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**Membership Renewal: Nov 1, 2023 - Jan 31, 2024**  
**Membership Year: Jan 1 - Dec 31**

Annual membership dues for 2024 will remain \$60 for Regular and Associate. For Lifetime membership dues are \$40. Dues for Inactive/Nonresident membership are \$15. For those wanting a printed copy of the newsletter, there is a \$40 annual subscription.

### CURRENT MEMBERS

You are a member or associate member as of December 31, 2023 and you DO NOT meet the requirements of a LIFE MEMBER, or HONORARY MEMBER.

#### FEES & MEMBER PROFILE:

- You pay the \$60 membership dues.
- You review and make any updates to your Member Profile
- For online renewal, payment is by credit card or check.
- For mail-in renewal, payment is by check only
- If you DO want to receive a printed newsletter, you MUST check the appropriate box and pay the \$40 subscription.

### LIFE MEMBER RENEWAL

Annual Life Membership dues for 2024 are \$40. If you choose to receive a hard copy of monthly newsletter you must also pay the \$40 annual subscription. YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE A LIFE MEMBER IF: you were born on or before December 31, 1953, and you joined BEFORE March



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

#### FEES & MEMBER PROFILE:

- To change your membership to Life member, you must contact the membership committee to verify your eligibility for Lifetime membership. Then you pay the \$40 membership dues.
- You review and make any updates to your Member Profile.
- For online renewal, payment is by credit card or check.
- For mail-in renewal, payment is by check only.
- If you DO want to receive a printed newsletter, you MUST check the appropriate box and pay the \$40 subscription.

### INACTIVE/NONRESIDENT MEMBERS

Annual Inactive/Nonresident dues for 2024 are \$15. If you choose to receive a hard copy of monthly newsletter you must also pay the \$40 annual subscription. YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE AN INACTIVE/NONRESIDENT MEMBER IF: you have physical or

other limitations, and therefore no longer sail or attend social functions.

#### FEES & MEMBER PROFILE:

- You pay the \$15 membership dues
- You review and make any updates to your Member Profile.
- For online renewal, payment is by credit card or check.
- For mail-in renewal, payment is by check only.
- If you DO want to receive a printed newsletter, you MUST check the appropriate box and pay the \$40 subscription.

#### Inactive members:

- Will not have voting privileges.
- Will not be able to hold elected office.
- Would not have other benefits of membership.
- Could attend social functions only as the guest of a member, or by paying a non-member fee.

### NEW MEMBERS

First-year membership is \$70 which includes a \$10 one-time administrative charge.

Online renewal is preferred for all categories of membership. However, if you insist, paper forms will be accepted. All members will be sent an email reminder to renew with a link to the renewal.

## VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Susan Zevin, Commodore



Hello,  
Crew  
Mates,

Sailing  
into the  
New  
Year, we  
are! And  
it is a  
great time  
to think of

the year past and to preview our  
New Year's resolutions.

Looking back, it was another excellent year for SOS. I am so grateful to Carole Jordan for her leadership over the last two years and for assisting with the transition to the new Board. Thanks also to my fellow SOS Board members for their courage in making difficult decisions, and to all the committee chairs for hitting their milestones and program targets.

There's no question about the health of the club as we closed the year with the "Best In Show" award at the Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade!! The effort, led by Janet Gonski, Chuck Fort, and Gabi Van Wie, with upwards of 19 members, included designing the "Blast" competition announcement, then the lighting design, engineering, procurement, build out, checkout, and operation of the display, sailing in the parade, taking down the display and delivering the boat from and returning to Castle Marina. Whew! It is exhausting to think about everything that went into the experience. But, it is emblematic of the way SOS works: With creativity, care, thoughtfulness, and thoroughness in a pleasant and friendly atmosphere. GO TEAM SOS!!

Now, with the new Board and Committee Chairs, we carry our success into the New Year with new goals and a fresh look at our operations. It is time to put things in

gear and move the throttle forward — upgrading and revamping membership and cruising feedback mechanisms; revising and updating our sailing/cruising policies to fit our "friendship and sociability" brand; reviewing our financials; and continuing the revitalization that Nancy Parsons brought to the First Mates program. To accomplish these and other initiatives, thanks to Jean Gough, we'll implement a new "KISS" approach to assist and enlist volunteers in all our program areas. These program goals are in addition to regular programming for our coming bay cruising and bareboat season! It is a heavy, yet doable, lift.

And as we enter the New Year, we wish good health for all of our members. To that end SOS is replacing our now-outdated COVID policy with a wellness-based approach, an honor system. If you feel well and haven't been exposed to a potentially infectious illness, then you are welcome to our events. If a skipper or host wishes you to comply with some other preventative action, such as wearing a mask or having a vaccination, then you must comply. Michelle Watters, our new Board member has written an excellent explanatory article on page four in this Whiskerpole issue. I urge everyone to read it.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

**Susan,** Commodore

### Welcome New Members

Chris Cherry - Pasadena, MD

Jean-Pierre Ple - North  
Bethesda, MD

Joe Ruzzi - Arnold, MD

Margaret Schwartz -  
Falls Church, VA

Theresa Smallwood -  
Baltimore, MD

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## Unofficial Board Notes December 11, 2023

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the November Board meeting were approved.

