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**Membership Renewal Deadline: Jan 31, 2025**  
**Membership Year: Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2025**

Annual membership dues for 2025 are \$70.00 for Regular and Associate. For Lifetime membership the dues are \$47.00. For Inactive /Nonresident membership dues are \$15.00.

For those wanting a printed copy of the newsletter, there is a \$50 annual subscription. If you DO want to receive a printed copy of the monthly newsletter, you MUST check the appropriate box and pay the \$50 subscription fee.

### **REGULAR, LIFETIME, & INACTIVE MEMBERS**

Online renewal, use the link to open the 2025 renewal form. <https://www.singlesonsailboats.org/2025Renewal>. Review and make any updates to your Member Profile. You pay your membership dues by credit card.

#### Offline renewal

- Download a hard copy of the renewal form. <https://www.singlesonsailboats.org/assets/documents/membership/2025RenewalForm.docx>.
- Print, fill out, and mail with dues payment (check only) to P.O. Box 5708, Annapolis, MD 21403.

### **REGULAR & LIFETIME SKIPPER MEMBERS**

- Follow the instructions above for Regular & Lifetime members.
- Additionally, enter the application items under the Minimum Required and Overnight Required Equipment.

- If you are no longer a boat owner, you will have the option to change your membership to Regular, Lifetime, or Inactive.

### **LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

To become a Lifetime member, your date of birth MUST be on or before December 31, 1954, AND you joined SOS BEFORE March 31, 2009. However, if you had a lapse in your Membership since March 31, 2009, you are NOT eligible to become a Life Member.

To change your membership to Life member, you must contact the membership committee to verify your eligibility for Lifetime membership.

### **INACTIVE/NONRESIDENT MEMBERS**

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.

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.

## **December 15th Brunch**

*By Suzanne Vaughn*

### **150th Anniversary of Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse**

John Potvin, lighthouse manager, will share the history of the last surviving screwpile lighthouse in the world, in its original location. Built in 1875, it is still acting as a navigational buoy today, 150 years later. It is a National Historic Landmark in Chesapeake Bay that is the most widely recognized lighthouse in Maryland.

Hear about the history of the lighthouse from the U.S. Lighthouse Service days through the Coast Guard age of automation. The collaborative group of the City of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, the Annapolis Maritime Museum and the U.S. Lighthouse Society worked to restore the lighthouse and provide public access.

John Potvin, manager of the lighthouse, started as a volunteer preservationist, then trained to be a docent and provided guided tours. In 2020 he was promoted to manager and took on the responsibility of coordinating woodworkers, docents, preservationists, and various other volunteers who have worked at the lighthouse since 2004. As the manager he is responsible for publicity, fundraising, and grant writing to facilitate restoration of the structure. Under his stewardship over half a million dollars has been raised for advanced restoration of the lighthouse.

# VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Susan Zevin, Commodore



## Transitions and New Beginnings

As we transition to a new Board and a new SOS year, it's inspiring to reflect on the milestones we reached in 2023-2024. We planned 52 cruises, from day sail, multi-day, and to extended, only three of which were canceled. We developed a streamlined volunteer signup interface, kept social event costs down by rethinking menus and venues, and reinforced our commitment to inclusivity with updated discrimination and EEO policies for all cruises. We also reduced Spring Training costs at AACC, revamped our budget categories to clarify administrative overhead, and we may end the fiscal year in the black for the first time in years. Membership has grown, we ran two highly attended bareboat cruises, and ten members stepped up to run for the Board of Directors. All of this highlights a vibrant and active year in SOS.

As we look forward, several important issues are already surfacing, and we need your support to address them. Our most immediate need is for a new generation of club leaders, including Committee Chairs and committee members. For instance, our Education and Database Committee Chairs are stepping aside. While each committee has a dedicated team, we need leaders to steer these programs effectively.

Additionally, we lack back-up personnel prepared to step into leadership roles if needed. With no clear continuity plans, many of our longstanding committee leaders, who have given so much over the years, are eager to pass the torch. This transition is essential for the future of SOS, and we're calling on members, both seasoned and new, to consider these roles.

