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Membership Renewal: Nov 1, 2022 - Jan 31, 2023
Membership Year: Jan 1 - Dec 31

Singles On Sailboats will celebrate 45 years of sailing, socializing, learning and friendship during 2023.

The Sunday November 6th Day Sail will mark the end of the sailing season.

On November 13th, the Club will kick off the winter events with a Sunday Brunch at the Double Tree Hotel in Annapolis. There are also Sunday brunches scheduled for December, January, February and March. Coming up soon will be the Regional Pre- and Post-Thanksgiving Dinners, the Annapolis Parade of Lights Party and the return of the Friday evening Zoom happy hour and educational presentations. Registration for the Sea of Cortez Bareboat is underway and plans for a second 2023 bareboat trip to a destination in North America are in the works. The Cruising Committee will start work on the 2023 schedule after taking a short break.

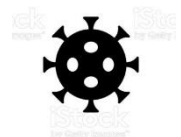
Don't miss what Singles on Sailboats has to offer. Renew your membership for 2023. An email will be sent with detailed instructions and a link to renew online beginning November 1, 2022. To renew by mail, a downloadable form will be posted to the website that loads after login.

2023 Dues

- Regular & Associate Members: \$60.00
- *Life Members \$40.00
- Inactive Members: \$15.00
- Subscription for a printed copy of newsletter \$40.00

*Requirements to become a life member: born on or before December 31, 1952, 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. To change your membership to Life member, you must contact the membership committee to verify your eligibility for lifetime membership.

COVID - Winter Season Safety Protocol



"All participants attending SOS indoor events must provide evidence of Vaccination and Boosting upon request during the period Nov 1-April 15 as well as comply with the requirements of a specific venue then in effect. Members should expect to be denied admission without refund if they fail to comply with this winter policy."

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Jingle bells, Jingle bells, Happy Holidays!!!



The holidays are upon us and it truly is a lovely time of year. As I write this, we have had our first "freeze" of the winter and sailing seems to be sooooo far away! I feel very fortunate to belong to a club where sailing is never far from our thoughts. Even this month of December, among all of the family parties, shopping, decorating and traveling, SOS is offering many events to keep all of us in touch with our friends.

After many years, SOS is again entering a boat in the EYC Parade of Lights in Annapolis. On December 10th, beautifully decorated boats, both sail and power, will cruise the harbor in downtown Annapolis to the delight of many. There are lots of vantage points in town to view the parade. The after-party is completely booked. But the next morning, we will have a Brunch at the Doubletree in Annapolis at 11:00 a.m. (See the Fleet Exercises for more info). Our speaker will be from Sail Beyond Cancer, a great organization!! Be sure to sign up early, as we need to notify the hotel of the number of folks attending. Consider making this a getaway weekend!!!

As always during the winter months, SOS enables our members to stay in touch with each other and improve our sailing knowledge and skills. Be sure to check out Fleet Exercises for offers of Fireside Chats in member's homes, Seminars in various locations

and Zoom opportunities offered through the Education Committee. Each event will have a speaker (s) with wide ranging topics of interest to crew and skippers alike. Also, a great time to socialize!! Space may be limited, so don't delay to sign up.

Your board and committee chairs are meeting early in December to create a plan for the new year. If you have suggestions or ideas....or just willing to volunteer.....please contact one of us. We welcome your input. See the list of committee chairs and board members in this issue.

Have a wonderful holiday and I hope to see each of you soon.

Carole, Commodore

Welcome New Members & Returning Members

Val Mellon
Waterford, VA

Anne Kaiser
Silver Spring, MD

Pete Marcin
Annapolis, MD

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Unofficial Notes of November 3, 2022, Board Meeting

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of October 6, 2022, board (BOD) meeting approved.

Commodore: Next BOD meeting will take place on December 3 at the Brooklyn Park Library (1 E 11th Ave, Baltimore, Maryland 21225). Meeting convenes at 10 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Retreat and Planning Session with Committee Chairs will follow the BOD meeting.

Vice Commodore: Robin Meigel made a motion for Hope Andruss to become a Skipper Emeritus.