**Vice Commodore:** Karl Scible: Worked on soliciting nominees for awards and arranged for picking up award plaques to be taken to the engraver. Proposed revision of both Covid and Wellness Protocol for all SOS activities for Board review. Met with numerous SOS members, reviewed our policy and procedures guidelines, and developed suggestions to make SOS function more efficiently, stay current, and attract and retain younger members.

**Treasurer:** Craig Coltharp: Presented the proposed 2024 Budget, based on 2023 actuals with a 3% increase in costs, and no increase in what we charge for events.

**Bareboat:** Deb Kauffman: Spring 2024 BVI Coordinator: Emil Becker. Cruise beginning the week of March 9 — 10-day and 7-day option; 2 of 4 monohulls filled; one skipper canceled and was replaced. Fourth boat cancelled; forfeiture costs ~\$2,900.

Fall 2024 Mallorca Coordinator: Janet Pennewell. Proposal and Resolution submitted for board approval. Five boats have been reserved, and three skippers identified. Details of trip to be distributed to membership at the end of December. The first of three boat payments of \$10k is due mid-January.

Spring 2025 New Zealand Coordinator: Deb Kauffman. Dates to be determined. Engaging in correspondence with vendor in Auckland Harbor.

**Brunch:** Suzanne Vaughn: The November 12 Brunch brought in 72 attendees — an excellent number in light of the costs raised to \$36 and \$40. Kathy Bergren Smith will be the speaker for the January 21 Brunch, discussing her book, *Deadly Gamble: The Wreck of Schooner Levin J. Marvel*, the true story of the Chesapeake Bay's worst sailing disaster. There will be no speaker at Sunday Brunch following Spring Training.

**Cruising:** Carole Jordan and Dennis Krizek: currently surveying skippers for their suggestions for the upcoming SOS cruising season. We anticipate having a rough draft of the 2024 Cruising Calendar available for input by the January Board Meeting.

**Data Base:** John McDonald: The downward trend in SOS membership is due to the loss of Lifetime Members. New members are not

joining in large enough numbers to reverse the downward trend in total membership. Of the 88 skippers in the club, approximately 25% (22) are active participants in SOS sailing activities. 8 of these 22 participating skippers are Lifetime Members. As their participation in SOS sails declines, it will have a significant impact.

	Dec. 2023	Dec. 2022	Dec. 2021	Dec. 2020
Members	246	255	233	227
Skippers	68	64	61	59
Lifetime Members	86	98	111	169
Lifetime Skippers	20	24	22	23
Inactive Members	18	22	19	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>484</b>

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**Education:** Jean Gough: Confirming Spring Training presenters, plus arranging Fireside Chats (scheduled through March), and Seminars (Raft Captain Training and presentations on Marine Surveys and Navigation Software). Update: Spring Training will take place on April 6.

**First Mates:** Lora Donia: Lora Donia and Nancy Parsons have been working together to transition the First Mate Chair responsibilities. John Parsons has agreed to continue as First Mate Candidate Coordinator. Lora Donia and John Parsons will present the First Mate session at Spring Training. Efforts are already underway to recruit prospective First Mate Candidates during the 2024 sailing season.

**Membership:** Pat Tracey, Gail Williams: Plan to continue sending new member info to area contacts — somehow this has slipped through the cracks. Follow up with area contacts on how many contacts to new members are made monthly.

**Public Relations:** Karl Scible, Janet Gonski: Currently Public Relations is focused on facilitating the decorating and implementation of our entry in the EYC Lights Parade on December 9. We are also facilitating a collection for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank at the Cruising Wrap-Up on December 3 and the brunch on December 10.

**Newsletter:** Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky: The only anticipated change for 2024 is we will no longer offer new members free hardcopy newsletters for the first year.

**Safety:** Joan Tannen: Developing dates for CPR training, Flare and Safety Day, and Dinghy Dance, to be coordinated with Cruising. Have a signed contract with Camp Letts for Flare and Safety. Boat activation process for 2024 begins about late March. Plan to start mentoring people to take leading roles on the CPR training and Flare and Safety Day within the next couple years.

**Skippers Advisory:** Sandy Rosswork: Several key positions have been filled. Input from the skippers will be solicited before the Cruising wrap-up. Need to schedule raft captain training in the spring.

**Social:** Janet Pennewell: Locations have been booked for cruise parties. Working on location for Spring Training Happy hour now that date has been set. Recruiting Event Managers and Committee Members.

### Old Business:

Karl Scible and Michelle Watters worked together to revise the COVID policy and distributed the new verbiage to board members for suggested additions and/or deletions. An online motion will be presented to the Board for approval of a new "Wellness Policy".

### New Business:

Sandra Rosswork and Karl Scible will be reviewing the current EEO policy and suggesting changes.

## New SOS Wellness Protocol

In December, the SOS board voted to revise the existing COVID safety protocol and institute a wellness policy for in-person events. We expanded from having a protocol on COVID to having a protocol that includes any communicable respiratory or gastrointestinal illness. The expansion more clearly captures the essence of the wellness policy: no one should knowingly put another person at risk of getting sick.

COVID is here to stay, and the updated vaccines are intended to reduce the severity of illness in vaccinated individuals. The current purpose of vaccination differs from the first vaccines and boosters where there was an additional public health goal of reducing transmission. To reduce transmission, there were vaccination requirements in the workplace and to attend public events; individuals carried a COVID vaccination card to verify vaccination.

