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Cruising Corner

Chuck Fort, Chair

The Cruising Calendar gets into full swing this month with daysails, weekend cruises, and a nine day long Extended Cruise going up the Chester River to Chestertown!

We will have six daysails in May, including two days with opportunities to see the Blue Angels over Annapolis.

The first weekend cruise, the Shakedown Cruise, will be to Aberdeen Creek on the South River. The DNR Cruise to Granary Creek and Wye Island is an anchor out and dinghy into shore event that is loved by all. Bring your dinghy or catch a ride from one of the several other dinghies ferrying people to and from shore. The Memorial Day Weekend Cruise goes to Broad Creek on the Magothy river and to Reed Creek on the Chester River. Those who are on the Extended Cruise will continue up the Chester River eventually to Chestertown for a couple of days. They then return down the Chester River and join the Hello June! Cruise in Eagle Cove on the Magothy River.

Sign up early for the daysails and cruises! This applies to skippers, FM (first mates) and POC (plain old crew). Early skipper sign-ups help the coordinators with early planning. Early FM and POC sign-ups make it more likely you will get invited to sail, as coordinators offer crew to skippers based on date of registration. First registered, first offered to skippers.



Be honest with your self-evaluation of your skill level. Coordinators need honest assessments of skill levels to best offer crew to skippers. This prevents having too many experienced crewmembers on one boat and too many inexperienced crewmembers on another. If you have physical limitations, please communicate that as well so the crew can be balanced, and the skipper can best make use of the crew.

DNR Wye River Weekend Sail and British Invasion Party May 21-22, 2022



This cruise is a great way to spend time with your fellow mates in a relaxed, friendly setting. Many know the beautiful DNR (Department of Natural Resources) setting overlooking Granary Creek where boats will anchor and crew will dinghy ashore to join those who drive to the event.

Dinner, dessert & drinks will be provided. Lots of great barbecued food: Pulled Pork, BBQ Chicken, Salads and Desserts will be provided by the ANNAPOLIS SMOKEHOUSE.

A vegetarian entrée option will also be available. To request the vegetarian option, please contact Meeps at least a week prior to the event so she has a count.

And we will have some traditional British Gin drinks for Happy Hour!

Costumes are great fun, and if you'd like to channel the 60's and the British Invasion please go for it! But of course, they are not required. We want you at the event to help SOS start our On-Shore Party Season. Music will be provided by **DJ Infinite Sounds** — the same company who had SOSers (as well as most of the people at Haven Harbor South) dancing the night away at the Seafood Feast last year!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BUNKHOUSE IS FULL! There is no more room at the inn, sorry.

Those who are there early Saturday will be VERY welcome to participate in the party prep and/or hike/bike around the grounds. It's also great fun to watch the fleet arrive! Any questions, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Meeps Yox at mpsyx3@gmail.com.

THOSE DRIVING IN, PLEASE BRING FOLDING CHAIRS SO THERE IS PLENTY OF SEATING AROUND THE FIREPIT!

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Hooray!!! The sailing season is finally here (at least for those of us who did not go on the SOS bareboat trip to the Islands).

There were so many opportunities to get our "act" together for the season in the past month.... Raft Captain's seminar, CPR, Flare and Safety Demos and Dockside Training. Now it's time to put all of that prep into practice! Have you signed up for anything yet??? What are you waiting for?

This month our first cruising weekend is the **Shakedown**, which is aptly named, and the month ends with an **extended 10 day cruise** up the Chester River. There are several Day Sails scheduled for those that prefer a one-day experience. By the way, new members can use these Day Sails to complete their Basic Skills requirement. One of the Day Sails even includes the **Blue Angels** demonstration over the mouth of Spa Creek in Annapolis. This is a heart-stopping afternoon for all of the area!

In quizzing "seasoned" members, I asked what is one of their favorite cruising weekends? Of course, they all mentioned the **DNR Cruise!** This is a cruising weekend with a land-based party at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on the Wye River. The setting is so peaceful and serene....until SOS arrives. The sailing down to Granary Creek is always fun and the food is fantastic! You can also drive in to the party. Come spend a wonderful weekend with all of us dancing the night away. And volunteer to help out if you can.