Treasurer:

Club Checking Account	23,147.98
Hi-Yield Savings Account	73,464.22
Club Credit Card	-11,012.90
Bareboat Account	49,461.64

Secretary: When putting forward motions, directors are encouraged to complete and submit the fillable "Motion Form" in "Forms and Such" on the SOS website.

Committees:

Bareboat-Sea of Cortez: January 28, 2023 – February 4, 2023; San Juan Islands: TBD.

Brunch – December 11, 2022, Brunch Speaker: Ms. Suzanne Snyder-Johnson Sail Beyond Cancer; January 22, 2023, Brunch Speaker Vicki Saporta, President, Chesapeake Area Professional Captains Association (CAP-CA) a USCG 50-Ton Master Captain.

Cruising – The Cruising Committee has awarded 19 Skippers, 28 "Skipper Rewards" (free entry into land-based parties and events). Planning for the 2023 cruising season has begun.

Database

	November 2022	November 2021
Members	255	233
Skippers	64	61
Lifetime Members	99	109
Lifetime Skippers	24	21
Inactive Members	21	19
Totals	463*	443

*94 joined since 11/1/2021

Member Renewal -- Renewal period for 2023 opened November 1st and will run till January 31st. To be followed by a grace period of approximately 14 days.

Education – Spring Training planning continues with tentative date of April 1, 2023 at Anne Arundel Community College.

Friday night Zoom sessions have resumed.

Three Seminars have been scheduled by Shirley: 1/7/23, 2/11/23, and 3/4/23.

First Mates -- One FM still needs a renewal as of the end of the season, and will receive a one-year grace period to complete it. Many thanks to Joan Tannen, the checkout skippers, and the cruising coordinators in completing the five-year renewal task.

Membership – One new Member has joined SOS since October's BOD meeting. Two new Co-Chairs have stepped forward to be considered for approval by the BOD. Linda and Jon will continue as Committee Members to provide guidance and assistance as needed.

Newsletter – The 20-page November Whisker Pole was mailed to 76 members; 17 copies were mailed to Happy Hour coordinators. The total cost was \$397.79.

Public Relations -- Submitted bill to Treasurer for half-year fees for Meet Up site. We will collect hats, scarves, gloves at the December brunch for donation to an Annapolis non-profit. Working with Stout Gear for another opportunity to order SOS logo gear, potentially including some new items as well as a design for the Baja bareboat cruise.

Safety – Work on the Fitness Metric project is coming right along. We hope to have something in place to introduce to the club in the beginning of the New year.

Skippers' Advisory – The Zoom monthly Happy Hours for skippers continued through October with more than a dozen skippers attending. It has been seen as a positive venue for skipper dialog, questions and suggestions. Topics discussed included use of generators in rafts (negative about using them).

Social – Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: Motion by Pat Woodie regarding medical forms for bareboat cruises passed: "All Bareboat Cruise participants must provide a completed medical certificate to the skipper of their boat 30 days before the trip. The only acceptable form is the most current one provided on the Bare Boat site. This form will be submitted in a sealed envelope and only opened in case of emergency. This envelope will be returned to the participant at the end of the cruise. It is also recommended that each participant carry a second copy with them in case of some unforeseen circumstance."

New Business: New Board members were seated and officers elected. Committee Chairs Liaisons were formed



The Parade of Lights is coming to Annapolis December 10 and SOS plans to be represented with a boat complete with lights, banner, and action! We have formed a small committee to organize the details of design, decorate, crew, undo... and we need your input, vision, and capable arms. With a very simple design plan, we hope to take no more than a day or two to line up the lights and set up the décor.

So, contact Janet Gonski JGSunset@yahoo.com with any questions or if you are interested in being part of the action.

Brunch – December 11th Sail Beyond Cancer

Harnessing the healing powers of wind, water, and sail, Ms. Suzanne Snyder Johnson established a group called Sail Beyond Cancer (www.SailBeyondCancer.org) in 2014 after her own encounter with breast cancer. The idea is to take someone dealing with cancer, and five people they choose, out for a three-hour sail (at no charge to them) to take their mind off what they are going through and to give them a few hours of escape. She believes in the importance of taking time to celebrate life's beauty together, and do so by providing a unique therapeutic recreational experience for the whole family.

