

## February 2024, Vol. 46, No. 2

### **SPRING TRAINING IS HERE AGAIN ON APRIL 6th** By Jean Gough

Once again Singles on Sailboats brings a full day of educational sailing programs with Spring Training on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Anne Arundel Community College campus in Arnold, Maryland from 8:30 – 4:30. FOLLOWED BY – the AFTER PARTY at O’Loughlin’s Restaurant ... See details below.

Our 2024 Spring Training Team has put together a full program of sailing experts to engage all levels of sailors as you’ll see on the Spring Training Curriculum on pages 14-15.

The registration price includes a continental breakfast, a full lunch, and all classroom materials.

There are five “time tracks” and six “presentation choices” per track. You choose one presentation per track. Each presentation is tailored to a specific level of sailing experience. The three levels of training are designated as – “L”= limited to no sailing experience, “M”- moderate experience, “E” = experienced sailors or Skippers. Please see the Registration Instructions on pages 11-13 for more details.

For our long-term members, who have been enjoying Spring Training for several years, we are pleased to share that we also focused on offering brand new presentations. This resulted in eight new topics that had not been offered before. That’s more than 25% BRAND NEW PRESENTATIONS and speakers!

The Spring Training team also received requests to add more General Interest (GEN) presentations, which we are delighted to say has resulted in at least one GEN presentation in each of the five “time tracks”.

Class selections offer various topics such as sail trim, navigation, safety, docking, boat maintenance, anchoring, cooking on board, and much, much more. The general interest topics (GEN) include Lighthouses of the Chesapeake Bay, Early Chesapeake Bay History, and a first-hand account of a journey from England to Maryland in 1634.

Some of the sessions will include hands-on activities with the intent to have fun while learning new skills. What you will learn at SOS Spring Training 2024 will help make you a better sailor for Spring, Summer and Fall cruising!

A word of advice – sign up early because seating is limited in many of the seminars and workshops and the most popular topics fill up early. We look forward to seeing you there!

**DON’T FORGET** to plan on attending - The SPRING TRAINING AFTER PARTY - once again held at O’Loughlin’s Restaurant at 1258 Bay Dale Drive, just a short drive from the community college. O’Loughlin’s is delighted to have us back and has asked that we provide a headcount to

make sure they are adequately staffed and so that they can arrange the right space for us. **So please take an extra moment to register for this separately... see Fleet Exercises.**

There is no cost to attend the AFTER PARTY, other than the cost of your drinks and food. The registration request is simply to give them a head count in advance, so they are not “suddenly slammed” with 40+ new patrons without time to prepare.

### **SOS Wellness Protocol**

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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).”

## VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Susan Zevin, Commodore



Hello,  
Crew  
Mates,

Welcome to the New Year and all the fresh promise that goes with it!! Are you keeping to

your Resolutions? Or have they already gone by the wayside? My "get-organized-for-SOS-duties" resolution so far is holding.

As the first consequential snowfall of the last two years continues on my back deck, we are deep into our winter programs, already chomping through three of our four club-wide brunches (thanks to Suzanne Vaughn). This month of February we are anticipating five regional brunches, seminars on marine surveys, raft captain training, and ARGO Navigation Software. There will be fireside chats, including Sea Stories and Boat Deliveries (Laura Gwinn) and a talk on How the Port of Baltimore works (Geoff Tobias).

Jean Gough has eight subcommittee members working on Spring Training. Joan Tannen is underway organizing our late spring Flare and Safety Day. An excellent summer cruising schedule from Cruising Chairs Carole and Dennis has been sent to skippers. Laura Donia is planning our First Mates' candidate program and cruise. The BVI bareboat trip is just about nailed down; and the Mallorca trip is up with applications out, care of Deb Kauffman, Heidi Harper, and Janet Pennewell.

Our outward-facing crew of Pat Tracy and Gail Williams is hard at work welcoming new members at Happy Hours and ensuring smooth coordination and follow-up. Janet Gonski led our donation of 120lbs of food to the Anne Arundel Food Pantry; also she is collecting blankets, underwear, socks, and personal hygiene items for Arundel House of Hope.

Board members are hard at work in the background. Karl Scible has arranged for this year's Town Hall and SOS Awards. And he is assisting me with my "get organized" resolution, reviewing and rewriting some policies and procedures. Treasurer Craig Coltharp has sharpened his pencil to analyze our budget, fees, income and expenses. He is working with Janet Pennewell, our Social Chair, on current and future costs, reserves, assets and income. Their article on Page 13 explains where the shortfalls are and why. Later this year the Club will need to address those deficits, and we will, of course, engage all of the membership in the remedial proposals.

This is such a busy time of the year, I hope everyone takes advantage of the beauty that surrounds us. We are stuck on land, but we should treasure the winter and the water with a sharp eye for the life around us. This evening, my yard was graced with a beautiful, big red fox, not a blemish on his full, fluffy coat and tail; this morning six healthy deer were crossing the street. I've seen the buck—tan, with white markings, a gorgeous black, harp-shaped mark on his chest, and a many-pointed rack!

There are opportunities for every member to contribute. Janet Gonski wrote a great article published in the January 2024 SpinSheet, "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work" (quote by Chuck Forte) about our fun, award-winning endeavor for the "Lights Parade." As you can tell from all the aforementioned things that are going on, that's our club—focused, intense, hard-working, well-organized, productive, healthy, happy, and friendly.

**Susan,** Commodore

### Welcome New Members

Lynda Cesiro - Stamford, CT  
Meaux Gatto - Annapolis, MD  
Deb Kuba - Annapolis, MD  
Kate Salathé-Penn - Annapolis, MD  
Sherry Schiller - Galesville, MD  
Ed Underhill - Ellicott City, MD  
Stasi Walsh - Silver Spring, MD  
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## Unofficial Board Notes January 4, 2024

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

**Commodore:** Susan Zevin — No report

**Secretary:** Doug Gage — Minutes of December 2 BOD Meeting were approved.

**Vice Commodore:** Karl Scible — Town Hall location in Galesville has been reserved for August 10. Wellness Policy sent to Whisker Pole. Need to start review of "Work Place Policy." SOS awards finalized. Latest revision of Policy and Procedures need to be incorporated on Web Site and new directory.