Those of you who received the updated COVID vaccine (released in early September 2023) did not likely receive a vaccination card. Your COVID vaccination status is now part of your medical record but is not a public health record. For SOS events, there is no vaccination card to show; acknowledging your wellness to attend the event is on the honor system. COVID is not the only transmitted disease of concern. There's also the flu, RSV, common cold, and gastrointestinal illnesses that are communicable and put others at risk of becoming ill. As the policy states, please do not attend events if you have symptoms of a communicable respiratory or gastrointestinal illness, are "feeling like something is coming on", have a recent significant exposure to someone with a communicable respiratory or gastrointestinal illness, or have not waited a recommended isolation time after a recent respiratory or gastrointestinal infection.

We recognize that some symptoms of a communicable disease overlap with indications of non-communicable illnesses. For example, you may have

a runny nose from seasonal allergies. The wellness policy allows you to attend an in-person event if you feel up to it. Use common sense in making the decision—if your bowel disease is causing stomach cramps and urgency, a boat might not be the best place to be!

The board also recognizes that the club relies on the generosity of members to share their boats for cruising and their homes for fireside chats and get-togethers. The skipper or host may have additional concerns about exposure to communicable diseases. Thus, the skipper/host may have further requirements or request other preventive measures (for example, crew or guests having received the currently recommended COVID-19 vaccine or wearing masks when below deck). The expectation is that members are respectful and honest in responding to these requests.

Most of the communicable respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses we are concerned with are of short duration and may not have been present when you signed up for an event. Your responsibility is to give notice to the skipper, host, or coordinator of a change in your health status and to not attend if you become ill around the time of the event. The current cancellation policies would be in effect.

## Spring Training Saturday, April 6, 2024

*Jean Gough*

Spring Training will be an all-day program held on the campus of Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) in Arnold, MD.

Our Spring Training team has put together a program of sailing experts to engage all levels of sailors – Novice to Experienced Cruisers! And especially NEW SOS members!

You can individually tailor your day of presentations to match your sailing interests as well as general interest topics such as The Lighthouses of the Chesapeake Bay or Early Chesapeake Bay History including a first-hand account of a journey from England to Maryland in 1634.

The sailing-related presentations are varied so you can choose from topics such as sail trim, navigation, safety, docking, boat maintenance, handling, anchoring, cooking on board, and more.

What you'll learn at SOS Spring Training can help make you a better sailor for Spring, Summer, and Fall. Check out next month's Whisker Pole to see the Curriculum and Instructions for registration. Because some presentations reach capacity early ... Be sure to sign up right away, so you can get the one you want. See you there!

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In addition, a skipper/host may have further requirements or request other preventive measures (for example, crew or guests having received the currently recommended COVID-19 vaccine or wearing masks when below deck)."

## Brunch – January 21<sup>st</sup> The Wreck of Schooner *Levin J. Marvel*

Do you want to know the true story of Chesapeake Bay's worst sailing disaster that changed Coast Guard boating safety laws? Did you know it lies at the bottom of Herring Bay? (It's marked on the charts!) Come to the brunch to hear author Kathy Bergren Smith speak to us about her book on this fascinating subject!



The 128' schooner Levin J. Marvel foundered in Herring Bay in southern Anne Arundel County on August 12, 1955. The three-masted ship was a carrier converted to a passenger cruiser. The captain was returning to Annapolis from an Eastern Shore cruise with 23 passengers and 4 crew aboard when he encountered the wind field of Hurricane Connie. With no auxiliary power and no canvas aloft, the captain decided to run before the wind to anchor off of Fairhaven.

The old ship was in poor condition to begin with and the wind and waves of the storm proved fatal to it. There was no lifeboat so 27 people fought for their lives after being swept from the vessel about a mile offshore. They struggled for several hours, and finally, the first survivor raised the alarm in North Beach. The community set into motion a dramatic and daring rescue response. In the end, over half were killed in the wreck.

The incident was shocking. An inexperienced captain took a decrepit ship filled with unwitting passengers into a hurricane. Manslaughter

charges against the captain were soon filed.

A compelling court case followed its sinking and the tragedy changed Coast Guard boating safety laws regulating small passenger vessels to this day.

This presentation features dramatic slides outlining the story, the heroism, and the aftermath of the tragedy.

Author Kathy Bergren Smith spent nearly two decades covering maritime industrial topics as a photojournalist for WorkBoat Magazine, National Fisherman, and the Port of Baltimore. She lives in Galesville.

## SOS Generosity

Your generous donations at the December Brunch brought nearly 120 pounds of non-perishable food to the recipients of Anne Arundel County Food Bank... thank you to everyone who shared their resources.



This month, at the **January 21 brunch**, we will collect items for the House of Hope – an organization that provides support to the homeless in the Baltimore/Glen Burnie area. As the House of Hope office is relocating, their space is limited, so they need items they will provide to their clients for the "Winter Relief" program. During these cold months, House of Hope collaborates with local churches to provide overnight shelter, a warm dinner, breakfast, and a packed lunch for their recipients. So, we will be collecting blankets, underwear, socks, and personal hygiene items. (At this time, due to storage space, other items will not be as helpful.) Please bring your donations to the brunch for collection.

## Regional Brunches – February 18<sup>th</sup>

Strong winds and snow are keeping us off the Bay and Regional Brunches are here to shoo those winter blues away! This is not a speakers' event but a casual brunch in a member's home.

We hope to have more locations in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Washington DC, but need hosts. If you would like to host a Regional Brunch, just email Suzanne Vaughn.