The good news is that our membership has been growing steadily for the last few years. We have new members, from experienced skippers to novice crew, eager to build skills and make friends. Our day-to-day operations rely not on advanced sailing skills but on talents we all use regularly: planning, organizing, implementing programs, writing, and creative thinking. The time commitment is manageable, and experienced members are ready to mentor you along the way. Even if you choose not to continue in a role long-term, the insight gained will be invaluable as you navigate other club roles that may suit you best.

To strengthen our continuity, the Board is instituting a policy requiring each committee chair to designate a co-chair, mentee, or "committee First Mate" who will learn the role comprehensively and can step up if needed. Yes, there will be a learning curve, but with guidance, we'll ensure that SOS has leaders ready to respond.

While we can't require your participation, we will be reaching out to the membership for volunteers, looking for those who are compatible with our current leadership. So, ask yourself: what interests you most? Is it Skippering? Safety? Education? Happy Hour? Organizing cruises? Or maybe exploring international charters?

SOS has something for everyone. We encourage you to step up, you'll enjoy it!

**Susan**, Commodore

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**Welcome New Member**

Janese Duley - McLean, VA

## Whisker Pole NEWSLETTER

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## Unofficial Board Notes November 7, 2024

*Official November Minutes will be posted on the SOS website when approved in December by the Board of Directors*

**Commodore:** Susan Zevin

**Secretary:** Doug Gage — Minutes of October 3 BOD Meeting were approved.

**Vice Commodore:** Karl Scible  
Inspection of the Mini Drive Locker shows it is highly organized. Consensus of meeting was to discard/recycle obsolete poles/lights.

**Treasurer:** Craig Coltharp

Club Checking Account	15,052
Hi-Yield Savings Account	13,593
Club Credit Card 4795	(15,113)
Bareboat Account	70,842
7-month CD	60,945

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Bareboat:** Deb Kauffman

**Spring 2025 New Zealand Coordinator Deborah Kauffman**

Weeks of February 22, 2025, and March 1, 2025. No wait list for the trip. All crew have been assigned. Third payment is due.

**Fall 2025 Lake Huron Coordinator: Carole Jordan**

Canadian Yacht Charter: Applications have been received and are being processed.

**Brunch:** Suzanne Vaughn. November 17th: Mr. Paul Hankins will be speaking about the salvage recovery of the Key Bridge disaster; December 15: Mr. John Potvin, Manager of the Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse; January 12: Ms. Sandy Grosvenor, who served as an International Judge (IJ) at the 2024 Olympic Games in Marseille, France; March 9: date will likely change to coincide with Spring Training.

**Cruising:** Carole Jordan and Dennis Krizek. Skipper participation frequency to date: of 88 skippers in the SOS fleet, 45 sailed at least once (with one crew member placed by coordination) on a 2024 Cruising Calendar sail. Ray Harris led the field with 35 sails.

**Database:** John McDonald (resignation effective 11/7/2024).

**Membership Renewal for 2025**  
Renewals on hold waiting on dues and price of printed Whisker Pole subscription for 2025. Of the current membership, there are a total of 28 who meet the join date requirement of March 31, 2009, to become a Lifetime Member when they reach the age requirement of 70 years old.

**Membership:**

	Nov. 2024	Nov 2023	Nov 2022
Members	268	243	255
Skippers	68	69	64
Lifetime Members	79	87	99
Lifetime Skippers	21	20	24
Inactive Members	16	18	21
<b>Totals</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>463</b>

Commodore Susan Zevin led a discussion of DB Chair replacement — DB responsibilities has been divided up and have pulled together a committee of several volunteers, but still need some more. Led into broader discussion of leadership succession across all committees.

**Education:** Jean Gough (resignation effective 11/7/2024). Still looking for replacements for Education Committee Chair and Seminars Lead.

**Spring Training 2025** – Ongoing meetings, training and turning over digital files with the subcommittee teams and Spring Training Chair

Milyn Jordan. Invitation emails are being sent to all 2024 presenters to confirm if they are returning in 2025, and the title and description of their presentations.

**First Mates:** Lora Donia. All First Mates, except for one, have met and exceeded their annual sail requirement. First Mate Candidates, Mark Gordon and Deb Kuba have successfully completed the first of two required check-out cruises. Plans are under way for an in-service to review navigation and charting on Jan.15.