As part of SOS community outreach and donations, our club members have initiated a goal of collecting gloves, hats, mittens and warm clothing at the December brunch to donate to The Arundel House of Hope as we will connect with their efforts and mission. <http://www.arundelhoh.org/home.html>



We will accept donations of hats, gloves and such and especially socks (in all adult sizes), Tee shirts in L and XL as well as underwear in sizes M/L for both men and women will be of great benefit. If you wish to make an online donation in lieu of bringing items to the brunch, see the donation link on our SOS website.

Their organization has been providing housing and assistive services to the homeless since 1992. With emergency, transitional, and permanent affordable housing for men and women including veterans and providing women a safe haven, they also focus on resources that will move the homeless toward independence.

Christmas Dinner - December 25

Barbara Mistrik will be hosting a dinner in her Edgewater home on Christmas Day. Bring food to share and a small donation.



There is no online registration for this event. To register contact Barbara at (410)-956-1445.

Brunch – January 22nd How to become a Coast Guard Licensed Captain



Vicki Saporta is a licensed 50 Ton Boat Captain, Commodore of the Chesapeake Bay Sabre Association, President of the Chesapeake Area Professional Captains Association (CAPCA) and owner of *Pleiades*, a Sabre 402.

CAPCA is a membership organization for Coast Guard-licensed captains across the Chesapeake Bay and along the Atlantic coast. CAPCA promotes professional development and serves the maritime public.

Captain Saporta will talk about what the organization does, what their members do with their licenses, and how to get a Captain's license if interested. She will be happy to answer questions and let the conversation go where our members would like.

Regional Brunches – February 12th

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.

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.

If you are interested in hosting a Regional Brunch, please contact Lorraine Fassett - lhassett@verizon.net

Awards, Awards, and More Awards!



At an awards event to be announced, SOS will recognize four members for their significant contributions of time, energy and talent (the serious member recognition awards) to our all-volunteer Club. Members will also be recognized for contributing whimsical, good-natured humor through their foibles, bloopers, and flim-flams (the Jibe Ho awards).

Nominations from the membership are requested and should include nominee's name, award for which she/he is nominated, and a description of why the nominee qualifies for the particular award. Nominations for both the Board Awards and the Jibe Ho Awards should be sent to Vice Commodore Bob Wright at robert.wright.bowie@gmail.com

So, What Are The Serious Board Awards?

Commodore's Award: The Board of Directors established the annual Commodore's award so that the highest-ranking officer of the Club could extend public recognition and many thanks to an individual who has made significant contributions in fostering the goals of Singles on Sailboats, and who continues to contribute to many aspects of the Club. Nominations for the award are accepted from the general membership.

Ed Klein Member of the Year Award: Singles on Sailboats owes its beginnings to Ed Klein. He co-sponsored the first rafts of two or three boats, the first brunches, the first social gatherings. But Ed offered more. He would teach you to sail without regard for your past experience or future expectations. Ed would take you aboard his boat, The Mai Kai, give you the helm, and develop your skills. He would challenge you to extend your horizons. He was one of those unique individuals who shared his joy of sailing with you. Ed sailed beyond this world in 1987. Nominations for the award come from the general membership.

Elinor W. "Elli" Abramson Award for Contributions to SOS Education Programs: Elli Abramson created many new educational programs for the members of Singles on Sailboats. After serving on the Board of Directors for two years, she gradually built an all-encompassing education program that provides the opportunity to broaden one's knowledge of sailing at minimal cost. She transformed the spring education program so that it attracts more participants than any other SOS event. Elli sailed beyond this world in 1992. Nominations are accepted from the general membership, and the Education Committee Chairperson(s) recommends the recipient.

Rookie of the Year Award: Singles on Sailboats attracts many new sailors each year. The Board of Directors established the annual Rookie of the Year Award to recognize the individual who, in his or her first-year sailing with SOS, demonstrates superior interest in and learning about sailing, and who becomes highly involved in one or more of the many SOS programs. Nominations for the award come from the general membership.