With so much to offer, can I just give a word of advice? **Sign up early; sign up often!** There is so much enjoyment, learning and friendships to be received when you participate in the club activities.

You may not realize this, but our coordinators for both weekend and day sails have a process by which they offer crew to skippers. They follow the dates

that members register! Yep, first come, first served in this club. So, if you take the time to look ahead on your busy calendars and decide when you can sail, go quickly to the website Event Calendar and register!! Being near the top of the list ensures that you have a better chance of getting on a boat. Again, so what are you waiting for?

Our grateful thanks go to all of the volunteers who have coordinated our events leading up to the Kick off of the season. See you on the water!

Carole

Commodore

Welcome New Members

Stephanie Ceruolo - Annapolis, MD
 Jeff Clark - Silver Spring, MD
 Laurie Deppa - Annapolis, MD
 Robbye Fox - Annapolis, MD
 Peter Gowis - Chantilly, VA
 Cindy Gross - Edgewater, MD
 Nancy Harrison - Richmond, VA
 Barry Herling - Rockville, MD
 Lynette Linn - McLean, VA
 David P Morabito - Arnold, MD
 Marianna Mujica - Towson, MD
 Barbara Myers - Phoenixville, PA
 Genienne Navarro - Annapolis, MD
 Janet Pennewell - Washington, DC
 Mary Jean Schumann –
 Shady Side, MD
 Katarina Stein - Edgewater, MD
 Patty Stott - Annapolis, MD
 Maureen Thomas - Bethesda, MD
 Linda Van Hart - Union Bridge, MD
 Carrie Will - Annapolis, MD
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Unofficial Notes of May 5, 2022 Board Meeting

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

Present: Board members: Carole Jordan, Craig Coltharp, , Robin Meigel. Committee Chair: Suzanne Vaughn, Chuck Fort, Linda Casucci, John McDonald.

Present on ZOOM: Board members: Heide Harper, Wendy Adams, Patricia Woodie, Doug Gage, Bob Wright. Committee Chair: Janet Gonski, Karl Scible, Joan Tannen, Rob King, Noreen McGuire, Emil Becker, Lorraine Fassett. Other: Chic Bach.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from March 3, 2022 were approved as distributed.

Commodore: Ron Pence passed away on Sunday April 3, 2022. He was a very active member in SOS. He will be missed.

Vice Commodore: nothing to add.

Treasurers Report:

Club Checking Account	54,905.06
Hi-Yield Savings Acct	73,459.29
Club Credit Card	(24,546.97)
Bareboat Account	73,455.60

Secretaries Report: nothing to add.

Committee Reports:

Bareboat – Deb Kaufman

BVI: April 5 - 15, 2022. Trip in progress
Aeolian Islands: Sept. 10 – 17, 2022
 Wait list established. Less than 8 participants. Additional skipper on wait list. Participant meeting scheduled for May 15th.

Brunch – Suzanne Vaughn:
 2023 Brunch dates are set. The January brunch will be the 23rd.

Cruising – Chuck Fort:
 Saturday Nov 12 at the Doubletree is not available for the Cruising wrap-up. Cruising Registrations are beginning.

Database – John McDonald: The 2022 cruising calendar is now available in hard copy, an electronic version and a downloadable version. The SOS Covid policy with respect to the cruising registration form was discussed. The motion was passed to continue the policy as last year with the addition of including booster information.

Membership:

	April 2022	April 2021	April 2020	April 2019
Members	212	174	408	399
Skippers	56	47	79	89
Lifetime Members	98	106		
Lifetime Skippers	25	20		
Inactive Members	21	18		
Totals	412	365	487	488

Education – The attendee numbers for Spring Training presented in the report did not add up. The treasurer will provide a final accounting of the Spring Training.

First Mates – Rob King: There are 13 active FMs needing requalification. Rob feels the FM checkout opportunities will support the First Mates requirements.

Membership – Linda Casucci, Jon Bernheimer: Fourteen New Members joined from March 3 through April 3. At least one is a potential Skipper Member.

