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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.o rg/assets/documents/membershi p/2025 Renewal Form.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 for day sails and the 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.

January 12th Brunch

By Suzanne Vaughn

Ms. Sandy Grosvenor, of Annapolis, 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 the 13th rank among women internationally.

Sandy is certified by World Sailing as an International Judge, Umpire, and Race officer.

Sandy will share her experiences as one of six race officials appointed to officiate at the 2024 Olympic Games in Marseille, France. She will talk about how the Olympic venue and jury were set up, some of the innovations introduced at Marseille, such as the new foiling classes, using "bots" for marks, and booth/drone-based umpiring.

More locally, she is the past Chair of the Race Committees at the Annapolis Yacht Club and the Eastport Yacht Club, and remains active with Race and Protest Committees at both clubs. She also is a member of the Severn Sailing Association.

Ms. Grosvenor is the current Chair of the US Sailing Race Administration Committee and a member of the US Sailing and CBYRA Appeals Committees. Professionally she has been a career software developer

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Susan Zevin, Commodore



Transitions and New Beginnings

As we sail into our 47th year of successful operation, our small but well-run sailing club faces new challenges

for the coming year and beyond.

During our recent annual retreat, we identified two major priorities for 2025: a comprehensive review of our data and online operations, and the implementation of continuity-of-operations plans. Both initiatives are interwoven, critical to sustaining our mission, but they come with an inherent challenge: Change.

For years, our Data Base Chair carried the weight of managing both our public-facing and internal online systems. His decision to step back from the leadership role two months ago brought a stark realization: We had no backup plans-not just for management database and oversight, but for many other programs. essential such Social, First Mates, Education, Skippers 'Advisory, and Safety. Like many small organizations, we relied heavily on single points of success. And, successful we have been!!! This reliance worked, but it leaves us vulnerable to disruption.

Rather than viewing this as a crisis, I see it as an opportunity. We've been given a chance to review, revamp, and revise some of our operations. Our Data Base leadership transition has exposed functional inefficiencies that burden not only our online systems but also those tasked with maintaining them. While the "old ways" may feel familiar and comfortable, they often inhibit progress and strain resources. Now is the time to address those inefficiencies. We have recruited a capable team to do just that: Carrie Will. Dennis Krizek, and John McDonald, with assistance from Esther Massey. Let's applaud them for stepping up!!!

This moment also sheds light on broader vulnerabilities. The absence of backup personnel or plans for key committees has prompted us to focus on continuity of operations across the board. We're actively recruiting members who can step into leadership roles as needed, ensuring that no single individual bears the full weight of a program; and identifying critical operations and responsibilities that must be maintained in an emergency.

Change is not easy and it often meets resistance, especially when the response is, "But we've done it this way for 46 years." Such nostalgia is understandable, but can stifle discussion and perpetuate inefficiencies. Challenging as it is, change also creates opportunities for growth. Whether through incremental steps or immediate shifts, thoughtful planning, and sensitivity to others' perspectives are essential.

Change also requires courage—from those proposing new ideas, from those willing to test new approaches, and from those who must defend change against critics. It also requires vision. The steps we take today may not yield results overnight but will position the club for continued long-term success.

The New Year calls on us to celebrate the opportunities it brings. With careful planning, openmindedness, and a willingness to adapt, we can ensure that our club thrives for another 46 years.

Please join our efforts. Step up with your ideas and your time.

Susan, Commodore

Welcome New Members

Tom Krisztinicz - McLean, VA

Jeanne Mitchell - Potomac, MD

Mike Vergeer - Washington, DC

Whisker Pole NEWSLETTER

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Unofficial Board Notes December 8, 2024

Official December Minutes will be posted on the SOS website when approved in January 2025 by the Board of Directors

Commodore: Susan Zevin

Meeting Called to Order by Commodore Susan Zevin at 11:15 am.

Secretary: Doug Gage

Minutes of 7 November New and Old Board Meetings and 23 November extra meeting were approved.

Vice Commodore: Karl Scible

Working with PR. Lights Parade ideas are new and exciting. Cleared out old Christmas items from locker. None was salvageable. Collecting nominations for awards (need by 15 December). Reserved Galesville Hall rental. Some deposit check issues, minor.

