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Cruising Corner

Chuck Fort, Cruising Chair

Here is some information about the weekend cruises for the rest of the season.

The **Labor Day Weekend Cruise** is from Friday, September 1 to Monday, September 4, stopping at Baby Owl Creek, on Broad Creek, Choptank River Friday night on the way to Zahniser's Marina in Solomons Island Saturday night. We will stop at Dunn Cove on Harris Creek of the Choptank River north of Knapps Narrows on the way back. The good news is that Knapps Narrows has been dredged recently. [Labor Day 4 Day Cruise](#)

The **Eastport Oyster Boys Concert Cruise** will sail to Shaw Bay on the Wye River on Friday, September 8 so you can get a good spot for the concert at 3:00 PM on Saturday, September 9. Listen from your boat or dinghy closer to the barge/stage. [Eastport Oyster Boys Concert Cruise](#)

The **Oktoberfest Cruise** on September 23-24 will be to Castle

Marina in the Chester River just north of Kent Narrows. You can sail in or drive in. For those driving in, the address is 301 Tackle Circle, Chester, MD 21619. For those sailing in, call the marina at 410-643-5599 to make a slip reservation. We will gather at the pavilion by the bath house for the party. The cost of the Happy Hour party will be \$15.00 payable to Gabi Van Wie at the party. Those skippers that take a crewmember from the coordination will have their slip paid for. [Oktoberfest Cruise](#)

The **Chili Cruise** on October 7-8 will be to Hollendursky Cove, just past Pickering Creek on the Wye East River. (The cove is unnamed on the charts.) There will be a chili contest to see who makes the best chili in several different categories. [Chili Cruise](#)

The **Goose Cruise** on October 21-22 will be to the Corsica River on the Chester River. This weekend usually has cool weather with good wind and

will give the opportunity to see the geese on their way south. There will be a memorial for Ursula Skagen on the raft.

The final weekend cruise of the season will be to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum for the **Oysterfest**. We will sail to CBMM on Friday October 27 so we can enjoy the Oysterfest all day Saturday October 28. To get a slip at the CBMM, you must have a membership there at the Mariner level or higher. You can register for a slip online at the Boat Docking button on [https://cbmm.org/docking-at-cbmm/M - Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum](https://cbmm.org/docking-at-cbmm/M-Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum) starting at 12:01 AM on September 27. If you are not a CBMM member, another good option for a slip is at Higgins Yacht Yard next door at <https://higginsyachtyard.com/> or (410) 745-9303. Those skippers that take a crewmember from the coordination will have their slip paid for.

Ursula Skagen Farewell

Please join Dane Skagen in saying a final **goodbye to Ursula Skagen** during the raft up for the **SOS Goose Cruise, October 21 and 22, 2023** on the Corsica River near 39 04.75N 76 07.175W.

There will be a simple sailors' ceremony sending her to her final resting place; some words, some music and an offering to the sea on her behalf. Depending on weather, the ceremony will either be in the evening once the raft is closed or in the morning before the raft breaks up.

Ursula battled gallbladder cancer for 2 1/2 years and still lived life to the fullest during that time including many SOS events. Being involved with SOS was an important part of her life and her wishes were for an at sea ceremony with sailors, boats and friends.

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



In the last two years, as your Commodore, I have fielded many questions and comments

from our members that begin with "I wish SOS would..." or "Why doesn't SOS do..." Lots of great ideas come from our members and help give the club a needed push forward. I promise that each one gets forwarded to the appropriate committee and/or the Board.

Many of the innovations of the last 20 years have come before the board and have been put into practice. SOS entrance into the digital age with online registration for events, the Whisker Pole available digitally. Both leaps forward that came from the members to the board.

This month is your chance to VOTE for four candidates for the 2023-2024 Board of Directors. Please read in this newsletter the introductions of each of the candidates. If you have questions for them, please don't hesitate to contact them and ask. If you have suggestions for the new or remaining board members, please reach out and voice them. We are all members of this club and the more participation by each and every member makes the club stronger. What would you like to see improved? How can we better serve new members, as well as our longtime members? As I have said before, I am always interested in hearing from you.

There are so many great opportunities for us to get out on the water this month. Kudos to Chuck Fort and the Cruising committee and coordinators for giving us so many options. The fall is always

spectacular on the Chesapeake Bay. Six-day sails, two weekends, and the Four-day Labor Day Sail.

Don't forget the eight locations for Happy Hours....no agenda, just happy folks meeting together.

Hope to see you soon!

Carole, Commodore

Welcome New and Returning Members

Anja Freyja
Alexandria, VA

Ray Houck
Annapolis, MD

Betsy Jenkins
Annapolis, MD

Jon Luhman
Gaithersburg, MD

Kevin McKinney
Glen Mills, PA

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Pottstown, PA

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Unofficial Board Notes August 5, 2023

Official August minutes will be posted on the SOS website when approved in September by the Board of Directors.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of May and July 2023, board (BOD) meeting minutes approved.