Newsletter – Shirley Brooks Hollendursky: The 20-page April Whisker Pole was mailed to 68 members; 22 copies were mailed to seven Happy Hour coordinators. The newsletter was printed at a cost of \$358.32 which equates to \$5.25 per copy. Doug Gage was able to secure a free download of Adobe Acrobat 2020 for the newsletter committee, updating an older version that had become problematic.

Public Relations – Karl Scible and Janet Gonski: There were 11 people on meetup tonight. 2 said they will join with a third possibility. The Spin Sheet Crew Parties at Solomons and Annapolis (EYC) will be attended by SOS.

Safety – Joan Tannen: A good CPR First aid training session was held with maximum attendees.

Skippers Advisory – Emil Becker and Lorraine Fassett: There will be a Skipper HH April 13th at 7:00. Passing lines are needed, and was discussed with Cruising. There are five boat helpers available.

Social– Noreen McGuire is still hoping for a Co-Chair for the Social Committee. Also hoping for volunteers to coordinate the Anniversary party and Seafood feast. We need 15 boats to sign up for the Anniversary party to get the pavilion free.

New Business:

1. Brunch cost increase from \$31 to \$33/member for next brunch season to cover cost increases. Bob Wright made the motion and Robin Meigel seconded, with the motion passing.
2. It was requested to purchase a 10x20 tent canopy to support our outdoor events. Bob Wright made the motion to purchase the tent and Craig Coltharp seconded, with the motion passing.
3. The SOS Voucher system was discussed at length with the following summary:
 - The database currently supports vouchers for New members and for Skipper rewards.
 - It will be updated to support Volunteer recognition and New skippers.
 - Vouchers will have an expiration date of one year from issue.
 - Safety will send a copy of New Skipper activation to the Membership committee.

Next Meeting: Will be a hybrid zoom at the Greenbrier at 7:00pm

Adjourn: 8:51 p.m.

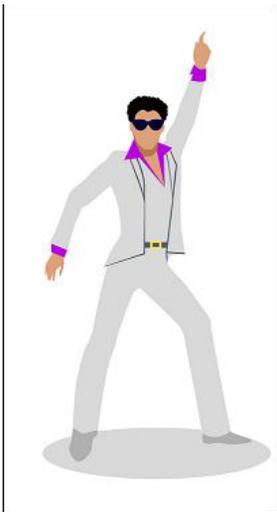
Memorial Weekend Cruise & Nine Day Extended Cruise May 28 – June 5

The extended cruise this year starts Memorial Day weekend and goes through the following weekend to the Hello June! Cruise, with a trip up the Chester River to Chestertown.

- 5/28 - We will start with a sail to Broad Creek on the Magothy.
- 5/29 - we will sail across the bay (often a nice beam reach) to Reed Creek in the Chester River.
- 5/30 – those sailing just the Memorial Day Weekend Sail will head home.
- 5/30 - the extended cruise continues to Lankford Bay Marina for the night.
- 5/31 - the cruise continues up the Chester River to Comegy's Bight.
- 6/1 & 6/2 - onward up the Chester River to the Port of Chestertown for two marina nights, giving the participants an opportunity to explore Chestertown.
- 6/3 - the cruise sails back down the Chester River to the Corsica River.
- 6/4 - For the final night of the extended cruise, we join those sailing the Hello June! Cruise in Eagle Cove on the Magothy River.
- 6/5 – head for home.

We plan to have a group BYOB Happy Hour and Appetizers on the docks at Lankford Bay Marina and Port of Chestertown. Resources are being gathered to guide you in your exploration of Chestertown!

44th ANNIVERSARY CRUISE & PARTY June 25-26, 2022, Lankford Bay Marina



Come join us for our annual Anniversary Party, taking place at Lankford Bay Marina, nestled at the mouth of Davis Creek, overlooking Cacaway Island on the Chester River. See old friends and meet new ones! Sail in or drive in, but be sure to sign-up soon.

For those who drive in and wish to spend the night, you'll find the Mariner Motel and the Inn at Haven Harbor in Rock Hall. Make your reservations early; rooms fill up quickly during the busy sailing season.

- 5 p.m. – Happy Hour with Appetizers
- 6 p.m. – Dinner, Champagne Toast to Former Commodores
- 7 p.m. – Music and dancing

"Whether you're a brother or whether you're a mother

You're stayin' alive, stayin' alive . . .