Treasurer: Janet Pennewell

Presented a draft of a revised budget for next year, updated for our actual results through November and adding an estimated \$4000 to have an independent review of our financial statements done. She also tweaked a few other items. The Board will need to discuss and approve our budget at the January Board meeting.

The Board authorized the Treasurer to contract for a Financial Review with the firm who did our last Independent Review, in 2019 — Gorfine Schiller Garden, in Owings Mills, for up to \$4000.

The Board adopted a resolution to authorize the Treasurer to open a new credit card account with Chase Bank in order to update the authorized signature(s). We will receive 1.5% cash back on purchases we make with the card; Janet will be the guarantor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

<u>Bareboat</u>: Deb Kauffman Spring 2025 - New Zealand

Coordinator Deb Kauffman

Weeks of February 22, 2025 and March 1, 2025. An additional boat extended cruising time to 10 days. The crew was informed of change in price. All boats are at full capacity except for one boat. Final boat payments are due in January.

Fall 2025 - North America Coordinator: Carole Jordan

Week of September 7, 2025 – September 13, 2025. Canadian Yacht Charter. Early applications have been received and processed. Catamaran was transferred to a power boat rental.

Spring 2026 & Fall 2026

We are currently looking for coordinators and locations for 2026.

Other: Heide Harper has joined the committee as a co-chair, and Irene Aronian joins the committee as our new board liaison.

Brunch: Suzanne Vaughn

January 12, 2025, the guest speaker will be Ms. Sandy Grosvenor, of Annapolis, who was an International Judge (IJ) at the 2024 Olympic Games in Marseille, France.

The next brunch is scheduled for March 9, and will likely change to coincide with the April date (TBD) for Spring Training. The March/April brunch program includes both the Photo Retrospective and Photo Contest, so no speaker is required.

PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE SPEAKERS!!

As a reminder, I will be looking for a replacement for the position of Brunch Chair.

<u>Cruising</u>: Laura Keough and Dana Stoffregen

Moving the Chili cookoff to DNR was very successful. Melinda Zimmerman is trying to resurrect the (popular) Halloween cruise/party. Issues: (1) under Cruising or Social? (2) too many events in October: Chili, Goose, and OysterFest?

The 2025 Cruising Calendar is coming together, making tweaks to 2024, incorporating input from surveys. Need to know the date for Spring Training in order to finalize the April schedule (cruising kickoff, IRS cruise).

<u>Database</u>: Chair TBD; DB Team: John McDonald, Carrie Will, and Dennis Krizek Extensive discussion of DB functions and "gripes" was held following the formal BOD meeting.

After years of decline, club membership since 2021 has been stable (446, 463, 438, 453) and getting "newer" and younger. Twenty percent have already renewed for 2025.

Membership:

Membership Renewal:	
Members renewed8	1
Members yet to renew368	
Members declining membership2	

Further reminders will be sent to members who have not renewed for 2025 prior to January 31, 2025

deadline. The SOS Board will be asked to grant a grace period for members who have not renewed so that one last push can be made to encourage their continued membership in SOS.

	.Dec. 2024	.Dec. 2023	.Dec. 2022	.Dec. 2021
Members	266	246	255	233
Skippers	65	68	64	61
Lifetime Members	81	86	98	111
Lifetime Skippers	25	20	24	22
Inactive Members	16	18	22	19
Totals	453	438	463	446

Education: Chair TBD

Spring Training lead Milyn Jordan is coordinating the date for ST with Anne Arundel Community College; April 5 and 12 are the most likely dates, and we should have a final answer by the middle of January. Discussion of after-ST Happy Hour — we have not had a good experience with the venue in the past couple of years. Consensus is that this HH should be informally organized, maybe at multiple venues.

First Mates: Lora Donia

Rob King has agreed to function as the backup FM chair as necessary during the 2025 season, and John Parsons has agreed to continue as FM Candidate Coordinator. FM Committee members are Lora Donia, John Parsons, Meeps Yox, and Gabi Van Wie.

