 www.singlesonsailboats.org
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/268838264195
 Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/Singles_on_sailboats
 Meetup: <https://www.meetup.com/Singles-on-Sailboats>



P. O. Box 5708
Annapolis, MD 21403

January Gatherings

Board Meeting – January 8

Brunch – January 9

Fireside Chats – January 22 & 29

ZOOM Education Seminars – 2nd & 4th Friday