Feel the city breakin' and everybody shakin'

And we're stayin' alive, stayin' alive . . . "

Channel your inner Saturday Night Fever vibe by dressing the part, or walking the walk. And, if you want to take a dip in the marina pool, remember to bring your swimsuit and towel. See you there!

Ron Pence 1946 - 2022

SOS Skipper Ron Pence passed on Sunday, April 3, at the age of 75. Ron joined SOS in 1998 and spent the next 24 years as an active club member by taking crew on numerous Day Sails and Weekend Sails, working on the Spring Training Committee, training novice members at Dockside Training, Flare & Safety Demo and New Member Orientation, performing with his band for SOS parties, and as the coordinator for the Annapolis Happy Hour. Ron was an



outstanding ambassador for the club and was often the first SOS member to reach out to new and perspective members.

Ron is survived by his children, Sandy (Craig) Shields of Frederick, MD, Jerry Smargiassi of Brookeville, MD and Teri (Michael) Kropp of Limerick, PA; his older brother, Bob (Suzy) Pence; his grandchildren, Devin, Nichole, Mazzi, Niko, Marley and numerous nephews and nieces. Ron grew up in Prince George's County, MD and graduated in 1964 from High Point High School in Beltsville, MD. With the exception of the years from 1968 to 1971, when he served honorably in the United States Army, Ron's entire business life was spent with the C & P Telephone Company.

Throughout his life he played guitar in any number of local bands. He loved to share his summer stays, with friends and family, in Bethany Beach, DE.

A private graveside service will be held at National Memorial Park in Falls Church, VA. A celebration of his life will take place in Annapolis, MD at a later date. Condolences to the family may be posted on the Kalas Funeral Home web page: <https://kalasfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Ronald-Pence-8648/memories>

May you always have fair winds and following seas and always find safe harbor at your final home.

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.

**May 1****Sunday****More Dockside Training****Location:** Various Skipper's Boats.**Cost:** No charge.**Note:** Skippers may suggest going out for some sailing.**Time:** Per Skipper's instructions.**Deadline:** Mail: April 24 (postmark)
Online: April 26**Note:** Bring your own lunch, beverage and Basic Skills Checkout Forms.**Coordinator:** Janet Gonski jgsunset@yahoo.comPlease **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**May 4****Wednesday****Mid-Week Day Sail****Destination:** Skipper's Choice.**Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member.**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by April 27.**Note:** Non-Member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.**Coordinator:** Barbara Wingrove bkwingrove@outlook.comPlease **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**May 5****Thursday****Board Meeting****Location:** In person, Greenbrier Meeting Room.
Hybrid Zoom option available for those that can't attend.**Time:** 7:00 to 10:00pm**Note:** Open to all Members.**May 7/8****Saturday – Sunday****Shakedown Cruise (Mother's Day)****Destination:** Aberdeen Creek/South River.**Cost:** \$34 - Member or Non-Member.**Deadline:** Mail: April 22 (postmark)
Online: April 26**Note:** Non-Member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.**Coordinator:** Bill Small smallfavors@hotmail.comPlease **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**May 14****Saturday****Day Sail****Destination:** Skipper's Choice.**Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member.**Deadline:** Mail: May 5 (postmark)
Online: May 8 (9:00pm)**Note:** Non-Member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.**Coordinator:** Linda Casucci casuccilj@gmail.comPlease **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org**May 14****Saturday****Regional Backyard Gatherings****Location:** Private Home,
Annapolis, Maryland.
Directions upon registration.
Host: Carole Jordan & Meeps Yox**Cost:** No Cost. Will be potluck opportunity.
BYO: Chair, Drink & Snack.
(Check with Host for Preference).**Deadline:** Mail: May 10 (postmark)
Online: May 12**Time:** 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Limit 18-20 persons.**Note:** Non-Members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.
SOS COVID Restrictions are in place.**Coordinator:** Janet Gonski jgsunset@yahoo.comPlease **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

**May 15 Sunday**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail: May 6 (postmark)
 Online: May 9 (9:00pm)

Coordinator: Linda Casucci casuccilj@gmail.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at 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.