Two First Mate Candidates have each taken one checkout cruise. Six members have expressed interest in the First Mate program. FM Committee will continue to recruit SOS crew to become First Mate Candidates in the 2025 season. All club members are encouraged to recommend club members with the ability to become First Mates to the First Mate Advisory Chair, Lora Donia.

The Committee is working to coordinate four educational sessions that will be held throughout the year for First Mates, Emeriti, Candidates, and potential candidates. The first is scheduled for January 15, 2025, on Charting and Navigation, to be presented by Geoff Tobias. Lora Donia will present the First Mate session at Spring Training in April. (continued on Page 4)

(BOD Notes continued)

Membership: Pat Tracey

Currently have three members on the committee (Mel Shrewsberry, Josh Graff, and Sharon Rowe). Need to find replacements for Gail Williams as co-chair, and also to do the mailings. Linda Casucci is continuing to do new member follow-up.

Newsletter: Julie Fort

"Got the first one out!" (as new Editor). Forty printed copies of 16 pages cost \$287.

Public Relations: Janet Gonski

Twenty-five members are working on Parade of Lights, seven of them relatively new members. Stout-gear popup store closed after December 1, may reopen in January (plan to add New Zealand trip swag). Will send a blast for food drive at December brunch.

Safety: Joan Tannen

No safety reports were submitted this year. Boat activations start in late March. Flare and Safety Day is set for April 19 at Camp Letts. Dinghy Dance scheduled for June 29. CPR Training is March 8, limited by AAFD to 20 people. Exploring possible cost reduction if we decide not to get the AHA certification.

Skippers Advisory: Sandy

Rosswork

No new skippers have joined this month — but we added a net of 13 (+15-2) over the past year. About half (42) sailed more than once this year. Both Chuck Fort (Raft Captain coordinator and moderator of skippers.io) and Bill Ostrander (Skipper Mentor Coordinator) have agreed to be committee chair back up. Susan Vasco has offered to assist Emil Becker and update the Skipper Helper program. Need more Raft Captains! Planning to revamp the Skipper Mentor program (change the name, be more proactive.)

Social: Tina Lavato

She has event managers and have locked in venues for DNR party, Anniversary Party, and Seafood Feast. Considering adding Halloween Party (see comment under Cruising).

Old Business: None. New Business: None

SOS Database Help Desk



We're pleased to announce the launch of our Database Help Desk, created to provide support for any requests, questions or issues related to the SOS database.

You can contact us at: dbrequests.sos.org@gmail.com. To help us assist you more effectively, please provide detailed information when you reach out. Include who is involved, when the issue arose, what the specific problem/request is, and why you need help. Your input will enable us to resolve your concerns or requests more efficiently. Thank you.

The Database Team

House of Hope Donations

Your generosity last month brought 112 pounds of non-perishable food to the recipients of Anne Arundel County Food Bank...thank you to everyone who shared their resources.

This month, at the January 12 brunch, we will collect items for the House of Hope-an organization that provides support to the homeless in the Baltimore/Glen Burnie area. At this cold time of year, House of Hope collaborates with local churches through their "Winter Relief" program, to provide overnight shelter, warm dinner, breakfast, and a packed lunch for their recipients. So, we will be collecting items they need for their clients which include underwear (including long underwear/long sleeve t-shirts) and especially coats for both ladies and for men. Please bring your donations to the brunch for collection.

Regional Brunches February 16th

Regional Brunches give you an opportunity to have a casual brunch in a member's home. It's a good time to meet skippers and crew from your area that you might sail with next year. This is not a speakers' event.

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

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 the host has incurred, such as paper goods, beverages, etc.

There is no online sign-up for this event. Please RSVP directly to the host by email.

So far, there are regional brunches in Annapolis, Newark Delaware, and in Anna Maria Island (Bradenton Beach), FL. We hope to add more locations in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington DC, but we need hosts.