**Membership:** Pat Tracey, Gail Williams. Mailed out only 2 new membership packets for Oct 2024. Scheduling a meeting with Area Contacts for the first time. Working on having membership packets sent out electronically, instead of through the mail, and a web site link to include these documents.

**Newsletter:** Shirley Brooks-Hollandursky (resignation effective 11/7/2024). No formal report — Shirley is in Europe. Julie Fort is the new newsletter editor.

**Public Relations:** Janet Gonski. We have a schedule for decorating the SOS boat for the Lights Parade and have volunteers for different times and roles. Following BOD discussion, we will collect food for the Food Bank at the December brunch, and winter clothing for Arundel House of Hope at the January brunch. STOUTgear will open popup shop shortly, to include permanent SOS nametags.

**Safety:** Joan Tannen

Nothing new to report this month.

**Skippers Advisory:** Sandy Rosswork

No new skippers joined in the past month. Since December 1 of 2023, 15 new skippers have joined or rejoined SOS. Many new skippers have already participated in both day and weekend sails, plus have been involved in other club activities. The July skippers' party was well attended. (Cont. page 4)

(BOD Notes continued)

**Raft Captain Coordinator** – Chuck Fort. Fifteen SOS cruises required a Raft Captain in 2024. Of those, Chuck served as the raft Captain for 11. There are still too few skippers volunteering for the role. We need to try out some fresh approaches.

**Skipper Mentor Coordinator** - Bill Ostrander has sent welcome letters to 12 new skippers to offer a “mentor” to assist in navigating SOS rules and procedures. The “skipper mentor” program needs an upgrade next year, including potential renaming. Few new skippers request a “mentor”.

**Skipper Helper Coordinator** - Emil Becker has advertised the Skipper Helper program both in the spring and fall. In addition to being helpful to skippers, this program offers a particularly good learning experience for club members.

**Social:** Janet Pennewell (resignation effective 11/7/2024)

The Social Committee had another successful year, with fun parties at DNR, Port Annapolis, and Lankford Marina. We had very good attendance and ended the year with a surplus.

We achieved getting newer members involved and engaged. We had co-chairs for each event to help to spread the work, and get more people involved. We successfully introduced some new software (free!) to manage day of party volunteers.

We are still trying to recruit a new Social Chair for next year – but we do have event managers in place for the 3 major parties and have tentative reservations for the sites pending the 2025 cruising calendar.

### **Old Business:**

Following a presentation by Treasurer Craig Coltharp, a motion was passed to recommend to the 2024-25 BOD an increase of 2025 membership dues: from \$60 to \$70 for regular members, from \$40 to \$47 for lifetime members.

## January 12<sup>th</sup> Brunch

Ms. Sandy Grosvenor of Annapolis will share her experience as one of six race officials appointed to officiate at the 2024 Olympic Games in Marseille, France. Sandy is certified by World Sailing as an International Judge, Umpire, and Race Officer. More locally, she is a past chair of the race committees at Annapolis Yacht Club and Eastport Yacht Club and remains active with race and protest committees at both clubs.

Sandy grew up sailing all around the country, competing for many years in keelboats like the J22 and J24. She match-raced for several years rising at one point to 13<sup>th</sup> rank among women internationally. Professionally she has been a career software developer.

## Regional Brunches - February 16<sup>th</sup>

Regional Brunches give you an opportunity to have a delightful meal and to meet skippers and crew from your area that you might sail with in the warmer months next year.

Each host coordinates the menu and communicates directly with the attendees. Ten dollars is payable at the door to cover the incidental costs of the host and you bring a dish to share. More details will follow in the January newsletter.

If you are interested in hosting a Regional Brunch, please contact the Coordinator Suzanne Vaughn [suzyvaughn2@gmail.com](mailto:suzyvaughn2@gmail.com).

## Food Bank Donations at December Brunch

At the December Brunch, as we have in past years, we will collect items for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank. They are always in need of peanut butter and jelly – add crackers to that if you are able (bread is difficult to provision at the food banks). Rice in 1 lb. bags; healthy snacks like

breakfast bars, dried fruits, and nuts; baby and elder nutrition foods, formula, shakes, supplements; cereal is great and please consider shelf stable milk or plant-based milks; canned goods like tuna, chili, soups provide protein so please be sure they have a pop top as can openers are not always available.