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

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

Arrive at 11:00 a.m., or another agreed time, with the prearranged food or drink to share. Each participant will contribute \$10.00 at the door to cover the costs of those the host has incurred, such as paper goods, beverages, etc. No online sign-up for this event. Please RSVP directly to the host by email.

### Brunch Locations:

#### **Annapolis MD**

Cindy Hooper, 12 guests  
[hoopercynthia20@gmail.com](mailto:hoopercynthia20@gmail.com)

#### **North Bethesda MD**

Debra Roane, 15 Guests  
[msdebrar@verizon.net](mailto:msdebrar@verizon.net)

#### **Bethesda MD**

Flavia Favali, 20 Guests  
[favalia4222@comcast.net](mailto:favalia4222@comcast.net)

#### **Newark DE**

Chuck & Julie Fort, 18 guests  
[Saillrn@comcast.net](mailto:Saillrn@comcast.net)

#### **Bradenton FL**

Molly Harrison & Ned Schwartz  
12 guests  
[mollyned@verizon.net](mailto:mollyned@verizon.net)

## January 20<sup>th</sup> Seminar

### What would you like to know about your boat? Nightmares and Pleasant Surprises!

Our first Winter 2024 Seminar will be presented by CBW LLC Marine Surveyor and Consultant Scott Berg who will bring some good anecdotes both "Nightmares" and "Pleasant" surprises!

A surveyor can do so much more for skippers than just conduct a listing survey. Learn that there are several reasons why you may want a Marine Survey.

- When modifying your boat... what would a surveyor want to see was considered?
- Are you planning to update gear and equipment – AIS Transponders, propulsion, electrical, plumbing, hull, and rigging?
- What's the update on new lithium batteries with different chemistry to prevent fires?



Founder Scott Berg brings over 35 years of technical professional marine experience as a commercial and delivery captain, long-time

full-service yacht repair business owner, master marine electrician, electronic technician, surveyor, and technical instructor.

A USCG Licensed Captain, Scott is a member of the Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors® Survey Associate, the American Boat and Yacht Council® — holding technical certifications in Electrical, Corrosion, HVAC, Standards, and Yacht Systems — the *National Fire Protection Association*®, and an honors graduate of the *Chapman School of Seamanship's Yacht and Small Craft Survey Program*.

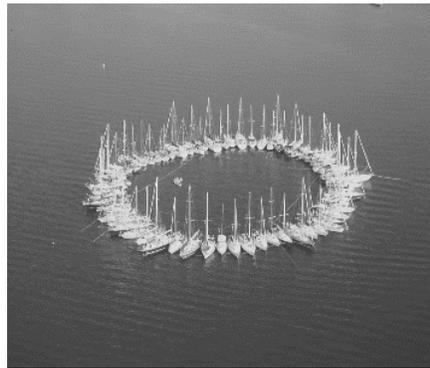
Class size is limited, so sign up soon and bring your questions for Scott. Click to register: [January 20. Seminar](#)

## February 17<sup>th</sup> Seminar

### Raft Captain Training with Chuck Fort

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, First Mate candidates, and all Crew members.



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, Skippers, First Mates, and First Mate Candidates. Crew cost is \$10.

Please contact coordinator Lynn Gilley with any questions you may have at [ltgilley@verizon.net](mailto:ltgilley@verizon.net)

Click here to register: [Rafting Class](#)

## Cruise Planning Begins

Happy Holidays, Sailors!!! Even though it is cold outside, our hearts are warm with thoughts of next season's Cruising Calendar. And we need YOU!! Please let us know your input.

What anchorages are your favorites? Where would you like to sail? Which cruises from past years are your favorites? Do you favor daysails or weekend cruises? Ideas???

We welcome your opinions. Please email Cruising Chairs Carole Jordan [seajay2844@gmail.com](mailto:seajay2844@gmail.com) or Denis Krizek at [denniskri@msn.com](mailto:denniskri@msn.com).

## Fireside Chats



The Fireside Chats are Education Committee events that bring SOSers together for winter socializing and education/refreshers.

For those who have never attended a Fireside Chat, here is the process (it may or may not include a fireside, but there will always be a sailing-related chat!).

Meet at a member/host home for the event. The evening starts with socializing and drinks, then dinner is served. After dinner, the program begins.

On January 6<sup>th</sup> the first Chat will be in Annapolis with Skippers John Parsons, Sandy Rosswork and Jon Bernheimer speaking about Handling Emergency Situations.

February 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a gathering in Solomon's Island with Skipper Laura Gwinn sharing sea stories about boat deliveries.

Go to the SOS web page to register.

Questions? Volunteer? Contact Genienne Navarro at [Genienne.Navarro@gmail.com](mailto:Genienne.Navarro@gmail.com).

## Skipper Licensing Requirements for Belize and the Mediterranean

*Sandy Rosswork, Skippers Advisory Chair*

The SOS Board of Directors, in 2015, approved a program that will reimburse Bareboat skippers up to a maximum of \$300 for courses they take to receive the certificates currently required to be a skipper in the Mediterranean or Belize. The course must be passed and a certificate obtained to receive this reimbursement. The recipient must also be willing to sign on as a bareboat skipper.