**May 18 Wednesday**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by May 11.

Coordinator: Kitty St Romain k.st.romain@comcast.net
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at 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.

**May 21/22 Saturday – Sunday**

Destination: Granary Creek, Wye East River.
Deadline: Mail: May 5 (postmark)
 Online: May 10
 Party only: May 10

Coordinator: Cherie Comly Mectwist@aol.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

DNR Cruise/Party (British Invasion)

Cost: \$82 - Member or Non-Member.
 \$48 - Party only.

Note: Non-Member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
 Party Manager: Meeps Yox.

**May 25 Wednesday**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by May 18.

Coordinator: Nancy Bromberg nbromberg78@verizon.net
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

Mid-Week Day Sail (Blue Angels Demo)

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.

**May 27 Friday**

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

Coordinator: Samia AbdelWahed samia.wahed@gmail.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

Mid-Week Day Sail (Blue Angels Flyover)

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.

**May 28-30 Saturday – Monday**

Destination: Broad Creek, Magothy River, Reed Creek, Chester River
Deadline: Mail: May 12 (postmark)
 Online: May 17

Coordinator: (Change) Barbara Wise bwise8426@gmail.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

Memorial 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.

**May 28 - June 5 Saturday to Sunday 9 - days**

Destination: Various Anchorages and Marinas north of Chesapeake Bay Bridge.
Deadline: Mail: May 12 (postmark)
 Online: May 17

Coordinator: Carole Jordan seajay2844@gmail.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

Extended Cruise

Cost: \$161 - 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.



June 2

Thursday

Board Meeting

Location:

In person, Greenbrier Meeting Room.
Hybrid Zoom option available for those who can't attend.

Time: 7:00 to 10:00pm

Note: Open to all Members.



June 4/5

Saturday – Sunday

Hello June Cruise

Destination:

Eagle Cove, Magothy River.
Meet up with Extended Cruise Boats.

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

Deadline:

Mail: May 19 (postmark)
Online: May 24

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

Coordinator:

Janet Gonski jgsunset@yahoo.com

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



June 8

Wednesday

Mid-Week Day Sail

Destination:

Skippers' Choice.

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

Deadline:

Mail and Online registrations must be received by June 1.

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

Coordinator:

Karla Address seasmoke2001@gmail.com

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



June 11/12

Saturday – Sunday

Something June-ish Cruise

Destination:

Round Bay, Severn River.

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

Deadline:

Mail: May 26 (postmark)
Online: May 31

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

First Mates to Join Raft after their cruise.

Coordinator:

Bev Nash beverlynash@verizon.net

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



June 11/12

Saturday – Sunday

First Mates' Sail

Destination:

Round Bay, Severn River.

Cost: No cost. Open to First Mates, First Mate Emeritus and First Mate Candidates.

Deadline:

Mail: May 26 (postmark)
Online: May 31

Note: Spend the day honing FM skills, as well as enjoying the day.
First Mates to Join Something Junish Raft after the Saturday sail. **BY INVITATION ONLY.**

Coordinator:

Bev Nash beverlynash@verizon.net

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



June 11

Saturday

Regional Backyard Gatherings

Location:

Private Home,
North Bethesda/Rockville, MD.
Directions upon registration.

Cost: No Cost. Potluck/BYOB.
BYO: Chair, Drink & Snack.
(Check with Host for Preference).

Host:

Jon Bernheimer

Time: 4:00pm – 7:30pm
Limit 20 persons.

Deadline:

Mail: June 7 (postmark)
Online: June 9

Note: Non-Members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.

SOS COVID Restrictions are in place.

Coordinator:

Debra Roane msdebrar@verizon.net

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



June 14

Tuesday

Mid-Week Day Sail

Destination:

Skipper's Choice.

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

Deadline:

Mail and Online registrations must be received by June 7.

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

Coordinator:

Barbara Wingrove bkwingrove@outlook.com

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

**June 17****Friday****Regional Backyard Gatherings**

Location: Private Home,
Annapolis, Maryland.
Directions upon registration.

Host: Lorraine Fassett

Deadline: Mail: June 13 (postmark)
Online: June 15

Coordinator: Lorraine Fassett lhfassett@verizon.net
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

Cost: No Cost. Potluck/BYOB.
BYO: Chair, Drink & Snack.
(Check with Host for Preference).