If you would enjoy eating it (and it is shelf-stable and non-breakable) the food bank recipients will enjoy it, too. Bring your donations and place them in or near the Food Bank cardboard collection box.

And if you are not able to donate to the Annapolis area food bank, we encourage you to donate to a food bank near your home.

## Cruising Column

By Dana Stoffregen & Laura Keough, Co-Chairs

It is the changing of the seasons – autumn is a time to reflect; winter is a time of planning/waiting; and spring is the new beginning.

We celebrate the end of a very successful cruising season, led by Dennis Krizek and Carole Jordan, with 36 total day sails, 15 multi-day overnight sails (2,3,4 days) and 1 extended fourteen-day sail.

The SOS boats left the pier 234 times with 631 crew placements, creating new friendships and wonderful memories. Thank you to Dennis and Carole, regional coordinator leaders, coordinators, skippers, First Mates and crew who contributed to this cruising season’s success!

We now turn to reflection and planning for next season. We value your input. Please email us with your feedback as we are working on our cruising schedule for next season. We want your comments and suggestions!!

Please email Cruising Co-Chairs:

Laura Keough - [lurasan2@yahoo.com](mailto:lurasan2@yahoo.com) or

Dana Stoffregen - [stoffregendana@gmail.com](mailto:stoffregendana@gmail.com).

## EYC Lights Parade Treasures of Our Bay

By Janet Gonski

For three years Skipper Chuck Fort has offered his boat *At Last* as a host boat for the Eastport Yacht Club Lighted Boat Parade on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm. Each year more club members have offered design ideas and volunteered to participate in the activities that get the boat designed, decorated, transported to and from Annapolis and crewed it on the night of the Lights Parade.

With a spontaneous summer brainstorming session, some previous volunteers produced a design idea based on "Treasures of Our Bay."

Preserving the crab design from our winning 2023 "Best in Show," this year we include dolphins, jellyfish, and oysters. View the decorated boats from Ego Alley, the Spa Creek Bridge, or on the Eastport side. Cheer for our boat which will sport an SOS banner across the foredeck – let me know if you can scan the QR code from your shore position.



### Watch the Lights

December 14, at 6:00 PM. See this wonderful show of splendid color and twinkling lights with each boat decorated in a Christmas theme.

Enjoy the parade in warmth and comfort from a waterfront room at the at the Annapolis (Marriott) Waterfront Hotel. Join your friends to watch the parade and to cheer on the SOS entry as the boat passes our waterfront balcony.

The SOS boat will sport an SOS banner across the foredeck and many of the Bay's Treasures will be displayed.



The overview of the Light Parade will be fantastic from the large balcony which gives a view of "Ego Alley" and the immediate waterfront. This is a great opportunity to capture a winning photo of this colorful holiday event.

Drinks and eats will be available in the room starting at 5:00 PM. Beer, wine, sodas, and sandwiches will be provided. Participants are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert. The cost is \$62.00 per person.

At the party, a name is drawn, and the winner will get to stay the night.

Don't wait too long...attendance is limited due to the size of the room. Email Sandy Rosswork at [sgrosswork@aol.com](mailto:sgrosswork@aol.com) for more information and to sign up and indicate what you will bring.

### Christmas Day Dinner

Join the gathering on December 25 at the home of Barbara Mistrik in Edgewater.

The cost is \$10 per person and a food contribution. **There is no on-line registration.** To sign up, contact Barbara via land line only at 410-956-1445. Let her know which dish you plan to bring and pay \$10 at the door.

## What to Do When the Sailing Season Ends?

The SOS sailing season is over, and it is time for SOS land-based gatherings. These are opportunities to gain more experience sailing and to get to know other skippers, First Mates, and crew better.

**Fireside Chats (FSC)** – These are small gatherings in different areas, hosted in SOS members' homes where we share libations, a meal, and a short presentation on a sailing related topic. Typically, the speaker is one of our own SOS members.

Each FSC has a host, coordinator, and a speaker and we need folks to take on these roles. Please contact Cindy Gross, the FSC Lead, if you can volunteer!