**Treasurer:** Craig Coltharp

Club Checking Account 13,849.69  
 Hi-Yield Savings Account 73,587.86  
 Club Credit Card (25,985.63)  
 Bareboat Account 34,210.69

Craig moved to approve the revised budget he sent to the Board on 3 January. The motion was seconded by Karl, and passed unanimously.

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

Fall 2024 Mallorca Coordinator: Janet Pennewell. Proposal approved by Board. Five boats have been reserved, three skippers identified. Trip being advertised to membership. The first of three boat payments of \$10k is due mid-January.

Spring 2025 New Zealand Coordinator: Deb Kauffman. Dates to be determined. Corresponding with vendor in Auckland Harbor — 6 monohulls in fleet.

**Brunch:** Suzanne Vaughn. January 21 Brunch: Kathy Bergren Smith will present her book the Deadly Gamble: The Wreck of Schooner Levin J. Marvel, the true story of the Chesapeake Bay's worst sailing disaster.

Regional Brunches will be held Sunday, February 18; no Brunch in March.

April Brunch will be Sunday, April 7th after Spring Training on Saturday. The 2023 SOS Photography Contest winners will be announced and the 2023 Photo Retrospective Video will be displayed throughout the event. No guest speaker. The 2024 Annual Membership Meeting will be held after the Brunch.

**Cruising:** Carole Jordan and Dennis Krizek. The 2024 Cruising Calendar is in the final stages of coordination and will be released to the BOD and skippers for review in early January. The Cruising kick-off will be on April 13 at the Galesville Town Hall.

**Database:** John McDonald

	January 2024	January 2023	January 2022
Members	245	255	232
Skippers	68	62	63
Lifetime Members	89	97	110
Lifetime Skippers	21	24	23
Inactive Members	18	24	22
<b>Totals</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>450</b>

Fourteen people took advantage of the discount offered during the period Oct 1st to December 31st. To date, membership renewals for 2024 stand at 174. That leaves 254 members who have yet to pay their dues for 2024. Two more reminders are scheduled to be sent during January.

**Education:** Jean Gough. Confirming Spring Training presenters — as of 1/2/2024 we have 30 Total Classes, 28 Confirmed Speakers, and 11 NEW Presentations. Arranging Fire Side Chats, Seminars and Dockside Training. All four areas are in a good position.

Special Project from Dec 2 Board Retreat: Volunteer LINKS KISS Project – How Can I Support or Volunteer for SOS? KISS descriptions and links to volunteer opportunities to be finalized with the help of Teresa Scofield.

**First Mates:** Lora Donia. Reviewing current position description for the First Mate Advisor to determine who is responsible for specific tasks and what changes need to be made. Actively recruiting SOS crew to become First Mate candidates during the 2024 sailing season. Planning has begun for the First Mate Meeting/Party to be held in the Spring.

**Membership** – Pat Tracey, Gail Williams. Four new members reported in the month of January. Action Items from Retreat December 2023:

— Monthly new Members list sent out by John McDonald to Membership Committee chairs, Linda Casucci (to coordinate mentors for new members), Happy Hour Coordinators, Whisker Pole, and Public Relations.

— Survey sent to new members.

— Advertising at Marinas (new Membership Committee volunteer Sharon Rowe to handle).

Board member meeting on January 4th discussed the value of Happy Hours and how new members and new skippers are contacted through SOS.

**Public Relations:** Janet Gonski

Many thanks to all who made the Lights Parade happen! Donated 120 lbs of food items to the Anne Arundel Food Pantry after the December brunch; in January we hope to collect blankets, underwear, socks, and personal hygiene items for the Arundel House of Hope (support for homeless in the county).

**Safety:** Joan Tannen. Skippers should bring flares and fire extinguishers for exchange to the Cruising Kickoff meeting.

**Skippers Advisory:** Sandy Rosswork. The annual Raft Captain Training is scheduled for February 17. Chuck Fort will be the raft captain coordinator for 2024. Three new skippers joined the club in December. They have all been contacted, received the Fast Start Guide, and been advised about the Skippers io Group.

**Social:** Janet Pennewell. Confirming details for using O'Loughlins following Spring Training Day. Confirming arrangements and Event Chairs for cruise parties: DNR (Wye River, May 18-19, Event Chair Meeps Yox); Anniversary Party (Port Annapolis, June 22-23, Event Chair Noreen McGuire); and Seafood Feast (Lankford Bay Marina, August 17-18). Analyzing Social Committees expenses, which seem to be primarily in food.

**Old Business:** KISS is doing well. Karl and Sandy Rosswork are reviewing the current EEO policy.

**New Business:** Revised budget sent out by Treasurer was approved.

## Seminar Raft Captain Training February 17<sup>th</sup> with Chuck Fort, Crofton Library

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. Crofton MD Library.

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](#)

## No March Brunch

Please note there is no Brunch in March. It has been moved to **April 7<sup>th</sup>**, the day after Spring Training.

At the April meeting, we will hold a General Membership Meeting, and present the winners of the Photo Contest and the four Board Awards. The 2023 SOS Photo Retrospective will also be shown.

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

Strong winds and snow are keeping us off the Bay, but 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.

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 beverages, etc. No online sign-up for this event. Please RSVP directly to the host.