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.

December 3 Saturday



Location: Brooklyn Park Library, 1E11th Ave.
Baltimore, MD.
In person only, No Zoom

Board Meeting

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm.
Note: Open to all Members.
This precedes the annual Board Retreat for Board members and Committee Chairs

December 3 Saturday



Location: Brooklyn Park Library, 1E11th Ave.
Baltimore, MD.
In person only, No Zoom

Board Team Building Retreat

Time: 12:00pm to 3:30pm.
Note: For Board Members & Committee Chairs.

Various 1st & 3rd Fridays



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

Education Zoom Seminars

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

December 3 Saturday



Location: Annapolis, MD.
Speaker: John Parsons.
Topic: Nautical Jeopardy
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Nov. 28 (9:00pm).

Annapolis Area Fireside Chat

Cost: \$20 by deadline.
\$25 after deadline.
Host: Nancy Parsons.
Time: 5:30pm. **Limited to 12.**
Note: Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.
Per SOS requirements - **Only COVID vaccinated and boosted participants, please.**

Coordinator: Barbara Mistrik mistrikbarbara@gmail.com
To host one of these events, contact Barbara Mistrik mistrikbarbara@gmail.com
Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

December 10 Saturday



Location: Annapolis Waterfront Hotel,
Autograph Collection, Annapolis,
MD.
Coordinator and Hostess: Sandy Rosswork
sgrosswork@aol.com

Parade of Lights Viewing

\$50 per person. Plus, bring an appetizer or dessert.
Time: 5:00pm in room, 6:00pm Parade starts.
Note: Contact the coordinator directly.
Space limit of 25.

SOLD OUT.
Wait list only.

**December 11 Sunday**

Location: Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD.
Speaker: Suzanne Snyder Johnson.
Topic: Sail Beyond Cancer Inc. We give our patients and caregivers a unique opportunity to enjoy sailing.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Dec. 5 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Bev Nash beverlynash@verizon.net

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

Holiday Brunch

Cost: \$33 - Brunch.
 \$37 - After deadline and walk-ins.
Walk-ins CANNOT be guaranteed a seat.
Time: 11:00am Social Hour.
 12:00 noon Brunch.
 1:00pm Program.
Note: Per SOS requirements - **Only COVID vaccinated and boosted participants, please.**

**December 25 Sunday**

Location: Home of Barbara Mistrik, Edgewater, MD.
Only vaccinated and boosted members, please.
Deadline: December 21.
Coordinator: Call Barbara Mistrik via phone only, **AFTER DECEMBER 1.** 410 956-1445
 Be prepared to request your buffet contribution.

Christmas Day Dinner – Annapolis Area

Cost: \$10 and Food contribution.
Note: This is NOT an on-line coordination. Coordination is thru Barbara directly via phone.
Note: Last minute? Call Barbara to see if space is available. There is a limit.

**January 5 Thursday**

Location: Zoom option only available. Contact Commodore if interested in attending. commodore@singlesonsailboats.org

Board Meeting

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

**January 7 Saturday**

Location: Crofton Library, 1681 Riedel Rd., Crofton, MD
New Location
Speakers: Harry & Kati Keith.
Topic: Sailing the Down East Circle.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Jan 4 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky Shirleybbrooks@yahoo.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

Seminar – Sailing the Down East Circle

Cost: \$10.
Time: 10:30am – 2:00pm.
Note: Coffee and Snacks provided.
 Per SOS requirements - **Only COVID vaccinated and boosted participants, please.**

**January 14 Saturday**

Location: Severna Park, MD.
Speaker: Carole Jordan & other BODs.
Topic: SOS Board of Directors Mtgs, What Happens?
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Jan. 9 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Anne Bastian bastian.anne@gmail.com
 To host one of these events, contact Barbara Mistrik mistrikbarbara@gmail.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

Severna Park Area Fireside Chat

Cost: \$20 by deadline.
 \$25 after deadline.
Host: Robyn and Art Turriff.
Time: 5:00pm.
Limited to 18.
Note: Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.
 Per SOS requirements - **Only COVID vaccinated and boosted participants, please.**

January 22 Sunday

Location: Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD.