Time: 5:00pm -
Limit 20 persons.

Note: Non-Members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.
SOS COVID Restrictions are in place.

**June 18****Saturday****Day Sail**

Destination: Skippers' Choice.

Deadline: Mail: June 2 (postmark)
Online: June 5 (9:00pm)

Coordinator: Shelley Castle avvventuriera@gmail.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

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.

**June 18****Saturday****Dinghy Dance Seminar**

Destination: Annapolis, MD – Private Home.
(Directions sent upon registration).

Deadline: Mail: June 11 (postmark)
Online: June 15

Coordinator: Joan Tannen jtkeuka@gmail.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

Cost: \$10 – Members only.

Time: 1:00pm – 3:30pm

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

**June 18****Saturday****First Mate Meeting/Potluck**

Location: Molly & Ned's Home
Annapolis, MD

Deadline: Register by June 14

Coordinator: Meeps Yox mpsyx@earthlink.net
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

Cost: Free to invited members,
\$10 for guests (collected at the door)

Note: **By Invitation Only.**
SOS COVID Restrictions are in place.
Start at 5:30pm. Bring a dish to share.

**June 19****Sunday****Day Sail (Father's Day)**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.

Deadline: Mail: June 3 (postmark)
Online: June 6 (9:00pm)

Coordinator: Shelley Castle avvventuriera@gmail.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

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.

**June 25/26 Saturday – Sunday****44th Anniversary Cruise & Party (Stayin Alive)**

Destination: Lankford Bay Marina,
Chester River.

Deadline: Mail: June 10 (postmark)
Online: June 14
Party only: June 12 (limit 100)

Coordinator: Molly Harrison & Ned Schwartz mollyned@verizon.net
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

Cost: \$82 - Member or Non-member
Party only: \$48

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



June 29 Wednesday Mid-Week Day Sail

Destination: Skippers' Choice. **Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member.
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by June 22. **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
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org



July 2-4 Saturday – Monday 4th of July Cruise

Destination: Saturday: St Michaels. Sunday, Monday: Skippers' choice. **Cost:** \$51 - Member or Non-member.
Deadline: Mail: June 17 (postmark) Online: June 21 **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
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July 7 Thursday Board Meeting

Location: In person, Greenbrier Meeting Room. Hybrid Zoom option available for those that can't attend. **Time:** 7:00 to 10:00pm
Note: Open to all Members.



July 9/10 Saturday – Sunday Wine & Chocolate Cruise

Destination: Hollendursky Cove, past Pickering Ck, on Wye East River. **Cost:** \$34 - Member or Non-Member.
Deadline: Mail: June 24 (postmark) Online: June 28 **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
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July 12 Tuesday Mid-Week Day Sail

Destination: Skippers' Choice. **Cost:** \$17- Member or Non-Member.
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by July 5. **Note:** Non-Member may sail once with a member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
Coordinator: Emil Becker emilbec@msn.com
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September 10-17 7-day trip 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 tscofield55@gmail.com & Debra Roane msdebrar@verizon.net
 Go to <http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com> for more details.



Greenbriar Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD. From Washington Beltway (Interstate 95/495), Exit onto Baltimore/Washington (BW) Parkway toward Baltimore. Exit BW Parkway at the first exit (to Greenbelt), bear left on exit ramp to Greenbelt Road (east), make first left at light onto Hanover Parkway and turn immediately left into Greenbriar Center parking lot. Enter side door off lot, walk through room to stairs and take to second floor room. **From Balto/Phila:** Take I-295 to Greenbelt/MD 193 exit. Left at end of ramp, then bear left. Take the second left onto Hanover Pkwy. Then as above.

CPR and First Aid for Mariners



(L to R): Laura Gwinn and Rob King



Safety Committee Chair, Joan Tannen



(L to R): Gabi Van Wie and Sandy Rosswork



Three-Step Heimlich maneuver (all with the instructor, Julia – BTW she survived)
(L to R): 1. Jeanne Maroney, 2. Laura Gwinn and, 3. John Parsons



(L to R): Traci Fairbairn and Nancy Parsons



Group Photo



Two-Finger Sally a.k.a. – Laura Gwinn

Photographers: Nancy and John Parsons

NOTE FROM PHOTO EDITOR: Please include names with your photos so we can learn everyone's names.