### Brunch Locations:

#### **Annapolis MD**

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

#### **Annapolis MD**

Irene Aronian, 15 guests  
To RSVP before Feb 8th, contact  
[suzyaughn2@gmail.com](mailto:suzyaughn2@gmail.com)  
To RSVP after Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, contact  
[irene.aronian@gmail.com](mailto:irene.aronian@gmail.com)

#### **Rockville MD**

Barbara Wise, 10 guests  
[bwise8426@gmail.com](mailto:bwise8426@gmail.com)

#### **North Bethesda MD**

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

#### **Bethesda MD**

Flavia Favali, 20 Guests  
[flavia4222@comcast.net](mailto:flavia4222@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)

## Seminar EZ Sextant App March 23, 2024

Navigate in open waters without a GPS, sextant, or internet connection using your smartphone. The EZ Sextant app uses the phone's camera to make celestial sightings and automatically plots the results for easy navigation. Use it as a GPS backup or in conjunction with your sextant to take advantage of the built-in almanac and plotting tools. Perfect for those who have a sextant but forgot the details in making a sighting.

Mike and Janet will provide an overview of the EZ Sextant smartphone app and what led to its development. They will also brush lightly on celestial navigation, GPS, and the need for a non-GPS backup when sailing in open waters. The app will be demonstrated, and participants will be allowed to try it out on several phones.

## Sock Burning, March 24<sup>th</sup>

Annapolis, MD

We sailors eagerly anticipate the start of our sailing season! In celebration of our upcoming time on the water, we **bid the blustery winter season adieu!** In the Chesapeake Bay, especially in the Annapolis area, sailors celebrate the seasonal change with "The Burning of the Socks!"

No longer do we need to protect our toes and ankles from the wicked chill of Jack Frost. **Bring those odd socks**, you know the ones that have lost their mates, socks with missing heels or toes, or just those that are on their last legs, and **toss them into the fire** in this celebration of the Spring Equinox.

We'll celebrate with friends, anticipate future sailing, tell tales of past adventures, and share food and drink.

5:00 – Happy Hour

5:30 – Burn Those Socks

6:00 – Dinner

## Training in CPR/AED and First Aid for Mariners

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

By popular demand, we are holding this important training session before the season begins to help us learn these important skills.



The Annapolis Fire Department emergency medical personnel will conduct this hands-on class on CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), the use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and first aid with a special focus on mariners. The training will be held at the Taylor Avenue Fire Station in Annapolis.

Because SOS recognizes the value of this American Heart Association certified training, the club pays half the cost. Whether you are learning these techniques for the first time, or recertifying, there is always more to learn. Recommended procedures are always being updated. Certifications are valid for two years.

The class will start at 9:00 AM and run to approximately 3:00 PM. Your cost is \$48.00, which includes coffee and a light breakfast, as well as lunch. Be sure to sign up early because we must limit attendance to twenty.

Click here to register: [CPR First Aid](#)

The deadline for registration is February 26. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Tannen, SOS Safety Chair, at [jtkeuka@gmail.com](mailto:jtkeuka@gmail.com)

### **DIRECTIONS**

**Annapolis Fire Department, #38  
620 Taylor Ave.  
Annapolis, MD 21401**

From Rt. 50, take Exit 24/Rowe Blvd toward Annapolis for 1 mile. Turn left onto Taylor Avenue for ½ mile. Fire Department will be on your right.

## Backyard Gatherings Are Back – Again!!

With a “bring your own/potluck” style get-together, regional hosts volunteer to open their homes or yards for SOS members to gather and share time and companionship... and a sea story or two during the non-sailing months. (Would you like to host one?)



It is a great chance to meet people who may live near you; our committee will especially assist hosts in reaching out to newer members.

Attending a backyard gathering encourages questions and offers information on things like how to sign up for sails and events, how to get involved in easy increments – even “What are those basic skills?” Anything that will enhance your SOS enjoyment.

So, potential hosts, please contact me and we will coordinate a date/time and the info to add to Fleet Exercises.

I am looking forward to hearing from you. Janet Gonski, Public Relations Chair [JGSunset@yahoo.com](mailto:JGSunset@yahoo.com)

## Cruising Corner News

Why are we excited about sailing in the middle of winter? This is the time that your cruising committee has been working diligently to craft the schedule for the 2024 Sailing Season. Look for the schedule to be printed in the March Whisker Pole!

It will also be featured at the “Cruising Table” at the SOS Spring Training in April. Stop by between sessions to visit us; we will have some fun things to share.

The Cruising Kick-Off (invitation only) meeting is to be held on April 13 (mark your calendars) and is open to all Skippers, First Mates and our valuable Cruising Coordinators. You will be receiving an invitation to the event. Anyone interested in becoming a cruise coordinator (both weekend and daysails), should contact Linda Casucci [casuccilj@gmail.com](mailto:casuccilj@gmail.com) to volunteer.

The Kick-Off will feature coordinator training, a skippers meeting, food and Happy Hour.

Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Contact Cruising co-chairs Carole Jordan, [seajay2844@gmail.com](mailto:seajay2844@gmail.com) or Dennis Krizek, [denniskri@msn.com](mailto:denniskri@msn.com).

### **In the age of sail, nautical language was so pervasive that it was adopted on terra firma.**

“Toe the Line” – boys on a ship were forced to stand still for inspection with their toes on a deck seam.

“Pipe Down” – boatswains’ whistle for everyone to be quiet at night

“Three Sheets to the Wind” – when the lines to the sails broke and the vessel pitched out of control.

“Turn a Blind Eye” – popular after Vice-Admiral Nelson placed his telescope against his blind eye to ignore his superior’s signal flag to retreat.

## 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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### February 1 Thursday

**Location:** 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.



### February 3 Saturday

**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).

### Area Fireside Chat

**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](#)

### Various

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

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

### Education Zoom Gathering

**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.



### February 17 Saturday

**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)

### Seminar – Raft Captain Training

**Cost:** Free for Skippers, FM, FM Candidates.  
\$10 for crew.  
**Time:** 1:30pm to 4:00pm.  
**Note:** Coffee and Snacks provided.