Speaker: Vicki Saporta, President, Chesapeake Area Professional Captains Association, a USCG 50-Ton Master Captain.

Topic: What CAPCA is, how to become a Coast Guard-licensed Chesapeake captain, and how to boat more safely.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Jan. 16 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Anne Bastian bastian.anne@gmail.com
Change Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org.

Brunch

Cost: \$33 - Brunch.
 \$37 - After deadline and walk-ins.

Walk-ins CANNOT be guaranteed a seat.

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

Note: Per SOS requirements - **Only COVID vaccinated and boosted participants, please.**

**Jan. 28 -
 Feb. 4**



Destination: Sea of Cortez, La Paz, Mexico.

Note: **Must be fully COVID vaccinated & boosted to sign up for this trip per SOS requirements.**

Coordinator: TBD - Need a coordinator. Contact Deb Kaufman debkauffman@comcast.net
 Go to <http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/> for more details.

7-day Trip Saturday to Saturday 2023 Bareboat Cruise

Cost: Members \$1400 = Boat Cost and Admin Fee. Air Fare and Insurance are separate.

Note: To Download Registration Form with Payment Information:
<http://sosbareboat.simplesite.com/453350884>

February 2 Thursday

Location: Zoom option only available. Contact Commodore if interested in attending. commodore@singlesonsailboats.org

Board Meeting

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

February 11 Saturday

Location: Crofton Library, 1681 Riedel Rd., Crofton, MD

Speakers: Jim Brooks & Cynthia Palmar.

Topic: Marine Insurance.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Feb 8 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky Shirleybbrooks@yahoo.com
 Please **be sure to log-in first**, then sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org

Seminar – Marine Insurance

Cost: \$10

Time: 10:30am – 2:00pm.

Note: Coffee and Snacks provided.
 Per SOS requirements - **Only COVID vaccinated and boosted participants, please.**

February 12 Sunday

Location: Held in private homes of SOS members. List of hosts will be published in January. Then members contact host to register and receive directions.

Deadline: Contact host by February 9
 Per SOS requirements - **Only COVID vaccinated and boosted participants, please.**

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

Regional Brunches

Cost: \$10 payable at the door plus a dish to share.

Time: 11:00 am Social Hour
 12:00 noon Brunch

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

November Brunch



Welcome new members!
(L to R): Patty Toler, Richard Fuller,
Pascale Davidson, and Anne Kaiser



New BOD (L to R): Susan Zevin, Craig Coltharp, Angela Eggleston, Carole Jordan, Nancy Bromberg, Heide Harper, Doug Gage, and Cathy Laws (Absent: Bob Wright)



(L to R): Anne Kaiser (NS),
and Julie Fort



(L to R): Hope Andruss receiving Skipper's Emeritus from Emil Becker, and Lorraine Fassett



(L to R): Sandy Huberfeld,
and Janet Pennewell (NM)



(L to R - both photos): Ned Schwartz, and Lorraine Fassett; Molly Harrison, Ned Schwartz, and Nancy Briggs



(L to R): Dane, and Ursula Skagen

(NS) denotes New Skipper, and (NM) denotes New Member.

All Photographs submitted by John Parsons

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

OysterFest



(L to R): Lorraine Panaccio, Peter Breit, Genienne Navarro, Gabriel Ruiz, and Andrea Decker



Saturday Happy Hour (L to R): Heide Harper, Marge Stembel, Dan Meier, and Susan Zevin



(L to R): Laura Gwinn and Josh Atwood (the much-appreciated Dockmaster)



(L to R): Gene Jacob, Jody Hutchinson, and Dan Meier



(L to R): Becky Strandberg, Alex Daly, Meeps Yox and Dennis Krizek



(L to R): Rita Svec, and Debra Roane



(L to R): Jean Gough, and Martha Wagner



(L to R): Bob Wright, Patti Evans, Mary Chevalier, and Cynthia Browne



(L to R): Patti Evans and Meeps Yox

Photographs by: John Parsons (JFP) and Bob Wright (RAW)

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

You Ought to be in Pictures: The 2022 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 2022 Photo Contest.