If you are interested in hosting a Regional Brunch, please contact the Coordinator Suzanne Vaughn at suzyvaughn2@gmail.com

Brunch Locations:

Annapolis, MD

Shirley and George Hollendursky 20 guests. shirleybbrooks@yahoo.com

Newark, DE

Chuck & Julie Fort, 18 guests Saillrn@comcast.net

Anna Maria Island (Bradenton Beach). FL

Molly Harrison & Ned Schwartz
12 guests
mollyned@verizon.net

COMING ATTRACTIONS! SOS Spring Training

Saturday April 5th
By Martha Baer

Mark your calendar now for this daylong launch of the 2025 sailing season! Held on the campus of Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) in Arnold, MD, **SOS Spring Training** is an exciting opportunity to learn from sailing experts and to get to know others—new and returning—from the SOS community.

Sailing-related presentations are varied, with topics to choose from such as sail trim, navigation, safety, docking, boat maintenance, boat handling, anchoring, cooking on board and more. The sessions are designed to engage all levels of sailors—from novice to experienced cruisers. You can tailor your day with presentations that match your sailing and general interests.

Those new to SOS frequently comment that participating in Spring Training helped them orient to the club, connect with other members, and get the most out of the upcoming sailing season.

Those returning to Spring Training will be excited to know that some of the topics that were new last year will be repeated (in case you missed them) and we will be featuring some **more new programs** as well:

- Night Sailing
- Female Skipper Panel
- Lessons Learned in Extended Cruising

And everyone will agree that what you learn at SOS Spring Training can help make you a better sailor for Spring, Summer, and Fall!

Next month's Whisker Pole will have the full list of presentations and instructions for registering for Spring Training. You'll want to be sure to sign up right away. Since some sessions fill to capacity quickly, registering early helps ensure you get the sessions you want. So, mark your calendar now...have a cozy winter...and be sure to register when you get February's Whisker Pole. See you in April!

Dreaming of Cruising



By Dana Stoffregen & Laura Keough, Co-Chairs

Happy New Year, Sailors! Brr... even though it is cold outside, our hearts are warm with thoughts of next year's cruising season!! Our goal is to grow skipper and crew participation, especially with new members, grow our skills, and have a fun and safe season!!

We are currently working on the 2025 cruising calendar. Thank you very much for your survey feedback! It enables us to continue to tailor the program to meet your needs.

If you have any further input or questions, please email Cruising Co-Chairs Laura Keough at laurasan2@yahoo.com or Dana Stoffregen at stoffregendana@gmail.com

CBDB is Back for 2025

by Laura Gwinn

The Chesapeake Bay Domestic Bareboat (CBDB) aka Extended Bay Cruise is back for 2025. Mark your calendars for 10 days to two weeks May 24-June 7. While details are still being discussed, the general plan will be to go from the Memorial Day Cruise on the Choptank/Little Choptank to Yorktown (2 days) and Cape Charles (2 days) then work our way back. Each boat will be responsible for their own expenses, and there will be a small cruising fee for crew (probably equivalent to the Memorial Day Cruise fee.)

There will be a suggested itinerary, but each boat will determine how closely they want to follow it. Decide for yourself if you want to anchor or use a marina; do you want to go to a different destination?

Skippers will be responsible for inviting their own crew, although I will maintain a list of interested crew to share with skippers who may need additional members.

Skippers: If you are interested, please contact Laura Gwinn now at (<u>laura.gwinn1953@gmail.com</u>). I expect to have a meeting (probably Zoom) early March for interested skippers.

Crew: If interested, no need to do anything yet except mark your calendar. Laura will maintain a list to share with skippers, beginning in March. You will be asked NOT to register until you have secured a crew position.

Save The Date!! CPR and First Aid for Mariners

The class is on March 8, 2025. The instructors will be EMTs with the Annapolis Fire Department.

The training will result in a certification from the American Heart Association.

Space is limited. (see page 9)



Keep Them Phishing in the Dark

Bv Carrie Will

Phishing emails try to trick you to disclose personal information. They are made to look like they are from a trusted source and will either pull on your heartstrings or make your heart race. We have seen this in SOS members' emails.