Most Mediterranean countries and Belize require that the captain be licensed when chartering a boat. The American Sailing Association (ASA) is one organization that offers a course of instruction that meets the requirements of these countries. ASA also recognizes that individuals have experience that can meet the ASA standards without taking the courses. The required qualifications are ASA 101,103 and 104. Once you have obtained these ASA course certificates, you can apply for the International Proficiency Certificate (IPC) which costs a nominal fee. Existing skippers may sometimes be able to challenge the ASA courses, or test out.

There are several local options available for obtaining the necessary certification:

The Annapolis Sailing School offers all of the ASA courses. J World also offers courses that will lead to the International Proficiency Certificate.

SOS really needs a pool of qualified skippers if we are to continue to sponsor the highly popular bareboat cruises to areas such as Italy, Turkey, Greece, and Spain. I urge those of you who have enjoyed skippering on bareboat cruises in the past or wish to be a skipper in the future, to go out and obtain the necessary certification so that we can continue to sail along the beautiful and interesting coasts of Europe.



## Mallorca Bareboat Cruise Aug 31 - Sept 7, 2024

Embark on a breathtaking journey through Mallorca's crystal blue waters and explore its picturesque coastline filled with caves, stunning anchorages, and vibrant marinas!

**About Mallorca:** Mallorca is situated off the eastern coast of Spain, about 140 miles SSE of Barcelona and about 170 miles due east of Valencia. It offers something for everyone from sandy beaches to rugged mountains, charming ports to swanky yacht clubs.

Mallorca is an ideal sailing area for sailors of almost all abilities. Apart from maneuvering in the crowded ports, there are few navigational challenges and plenty of anchorages.

**Departure:** We will depart from Marina Naviera Balear near the city center of Palma de Mallorca.

**Boats:** We have initially reserved 5 boats through Navigare Yachting, including one Lagoon catamaran, two Jeanneau Sun Odysseys, and two Beneteau Oceanis.

**Travel:** Mallorca is accessed via Palma/Son Sant Joan Airport, a sizeable international airport located on the island. It can also be accessed by ferry or train from several mainland cities including Barcelona or Valencia, but that is generally an 8 or 9-hour trip.

**Cost per Person:** Initial pricing is at \$1700 per person, excluding airfare, personal travel insurance, food, and boat fuel.

**Questions:** Contact Janet Pennewell at [fall.bareboat@singlesonsailboats.org](mailto:fall.bareboat@singlesonsailboats.org)

## Fleet Exercises and Shore Leave

Please email your questions and request for directions to the coordinator.  
 If you pay 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 requests for refunds will incur a \$3 Administration Fee.**

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**January 4**  
**Location:**

**Thursday**

Zoom option only. Contact Commodore if interested in attending.  
[commodore@singlesonsailboats.org](mailto:commodore@singlesonsailboats.org)

**Board Meeting**

**Time:** 6:00pm to 7:00pm.  
**Note:** Open to all Members.

**January 6**

**Saturday**

**Area Fireside Chat**



**Location:**

Annapolis, Maryland.

**Cost:** \$20 by deadline.  
 \$25 after deadline.

**Speakers:**

Skippers; John Parsons, Sandy Rosswork and Jon Bernheimer.  
 Handling Emergency Situations.

**Host:** Nancy & John Parsons.  
**Time:** 5:30pm. **Limited to 15-18.**

**Topic:**

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

Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.  
**Note: Host requests that all attendees have received the updated COVID Vaccine. (Update)**

**Coordinator:**

Carole Jordan [seajay2844@gmail.com](mailto:seajay2844@gmail.com)  
 To register and for more details, **(Log on first)** click here. [January 6 FSC](#)

**Various**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays**

**Education Zoom Gathering**



**Location:**

Comfort of your home.

**Time:** 6:30pm to 7:00pm Socializing.  
 7:00pm to about 8:00pm Presentation.

**Invitation:**

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

**Notes:** Zoom application is needed for your PC, Laptop or Phone.  
 Dial-in option is also available.  
 Open to all Members.

**January 20**

**Saturday**

**Seminar – Marine Survey**

**Location:**

Severna Park Library.  
 45 West McKinsey Road,  
 Severna Park, MD 21146.

**Cost:** \$10

**Speaker:**

Scott Berg, Licensed Marine Surveyor.

**Time:** 10:30am to 12:30pm.

**Topic:**

Marine Surveyor can do much more than just conduct a listing survey.

**Note:** Coffee and Snacks provided.

**Deadline:**

Mail and online registrations must be received by Jan. 13 (9:00pm).

**Coordinator:**

Jean Gough [jgough4you@gmail.com](mailto:jgough4you@gmail.com)  
 To register and for more details, **(Log on first)** click here. [January 20, Seminar](#)



**January 21****Sunday****Brunch**

**Location:** Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD.

**Speaker:** Kathy Bergren Smith, Author.

**Topic:** Deadly Gamble: The Wreck of Schooner Levin J Marvel, The true story of Chesapeake Bay's worst sailing disaster.