1. **Entries must be taken at events with other SOS members in 2022 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. (A destination cruise of the Mediterranean may **not** include photos from a layover in Amsterdam.)



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 or inquiries to Bob Wright at: Robert.Wright.Bowie@gmail.com

2022 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.



January 7th Seminar The Down East Loop

Please join us for an exciting presentation by SOS members Harry & Katie Keith as they share their adventures this past summer on the Down East Loop. They will discuss trip planning, boat prep, provisioning, marinas, moorings, highlights, mis-adventures and share photos of their trip. This information will be invaluable if you are planning to make a similar trip, or just want to learn about an incredible adventure!



You may have heard of the "Great Loop," a well-traveled nautical circuit that involves the Hudson River, the Erie Canal, the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River. But there's another loop, less traveled by, called the Down East Loop. This route continues up the Hudson, through the Champlain Canal and Lake Champlain, the Richelieu River, Chambley Canal, finally turning East at the St. Lawrence River. The only way home from here is around the Gaspé Peninsula, down the East coast of New Brunswick, through the Northumberland Strait past Prince Edward Island then the Canso Strait past Cape Breton Island. From there, the Loop continues along the East coast of Nova Scotia, ultimately ending up back in US waters along the Maine coast.

February 11th Seminar Marine Insurance: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly



In 2015, Jim Brooks and Cynthia Palmer lost their Pacific Seacraft Crealock 34 to vandalism while the boat was stored on land. The damage was extensive; their insurer offered them only 40% of the total insured value of the boat rather than

declaring the boat a total loss.

This seminar will detail the months-long steps they had to take to have the boat declared a total loss, resulting in 100% reimbursement of its insured value. The many critical aspects of boat insurance policies they learned about will be covered in this seminar. What you think your policy will cover and what your insurance company says it will cover is not always the same. **Bring your own policy and join the discussion!**

Fireside Chats Return

The Education committee brings members together to learn about sailing/club functions and we striving to get this program back on the road (water?) to success, post-Covid.

For those who have never attend a Fireside Chat here is the scenario. After registering, attendees meet at a member/host home. We have these throughout the SOS membership area, but that is dependent on volunteers in those areas.

The evening starts with, socializing with nibbles and drinks then dinner, provided by the SOS member Coordinator who is reimbursed for expenses. A chat, by the SOS member Speaker or speakers on the subject topic is next. These are always related to sailing, sailing environmental issues or Club facts. The Chat is followed by dessert and coffee.

The December Fireside Chat program planned is "Nautical Jeopardy" a fun way to test your sailing lingo, along with other members of your TEAM. Other topics on the calendar are "the SOS Board of Directors, what happens there?", "Leaving your home for an extended period of time? Things to think about", and "All about SOS Bare Boat Cruising". More topics are currently being developed! You can help make the Fireside Chat program by attending, and volunteering as a host, Coordinator or speaker! See you LIVE at a Fireside chat!

Ruth Seifert Moore



Ruth passed away peacefully on November 12th at the age of 86. A member of SOS since 1985, Ruth loved to sail and captained her own boat on and around the Chesapeake Bay for many years.

Ruth also loved to travel and took trips with each of her grandchildren on their 16th birthdays to various locations in and out of the United States.

A memorial gathering is planned for December 3rd from 2:00-4:00 PM at Hardesty Funeral Home, 12 Ridgely Avenue in Annapolis. In lieu of flowers, Ruth's family requests donations be made to the American Lung Association at <https://www.heart.org/en/get-involved>

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BOATS FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Pearson 30 with many upgrades - Renovated Atomic 4, wiring, wheel, large bimini, new rigging, toilet, roller furler, mainsail, traveler, depth finder, cabin carpet, tiller box, Galvanic isolator, Garmin plotter, gel coat, and newly painted bottom. \$12,000
Maureen Wright, 410-268-1058 12-22