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



**February 18 Sunday**

**Location:** Held in private homes of SOS members. MD, VA, DE, PA, DC & FL. See list on page 4 of Whisker Pole. Then members contact host to register and receive directions.

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

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

**Regional Brunches**

**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.

**February 24 Saturday**

**Location:** Galesville, Maryland.

**Speaker:** Geoff Tobias.  
**Topic:** How the Port of Baltimore Works.

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

**Coordinators:** Suzanne Ziska - [seziska@aol.com](mailto:seziska@aol.com) & Andy Katz - [ndrwktz@gmail.com](mailto:ndrwktz@gmail.com)  
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. [Feb 24 FSC](#)

**Area Fireside Chat**

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

**Host:** Geoff Tobias.  
**Time:** 5:30pm. **Limited to 20.**

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

**March 2 Saturday**

**Location:** Annapolis Fire Department, 620 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD.

**Speaker:** Annapolis Fire Dept., EMS Team.  
**Topic:** CPR/AED and First Aid for Mariners.

**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by Feb 26 (9:00pm).

**Coordinator:** Joan Tannen [jtkeuka@gmail.com](mailto:jtkeuka@gmail.com)  
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. [CPR Class](#)

**Seminar – CPR & First Aid for Mariners**

**Cost:** \$48 (the club is paying the other half of the training and certification costs).

**Time:** 9:00am to approximately 3:00pm.

**Note:** Limit of 20.  
A light breakfast and lunch will be included.

**March 7 Thursday**

**Location:** 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.

**March 9 Saturday**

**Location:** Annapolis, Maryland.

**Speaker:** Craig Coltharp  
**Topic:** TBD.

**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by Mar. 2 (9:00pm).

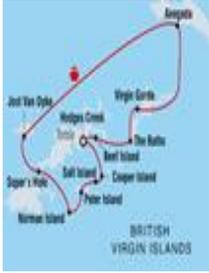
**Coordinator:** Janet Gonski [JGSunset@yahoo.com](mailto:JGSunset@yahoo.com)  
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. [Mar 9 FSC](#)

**Area Fireside Chat**

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

**Host:** Sara Doolittle & Dave Enos  
**Time:** 5:00pm. **Limited to 15.**

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



**March 9  
2024**

**7- or 10-Day Trip**

**2024 Spring Bareboat Cruise**

**Destination:** British Virgin Islands, details, go to: [BVI Bareboat Cruise](#)

**Cost:** Members \$2,300, 7-day, \$2,800, 10-day - Boat Cost and Admin Fee.  
Air Fare and Insurance are separate.

**Note:** **To Download Registration Form with Payment Information: Go to:**  
[2024 BVI Registration APP](#)

**Coordinator:** Emil Becker [emilbec@msn.com](mailto:emilbec@msn.com)



**March 16**

**Saturday**

**Area Fireside Chat**

**Location:** Edgewater, Maryland.

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

**Speaker:** Guest Gameshow Host.  
**Topic:** All Tied Up – gameshow style contests. Knot tying, nomenclature & more.

**Host:** Donna Kachura.  
**Time:** 5:00pm. **Limited to 18.**

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

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

**Coordinator:** Janet Gonski [JGSunset@yahoo.com](mailto:JGSunset@yahoo.com)  
To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here. [Edgewater FSC March 16](#)



**March 23**

**Saturday**

**Seminar – EZ Sextant Demo & Training**

**Location:** TBD.  
**Speaker:** Mike & Janet Novey, Sailors & Developers of EZ Sextant Smartphone App.

**Cost:** \$10 for all.  
**Time:** TBD.  
**Note:** Limit of TBD.

**Topic:** EZ Sextant Demo.  
**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by Mar 20 (9:00pm).

**Note:** Coffee and Snacks provided.

**Coordinator:** Lynn Gilley [ltgilley@verizon.net](mailto:ltgilley@verizon.net)  
To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here. [Mar 23 Seminar](#)



**March 24**

**Sunday**

**Fireside Chat/Sock Burning: Annapolis**

**Location:** Annapolis, Maryland.

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

**Speaker:** George Hollendursky.  
**Topic:** Sock Burning.

**Host:** Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky.  
**Time:** 5:00pm. **Limited to 20 persons.**

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

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

**Coordinator:** Bev Nash - [beverlynash@verizon.net](mailto:beverlynash@verizon.net)  
To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here. [Mar 24 Sock Burning](#)



**April 4**

**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.

**April 6****Saturday****Spring Training**

**Location:** Anne Arundel Community College, Arnold, MD 21012.

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

**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by March 23 (9:00pm).

**Registrar:** Linda Casucci [casuccilj@gmail.com](mailto:casuccilj@gmail.com)

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

**Cost:** \$85, Early Bird Member ON or BEFORE March 23 deadline.

**\$95.00** Member postmarked AFTER the March 23, deadline.

**\$100** for Non-Members and walk-ins.

**Time:** 8:30am to 4:30pm.

**Note:** Registration details in this Whisker Pole.

**April 6****Saturday****Spring Training After-Party**

**Location:** O'Loughlin's Restaurant and Pub, 1258 Bay Dale Dr, Arnold, Maryland.

Come and share your experiences from the day's Training.

**Coordinator:** Janet Pennewell [janet.pennewell@gmail.com](mailto:janet.pennewell@gmail.com)

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here. [After Training Gathering](#)

**Cost:** Everyone will be on their own for ordering drinks and any food.

**Time:** 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, after the Spring Training Event.

**April 7****Sunday****Brunch/General Membership Meeting**

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

**Speakers:** John Parsons and Bob Wright  
**Topic:** 2023 SOS Retrospective & Photo Contest results.

**General Membership meeting will be after the program.**

**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by Apr. 2 (9:00pm).

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

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here. TBD

**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.

**April****Weekends & Weekdays****Skipper Helper Days**

**Location:** Pick your Skipper.

**Description:** Help those skippers that so graciously provide us with their boats all throughout the sailing season.

**Point of Contact:** Emil Becker [emilbec@msn.com](mailto:emilbec@msn.com)

**Cost:** A little bit of your time and energy.

**Note:** See details in March Whisker Pole Possible April 6th, 13th or 20th weekends. Weekdays also an option. Skippers, pick your dates.