**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by Jan. 17 (9:00pm).

**Coordinator:** Barbara Wise [bwise8426@gmail.com](mailto:bwise8426@gmail.com)

**Cost:** \$36 - Brunch.  
\$40 - After deadline and walk-ins.

**Walk-ins **CANNOT** be guaranteed a seat.**

**Time:** 11:00am Social Hour. 11:45am Brunch. 1:00pm Program.

**Note:** To be held in the Coastal room.

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here. [January Brunch](#)

**February 1****Thursday****Board Meeting**

**Location:** Zoom option only. Contact Commodore if interested in attending.

[commodore@singlesonsailboats.org](mailto:commodore@singlesonsailboats.org)

**Time:** 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

**Note:** Open to all Members.

**February 3****Saturday****Area Fireside Chat**

**Location:** Solomon's Island, Maryland.

**Speaker:** Laura Gwinn.

**Topic:** Sea stories about boat deliveries.

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

**Updated**

**Cost:** \$20 by deadline.  
\$25 after deadline, if space available

**Host:** Kati & Harry Keith.

**Time:** 5:00pm. **Limited to 30.**

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

**Coordinator:** Melinda Zimmerman [melbay22@gmail.com](mailto:melbay22@gmail.com)

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here. [February 3, FSC](#)

**February 17 Saturday****Seminar – Raft Captain Training**

**Location:** Crofton Library, 1681 Riedel Road Crofton, MD 21114.

**Speakers:** Chuck Fort.

**Topic:** Raft Captain Training.

**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by Feb.14 (9:00pm).

**Coordinator:** Lynn Gilley [ltgilley@verizon.net](mailto:ltgilley@verizon.net)

**Cost:** Free for Skippers, FM, FM Candidates.  
\$10 for crew.

**Time:** 1:30pm – 4:00pm.

**Change**

**Note:** Coffee and Snacks provided.

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here. [Rafting Class](#)

**February 18 Sunday****Regional Brunches**

**Location:** Held in private homes of SOS members. MD, VA, DE, PA, DC & FL. See list on page 5

Then members contact host to register and receive directions.

**Deadline:** Contact host by February 11.

**Cost:** \$10 payable at the door.  
Plus, a dish to share.

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

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

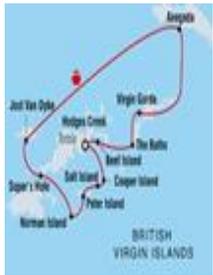
**Coordinator:** Contact Suzanne Vaughn if interested to host [suzyvaughn2@gmail.com](mailto:suzyvaughn2@gmail.com)



<b>March 2</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Seminar – CPR &amp; First Aid for Mariners</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Annapolis Fire Department, 620 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD.	<b>Cost:</b> \$48 (the club is paying the other half of the training and certification costs).
<b>Speaker:</b>	Annapolis Fire Dept., EMS Team.	<b>Time:</b> 9:00am to 4:00pm.
<b>Topic:</b>	CPR/AED and First Aid for Mariners.	<b>Note:</b> Limit of 20. A light breakfast and lunch will be included.
<b>Deadline:</b>	Mail and online registrations must be received by Mar. 4 (9:00pm).	<b>Note:</b>
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Joan Tannen <a href="mailto:jtkeuka@gmail.com">jtkeuka@gmail.com</a> To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. <a href="#">CPR Class</a>	



<b>March 7</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom option only. Contact Commodore if interested in attending. <a href="mailto:commodore@singlesonsailboats.org">commodore@singlesonsailboats.org</a>	<b>Time:</b> 6:00pm to 7:00pm. <b>Note:</b> Open to all Members.



<b>March 9 2024</b>	<b>7- or 10-day trip</b>	<b>2024 Spring Bareboat Cruise</b>
<b>Destination:</b>	British Virgin Islands, details, go to: <a href="#">BVI Bareboat Cruise</a>	<b>Cost:</b> Members \$2,300. 7-day, \$2,800. 10-day Boat Cost and Admin Fee. Air Fare and Insurance are separate.
<b>Note:</b>		<b>Note:</b> <b>To Download Registration Form with Payment Information: Go to:</b> <a href="#">2024 BVI Registration APP</a>
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Emil Becker <a href="mailto:emilbec@msn.com">emilbec@msn.com</a> - Contact Emil Becker if interested.	



<b>March 16</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Area Fireside Chat</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Edgewater, Maryland.	<b>Cost:</b> \$20 by deadline. \$25 after deadline, if space available
<b>Speaker:</b>	TBD	<b>Host:</b> Donna Kachura.
<b>Topic:</b>	TBD	<b>Time:</b> 5:00pm. <b>Limited to 18.</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	Mail and online registrations must be received by Mar. 12 (9:00pm).	<b>Note:</b> Non-members must be accompanied by member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Janet Gonski <a href="mailto:JGSunset@yahoo.com">JGSunset@yahoo.com</a>	



<b>August 31- September 7</b>	<b>8 -day trip</b>	<b>2024 Fall Bareboat Cruise</b>
<b>Destination:</b>	Mallorca, Spain for details, go to: <a href="#">Fall Bareboat Cruise</a>	<b>Cost:</b> Members \$1,700. Boat Cost and Admin Fee. Air Fare and Insurance are separate.
<b>Note:</b>		<b>Note:</b> <b>To Download Registration Form with Payment Information: Go to:</b> <a href="#">TBD</a>
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Janet Pennewell - <a href="mailto:fall.bareboat@singlesonsailboats.org">fall.bareboat@singlesonsailboats.org</a> - Contact Janet if interested.	

## You Ought to be in Pictures: The 2023 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 2023 Photo Contest.

1. **Entries must be taken at events with other SOS members in 2023 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.)