FOR SALE: 1998 Pacific Seacraft Crealock 34 Cutter for sale in Annapolis. See the full listing at: <https://www.yachtworld.com/yacht/1998-pacific-seacraft-crealock-34-cutter-8504317/> If interested, please contact Cynthia Palmer (301-938-9142 or cspsail@gmail.com) or Jim Brooks (302-598-1269 or lifeajake@gmail.com) for further information. 1-23

BOAT PARTNERSHIP

FOR SALE: One(1) share in an incorporated 20+ year sailing partnership of a 1983 Hunter 34 based in Pasadena, MD. She has been sailed on the Chesapeake, the Atlantic coast, and around New England. The one-time purchase price is \$3,500, with yearly dues of \$750. For experienced sailors only. For photos or more information, contact Eric Swift at 540-907-8767 or keswift1@verizon.net 2-23

BOAT SLIPS**ITEMS FOR SALE**

FOR SALE: Suzuki 9.9 outboard motor. Still in break-in period. \$1,500 Contact Richard:at 443-618-6469 or rjoklik@gmail.com 2-23

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Two bedroom apartment available for rent December-April in Dunedin, FL. On the gulf, discounted price. Garage parking, pool, tennis, in-apartment laundry, cable TV, WiFi. E-mail Barbara Mistrik for more information and photos. mistrikbarbara@gmail.com 12-22

SOS Logo Gear

Are you looking for SOS logo gear? The opportunity to order is coming your way as promised! With short and long sleeve shirts, jackets, fleeces, and vests you have layers for any temperature.



Looking for a durable way to tote your gear? We have added an option for a canvas bag with our club logo. Going on the LaPaz bareboat? Stoutgear designed a Baja 2023 pic to add to your shirts.

Online ordering opportunity will be available from November 14 through December 20. After the orders are in, Stoutgear will fire up their machines and fill and ship your orders. Find our SOS Shop at <https://stoutgearsailing.myshopify.com/collections/singles-on-sailboats>

**SAVE THE DATE:
March 4th Seminar
Raft Captain Training**



Rafting is an important aspect of SOS cruising and doing it safely is critical. Learn how SOS builds linear and circle rafts including where and how to set an anchor, place fenders, secure lines, approach in the wind, and effectively communicate both on the boat and with the Raft Captain.

This seminar is designed for Raft Captains, potential Raft Captains, Skippers, First Mates, and all Crewmembers. The session covers considerations involved in raft building such as advance planning, general guidelines for all rafts, special considerations for circle and linear rafts, handling emergencies, docking for land-based cruises, and ways in which Skippers and Crew can assist the rafting process. There is no cost for Raft Captains, potential Raft Captains, First Mates and First Mate Candidates.



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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: Dec 7th 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 - hoped@verizon.net

1st Wednesday
BALTIMORE: Dec 7th 5:00-7:00 PM
MT WASHINGTON TAVERN, 5700 Newbury St., Baltimore, MD 21209. 410-367-6903 www.mtwashingtontavern.com
COORDINATOR: PAT - pptracey63@gmail.com

2nd Thursday
ELLCOTT CITY: Dec 8th 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: Dec 21st 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 Tuesday
PHILLY AREA: Dec 20th 4:30 PM
DiFabios, 1243 Providence Road, Media, PA 19063 (location of the Old Rose Tree Inn) 484-444-0850. Great food, lots of parking. Gather in patio area.
www.difabiosevents.com
COORDINATORS: PATTI - evansapatti@gmail.com
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3rd Thursday
ROCKVILLE: Dec 15th 5:00-7:00 PM
Seasons 52, 11414 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852 301-816-0369. Free parking at Whole Foods.
www.m.seasons52.com
CORDINATOR: DEBBIE - hidebbieg@yahoo.com

3rd Thursday
KENT ISLAND: Dec 15th 5:00-7:00 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: Dec 22nd 5:00-7:00 PM
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 the most current info, refer to their Facebook page: The Pier Waterfront Bar & Grill.
COORDINATOR: JEAN- jqough4you@gmail.com



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Bill Small, Debra Roane, Barry Herling,
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December Gatherings

Fireside Chat, Annapolis – Dec 3

Annapolis Parade of Lights – Dec 10

Brunch – Dec 11

Christmas Dinner – Dec 25