Regional Backyard Gatherings



Western Howard County



(L to R): Shelley Castle, Pam Ledford, Debbie Goldberg and Glenn Marvin

(L to R): Linda Van Hart and Linda Casucci



Newark, DE



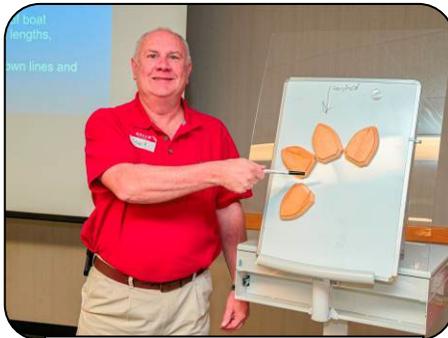
(L to R): Front row: Suzanne Vaughn, Kate Threefoot, Susan Wolsfield (NM); Back row: Mike Kuhn, Linda Perkins, Geri Walker, Shirley Brooks Hollendursky, George Hollendursky, Cherie Comly, Laura Hackell, Marianna Mujica (NM), Julie Fort

Same, but missing a few, then added Chuck Fort in the **red shirt**.

Raft Captain Training



(L to R): Coco Lanquetuit, Shelley Castle, and Linda Casucci



Chuck Fort (Instructor)



(L to R): Sue Vasco and Julie Fort

(NM) means New Member.

Photographers: Western Howard County by Karl Scible; Newark DE by Julie & Chuck Fort; Raft Captain Training submitted by Chuck Fort

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SCUTTLEBUTT

A communal water cask around which sailors trade gossip

Rich Stewart and **Heide Harper** have just completed a six-week delivery of his catamaran 'Hedy' back to the Chesapeake from where she lived all winter touring Florida around Fort Myers, Naples and Marathon Key. Their journey included a few jaunts out into the Atlantic, encountering the Gulf Stream once, meeting up with SOS members, visiting a few friends and family along the way and Heide's long-time dream of seeing Tangier Island. A good time was had by all.

What's It Like to Crew on a Stranger's Boat?!

The Skippers of SOS throw their arms wide open and welcome other club members to spend an afternoon, a weekend, or even longer together in close quarters. If you are a crew, you are stepping into a skipper's life for a brief time in a way that is far more revealing and – yes, let's say it – intimate – than it would be if you were merely that person's houseguest. A house doesn't move around or take skill to operate; a sailboat does.

And here you come, tucking your gear into little nooks and crannies left empty to make you feel at home. Is your clothing in soft canvas bags that can conform to a boat's angles? Are your provisions going to fit well into the icebox or refrigeration unit? Did you bring any glass containers that might shatter in rough weather? Should you be loading tomorrow's breakfast under today's lunch, which is on top of tonight's dinner? You haven't even left the dock yet, and already decisions

need to be made to help keep things going smoothly and the anxiety level down!

With this in mind, it sounds as though cruising is really just a tension-ridden time spent with fellow crew, who are all trapped on a floating prison! So why on earth do people love sailing? Or, maybe the better question is what kind of people love sailing?

As a crew who has raced and crewed with many skippers, I've picked up some answers to that question. Here's what I've learned: Every skipper will have developed tried and true techniques to do every little thing on a boat. As a guest, the crew is there to learn those mannerisms, peculiarities, superstitions, or whatever it is that has kept this boat afloat and all in one piece. Every skipper really does have the power/responsibility to make all decisions onboard. And if the weather is fine and boat traffic isn't a concern, your SOS skipper is most likely going to let you develop your skills at tacking, jibing, steering, etc. But you're going to be a student driver unless or until you can prove that you're skillful at handling a boat. Think about it: would you hand your car over to someone you don't know and then take a nap or grab a beer?

With few exceptions, it takes a group to sail a boat, just like it takes a village to raise a child. You are needed to help keep things going smoothly. Lines DO get tangled, loose objects DO start to knock around down below, muscle IS sometimes needed to crank in the sails, whoever is steering WILL need a break, and people WILL get hungry after a few hours out on the open water.