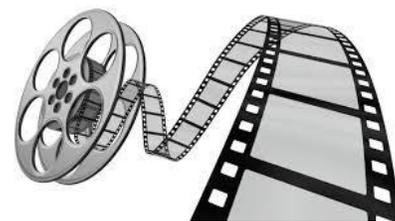
**Other Useful information:** Submit your photos in digital format. Send photos attached to emails, Drop Box or contact Bob Wright for instructions to upload the Photo Editor's Google drive. Submit photos in high resolution. The photos will be enlarged to 5" x 7" (and larger to project to a screen). 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 to Bob Wright by midnight on **January 7, 2024** at: [Robert.Wright.Bowie@gmail.com](mailto:Robert.Wright.Bowie@gmail.com)

### 2023 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 2023 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](mailto:johnparsons_9@msn.com).



# Cruising Wrap-Up Party

(All names are listed L to R)



Chuck Fort  
Out-going Cruising Chair



Photo of Lora Donia, First Mate  
Advisory Chair and  
Nancy Parsons, out-going chair



Sandy Rosswork,  
In-coming Skipper's  
Advisory Chair



Barbara Wise, Anne Kaiser,  
and Melinda Zimmerman



Julie Fort,  
Cruise Coordinator Liaison



Doug Townsend, Jeff  
Strauss, and Chic Bach



Samia AbedlWhaed, Dennis  
Krizek, and Nancy Parsons



Peter Wilde, Ray Harris, John  
Rogers, and Bill Small



Janet Gonski and  
Chuck Fort

Photographs submitted by John Parsons

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

# December Brunch

(All names are listed L to R)



Rosalynn Gill (NM), Nancy Sawyer (NM), Theresa Smallwood (NM)



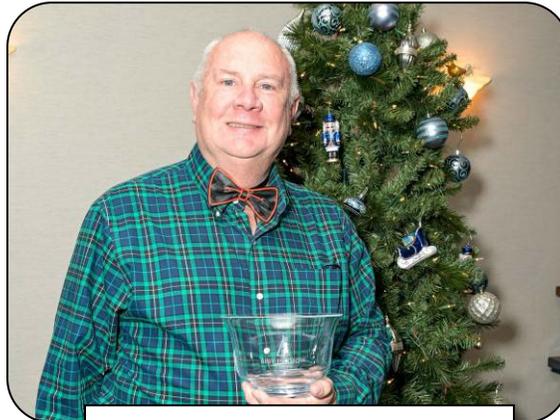
Teresa Scofield, John McDonald, and Hope Andruss



Marge Stembel, Molly Harrison, and Ned Schwartz



Nancy Sawyer (NM)



Chuck Fort with the Eastport Light Parade 'Best in Show' Award



Cindy Kalkwarf (NM)



Stephanie Katz (G) and Barry Herling



Marge Stembel and Ned Schwartz



Cindy Gross



Genienne Navarro

Photographs submitted by John Parsons

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# Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner (Meeps)

(All names are listed L to R)



Jerry Axler, Meeps Yox (Host), and Sandy Huberfeld



Dan and Teeja Meier



Marilyn Harrison and Ned Schwartz



Above: Mealtimes



Right: Group Photo



Nancy Parsons and George Hollendursky



Bev Nash



Don May

Photographs submitted by John Parsons

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

# Parade of Lights - Preparation

(All names are listed L to R)



BW

At Last – “Best in Show”  
Skipper - Chuck Fort



Jean G

Crabby – Melinda  
Zimmerman



JG

Anne Kaiser, and  
Melinda Zimmerman



JFP



Back Row: Chuck Fort, Susan Zevin, Susan Vasco  
Front Row: Barbara Wise, Melinda Zimmerman, John Rogers, Gabi Van Wie, Anne Kaiser, and Samia AbdelWahed



BW

Progress being made.



BW

Karl Scible checking  
the electrical



BW

Nearing the end  
of the work



BW

Folks in awe of the work.  
Sandy Rosswork, Susan Zevin, Anne Kaiser, and John Rogers

Photographs submitted as noted: Janet Gonski (JG); Jean Gough (Jean G); John Parsons (JFP); Barbara Wise (BW)  
NOTE FROM PHOTO EDITOR: Please include names with your photos so we can learn everyone’s names.

# Parade of Lights

(All names are listed L to R)



JFP



GVW

SOS's boat took "Best in Show" at the parade. Below: Chuck Fort

Below: Nancy Parsons, Joanne White( in back row), Janet Pennewell, Sandy Rosswork, and Dana Tulis



BW

Below: Dana Tulis, Janet Pennewell, Ester Petrilli-Massey, Barbara Mistrik, and Joanne White



JFP



JFP

Photographs submitted as noted: John Parsons (JFP); Gabi Van Wie (GVW); Barbara Wise (BW)  
NOTE FROM PHOTO EDITOR: Please include names with your photos so we can learn everyone's names.

**TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD:**

- Due 10<sup>th</sup> of month for publication the following month
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- Ads will appear for only three months unless you notify me earlier to delete or continue.
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**Nancy Briggs, Classified Page Editor**

## BOATS FOR SALE

**FOR SALE:** The time has come; "Drambuie" needs a new owner. One owner, 1985 Bavaria 960 (32') Sloop. Great sailing, well-built boat with nearly new sails. Sailed hard for many years and needs some TLC. A Severn House slip on Back Creek is available to the new owner. Realistically priced at \$12,500. For details, contact John Halstead at 410-336-3675 or [jhalstead@mindspring.com](mailto:jhalstead@mindspring.com) 3-24