Before clicking anything:

- Look at/hover over the From: line in the email. Does the sender's name match what you know to be the sender's email address?
 - An email From: service@_pay_pal.com warned a friend of mine that Amazon paid \$800 dollars to her PayPal account.
 - An email From: Susan Zevin za@lightcurve.email
 asked for help buying gift cards to donate to Veterans.
- Is the email address legit? The PayPal email threw in underscores which are hard to pick out. A look in the SOS directory shows a different address for Susan.

- Does the email ask you for immediate or urgent action? Legitimate organizations and corporations will not tell you to PAY NOW by clicking the big button. In the PayPal email, my friend was told to click on a link to fix the payment. First, we logged on to her Amazon and PayPal accounts and determined there were no such transactions.
- Does the email pull on your heartstrings? In the example above, pretend that "Susan" asked if you would help. If you replied to the email, the reply would go to lizza.
- Does the email represent a valid organization? Susan Zevin is Commodore of Singles on Sailboats, Org.
- If you do take the bait, shut off your computer and run a virus scan when you reboot. Change your passwords and notify/or monitor your credit card companies. Report the phishing email to your service provider.

Seeking Education Committee Chair

The Education Committee Chair identifies the education needs of members and provides a variety of educational events for SOS members to enjoy during the non-sailing season. Educational 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 was a seminar in November and speakers have been identified for the February 22nd and the March 15th seminars. The new seminar subcommittee chair supports the seminar coordinators as well as 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.

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 cut-off/deadline date.

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.

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



January 2 Thursday

hursday Board Meeting

Location: Zoom option only. Contact

Commodore if interested in attending.

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

Cost: \$40 - Brunch.

Brunch

Time:

commodore@singlesonsailboats.org

January 12 Sunday

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

2021 Olympic Gan

Marseille, France.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be **Note:** To be held in the Coastal Room.

received by Jan. 7, (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Linda Casucci <u>casuccilj@gmail.com</u>

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



January 14 Tuesday

Seminar – First Mate Education

Following SOS Wellness Policy

1:00pm Program.

\$44 - After deadline and walk-ins.

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

11:00am Social Hour. 11:45am Brunch.

Location:Annapolis (TBD).Cost:Free.Speakers:Geoff Tobias.Time:TBD.Topic:Charting and Navigation.Host:Lora Donia.

Registration: By invitation only. Note: Limit to 12 Attendees.

Contact: Lora Donia doniala@aol.com,

RSVP by Jan. 10.

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



January 18 Saturday

Area Fireside Chat

Location: Annapolis, MD. **Cost:** \$20 by deadline.

\$25 after deadline, if space available.

Speaker: Bobby Fry, one of the SOS founding **Host:** Nancy and John Parsons. **Time:** 5:00pm. **Limited to 15.**

Topic: How SOS started and growth over

the years.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be Note: Non-Members must be accompanied by

received by Jan. 4 (9:00pm). Member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.

Coordinator: Kathy Higdon khigdon610@comcast.net

To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. Fireside Chat 1/18/25

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January 25 Saturday

Deadline:

Area Fireside Chat

Location: West River, MD. Cost:

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

Member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.

\$25 after deadline, if space available.

5:30pm. Limited to 20.

Geoffrey Tobias.

Speaker: Jason Jernigan, new SOS Skipper. Host: Topic: Will share his 3.5-year adventure. Time:

Topic: Will share his 3.5-year adventure, sailing solo around the world.

Mail and online registrations must be **Note:** Non-Members must be accompanied by

received by Jan. 11 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Noreen McGuire nmcgny@gmail.com

To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. Fireside Chat 1/25/25



February 6 Thursday

Board Meeting

Location: Zoom option only. Contact

Commodore if interested in attending. 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.

Speaker: Heidi Harper, Susan Zevin, et. al. Host: Lew Zietz

Topic: Will share stories (most of which are **Time:** 5:00pm. **Limited to 20.**

true!) about their visits to. Portugal, Africa, and Beyond.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be Note: Non-Members must be accompanied by

received by Jan. 25 (9:00pm). Member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.

Coordinator: Genienne Navarro genienne SOS@gmail.com

To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. Fireside Chat 2/8/25



February 16 Sunday

Regional Brunches

Cost: \$10.