**Seminars** – These are educational gatherings offered each month at a local library in Nov, Jan, Feb, and March. The Seminar topics are of interest to boat owners, skippers, first mates, and crew members that are wanting to deepen their knowledge of boats and sailing. The speaker may be an SOS member or someone from outside the club.

Seminars need volunteers such as Seminar Lead, who finds the speaker and reserves the library location. A coordinator is also needed to set up the room and assist the speaker on the day of the event. You can help by volunteering.

The enjoyable, informative, and inexpensive Fireside Chats and Seminars are listed in the Fleet Exercises in the *Whisker Pole*. Be sure to sign up early!

**\*\*We need a Seminar Lead and coordinators to plan and offer the events in 2025.** Please consider volunteering for these positions. If interested, reach out to Commodore Susan Zevin. You can find further details at: Seminars Coordinator Description or <https://ss.memberclicks.net/seminars-coordinator-description>.

## Fleet Exercises and Shore Leave

Please email your questions and request for directions to the coordinator.

If you are paying by check for any sailing event, a paper Sailing Registration Form must **accompany the check** mailed to the **coordinator**. A copy of this form can be found on the SOS website. All checks are to be made payable to **SOS, Inc.**

The postmark is used as the mail in cutoff/deadline date.

**Note: Individual requests for refunds will incur a \$3 Administration Fee.**

### SOS Wellness Protocol Revised (3/7/2024)

All participants attending SOS in-person events should be feeling well. They should not attend an event if they 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. 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). All in-person participants should expect to be denied admission without a refund if they fail to comply with this policy.



#### December 8 Sunday

**Location:** Retreat with Committee Chairs.  
[comodore@singlesonsailboats.org](mailto:comodore@singlesonsailboats.org)

#### Board Meeting

**Time:** 11:00am to 4:00pm.  
**Note:** By invitation only.



#### December 14 Saturday

**Location:** Annapolis Waterfront Hotel,  
(Marriott), Annapolis, MD.

**Coordinator and Hostess:** Sandy Rosswork.  
[sgrosswork@aol.com](mailto:sgrosswork@aol.com)

#### Parade of Lights Viewing

**Cost:** \$62 per person. Plus, bring an appetizer or dessert.

**Time:** 5:00pm in room, 6:00pm Parade starts.  
**Note:** Contact the coordinator directly.  
**Space limit of 25.**



#### December 15 Sunday

**Location:** Double Tree Hotel,  
Annapolis, MD.  
**Speaker:** John Potvin, Manager of the  
Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse.  
**Topic:** We will help him begin celebrating  
the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
lighthouse.

**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must  
be received by Dec. 10, (9:00pm).

**Coordinator:** Samia AbdelWahed [Samia.wahed@gmail.com](mailto:Samia.wahed@gmail.com)

To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: [December Brunch](#)

#### Brunch

**Cost:** \$40 - Brunch.  
\$44 - 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.



#### December 25 Wednesday

**Location:** Home of Barbara Mistrik,  
Edgewater, MD.  
**Only vaccinated members,  
please.**

**Deadline:** December 21.

**Coordinator:** Call Barbara Mistrik via phone only, **AFTER DECEMBER 1.** 410 956-1445. (no text).  
Be prepared to request your buffet contribution.

#### Christmas Day Dinner – Annapolis Area

**Cost:** \$10 and food contribution.  
**Note:** This is NOT an on-line coordination.  
Coordination is through Barbara directly via  
land line phone.

**Note:** Last minute? Call Barbara to see if space  
is available. There is a limit.

**January 2****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.

**January 12****Sunday****Brunch**

**Location:** Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD.  
**Speaker:** Sandy Grosvenor, International Sailing Judge, Umpire and Race Officer.  
**Topic:** One of six US sailing race officials at the 2024 Olympic Games, on-site in Marseille, France.

**Cost:** \$40 - Brunch.  
\$44 - After deadline and walk-ins.  
**Walk-ins CANNOT be guaranteed a seat.**  
**Time:** 11:00am Social Hour. 11:45am Brunch. 1:00pm Program.