## BOAT SLIP

**BOAT SLIP** for rent; available NOW. Large, 6ft. deep boat slip in a protected Mill Creek cove off the Severn River. Safe harbor for bad weather. Water, electricity, and plenty of parking are available. Can accommodate a boat up to 50 feet long. Contact Bev Nash at 410-349-1467 3-24

## BOAT PARTNERSHIP

Looking 50% co-owner for *Eureka*, a Ticon 30-foot sloop. If you are interested or want more details, contact Gabriel Ruiz at 240-304-1072 or email at [gabriel\\_ruiz@valdesautomation.com](mailto:gabriel_ruiz@valdesautomation.com)

## MEETING ROOM NEEDED

**MEETING ROOM NEEDED:** Do you have a great community room or clubhouse in your community that would be suitable for a meeting of 40-50 people? The SOS Cruising Committee is looking for a venue for the Cruising Kick-off in March or April. E-mail Carole Jordan at [seajay2844@gmail.com](mailto:seajay2844@gmail.com) 3-24

## Parade of Lights SOS wins "Best in Show"



"It was my first time doing the parade"... "It was so much fun!"

They say many hands make light work... and a great deal of fun! One of our SOS skippers offered to keep his boat in the water so we could have an entry in the Eastport Yacht Club's Lights Parade on December 9.

At the August Town Hall, the first crop of volunteers signed up to be involved; with an initial Zoom meeting to bring this first batch of volunteers 'together' to brainstorm ideas, it was decided to create a contest for the boat design. Requesting a veteran member to use her graphic design talents to generate a club announcement of the contest, we had a winning idea of a Santa-hatted crab submitted. After a group (a growing number of volunteers here...) sketched out some ideas and figured out the quantity of lighting and materials, it was time to order everything.

With the assistance of yet more new volunteers, we began assembling the design onto a makeshift 'mainsail'. With a practice "dress rehearsal" a week ahead of the Parade date, it was then time to bring the boat to Annapolis and re-assemble the entire decoration.

On the night of the actual parade, we had a full crew of nine to help Skipper Chuck safely navigate the parade route in the dark and then take down the design at the end of the evening (in anticipation of 'weather' the next couple of days). The final piece of the project was to bring the boat back to her marina.

Each step of the project involved three or four to eight or nine club members with an ever-growing list of those willing to help. Some gave less time, others gave more, but all contributed to the final product – great fun and a surprise announcement that the SOS entry won BEST IN SHOW for 2023!!

Well done and many thanks, every one of you! Next year, who else will join the effort?



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



**Virtual Happy Hours on ZOOM VARIOUS DATES:** Get in touch with your Area Contact, listed in back of your Whisker Pole to be put on their HH notification list. Or check out the SOS website for dates and ZOOM links to all the Virtual Happy Hours.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**  
**NOVA/DC:** **Jan 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](http://www.mylosgrill.com)  
**COORDINATOR:** **HOPE – [hopedav@verizon.net](mailto:hopedav@verizon.net)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**  
**ELLCOTT CITY:** **Jan 11th** **5:00-7:30 PM**  
**La Palapa Grill**, 8307 Main Street, Ellicott City MD 21043 410-465-0070 [www.lapalapagrill.com](http://www.lapalapagrill.com)  
**COORDINATORS:** **KATHY – [mskathha@gmail.com](mailto:mskathha@gmail.com)**  
**JANET – [jgsunset@yahoo.com](mailto:jgsunset@yahoo.com)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**  
**WILMINGTON:** **Jan 17th** **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.timothyontheriverfront.com](http://www.timothyontheriverfront.com)  
**COORDINATOR:** **JULIE – [jafort@comcast.net](mailto:jafort@comcast.net)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**  
**ROCKVILLE:** **Jan 18th** **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](http://www.m.seasons52.com)  
**COORDINATOR:** **DEBBIE – [hidebbieg@yahoo.com](mailto:hidebbieg@yahoo.com)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**  
**KENT ISLAND:** **Jan 18th** **5:00–7:00 PM**  
**THE DOCK HOUSE**, 110 Piney Narrows Road, Chester, MD 21619. 443-446-4477 [www.dockhouserestaurant.com](http://www.dockhouserestaurant.com)  
**COORDINATOR:** **BARB – [bbb Brooks@aol.com](mailto:bbb Brooks@aol.com)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**  
**PHILLY AREA:** **Jan 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](http://www.difabiosevents.com)  
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**MARY – [mary.payne@comcast.net](mailto:mary.payne@comcast.net)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**  
**ANNAPOLIS:** **Jan 25th** **5:00-7:00 PM**  
**Mike's Resturant & Crabhouse**, 3030 Riva Road, Riva, MD 21140. Meet us at the dining area. 443-956-2784 OR [www.mikescrabhouse.com](http://www.mikescrabhouse.com)  
**COORDINATOR:** **JEAN – [jgough4you@gmail.com](mailto:jgough4you@gmail.com)**



### Annapolis: Happy Hour

Left to right: Amanda Klingenberger, Steve Garris, Shirley Brooks Hollendursky, Doug Townsend, Craig Coltharp, Susan Zevin, Dave Tuttle, Suzanne Vaughn, Sandra Rosswork, Carole Jordan, George Hollendursky, Emil Becker, Irene Aronian and photographer Melinda Zimmerman.

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Meetup: <https://www.meetup.com/Singles-on-Sailboats>



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## **January Events**

**Jan 6 - Fireside Chat, Annapolis**

**Jan 20 – Seminar, Severna Park**

**Jan 21 – Brunch, Annapolis**