Location: Held in private homes of SOS members. **Cost:** \$10 payable at the door.

(TBD) MD, DE, & FL. so far.

See list in February Whisker Pole.

Then members contact host to

register and receive directions.

Time: 11:00am Social Hour.

12:00noon Brunch.

Plus, a dish to share.

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 if interested to host.



February 22 Saturday

Seminar - ARGO Boating App

Time: 10:30am to 12noon.



Location: Annapolis Area Library-TBD.

Jeff Foulk - software developer.

ARGO, social boating app for navigation & fun. Going somewhere

new or wondering where your friends are on the water?

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be **Note:** Coffee and Snacks provided.

received by Feb. 14 (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Jean Gough JGough4you@gmail.com

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

January 2025 Whisker Pole 9

Feb. 22-28 or



7-Day Trip 2025 Spring Bareboat Cruise

Mar. 1-7

Destination: Hauraki Gulf, **Cost:** Members \$1500 = Boat Cost and Admin

Auckland, New Zealand.

Still accepting applications.

Note: Fee. Air Fare and Insurance are separate.

To Download Registration Form with

Payment Information: New Zealand

Bareboat

Coordinator: Deb Kauffman - spring.bareboat@singlesonsailboats.org

February 23 Sunday Area Fireside Chat

Location: Rockville, MD. **Cost:** \$20 by deadline.

\$25 after deadline, if space available.

Speaker: Jean-Pierre Plé. **Host:** Barbara Wise

Topic: Drawing on his 30-year career in **Time:** 4:30pm. **Limited to 10.**

international ocean affairs and diplomacy, Jean-Pierre will highlight current issues involving international conservation and management of

ocean resources.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be Note: Non-Members must be accompanied by

received by Feb. 9 (9:00pm). Member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.

<u>Coordinator:</u> Kerry Siebein - <u>ksiebein@gmail.com</u>

To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. Fireside Chat 2/8/25

March 6 Thursday Board Meeting

Location: Zoom option only. Contact **Time:** 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Commodore if interested in attending. **Note:** Open to all Members.

commodore@singlesonsailboats.org

March 8 Saturday Seminar – CPR & First Aid for Mariners

Location: Annapolis Fire Department, **Cost**: \$58 (The club is paying the other half of

620 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD. the training and certification costs).

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

Topic: CPR/AED and First Aid for Mariners.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be **Note:** A light breakfast and lunch will be

received by Mar. 1 (9:00pm). included.

Coordinator: Joan Tannen <u>itkeuka@gmail.com</u>

To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here. <u>TBD</u>

her PassPort 51, China Doll.

March 8 Saturday Area Fireside Chat

Location: Gaithersburg, MD. **Cost:** \$20 by deadline.

\$25 after deadline, if space available.

Speaker: Karen Lundgren, new SOS Skipper. **Host:** Jill Montgomery & Phil Smith

Topic: She will share sailing stories about **Time:** 5:00pm. **Limited to 12**.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be **Note:** Non-Members must be accompanied by

received by Feb. 22 (9:00pm). Member. No Smoking, no walk-ins.

Coordinator: Melinda Zimmerman - melbay22@gmail.com

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

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Saturday



March 15 Seminar - Basics of Rafting

Location: Annapolis Area Library-TBD. Free to Skippers and First Mates.

> \$10 for crew and guests. Time: 10:30am to 2:30pm.

Speakers: Chuck Fort. How to raft with SOS, both circle and Topic:

linear rafts, overall plan, role of crew

and smooth raft entry.

Deadline: Mail and online registrations must be **Note:** Coffee and Snacks provided.

received by Mar. 7 (9:00pm).

Jean Gough jgough4you@gmail.com Coordinator:

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



March 22 Saturday Area Fireside Chat

Location: Riva, Maryland. Cost: \$20 by deadline.

\$25 after deadline, if space is available. Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky. Speaker: George Hollendursky. Host:

Time: 5:00pm Limited to 20. :pigoT Sock Burning. Deadline: Mail and online registration must be Note: Non-members must be accompanied by a

member. No Smoking, no walk-ins. received by Mar. 8 (9:00 pm).