**April 13****Saturday****Cruising Kick-off Meeting**

**Location:** Galesville Memorial Hall.

**Note:** **By Invitation Only.**

**Coordinator:** Carole Jordan [seajay2844@gmail.com](mailto:seajay2844@gmail.com)

To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here. [Cruising Kick-off](#)

**Cost:** Free to Skippers, First Mates, and Cruising Committee Members and Coordinators. \$25 for guests.

**Time:** Coordinator training from 1:00pm-3:00pm, Skippers join at 3:00pm, Happy Hour at 4:00pm, Dinner at 5:00pm.

## Money Talk

SOS has lost a modest amount of money in each of the 5 years. All of us who have run businesses know that is not good practice in the long term!

Those losses have been depleting our “reserves” and can continue to do so. But we need to keep in mind that all healthy businesses retain a certain level of reserves to weather unexpected challenges. In fact, it is best practice for non-profits to maintain adequate reserves to cover 1-2 years of operating expenses.

In looking at our expenses, the biggest single category is Catering for our various social functions including the shore parties (Anniversary, DNR and Seafood Feast), as well as Brunches, Town Hall Meetings and Spring Training. Our overall catering expense has increased by 71% since 2021 - but remember that in 2021 we were still recovering from Covid and had fewer events than normal (no Spring Training, fewer brunches). Looking at Catering on a more apples-to-apples basis, our expenses have increased about 30% over that period.

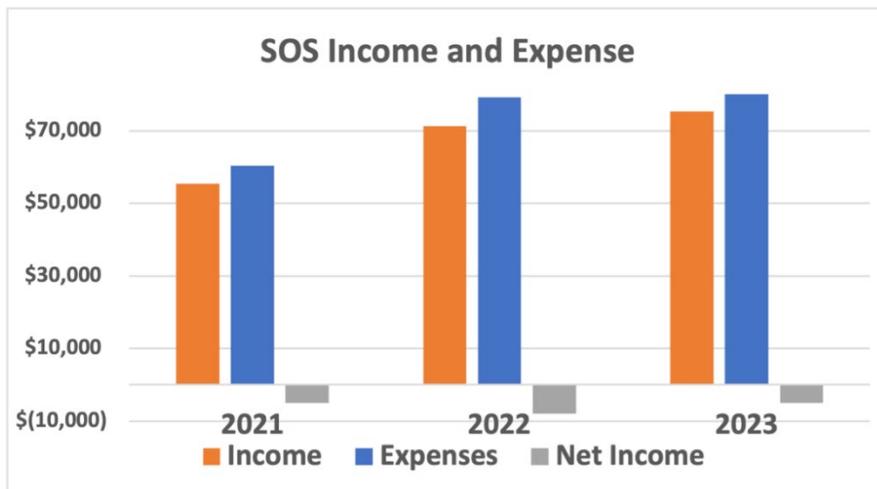
We’ve seen some sharp increases in other categories as well: notably, Dockage Fees which are up nearly 40%, the cost of producing the

Whisker Pole (up over 60%), the rental of the storage units where we maintain supplies including party equipment, supplies, and decorations (up 29%), and Insurance (up 14%).

At the same time, we have increased the fees for many of our events to help offset the rising costs. The Seafood Feast has gone from \$87 per person to \$108. Brunches have gone from \$31 to \$36. Spring Training has gone from \$55 to \$85. Most of these are directly related to increases in the cost of food. This should come as no surprise to anyone who has been to the grocery store lately!

The one thing that hasn’t increased is our Membership Fee which remains at \$60 this year. The last time our membership fee was raised was in 2018.

As we see how 2024 unfolds, the Board and Committee Chairs will continue to monitor our expenses closely and work to reduce them wherever possible. We likely will continue to adjust event fees and dues when and if prudent. As always, the Board is open to hearing your ideas and suggestions – either for areas where you think we can trim expenses, or where it makes sense to raise fees.



### Photos from January Annapolis Area Fireside Chat



Lynn Gilley, Nancy Briggs, Carole Jordan, Phil Smith.  
(Photo by John Parsons)



Jean-Pierre Ple, Phil Smith, Nancy Briggs, Jon Bernheimer, Barbara Wingrove, Geoff Tobias, and Lynn Gilley  
(Photo by Nancy Parsons)



Daisy & Doug Townsend  
(Photo by Nancy Parsons)

## 2024 Spring Training - Saturday, April 6, 2024

### Registration Instructions

Spring Training is both a fun and educational event that includes many new members and non-members who are unfamiliar with the "routine." We ask that all registrants read the instructions below before calling with questions.

**Cost:**

- **\$85.00** for Member Early Bird – **On or Before** March 23 deadline ( 9PM )
- **\$95** for Member **After** March 23<sup>rd</sup> deadline
- **\$100** for Nonmembers and walk-ins

The cost includes a \$5.00 nonrefundable fee if Spring Training is canceled for any reason, including weather.

**Deadline: March 23 for online registration; March 23 POSTMARK for mail-in registration**

Please note that presentations are filled on a first-come first-served basis, so don't delay registering!

**Online registrations cannot be modified, so register carefully.** Registration for some specific presentations is limited. SOS reserves the right to adjust the presentation schedule to meet the demand for key presentations. Upon arrival, check-in at the registration table and pick up your Personalized Spring Training packet of materials. Please be prompt and courteous; the presenters are all volunteers as are all the administrative staff.