Maybe this should have been the first item on the list – BEFORE you pack your bags and shop for provisions, get information from your skipper about what bedding you need to pack and what kind of footwear is preferred. Ask about food preferences and restrictions and about any preference about red wine, glass containers, etc.

Since food is usually part of the SOS equation on weekend cruises and you are going to cook onboard, ask if there is a suitable pot (don't expect a wok for your stir fry!). Maybe even think about whether your food should be pre-cooked to avoid heating up the living quarters below decks.

What does it take to be a good crew?
Just a willingness to ask questions and accept the answers...or to accept instruction if you simply didn't know that there was something to learn.



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Nancy Briggs, Classified Page Editor

**BOAT PARTNERSHIP**

I am interested in partnering with someone to buy a sailboat. 29' to 32'. Approx purchase price 50K. Anyone interested, please contact Gabe at: Gabriel_ruiz@valdesautomation.com 5-22

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 5-22

ITEMS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Marincio day/night plus solar vent 4" white plastic. Works at night on rechargeable battery. Ventilation for boat or RV. For sale online at West Marine for \$224.99. **Asking \$100.** Never used. Mint condition in original box. Bob Morrow, cogito28@aol.com 5-22

Washington Nationals Tickets. I have a **season ticket plan** for two tickets to 2022 Washington Nationals games in The Champions' Club – nice aisle seats on mezzanine level behind home plate. If you are interested in taking tickets to some games on a discounted basis, please contact johnccfilippini@gmail.com, or 703-409-9187, for further details. 8-22

FOR SALE: 30+feet of anchor chain 1/2" used once. Turned out to be too heavy for me. Bought at WM. Make offer. Peter Breit 484.437.3262 Breitp@outlook.com

FOR SALE: ICOM VHF marine transceiver, IC-M32, waterproof, with charger. \$50 or best offer. Lorraine Fassett, 410-573-1030, lhassett@verizon.net 8-22

FOR SALE: Yanmar 4JH3E parts (may fit other Yanmar engines). \$40 for new Yanmar thermostat set that includes: thermostat 129470-49801, thermostat gasket 129795-49551, thermostat gasket 129150-49811. \$15 for 3 Yanmar fuel filters P/N129470-55810. Dennis Biby, sailor@aweigh.com 8-22

FOR SALE: Two kayaks. Ellen Martz, Ellen.Martz@hughes.com 8-22

FOR SALE: Two white 36" wide x 12" deep floating shelves, one from Wayfair and one from Amazon. Brand new, never installed. \$25 each. Seajay2844@gmail.com 9-22

FOR SALE: Yacht ensign wooden flag pole for sale. 139.7 cm long (55") jeannemaroney@gmail.com 9-22

**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 5-22

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 5-22

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1st Wednesday
NOVA/DC: **May 4th** **5:00-7:00 PM**
MYLO'S GRILL, in the back dining room, 6238 Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA. 22101. (in the Chesterbrook Shopping Cntr) 703-533-5880 www.mylosgrill.com
COORDINATOR: **HOPE - hopedav@verizon.net**

2nd Thursday ***NOTE CHANGE to 2nd Thursday***
ELLCOTT CITY: **May 12th** **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**

3rd Wednesday
WILMINGTON: **May 18th** **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: **May 19th** **5:00-7:00 PM**
Botanero Restaurant, 800 Pleasant Drive, Rockville, MD 20850 301-947-5400 www.bontanerorockville.com
COORDINATOR: **DEBBIE - hidebbieg@yahoo.com**

3rd Thursday
KENT ISLAND: **May 19th** **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 Brooks@aol.com**

4th Thursday
ANNAPOLIS **May 26th** **5:00 - 7:00 PM**
NEW LOCATION: THE PIER WATERFRONT BAR & GRILL 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, MD Rt 2 on the south side of South River bridge. If we are not in the bar area, we will be in the enclosed, heated, UPPER deck. 443-837-6057 OR For their most up to date info, refer to their Facebook: The Pier Waterfront Bar & Grill
COORDINATOR: **JEAN - jgough4you@gmail.com**



NOVA/DC Happy Hour

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