Commodore: No Report

Vice Commodore No Report

Treasurer:

Club Checking Account	17,403.97
Hi-Yield Savings Acc.	73,541.61
Credit Card	(4,199.13)
Bareboat Acc.	52,401.94

\$46,000 paid for Bareboat boats.

Membership for 2023: \$22,105.
Anniversary Party: (\$3,559)
Anniversary Cruising: (\$558)

To date, no funds have been transfer from Hi-yield Account.

Committees:

Bareboat –

San Juan Islands:

- August 25, 2023 – September 2, 2023
- Coordinator: Heide Harper
- Need to secure burgees for some boats.

Coordinators needed for BVI 2024 and Majorca 2024.

Spring 2025

- New Zealand
- Dates to be determined
- Coordinator: Coco Lanquetuit.

Other: The “hired skipper” job description received. Under review.

Brunch – Brunch Dates are set for Nov. 12, Dec. 10 and Jan. 21.

Regional Branches in February. March Brunch will be scheduled after Spring Training.

Cruising – Ten Skippers have received Skipper Rewards.

Zoom-based Raft Captain Class is scheduled for August 13.

Revisions to the Coordinator’s Manual have been completed.

Database – No Report

Education – Committee to meet soon regarding Spring Training and Friday Night Zoom Programs. Reach out to Bill Knapp if you have any ideas.

First Mates – Another First Mates’ Log encouraging them to sign up for sails and, at a minimum, to meet their 2-day sailing requirements.

Currently, we have no active FM Candidates, but one or two members are starting to compile their required recommendations.

Membership – 4 new members and 1 skipper.

Newsletter – The 20-page Whisker Pole was mailed to 55 members and Happy Hour coordinators at a cost of \$667.55 which equals to \$7.85 for each printed copy.

Public Relations – Public relations is gearing up for later in the year activities.

Those who might be interested in helping with Lights parade, the table at the boat show, and some information about the CRAB cup and the hospice regatta. Please contact Janet or Karl.

Chuck Fort has offered his boat to be decorated for the Lights Parade.

Safety – Flare and Safety Day has been rescheduled for September 17th at Camp Letts.

Skippers’ Advisory – Contacted 2 new skippers.

In conjunction with Cruising, there will be a rafting seminar via ZOOM on Aug 13. That same evening, we will have a skipper’s HH via Zoom in hopes of many new skippers introducing themselves.

Social – The Anniversary Party was a success; however, we will not use the DJ in future events. Event co-managers have projected a loss.

The Seafood Feast planning is well under way. Haven Harbour South has announced a huge price increase for 2024, thus pricing them out of the SOS budget.

2024 Events booked:

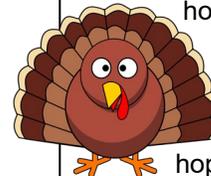
- DNR remains as the past.
- Anniversary Party will be at Port Annapolis.
- Seafood Feast will be at Langford Marina.

Old Business – Eastport Parade of Lights: December 9th. Chuck and Julie Fort will once again provide the boat. Volunteers are needed.

New Business: None

Thanksgiving is Coming...

... and SOS has traditionally held festive Regional Thanksgiving Dinners hosted at members’ homes to celebrate. This year it will be on **Saturday, November 18**. Attendees sign up to bring the side dishes and desserts and contribute up to \$15 to cover the paper goods, turkey and beverages. The host/ess provides house, the turkey and beverages. To volunteer to be a host/ess contact: Hope Andrus, hopedata@verizon.net



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.

SOS COVID Safety Protocol

"All participants attending SOS indoor events must provide evidence of Vaccination and Boosting upon request as well as comply with the requirements of a specific venue then in effect".

"In addition, crew and First Mates must provide evidence of Vaccination and Boosting if requested by a skipper before sailing on their boat.

Members should expect to be denied admission without refund if they fail to comply with this policy".

Sept. 1-4

Friday – Monday

Labor Day – Four Day Cruise



Destination: Sept. 1, Baby or Boby Owl Cove, Broad Cr, Choptank River.

Sept. 2, Zahnisers, Solomons Isl.
Sept. 3, Dun Cove, Harris Cr., Choptank River.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Aug 22 (9:00pm).

Cost: \$76 – Member or Non-Member.

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

Coordinator: Samia AbdelWahed samia.wahed@gmail.com

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Labor Day 4 Day Cruise](#)

Sept. 6

Wednesday

Mid-Week Day Sail



Destination: Skipper's Choice.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by August 30 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Shirley Brooks shirleybrooks@yahoo.com

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Day Sail September 6](#)

Cost: \$19 – Member or Non-Member.