**Anne Arundel Community College is a non-smoking and alcohol-free campus, including parking lots. Please do not smoke or consume alcoholic beverages anywhere. Morning coffee and a buffet lunch are included in the cost of registration. Please note, however, that no food or drink is allowed outside the cafeteria.**

**Driving Directions to Anne Arundel Community College:**

101 College Parkway Arnold, MD 21012

**From Washington or Annapolis:** Take Route 50 east to exit 27, Route 2 north (Governor Ritchie Highway) toward Baltimore. Stay on Route 2 for about three miles. Turn right onto College Parkway. The first right turn is the campus entrance.

**From Baltimore:** From Interstate 695 take exit 2, Route 10 toward Severna Park. Stay on Route 10 until it ends at Route 2 (Governor Ritchie Highway). Follow Route 2 south for about five miles. Turn left onto College Parkway. The first right turn is the campus entrance.

**Parking is Free.** There will be SOS signage on campus directing you to the parking lot closest to the registration area located in the campus Cafeteria. Visitors may not park in any space marked *Reserved Parking*.

**If you have reason to question if the college is closed on the day of the event, possibly due to the weather, this can be confirmed by calling the college for Closure Information at 410-777-2222.**

**To register online:**

**We encourage online registration.** Go to the website, [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org), and you will find a section for Spring Training. Please note that you can **only use a credit card online**. We cannot process checks online. If you do not wish to use a credit card, you can register by mail with a check. See "Register by U.S. Postal Mail" below.

Choose the presentations you want to attend by clicking on the drop-down menu. **If a presentation you select is "full," it will NOT appear on the menu. This is one of the advantages of registering online.** You will know your schedule when you register. Please note, however, that last-minute changes to the schedule MAY be required due to circumstances beyond our control, so be sure to check in at registration to pick up your Personalized Spring Training Packet of materials.

Cancellations must be received via phone (703) 403-5357 or e-mail [casuccilj@gmail.com](mailto:casuccilj@gmail.com) no later than March 30.

## 2024 Spring Training - Saturday, April 6, 2024

### To register by U. S. Postal mail

If you wish to register by mail, fill in the registration form on page 13. If you are NOT registering online, send this completed paper form with a self-addressed stamped envelope and a CHECK payable to SOS, Inc. Address is: **SOS Spring Training, P O Box 5708, Annapolis, MD 21403** Checks will be destroyed unless you send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your registration!!! Fill out ALL the information requested on the form. Please print legibly because your information will be entered into the Spring Training database.

#### Cost:

- **\$85.00** Early Bird Member **POSTMARKED ON or BEFORE March 23 deadline. (9 PM)**
- **\$95.00** Member **POSTMARKED AFTER the March 23 deadline.**
- **\$100** for Nonmembers and walk-ins

Fill out ALL the information requested on the form. Please print legibly because your information will be entered into the Spring Training database.

There are five "time tracks" and six "presentation choices" per track. You choose one presentation per track. For each of the time tracks (1,2,3,4,5) indicate your first, second, and third choice of presentation by entering that presentation letter.

DO NOT write in the presentation name but use ONLY THE LETTER. Use a zero if you do not have a second or third choice, or if you do not wish to attend anything during that time track. Entering a zero will not assure you of your first choice because the presentations are assigned in the order of first-come first-served registration.

EXAMPLE: For each Time Track (1,2,3,4,5) choose a Presentation: First Choice, Second Choice, Third Choice

First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
1. A	1. F	1. C
2. A	2. E	2. B
3. A	3. C	3. E
4. D	4. C	4. F
5. A	5. B	5. E

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**2024 Spring Training Registration Form BY POSTAL MAIL**

Use this form **ONLY** if you are registering by U. S. Postal mail. Online registration is encouraged.

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print Legibly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Circle All Appropriate SOS Status categories:

Circle Appropriate Skill Level:

**SOS Member**

**New SOS Member (less than 12 months)**

**Not an SOS member (nonmember)**

**Skipper or SOS First Mate or Crew**

**1. Novice (New to Sailing)**

**2. Intermediate** (inshore sailor to aspiring First Mate)

**3. Advanced** (First Mate, Offshore sailor, Many years sailing)

**4. Skipper**

Indicate your presentation preference by the presentation **Letter**; use zero if you don't have a preference.

**Example for a NEW member with Level "L"- Limited Sailing Experience:**

Under First Choice #1: A #2: A #3: A #4: A #5: A

<u>First Choice</u>	<u>Second Choice</u>	<u>Third Choice</u>
Time Track Period # 1: _____	1: _____	1: _____
Time Track Period # 2: _____	2: _____	2: _____
Time Track Period # 3: _____	3: _____	3: _____
Time Track Period # 4: _____	4: _____	4: _____
Time Track Period # 5: _____	5: _____	5: _____

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Online registration is available at [www.singlesonsailboats.org](http://www.singlesonsailboats.org)

If you are NOT registering online, send this completed form with a self-addressed stamped envelope and a CHECK payable to SOS, Inc. Address is: SOS Spring Training, P O Box 5708, Annapolis, MD 21403