**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by Jan. 7, (9:00pm).

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

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

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

**January 18****Saturday****Area Fireside Chat**

**Location:** Annapolis, MD.  
**Speaker:** Bobby Fry, one of the SOS founding members.  
**Topic:** How SOS was started and growth over the years.

**Cost:** \$20 by deadline.  
\$25 after deadline, if space available.  
**Host:** Nancy and John Parsons.  
**Time:** 5:00pm. **Limited to 15.**

**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by Jan. 4 (9:00pm).

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

**Coordinator:** Cindy Gross [cgross@cfgandpartners.com](mailto:cgross@cfgandpartners.com)  
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. [TBD](#)

**January 25****Saturday****Area Fireside Chat**

**Location:** West River, MD.  
**Speaker:** Jason Jernigan, new SOS Skipper.  
**Topic:** Will share his 3.5-year adventure, sailing solo around the world.

**Cost:** \$20 by deadline.  
\$25 after deadline, if space available.  
**Host:** Geoffrey Tobias.  
**Time:** 5:30pm. **Limited to 20.**

**Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by Jan. 11 (9:00pm).

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

**Coordinator:** Cindy Gross [cgross@cfgandpartners.com](mailto:cgross@cfgandpartners.com)  
To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. [TBD](#)

**February 6****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 8 Saturday****Area Fireside Chat****Location:** Arnold, MD.**Cost:** \$20 by deadline.  
\$25 after deadline, if space available.**Speaker:** TBD  
**Topic:** 2024 SOS International Travel Retrospective.**Host:** Lew Zietz.  
**Time:** 5:00pm. **Limited to 20.****Deadline:** Mail and online registrations must be received by Jan. 25 (9:00pm).**Note:** Non-Members must be accompanied by Member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.**Coordinator:** Cindy Gross [cgross@cfgandpartners.com](mailto:cgross@cfgandpartners.com)  
To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here. TBD**BRUNCH****February 16 Sunday****Regional Brunches****Location:** Held in private homes of SOS members. (TBD) MD, VA, DE, PA, DC, & FL.**Cost:** \$10 payable at the door.  
Plus, a dish to share.

See list in February Whisker Pole. Then members contact host to register and receive directions.

**Time:** 11:00am Social Hour.  
12:00noon Brunch.**Deadline:** Contact host by February 11.**Note:** No online sign-up for this event.  
Please RSVP directly to the host.**Coordinator:** Contact Suzanne Vaughn [suzyvaughn2@gmail.com](mailto:suzyvaughn2@gmail.com) (If you want to host, contact Suzanne.)**Feb. 22 - 28**

or

**7-Day Trip****2025 Spring Bareboat Cruise****Mar. 1 - 7****Destination:** Hauraki Gulf, Auckland, New Zealand.  
**Note:** Still accepting applications.**Cost:** Members \$1500 = Boat Cost and Admin Fee.  
Air Fare and Insurance are separate.**Note:** **To Download Registration Form with Payment Information:**  
[New Zealand Bareboat](http://NewZealandBareboat.org)**Coordinator:** Deb Kaufman - [spring.bareboat@singlesonsailboats.org](mailto:spring.bareboat@singlesonsailboats.org)**Sept. 6 - 13 8-Day Trip Sat. to Sunday****2025 Fall Bareboat Cruise****Destination:** Lake Huron, Gore Bay, Ontario, Canada.**Cost:** Members \$1500 = Boat Cost and Admin Fee. Air Fare and Insurance are separate.**Note:****Note:** **To Download Registration Form with Payment Information** [2025-Lake-Huron-Charter](http://2025-Lake-Huron-Charter.org)**Coordinator:** Carole Jordan [seajay2844@gmail.com](mailto:seajay2844@gmail.com)**The Doubletree Hotel**

210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD 21401

- From US-50 take Exit 22 for MD 665 to Riva Road.
- Turn Right on Riva Road for .03 miles
- Turn left onto Holiday Court.





## Awards, Awards, and More Awards

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

Nominations from the membership are requested and should include the nominee's name, the award for which she/he is nominated, and a description of why the nominee qualifies for the award. Nominations for both the Board Awards and the Jibe Ho Awards should be sent to Vice Commodore Karl Scible at [kscible2@aol.com](mailto:kscible2@aol.com).