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

Sept. 7

Thursday

Board Meeting



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

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

Sept. 8-10

Friday – Sunday

Eastport Oyster Boys Concert Cruise



Destination: Shaw Bay, Wye River.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by August 29 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Shelley Castle heavyweatherfan@gmail.com

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here [Eastport Oyster Boys Concert Cruise](#)

Cost: \$57 – Member or Non-Member.

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

Sept. 12

Tuesday

Mid-Week Day Sail



Destination: Skipper's Choice.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Sept. 6 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Suzanne Ziska seziska@aol.com

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Day Sail September 12](#)

Cost: \$19 – Member or Non-Member.

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

**Sept. 27****Wednesday****Mid-Week Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Sept. 20 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Julie Fort jafort@comcast.com
 To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Day Sail September 27](#)

Cost: \$19 – Member or Non-Member.
Note: Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.

**Sept. 30****Saturday****Weekend Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Sept. 24 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Linda Casucci casuccij@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Day Sail September 30](#)

Cost: \$19 – 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.

**October 1****Sunday****Weekend Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Sept. 24 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Teresa Scofield tscofield55@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Day Sail October 1](#)

Cost: \$19 – 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.

**October 3****Tuesday****Mid-Week Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Sept. 27 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Nancy Bromberg nbromberg78@gmail.com (**change**)
 To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Day Sail October 3](#)

Cost: \$19 – 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.

**October 5****Thursday****Board Meeting**

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

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

**October 7-8 Saturday – Sunday****Chili Cruise**

Destination: Hollendursky Cove past Pickering Creek, Wye East River.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Sept. 26 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Heide Harper heide.patternpro@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Chili Cruise](#)

Cost: \$38 - 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.

**October 11****Wednesday****Mid-Week Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Oct. 4 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Barbara Wingrove bkwingrove@outlook.com
 To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Day Sail October 11](#)

Cost: \$19 – 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.

**October 14 Saturday****Weekend Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Oct. 8 (9:00pm).

Cost: \$19 – Member or Non-Member.

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

Coordinator: Nancy Bromberg Nbromberg78@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Day Sail October 14](#)

**October 15 Sunday****Weekend Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Oct. 8 (9:00pm).

Cost: \$19 – Member or Non-Member.

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

Coordinator: Nancy Bromberg Nbromberg78@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Day Sail October 15](#)

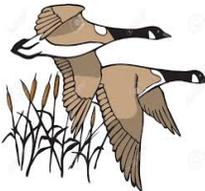
**October 19 Thursday****Mid-Week Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Oct. 11 (9:00pm).

Cost: \$19 – Member or Non-Member.

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

Coordinator: Debra Roane MsDebraR@verizon.net
 To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Day Sail October 19](#)

**Oct. 21/22 Saturday – Sunday****Goose Cruise**

Destination: Corsica River, Chester River
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Oct. 10 (9:00pm)

Cost: \$38 – Member or Non-Member.

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

Coordinator: Teresa Scofield tscofield55@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Goose Cruise](#)

**October 24 Tuesday****Mid-Week Day Sail**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Oct. 18 (9:00pm).

Cost: \$19 – Member or Non-Member.

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

Coordinator: Barbara Wingrove bkwingrove@outlook.com
 To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Day Sail October 24](#)

**Oct. 27/29 Friday – Sunday****Oysterfest - Three Day Cruise**

Destination: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St Michaels, Miles Rv.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Oct. 10 (9:00pm)

Cost: \$57 - Member or Non-Member.

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

Coordinator: Linda Casucci casuccilj@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Oysterfest Cruise](#)

**November 1 Wednesday**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Oct. 25 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Emil Becker emilbec@msn.com

Mid-Week Day Sail

Cost: \$19 – 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.

To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [Day Sail November 1](#)

**November 2 Thursday**

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

Board Meeting

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

**November 4 Saturday**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Oct. 29 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Michelle Watters michelle.watters@gmail.com

Weekend Day Sail

Cost: \$19 – 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.

To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [Day Sail November 4](#)

**November 5 Sunday**

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Oct. 29 (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Linda Casucci casuccilj@gmail.com

Weekend Day Sail

Cost: \$19 – 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.

To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [Day Sail November 5](#)

**Various**

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

2nd & 4th Fridays Starting November 10th.**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.

**November 12 Sunday**

Location: Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD.
Speaker: Mark Hergan
Topic: Aground in the Chesapeake. The grounding of "Ever Forward". Plus How to take great marine photos.
Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be received by Nov. TBD (9:00pm).

Brunch

Cost: \$TBD - Brunch.
 \$TBD - After deadline and walk-ins.
Time: 11:00 am Social Hour.
 12:00 noon Brunch.
 1:00 pm Program.

Coordinator: Anne Bastian bastian.anne@gmail.com

To register and for more details, (Log on first) [Brunch November 12](#)

**November 18 Saturday**

Location: Various.
Deadline: Registrations must be received by Nov. 15 (9:00pm).