**Mail registration DEADLINE: Postmark dated ON or BEFORE March 23, 2024**

	A	B	C
	<b>1-A</b> Levels: L, M, E	<b>1-B GEN</b> Levels: L, M, E	<b>1-C GEN</b> Levels: L, M, E
<b>#1</b> 9:10 - 10:00	<b>INTRO TO SOS (How to Join the Fun)</b>	<b>QI GONG (chee-gong)</b>	<b>CHESAPEAKE LIGHTHOUSES IN 2024</b>
	SOS Membership, <b>Co- Chair Pat Tracey, and friends</b> , introduce the roles of Skippers, First Mates and Crew in SOS. How to navigate the SOS website, register for our events, and what volunteer opportunities there are in the club.	SOS Member <b>Heide Harper</b> acquaints us with Qi Gong. An ancient holistic practice of self-healing exercise to prevent disease and improve health. It consists of <b>EASY</b> movements, postures, breathing techniques and self-massage, <b>all while standing or sitting</b> .	They survive storms, winds, and currents. Experts <b>Bob and Adam Stevenson</b> talk about the history, design, and changing conditions of these Chesapeake beacons.  Questions are encouraged.
<b>#2</b> 10:10 - 11:00	<b>2-A</b> Levels: L, M	<b>2-B</b> Levels: L, M, E	<b>2-C</b> Levels: L, M, E
	<b>BASIC SAILING TERMINOLOGY</b>	<b>ONBOARD COMMUNICATIONS TAKES MORE THAN A RADIO</b>	<b>BOATING MADE EASY WITH ARGO™</b>
	ASA Instructor and SOS Member <b>Carrie Will</b> and <b>Chris Burns</b> discuss basic sailing terminology and how to talk "sailse".	SOS Member, <b>Gene Jacob</b> shares the use of VHF communication <b>from</b> the boat as well as crew communications <b>on</b> the boat. Bonding and team-making while sailing is done in a variety of ways!	Looking for somewhere new or wondering where your friends are on the water? Argo app for navigation & fun, social boating. Learn how to use the app's features from the developer to help elevate your boating fun.
<b>#3</b> 11:10 - 12:00	<b>3-A</b> Levels: L, M	<b>3-B GEN</b> Levels: L, M, E	<b>3-C</b> Levels: L, M, E
	<b>HOW TO PROVISION AND WHAT TO PACK</b>	<b>THE HEALING POWER OF SAIL</b>	<b>BASICS OF RAFTING</b>
	SOS Member <b>Janet Gonski</b> tells you about what to wear, pack, and how to provision for both day sails and weekend SOS fun cruising on the Bay.	<b>Suzanne Snyder</b> , founder of Sail Beyond Cancer, shares some stories of compelling, uplifting and the treasured "freedom" experienced by over 1500 cancer patients and their loved ones as they enjoyed their free private sailing and lasting memories. One of our own SOS skippers enjoyed just such a gift !	SOS Skipper <b>Chuck Fort</b> discusses how to raft with SOS, both circle & linear rafts. What is the overall plan, what part does crew play, and (for skippers) how do you direct your crew for a smooth entry into the raft.
<b>12:00 - 12:50</b>	<b>Lunch and Exhibits</b>		
<b>#4</b> 1:00 - 2:20	<b>4-A</b> Levels: L, M, E	<b>4-B</b> Levels: M, E	<b>4-C</b> Levels: L, M
	<b>BASIC NAVIGATION</b>	<b>DOCKING AND BOAT HANDLING UNDER POWER</b>	<b>BASIC SAILING and SAIL TRIM</b>
	SOS Skipper <b>Sandy Rosswork</b> will teach how to find your location on the water and how to use marine charts to plot a course, avoid hazards, and locate your boat. Discover how to use channel markers and other aids to navigation to sail safely.	If boats moved like cars, docking boats would be simple!  SOS Skipper, <b>Emil Becker</b> , explains the dynamics of stopping, backing, & docking boats; along with how to make friends with that pesky WIND.	SOS Skipper, <b>Craig Coltharp</b> will briefly cover basic sailing techniques and terminology. We will then illustrate intermediate sail trim techniques utilizing the SOS "Not to be Sailed" for demonstration purposes.
<b>#5</b> 2:30 - 3:50	<b>5-A</b> Levels: L, M	<b>5-B</b> Levels: L, M, E	<b>5-C GEN</b> Levels: L, M
	<b>BASIC SAILING KNOTS</b>	<b>EMERGENCIES ON THE BAY</b>	<b>THE VALUE OF SAILING LESSONS AND HOW TO BE A GOOD CREW</b>
	SOS Skipper <b>Chuck Fort and friends</b> demonstrate the proper knots to use on a boat and when to use them. Hands-on practice is included while viewing animation of each knot.	SOS Member <b>Karl Scible</b> -The first 10 minutes of an emergency while sailing may be the difference between life or death. Learn basic skills so you can know how to assist in preventing a life-threatening incident. For example, applying a tourniquet can stop severe bleeding. Learn other simple actions that may save a life.	<b>Ian Morrison</b> of the <b>Annapolis Sailing School</b> will share their "Seriously Fun" learning to sail method.  Hear how learning to sail on a small boat makes you a more valuable crew and ultimately makes big boat sailing more fun and less stressful.