### So, What Are the Serious Board Awards?

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

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

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

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

### Seeking Education Committee Chair

The Education Committee provides a variety of educational events for SOS members to enjoy during the non-sailing season. The Education Committee Chair identifies the education needs of members and ensures opportunities are offered by three subcommittees: Fireside Chats, Seminars, and Spring Training Day. We are seeking a new Education Committee Chair to guide these events for 2025.

The prior Chair already has strong subcommittee chairs and teams in place for Spring Training and Fireside Chats. They have planned and scheduled events for the next few months.

The only subcommittee needing development is Seminars. There has already been a seminar in November and a speaker has been identified for the March 15<sup>th</sup> seminar. The new Chair will identify a subcommittee chair to plan January and February seminars as well as explore the development of new ideas and programs to offer in 2025.

#### Key Tasks:

- Coordinate dates for events with Chairs of other SOS committees such as: Bareboat, Brunch, Cruising, Safety, and Social.
- Identify and assist subcommittee members with educational activities.
- Maintain Basic Skills Program (Maintained online by Database Manager).
- Develop budget and set fees for events.
- Present monthly reports to the board of directors.
- Keep members informed of education activities via the Whisker Pole and Email Blasts.

If you are interested in this important club position or serve on the committee, please reach out to Commodore Susan Zevin. Thank you for considering this opportunity. Your contributions are vital to our continued success.

## You Ought to be in Pictures: The 2024 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 2024-25 Photo Contest.

1. **Entries must be taken at events with other SOS members in 2024 by the member of SOS submitting the photo.** **Note:** If you are in the photo, you **cannot** be 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.)

Cruises category includes



**Other Useful information:** Submit your photos in digital format. Send photos attached to emails, Drop Box or contact Bob Wright for instructions to upload to 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 5, 2025**, at: [Robert.Wright.Bowie@gmail.com](mailto:Robert.Wright.Bowie@gmail.com)

### Retrospective: 2024 Call for Photos Wanna See Yourself in Film?

Each year SOS presents a Retrospective video, a compilation of photos taken in or 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 2024 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 by midnight **January 5, 2025**, at [johnfparsons\\_9@msn.com](mailto:johnfparsons_9@msn.com).

# OysterFest Cruise & Party

(All names are listed L to R)



Group Photo on  
S/V 'At Last'



Julie Fort, Janet Pennewell  
and Chuck Fort



Cherie Comly trying  
T-Shirt Dying



Kati Keith and  
Catherine Fox



Noreen McGuire,  
Samia AbdelWahed  
and Cindy Kalkwarf



Melinda Zimmerman  
Ray Harris and  
Judy Barral



Evening Parties and Socializing Activities

Photographs submitted by Samia AbdelWahed

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

# Cruising Wrap-Up

(All names are listed L to R)



2023-24 Commodore  
Susan Zevin



Carole Jordan receiving  
a gift from Cruising Co-Chair  
Dennis Krizek



Teresa Scofield,  
Heide Harper, and  
Jill Montgomery



Carole Jordan and  
Janet Pennewell



Skipper Anne Kaiser



Skippers Steve Garris and  
Dennis Krizek



Anne Bastian and  
Barbara Wingrove



Steve Fisher and  
Kathy Haven



New Skipper  
Peter Van Houten

Photographs submitted by John Parsons

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**TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD:**

- **Due 10<sup>th</sup> of month** for publication the following month.
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- 75 word limit.

**Nancy Briggs, Classified Page Editor**

**BOATS FOR SALE**

**BOAT 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, needs some TLC. Severn House slip on Back Creek available to new owner. Realistically priced. For details, contact John Halstead at [jhalstead@mindspring.com](mailto:jhalstead@mindspring.com) or 410-336-3575 11-24

**BOAT FOR SALE:** 1998 Tartan 3800 (38'), Hull #40. Professionally maintained and ready to sail, "Rendezvous" is good-looking with a classic majestic blue hull and tan canvas. The fin keel provides excellent maneuverability and speed. Scoop stern. Lots of upgrades including newer rigging and roller furling, 8'10" Achilles dinghy on Kato Marine davits, Frigoboat water-cooled refrigeration, solar panels, 5 fans w/ concealed wires, Sparkman & Stevens designed hull, Tim Jacket designed cabin top and interior, Sunshades protecting the cockpit, plus more. \$150,000 Located in Annapolis. Contact Dave at Crusader Yachts, 443-850-4197 11-24