Regional Pre-Thanksgiving Dinners

Cost: Contribution up to \$15 and dish to share, coordinated with host/ess.

Note:

Coordinator: To volunteer to be a host/ess, contact Hope Andruss, hoped@verizon.net,

Doug Gage

I learned to sail as a young teen in small boats on Long Island Sound, then later in the '70s became a part owner of a 62-foot charter ketch sailing out of St Thomas and spent one full charter season on it as crew. For many years I sailed with friends for a week or two most summers, sailing in Maine and moving their boats between Maine and New Jersey, and developing a strong predilection for sailing Other People's Boats. In 2022 we bought Bob Meadows' Pearson 31 *Circus*. I have now been actively participating as an SOS skipper, mostly doing day sails.



I joined SOS in 2003 and have been a regular at SOS brunches and at the Northern Virginia Happy Hours. Prior to buying *Circus*, my sailing activity with the club was mostly focused on bareboat cruises — eighteen of them, and mixing in a number of weekends and day sails, and one extended. I crewed on the 2011 Caribbean 1500. I have served as Bareboat Committee Purser/Treasurer since 2007, offloading work from the Club Treasurer and helping each trip coordinator by structuring cruise finances and ensuring that the financial records reflect actual bank deposits and disbursements. I served as Bareboat Committee Chair from 2009-2011. I am currently winding up my 2021-2023 term on the SOS BOD, having previously served on the BOD from 2013-2015.

I see several issues that the Board should be thinking about: (1) the "graying" demographics of the club membership; (2) motivating skippers so as to balance the supply of crew sailing slots with demand; (3) keeping the Club finances on a long-term even keel, and not overreacting to either short term surplus or short term deficit; (4) establishing/maintaining the most appropriate relationship between the Bareboat program and other Club activities — given that the annual Bareboat cash flow is approximately as large as that of the entire rest of the Club; (5) taking a serious look at Travel Insurance for Bareboat trips. I welcome suggestions for additions to this list.

I retired in 2004 after working as a scientist/engineer for the Navy and spending four years as a program manager at DARPA. Since retiring I have worked as a part-time consultant. I also sing in The Arlington Chorale.

SOS is a real treasure, and it requires a lot of work from a lot of people to keep it that way. I hope to be able to continue to contribute by serving a second term on the Board, bringing to bear my perspectives as a newly-minted SOS skipper.

Andy Katz



At the SOS town hall meeting, I was pleasantly surprised to be nominated from the floor to run for the Board of Directors. Last year the membership did not choose me to serve. So, this year you have an opportunity to reconsider putting me on the Board. I

would be honored to serve and believe that the following are reasons why my service would benefit the Club:

Support of SOS Governance: Most recently, I served out a term on the SOS Board of Directors at the request of past Commodore Sandy Rosswork. Before that, I worked on a project that extensively revised the club's by-laws and re-organized/updated our policies.

Skipper Perspective: As Master of *Peaceful One*, a 2002 Beneteau Oceanis 393 I have the experience of having members onboard on day sails and overnight cruises with the Club. I have a view on what participation in Club activities means to a Skipper. Along with John Rogers, I imagined and implemented the Pop-Up sail program giving SOS Skippers and crew a flexible means of getting out on the water.

Support of SOS Education: I've given two online talks on boat ownership for the Club and taught a session on using the Navionics app at Spring Training. I've also developed questions for the Club's online sailing Jeopardy game during Covid lockdown.

Volunteer Oriented: Other sailing related volunteer work I engage in is sailing for the Chesapeake Region Assistive Boating (CRAB) organization and assisting the Environmental Committee at Eastport Yacht Club where I am a member.

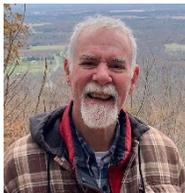
Experience With Complex Issues: I recently retired in 2019, after a 40-year career in federal natural gas and electricity regulation, including electric grid reliability and cybersecurity. This included stints with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Maryland Public Service Commission. I also worked in law firms, the Edison Electric Institute, and Constellation Energy in Baltimore. I served a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Energy Bar Association, my law field's bar association.

Meet the Candidates

Meet the Candidates

Bob Morrow

I joined SOS on January 10, 2004 as a skipper. I realize that makes me a minority, but what kind of club would we be without our skippers? So, if elected I plan to represent the interests of our skippers, but without ignoring the needs of our valuable crew. I especially want to do whatever is necessary to make sure that no prospective crew is left ashore, since that is the principle reason that we lose new members. In the same vein I want to do what is necessary to encourage younger new members to join our club, so that it continues long after another 45 years.



I crewed on my current boat, a 37' Pearson for two years, until I found out that the owner wanted to sell it. Realizing that it's not often that you get to test drive something for two years before you buy it, I jumped on the deal.