Coordinator: **TBD**



Sept. 6 - 13 8-Day Trip Saturday to Sunday 2025 Fall Bareboat Cruise

Members \$1500 = Boat Cost and Admin Fee. **Destination:** Lake Huron, Cost: Air Fare and Insurance are separate.

To Download Registration Form with Note: Openings still available. Note: Payment Information 2025-Lake-Huron-

Charter

Coordinator: Carole Jordan, seajay2844@gmail.com

Gore Bay, Ontario, Canada.

Membership Committee Meets

Membership Committee Chair Pat Tracey got together with her committee members: skipper Josh Graff, First Mate Bill Knapp, and new member Melissa (Mel) Shrewsberry. Mel is currently working in Wilmington, DE as a sea pilot, and Josh works in technology. They are collaborating on SOS membership activities and how to get more people interested in the club.



You Ought to be in Pictures: The 2024 SOS Photo Contest

Have you taken **stellar shots** of this year's SOS activities? Submit your photos 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 <u>NOT</u> 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 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

SOS Retrospective - 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



Sandy Rosswork

BoD Retreat(All names are listed L to R)



John McDonald and Dennis Krizek



Suzanne Vaughn



Julie Fort and Joan Tannen



Irene Aronian and Deb Kauffman



Gabriel Ruiz and Pat Tracey

Emma Giles Cruise



Catherine Childs



Gabriel Ruiz



Dennis Krizek

BoD Retreat Photographs submitted by John Parsons Emma Giles Cruise Photographs submitted by Samia AbdelWahed

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

Emma Gile Cruise (continued)

(All names are listed L to R)



Skipper Dennis Krizek



Carole Jordan, FM



Noreen McGuire, Gabriel Ruiz, and Suzanne Vaughn

Duckpin Bowling

November 2. 2024



Barbara Wingrove, Doug Gage, and Cecilia Javier



Samia AbdelWahed, Dennis Krizek, and Mindy Kinsey



Phil Kron



Soraya Howard and Martha Baer



Wendy Adams and Doug Gage



and Don Yerger

Emma Giles Cruise Photographs submitted by Samia AbdelWahed **Duckpin Bowling Photographs submitted by John Parsons**

Parade of Lights

(All names are listed L to R)



Chuck Fort (Ctr) storing his sail with his helpers.
by (SAW)



Karl Scible and Janet Gonski showing the new SOS banner. by (SAW)



Barbara Wise, Irene Aronian, Janet Gonski, Susan Zevin and Karl Scible creating the crab display. by (SAW)



Skipper Chuck Fort on s/v 'At Last' by (JFP)



Melinda Zimmerman with her jellyfish umbrella by (SAW)



aura Keough by (SAW)



Gabi Van Wie and Laura Keough by (SAW)



(Front) Susan Zevin, Barbara Wise, Linda Casucci, Ann Kaiser, Gabi Van Wie, Laura Keough, (Back) Melinda Zimmerman, Linda Perkins and Chuck Fort by (SAW)

Photographs submitted by As Noted Samia AbdelWahed (SAW) Janet Gonski (JG) John Parsons (JFP)



Melinda Zimmerman and Linda Casucci by (JG)

Parade of Lights

(All names are listed L to R)



A beautiful night for the parade by (TL)



Laura Keough and Joanne White by (MZ)



Two Crabs - Gabi Van Wie and Anne Kaiser by (MZ)



Gabi Van Wie by (MZ)



The aft decoration by (SAW)



The main sail decoration by (SAW)



Joanne White by (TL)



Julie Fort, Sandy Rosswork, and Nancy Parsons by (JFP)

Photographs submitted as noted; Samia AbdelWahed (SAW) Tina Lavato (TL) John Parsons (JFP) Melinda Zimmerman (MZ)



Steve Fisher and Kathy Haven by (JFP)

December Brunch

(All names are listed L to R)



David Sites (Guest) and Speaker - Jon Potvin



Victoria Rusakova and Samia AbdelWahed



Chuck Fort, Janet Gonski and Commodore Susan Zevin



Barbara Mistrik and Laura Keough



Jere Glover



Marian Scheinholtz and Tina Lavato



Doug Townsend and Peter Van Houtan



Dan Meiers and Diana Duda



Karl Scible and Steve Garris

Photographs submitted by John Parsons

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

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Lake Huron Bareboat Cruise



Where to sail in 2025, besides our beautiful bay? Are you looking for cool breezes, clean water, great sailing, and amazing scenery? How about trying the SOS Bareboat to Lake Huron's North Channel?