**BOAT FOR SALE:** Amazingly equipped and maintained 32 Ft 1984 Danish LM Pilothouse Sloop "Seapower;" On the hard at Annapolis Naval Station; Asking \$51,000; Like a fast sailing trawler; Beautiful ergonomic wood interior (Sleeps 5+ including Queen); Provides cover from the weather/sun; All lines lead to cockpit, two steering stations; 36 HP diesel 1100 hrs; S-Drive folding prop; Burns 1 gal/hr at 5-6 kts; Stern boarding ladder+ underwater swim platform; Contact Bill at 703-402-9857. Email [billstudeman@gmail.com](mailto:billstudeman@gmail.com) 2-25

**STOUTgear – SOS Logo gear**

The SOS "pop-up shop" at Stoutgear.com is open and will take orders through December 1, 2024. The SOS logo gear being offered this time includes some warmer wear like joggers, fleeces, ¼ zip long-sleeve tops, and even a fleece-lined beanie (would have been great on the way home from the Oyster Fest!)



We are also selling name tags! Order your name tag and have it for all SOS events – even those spontaneous get togethers when we might not be printing a set.

We may open the shop with a designed shirt for those going on the New Zealand bareboat trip if there is enough interest. Share your wishes at your planning meetings, and we will work with Stoutgear to try to make it happen.

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*Promotional Product Solutions*



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:** Dec 4th 5:00-7:00 PM  
**MYLO'S GRILL**, in the back dining room, 6238 Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA 21218. 703-533-5880 [www.mylosgrill.com](http://www.mylosgrill.com).  
**ALSO** we will meet on January 8<sup>th</sup> instead of the 1<sup>st</sup>  
**COORDINATOR:** HOPE – [hopedav@verizon.net](mailto:hopedav@verizon.net)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday \*\*\*\*NEW LOCATION\*\*\*\*

**BALTIMORE:** Dec 4th 5:30-7:00 PM  
**MT WASHINGTON TAVERN**, 5700 Newbury St., Baltimore, MD 21029. 410-367-6903. Email coordinator to be added to notification email. [www.mtwashingtontavern.com](http://www.mtwashingtontavern.com)  
**COORDINATOR:**  
**JOSH** - [singlesonsailboats@JoshuaGraff.com](mailto:singlesonsailboats@JoshuaGraff.com)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

**ELLCOTT CITY:** Dec 12th 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)  
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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

**WILMINGTON:** Dec 18th 5:30 PM  
**TIMOTHY'S Restaurant and Bar**, 930 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 Wilmington Riverfront by Blue Rock Stadium, facing the waterfront. Drink 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:** Dec 19th 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)  
**CORDINATOR:** DEBBIE - [hidebbieg@yahoo.com](mailto:hidebbieg@yahoo.com)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**KENT ISLAND:** Dec.19th Host: John/Barb 5:00-7:00PM  
**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:** Dec 26th 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)  
**COORDINATORS:** MARY - [mary.payne@comcast.net](mailto:mary.payne@comcast.net)

### 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

**ANNAPOLIS:** Dec 26th 5:00-7:00 PM  
**Coconut Joe's Bar & Grill** (formerly The Pier), 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, MD Rt 2 on south side of South River bridge. If we're not in the bar area we'll be in the enclosed, heated UPPER deck. 443-837-6057 [www.coconutjoesmd.com](http://www.coconutjoesmd.com)  
**COORDINATOR:** JERE - [jerewglover@msn.com](mailto:jerewglover@msn.com)



**Rockville HH** - Top: Debra Roane, Debbie Goldberg, Barbara Wise, Debbie Lyle, Jean-Pierre Ple.

Bottom: Debra Roane, Bill Small, Victoria, Jon Bernheimer, Phil Smith, Linda Pierce.

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## **Winter Activities**

**Brunches: Dec 15 & Jan 12**

**Parade of Lights: Dec 14**

**Fire Side Chats: Jan 18 & 25**