That year I paid to crew on a Beneteau 40.1 from Annapolis to Ft. Lauderdale for offshore experience. The first mate on one leg of that cruise was a former SOS member, who recommended SOS to me, as well as encouraging me to get my captains license. I eventually acted on both his recommendations. The next year I took my Pearson to Hilton Head, after equipping it with an autopilot and radar reflector. I sailed to Beaufort, NC with one crew, and from there to Hilton Head with three crew, so we could sail offshore and stand watches, at one point being 30 miles offshore. Coming home next spring with one crew, we took the ICW the whole way to the Norfolk area, and I singlehanded the rest of the way to Baltimore in three days.

After I got my captains license, I taught for a few years at Annapolis Sailing School on their Hunter 36's, did several deliveries, and took many, many crew from SOS on cruises. I participated as crew on SOS bareboat cruises in Tonga in the South Pacific, and twice on canals in France, the last time as skipper.

After upgrading my license, I was one of the captains on the paddle wheel river boat, the "Lantern Queen" out of Havre de Grace, and then a similar boat, requiring a 100 Ton license the "Pride of the Susquehanna" out of Harrisburg, Pa.

Karl Scible

SOS is an amazing club. For over 45 years, the club has allowed new and seasoned sailors a chance to explore the Chesapeake Bay, lakes, and ports of call around the globe. These adventures have created lifelong friendships and memories for our members.



The club would not be so successful without the countless hours and efforts of our members. As a member for 12 years, I have not officially held an office in the club but have enjoyed teaching classes at Spring Training, Flare and Safety, and being a member of the Public Relations Committee. I have enjoyed helping new members navigate the initial steps in becoming a member.

I have lived and spent my entire life being in, near, or on the water. I started out crabbing with my grandfather when I was young and then advanced to sailing on a Sunfish and a beginner's book on sailing. I then moved up to a 21-foot Venture. Power boating came next to accommodate all of my family's "are we there yet" requests.

My life experiences have been varied and exciting. A dual career as a Registered Nurse and Fire Fighter/Paramedic has placed me in numerous positions to serve those in need and in a variety of places. Being involved in a "people" career has exposed me to so many amazing and wonderful groups and individuals. I retired from the Paramedic field in 1998 and retired from Nursing in 2018.

A friend invited me to the Ellicott City SOS Happy Hour and I was hooked. I signed up right away and began sailing with the club on the Bay, chartering to wonderful islands, and on the French canal. I knew that the club ran on "volunteers" and I was quick to help at brunches, bar duty, and many other tasks that made each event a success.

Keeping the club's future successful and creating new ways to meet the club's needs is a 24/7 task. Volunteering for the numerous activities is one way to help, but serving on the Board will allow me to be an active participant in making the club last another 45 years. Being on the Public Relations committee has introduced me to the inner workings of the Board, seeing what each member brings to the table to create an active, living, and breathing club.

I would like to be elected to the Board of Directors for the 2023/2025 period. The people skills I have developed throughout my life to the present will help the Board keep the club running smoothly but still able to change to keep the club active and flexible. It is also important to make sure each club member is represented and has a voice.

Michelle Watters

I have been a member of SOS for a little over two years. I moved to the Washington area a few years ago from Chicago, and I was pleased to find this sailing community. From the onset, I recognized that this was a volunteer organization and that you get out of it what you put into it. I've volunteered as a sail coordinator and assisted at many social activities. I retired at the end of May, and I now can make a bigger commitment to the club, so I've put in my nomination for a Board of Director seat.



I've been sailing since the late 1980s, primarily on Lake Michigan but also with about a dozen bareboat trips that I helped organize with friends. I had a wonderful experience last September on the SOS bareboat trip to the Aeolian Islands. In Chicago I was actively involved with several sailing associations and clubs, one of which had a very similar structure to SOS where skippers from harbors from Milwaukee to Chicago would take on crew for day sails. I will bring my experience from my involvement with these sailing organizations to this board position.

As mentioned, I retired a couple of months ago from the National Transportation Safety Board where I had served as a medical officer and examined the medical factors in transportation accidents, including marine cases. My previous experience as an occupational medicine physician has also focused on public health and safety. Health and safety are truly my overarching principles in planning activities and having fun, so I can see ensuring that our club continues to promote sailing safety.

SOS has had some challenges over recent years including maintaining membership, the need for more skippers, and of course, COVID. As a new-ish member, I believe I can bring a fresh perspective to addressing these challenges. I do recognize the uniqueness of SOS and the need to balance moving forward and keeping its identity. I look forward to working with the board, committee chairs, and fellow sailors. Thank-you for considering me for the board of directors' position.

ELECTION OF NEW DIRECTORS

Voting for the SOS Board of Directors election will start on **September 15th**. All members eligible to cast a ballot will be emailed a link to the online ballot. Online voting closes at midnight on **September 30th**.