Our trip to Gore Bay, Ontario is scheduled for September 6-13, 2025. Look at the Canadian Yacht Chaters' website: www.cycnorth.com! It's beautiful and there are still a few spots available on the 9-boat flotilla.

The application is available on the SOS website under Bareboat Trips. For more information, email Cruise Coordinator Carole Jordan at seajay2844@gmail.com.

In Memory of Lola Moore Cobb

Lola passed away on January 7th, 2024, in Danbury Connecticut. She was 87 years old.

Lola grew up near Red Hook, NY. After graduating from Red Hook high school, she attended Vassar Brothers hospital school of nursing in Poughkeepsie NY. She graduated salutatorian of her class in 1957 as a Registered

Nurse and specialized in Labor and Delivery.



In her later years she moved to Bel Air, Maryland where she became a member of SOS. She was a dear friend of David Henkin. They were quite active in the club for many years as Dave was a skipper and Lola sailed with him all the time.

Once she became ill with dementia, she moved to the Ridgefield Station Adult Living in Ridgefield CT.

Lola is survived by her sons John and Ted and four grandchildren.

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



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

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

1st Wednesday

BALTIMORE: Jan 1st 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 COORDINATOR:

JOSH singlesonsailboats@JoshuaGraff.com

2nd Wednesday

NOVA/DC: Jan 8th 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 COORDINATOR: HOPE - hopeda@verizon.net

2nd Thursday

ELLICOTT CITY: Jan 9th 5:00-7:30 PM

La Palapa Grill, 8307 Main Street, Ellicott City MD 21043 410-

465-0070 www.lapalapagrill.com

COORDINATORs: KATHY - <u>mskathha@gmail.com</u> JANET - <u>igsunset@yahoo.com</u>

3rd Wednesday

WILMINGTON: Jan 15th 5:30 PM

TIMOTHY'S Restaurant and Bar, 930 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 Wilmington Riverfront by Blue Rock Stadium, facing the waterfront. Drink and appetizer specials until 7PM. 302-429-7427 www.timothysontheriverfront.com

COORDINATOR: JULIE-jafort@comcast.net

3rd Thursday

ROCKVILLE: Jan 16th 5:00–7:00 PM

Seasons 52, 11414 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852 301-816-0369. Free parking at Whole Foods.

www.m.seasons52.com

CORDINATOR: DEBBIE - hidebbieg@yahoo.com

3rd Thursday **CANCELLED until new Host found**
KENT ISLAND:

5:00-7:00 PM

THE DOCK HOUSE, 110 Piney Narrows Road, Chester, MD 21619. 443-446-4477 www.dockhouseresturant.com
COORDINATOR: TBD –

4th Thursday

PHILLY AREA: Jan 23rd 4:30 PM

DiFabios, 1243 Providence Road, Media, PA 19063 (location of the Old Rose Tree Inn) 484-444-0850. Great food, lots of parking. Gather in patio area.

www.difabiosevents.com

COORDINATORS: MARY – <u>mary.payne@comcast.net</u>

4th Thuesday

ANNAPOLIS: Jan 23rd 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

COORDINATOR: JERE-jerewglover@msn.com



North Virginia/DC HH

Teresa Scofield, Wendy Adams, Karen Parsons, Robin Meigel, Martha Haines, Hope Andruss, Patty Toler, Shelley Castle, Dorothy Nicholson, and Chuck Freeman

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Winter Activities

Brunches: Jan.12

Regional Brunches: Feb.16

Seminars: Feb. 22 & Mar. 15

Fire Side Chats: Jan. 18 & 25, Feb. 8 & 23, and March 8