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#1 9:10 – 10:00	1-D Levels: M, E	1-E Levels: L, M, E	1-F Levels: L, M, E
	<b>BECOMING A FIRST MATE</b>	<b>MARITIME LAW &amp; YACHTING: Murphy Goes to Sea</b>	<b>ABC's of COOKING ABOARD</b>
	Learn about becoming a First Mate. FM Committee Chair <b>Lora Donia</b> will talk about the realities and benefits of having a First Mate aboard during an SOS sail.	SOS Skipper <b>Geoffrey Tobias</b> discusses principles that might affect sailors: Limitation of Liability, Insurance, Crew, Salvage, Liens, and Collision <b>Note:</b> Not to be construed as legal advice.	SOS Member <b>Carol Niemand</b> will make cooking easy, fun and fabulous for both Skipper and Crew.
#2 10:10 - 11:00	2-D Levels: L, M, E	2-E GEN Levels: L, M, E	2-F Levels: M, E
	<b>GOING FOR EXTENDED SAIL</b>	<b>GET FIT FOR THE SAILING SEASON!</b>	<b>RIGGING</b>
	SOS Skipper <b>Harry Keith and his wife Kati</b> share lessons learned in 200 days- 7000 miles sailing north to Canada over two summers w/ longer passages. What worked, what didn't -lessons learned the hard way.	<b>Susan Zevin, ACSM Certified Personal Trainer</b> , provides simple, easy-to-do exercises to strengthen your tummy, back, arms, and legs and improve your balance. Be a fit sailor!	<b>Collin Linehan of CL Rigging</b> will discuss the creation and maintenance of all aspects of yacht rigging to ensure a seaworthy and enjoyable boat.
#3 11:10 - 12:00	3-D Levels: M, E	3-E Levels: L, M, E	3-F Levels: M, E
	<b>YOUR BEAUTIFUL BOAT TOP TO BOTTOM</b>	<b>SOS BAREBOAT PROGRAM</b>	<b>DIESEL ENGINES</b>
	<b>Bill Griffin</b> , rep for Interlux, Awlgrip and SeaHawk paints talks about boat finishes... topside to bottoms... and brightwork in between. Making your boat beautiful above the water and free of little critters below the waterline.	SOS Member and Bareboat Chair <b>Deb Kauffman</b> will presents the SOS Bareboat program and discuss pre-departure steps for crew and skippers. She will concentrate on the upcoming trips to Mallorca.	<b>Karl Allen</b> , will discuss what should be done for winterizing and spend the majority of time discussing springtime maintenance like sea water pumps, cooling systems, anodes, routine maintenance, and springtime start-up. <b>Bring your owner manuals.</b>
12:00 - 12:50	<b>Lunch and Exhibits</b>		
#4 1:00 - 2:20	4-D GEN Levels: L, M, E	4-E Levels: M, E	4-F Levels: L, M, E
	<b>HIGHLIGHTS of CHESAPEAKE BAY HISTORY</b>	<b>NIGHT SAILING</b>	<b>ANCHORING</b>
	<b>Rachel Frazier, Dir. Reference Services, MD State Archives</b> Discover Privateers on the Chesapeake, Freedom Seekers of the War of 1812 (eye-witness accounts), Oysters & the Oyster Wars, "A Briefe Relation of the Voyage Unto Maryland": first-hand story of journey from England to Maryland 1634. Mays: Indigenous Records	<b>Capt. Pat Aaron, USCG Master</b> will acquaint you with sailing in a night environment requiring a higher level of competency. Details taken from ASA 103 & ASA 104 courses are navigation, weather, boat setup and limitations, crew training, safety and safety procedures, and possible emergencies.	SOS Skipper <b>Coco Lanquetuit</b> will describe anchors, rode, scope, and how to anchor securely. She will discuss the crews' jobs during the process as well as what affects a boat at anchor and how to "weigh" anchor for another destination. The use of passing lines will also be discussed.
#5 2:30 - 3:50	5-D Levels: L, M, E	5-E Levels: L, M, E	5-F GEN Levels: L, M, E
	<b>PERSONAL SAFETY ABOARD A SAILBOAT</b>	<b>NAUTICAL RULES OF THE ROAD</b>	<b>SKIPJACKS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY</b>
	<b>John Schafer</b> , an experienced offshore racer and Director of the Ministry of Sailing, will discuss personal safety gear focusing upon inflatable life jackets and personal gear needed to be safe aboard. Participants are encouraged to bring their own inflatable life jackets for evaluation.	SOS Skipper <b>Dennis Krizek</b> presents the Nautical Rules of the Road w/ demonstrations, case studies and evolutionary history to emphasize the rights and responsibilities of approaching vessels. A nautical dichotomous key will be developed by class participants.	<b>Capt. Rick Flamand</b> , of the Skipjact Wilma Lee shares a brief history of the state boat of MD, a working oyster dredging sailboat known as a skipjack. Why has the fleet declined from over 1,500 to today's count of 24 floating skipjacks on the Chesapeake Bay?

## 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 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).





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

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

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**  
**ELLCOTT CITY:** Feb 8th 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:** Feb 21st 5:30 PM  
**TIMOTHY'S Restaurant and Bar**, 930 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 Wilmington Riverfront by Blue Rock Stadium, facing the waterfront. Drink and appetizer specials until 7PM. 302-429-7427 [www.timothysontheriverfront.com](http://www.timothysontheriverfront.com)  
**COORDINATOR:** JULIE - [jafort@comcast.net](mailto:jafort@comcast.net)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**  
**ROCKVILLE:** Feb 15th 5:00-7:00 PM  
**Seasons 52**, 11414 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852 301-816-0369. Free parking at Whole Foods.  
[www.m.seasons52.com](http://www.m.seasons52.com)  
**COORDINATOR:** DEBBIE - [hidebbieg@yahoo.com](mailto:hidebbieg@yahoo.com)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**  
**KENT ISLAND:** Feb 15th 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:** GAIL - [gail@islandship.com](mailto:gail@islandship.com)

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**  
**PHILLY AREA:** Feb 22th 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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**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**  
**ANNAPOLIS:** Feb 22th 5:00-7:00 PM  
**Mike's Restaurant & Crabhouse**, 3030 Riva Road, Riva, MD 21140. Meet us at the dinning area.  
443-956-2784 OR [www.mike'scrabhouse.com](http://www.mike'scrabhouse.com)  
**COORDINATOR:** JEAN - [jgough4you@gmail.com](mailto:jgough4you@gmail.com)



### Ellicott City: Happy Hour

Left to right: Jon Bernheimer, Linda Pierce, Kathy Haven, Cindy Turner, Pam Ledford, Linda Perkins, Janet Gonski, Karl Scible.

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**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

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## Sailing in the San Juan Islands (photo submitted by Sandy Rosswork)

Doug Gage, Cecilia Javier, Geoff Tobias, Sandy Rosswork, Andy Katz



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## **February Happenings**

**Feb 3 & 24 - Fireside Chats, Annapolis**

**Feb 17 – Seminar, Raft Captain Training**

**Feb 18 – Regional Brunches**

**March 2 – CPR & First Aid Training**