Members who are eligible to vote but do not have a valid email address will be mailed a paper ballot. These ballots must be postmarked no later than **October 1st**.

This year there are four seats up for elections; there are five nominated candidates. Voters also have to option to vote for a Write-In Candidate(s).

Voting for more than four candidates will invalidate your ballot. Read more about the candidates on pages 9-11.

Results will be announced by **October 15th** in an email from the Commodore.



Meet the Candidates

SOS Celebrates Oktoberfest Dockside Happy Hour

Saturday, September 23, 2023



5 pm – 7 pm

Castle Marina Pavilion, Kent Island
Sail in or walk in

German Oktoberfest beer, German Wines,
Bavarian Brotzeit Schmankerl

Cost: \$15.00

Cash at dockside as HH expense not included in cruising fee

Thank You & More From Public Relations Committee

A big Thank You!! To all the backyard gathering hosts this season – a great way to meet newer members and catch up with veteran members in your region.

And another Thank You to all who supported the Maryland Cures Cancer Regatta and congratulations to **Joe Lombard**, skipper of *Ingenuity*, for placing first in the cruiser non-spinnaker class.

And thanks to all who supported CRAB Cup charity regatta on August 19th by donating money or time. SOS members donated a total of \$500. And again, congratulations to **Joe Lombard**, skipper of *Ingenuity*, for placing third in the cruiser non-spinnaker class.

And now for the third crown in the Triple Crown of Charity Sailing 2023 in Annapolis.

Hospice Cup charity regatta: September 16 is a great time to get involved in the sailing community with a variety of opportunities in support of the mission of Hospice. You can register to race your boat (and there are many willing crew among SOS members) [2023](#)

[Hospice Cup XLII on Yacht Scoring - A complete web based regatta administration and yacht scoring program](#) You can volunteer to help at the after party by reaching out to christine@hospice.org and if you have a talent, item, or 'experience' to offer for their silent auction reach out to Christine to offer your ideas.

In addition, we have created a Team Singles on Sailboats donation link <https://www.mightycause.com/team/Team-Singles-On-Sailboats> – easy click to benefit an organization that many of us have experienced with friends and family experiencing cancer and other life-impacting health concerns.

Public Relations Committee Needs YOU: Would you like to get involved with little time commitment? We have two upcoming activities where our club participates with the local sailing community and we can use lots of volunteers for each.

Annapolis Sailboat Show October 12-15: We plan to participate in the joint Chesapeake Bay Sailing Clubs tent (as we did

during the April boat show) and set up a display with our business cards, advertising postcards and some sample pages from Whisker Poles displaying the variety of our boating and activity events. If you plan to attend the sailboat show, will you be willing to hang at the table for an hour or so and talk up/explain the benefits of our SOS club? Let me know and I'll add your name to the list. We can work out times when the show is nearly here. Janet JGSunset@yahoo.com

Eastport Yacht Club Parade of Lights December 9: We did it last year, we plan to do it again this year. With gratitude for a willing skipper and his boat, we need lots of volunteers to participate in decorative design, crewing back and forth from home marina to Annapolis dock, riding the boat the night of and other supporting roles (ferrying crew back to cars, providing lunch for decorating team, etc.) Let me know you are interested and willing and we will figure out roles and timing via zoom meeting in late October/early November.

Janet JGSunset@yahoo.com

Flare and Safety Day Sunday, September 17th 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Registration is free to members.



Our annual Flare and Safety Day was cancelled last spring due to severe weather, so it has now been rescheduled for Sunday, September 17!

This outdoor, fun, hands-on experience allows members to go from station to station practicing some safety skills.

Have you ever used a fire extinguisher or fire blanket to put out a fire? Have you ever lit a hand-held flare or shot off an aerial flare? These are just some of the skills you'll be able to practice!

In addition, you'll be able to "walk through" the use of a passing line to enter a raft-up, practice the mechanics of setting an anchor, reinforce how to safely use a winch, practice tossing a line from one person to another, etc.

This year we'll also have a station on everything you've ever wanted to know about PFDs (personal flotation devices)...showing the different types, how to maintain them, man overboard poles, whistles, reflectors, lights, personal EPIRBs, etc.

We encourage all members to attend Flare and Safety Day to have a morning outside brushing up on safety skills!

Questions? Contact Joan Tannen at safety@singlesonsailboats.org Click here to register: [Flare & Safety Day September 17](#)

Location of Event:
YMCA Camp Letts
4003 Camp Letts Rd
Edgewater, MD 21037

Dockside Training Sunday, September 17th



An afternoon Dockside Training session will be held after the Flare and Safety Demo on skippers' boats at various locations. Separate registration is required.

Dockside Training provides an opportunity for new members and rusty members to have an introduction or refresher on sailing with SOS. You will meet aboard various members' boats for a session structured to simulate an SOS cruise, but not leave the dock. (Sometimes if the weather is good and the boat is ready, you may go out for a day sail.)

Skippers and First Mates will conduct standard pre-cruise and safety briefings and provide hands-on training. Dockside Training is designed to answer such questions as: What tasks does the crew perform on a boat? How do I tie a clove hitch or stopper knot? What am I expected to do when leaving the dock and more?

You will be notified **by email** regarding your boat/skipper assignment, boat location, etc. Just pack your water bottle, picnic lunch, and Basic Skills form. Then head to your assigned SOS boat generously offered by an SOS skipper for a day of fun, camaraderie, and learning.

Questions? Contact Cathy Laws at lawscm55@gmail.com

Click here to register: [Dockside Training, September 17](#)

Alcohol & Sailing Be Safe!



As we enter into some of the best sailing of the season, we are also entering into some of the best parties of the season: Seafood Feast, Oyster Boys Concert, Chili Cook-off to name a few. SOS is known for its rafting, parties, and safety (I have actually talked to folks who don't want to join SOS because we have too many safety rules!).

All of these parties involve some degree of alcohol, and, can be over long periods of time. SOS policy states that excessive use of alcohol is incompatible with safe boating practices. There is an unwritten rule prohibiting use of alcohol while underway.

The vast majority of instances of a person going overboard in SOS has occurred at a dock/pier, and most involved use of alcohol. However, drinking while rafting can be a danger if the raft has to break up in the middle of the night, or while going from boat to boat. Trying to negotiate the companion way steps can result in injury if a crew is intoxicated.

Each skipper is responsible for their crew's safety, and that includes the amount of alcohol, as well as water and other beverages (are they adequately hydrated for this hot weather?) being consumed. The skipper can, and should, step in to limit alcohol if necessary, and/or to encourage adequate hydration with water and/or other beverages.

Enjoy the sailing, enjoy the parties, and have fun!

Town Hall Dinner & Meeting

(All names are listed L to R)



Andy Katz, Suzanne Ziska and Irene Aronian



Commodore Carole Jordan



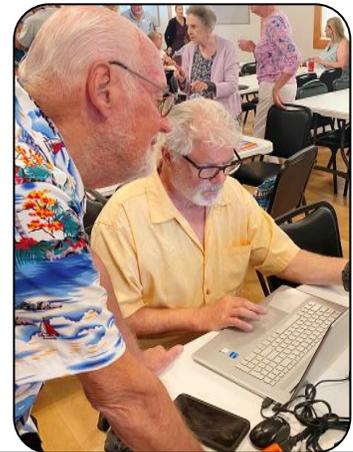
Molly Harrison, Bev Nash and Nancy Briggs



Anne Bastian and Meeps Yox (Food Monitors)



Meeps Yox and Patty Stott



Many thanks to Chic Bach and Bill Knapp for recording the meeting



Rob King and Heide Harper



This shows the dedication of our Commodore, Carole



Paul Anderson and Deb Kauffman

Photographs submitted by Samia AbdelWahed, except as noted

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Appetizers & Dessert Cruise

(All names are listed L to R)



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Don May receiving his SOS burgee from Chuck Fort.



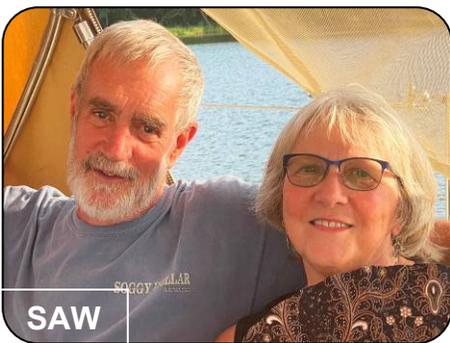
EB

The spread of food.



EB

Food Feast on S/v Jazzy Cat



SAW

Peter and Connie Wilde



SAW

Chuck Fort making ice cream.



SAW

Janet Pennewell and Emil Becker



LD

Gabi Van Wie



SAW

Denise Fairman, Dennis Krizek, Teresa Scofield and Debra Roane



SAW

Teresa Scofield

Photograph as noted: Emil Becker (EB); Lora Donia (LD); Samia AbdelWahed (SAW)
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Annapolis Backyard Gathering

(All names are listed Left to Right)



Irene Aronian (Host), Dennis Krizek and Dorothy Nicholson



Group Photograph 1



Irene Aronian, Stephen Garris and Dorothy Nicholson



Paul Anderson, Andrew Normand and Janice Bradley (Guest)



Group Photograph 2



Group Photograph 3

Miscellaneous Photographs



UKWN

Jim Malone at Nyack Boat Club



Geoff Tobias receiving his burgee from George Hollendursky



GT

Gabi Van Wie and Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky. Christmas in July gathering at Nancy Briggs' house after the cruise was canceled

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Nancy Briggs, Classified Page Editor

BOAT FOR SALE

FOR SALE: S/V Estar, 1981 Bristol 29.9. Loads of storage! Recently bottom-painted and waxed. In last 5 years: New water pump, circulation pump, chain plates and turnbuckles, thru-hulls and valves, and sails. Includes new, in-box auto-helm for eventual replacement. Asking \$18,000. Contact Laura at laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com or 301-633-4330. 11-23

BOAT WANTED

WANTED: Monohull 35'-40' sailboat with up-to-date electronics, air conditioning/heating, roller furling, good to excellent condition and year 2000 or newer. Call Kevin at 443-506-5112 if you have or know someone who might have a boat matching these specifications. 11-23

BOAT SLIPS

FOR RENT: Join great dock mates on Mill Creek. Two slips available, each 60'x15'x6'. Call Suzanne at 703-405-3277. 10-23

ITEMS FOR SALE



FOR SALE: 135 ft. Passing Line. Like new 7/16" braided passing line with zippered canvas tote bag. Line is 7/16" braided. \$120 (includes shipping). Contact Karl Gevecker for more information at kgevecker@aol.com or 267-221-6312 10-23

FOR SALE: Crew Overboard Strobe Light. ACR SM-2 automatic crew overboard marker light w/ mounting bracket. 6V battery not included. \$50 includes shipping. Contact Karl Gevecker for information at kgevecker@aol.com Or 267-221-6312. 10-23



Environmental Laws & Regulations

Garbage in the Water is Dangerous



Under federal law, it is illegal to toss ANY garbage from a boat while you are anywhere in lakes, rivers, **bays**, sounds, and offshore in the ocean less than 3 miles. Yes, this means you can't throw a banana peel or your half-eaten sandwich overboard.

Violations may result in civil penalties up to \$25,000, a fine of up to \$50,000 and/or a prison sentence of up to 5 years! (State anti-littering laws may also apply on your boating waters.) The further offshore you go in the ocean, the more things you can legally dispose of from your boat. But you must always keep plastic items onboard for later disposal ashore.

Remember that while on inland and coastal waters where most of us do our boating, no garbage should go overboard. The only exception to this rule is fish waste, which under federal law, you can still put back into the water.

Please note that this law only covers garbage, and does not cover sewage (black water) or sink or shower water (grey water).

There are additional requirements based on how long your boat is. If you have a boat 26' or longer, you must have a written garbage placard and an oil discharge placard "prominently posted" to remind you and your crew what can be thrown overboard and what can't. The placards must be permanently attached, be made of durable material, and must be at least 4X9 inches in size. Great Lakes boaters must display a garbage placard specifically designed for the Great lakes.

If your boat is 40' or longer, you must also have a written waste management plan, stating how you deal with the collected waste onboard, who handles it, and where it is disposed. This can be as short as one paragraph. We recommend that you keep your plan in your onboard ships papers.

The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is an innovative leader promoting safe, clean and responsible boating.



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: **Sept 6th 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

1st Wednesday
BALTIMORE: **Sept 6th 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: **Sept 14th 5:00-7:30 PM**
La Palapa Grill, 8307 Main Street, Ellicott City MD 21043 410-465-0070 www.lapalapagrill.com
COORDINATORS: KATHY - mSkathha@gmail.com
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3rd Wednesday
WILMINGTON: **Sept 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 and appetizer specials until 7PM. 302-429-7427 www.timothysontheriverfront.com
COORDINATOR: JULIE - jafort@comcast.net

3rd Thursday
ROCKVILLE: **Sept 21st 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
COORDINATOR: DEBBIE - hidebbieg@yahoo.com

3rd Thursday
KENT ISLAND: **Sept 21st 5:00-7:00 PM**
THE DOCK HOUSE (in the outdoor bar area) 110 Piney Narrows Road, Chester, MD 21619. 443-446-4477
www.dockhouserestaurant.com
COORDINATOR: BARB - bbb Brooksao@aol.com

4th Thursday
PHILLY AREA: **Sept 28th 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
MARY - mary.payne@comcast.net

4th Thursday
ANNAPOLIS: **Sept 28th 5:00-7:00 PM**
THE PIER WATERFRONT BAR & GRILL, 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, MD.
Rt 2 on the 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 page: The Pier Waterfront Bar & Grill
COORDINATOR: JEAN - jgough4you@gmail.com



Kent Island: Happy Hour

Left to right: Rick Kissel, Barbara Brooks-Kissel, Joy Meacham, Rich Stewart, Dane Skagen, Peter Breit, Spud Flowers, Chuck Fort, Craig Coltharp.

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Great Sailing Awaits!

Day Sails – September 6, 12, 16, 17, 21

Labor Day Cruise – September 1-4

Eastport Oyster Boys Concert Cruise – September 8-10

Oktoberfest Cruise – September 24-25

Flare & Safety Day – September 17