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Celebrate the Holidays with Your SOS Family!



We're almost there...can you believe it? It's time for the traditional SOS holiday dinners – Thanksgiving and Xmas. Sign up now for a delightful celebration with your SOS friends. Small regional Thanksgiving dinners are planned in Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania on Saturday, November 23. On the actual holidays there will be dinners in Maryland. The turkey is provided, each person contributes a dish.

This is what you need to do **right now, without delay!!** RSVP to the appropriate contact for the dinner you would like to attend. The hostess will contact you and discuss with you what she would like you to bring and the time she would like you to arrive. These are your choices:

Thanksgiving Regional Dinners November 23

Contact Robyn Stewart
SOSocialCommittee@gmail.com and send \$10.00 check made out to the hostess for the following dinners:

Charlotte O'Connor, McLean, VA
Mary Lou Lee, St. Michaels, MD
Kathy Higdon, Annapolis, MD
Suzanne Farr, Annapolis, MD
Meeps Yox, Sykesville, MD
Nancie Park, College Park, MD
Shari Rex, Blue Bell, PA (outside of Philadelphia)
Debbie Goldberg, Derwood (Rockville), MD; Contact her directly at hidebbieg@comcast.net

Thanksgiving Day Dinner November 28

Don't spend Thanksgiving Day alone! Join the late afternoon festivities at Henrietta Hyatt-Knorr's home in Burtonsville, MD.
Contact Debbie Goldberg: hidebbieg@comcast.net

Christmas Day Dinners December 25

The holidays wouldn't be the same without celebrating with some of SOS' favorite hostesses. Once again Barbara Mistrik (Annapolis, MD) and Henrietta Hyatt-Knorr (Burtonsville, MD) are opening their respective homes for Christmas Day Dinners. Contact Barbara: bmistrik@covad.net or for Henrietta's: Contact Debbie: hidebbieg@comcast.net

We still have room for more. How about you folks in PA, DE, and other parts of MD and VA?

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Many times I have been asked if I am happy "my year" is almost over. I could never quite answer the question. A curt answer of yes or no was simply unsatisfactory. This being my last column as Commodore, it is time to share exactly how I feel about being Commodore

Being Commodore has actually been an awesome experience for me. My awareness level to all things SOS has been heightened. No the red roses are not "redder" but I am deeply sensitized to each event, the happy and sad of the managers as well as the participants. My thoughts are continually racing "what did we do well, what could we do better." I also feel pride each time members have a great sail, make a new friend, enjoy a party, and especially when someone makes lemonade as a problem looms in front of them. Yes there has been work involved. Yes it has been time consuming. But it has also been fun and so richly rewarding.

This 2012-2013 term the Board has been successful in meeting the prime goal of better understanding our financial position and making appropriate monetary adjustments for the betterment and continuation of the club. A special thank you goes to our treasurer Rita Svec for her extreme diligence in sorting out the numbers. Kudos are also extended to all our committee chairs for their cooperative efforts in recommending financial changes in their areas when appropriate and adhering to their budgets. A tremendous thank you goes to the membership for ultimately embracing such modifications as receiving the Whisker Pole on line at a cost saving of nearly one thousand dollars a month. Another accomplishment includes moving ahead on security and privacy concerns with new protections for our members. The prudent introduction of electronics to our meetings enables participation from afar.

I am thankful for the terrific lineup of people who get things done for SOS. I have been able to thank a few during the year. Now I turn attention to the Board of Directors. Like others who serve SOS they receive no money for their service but they are definitely on the firing line. Month after month for the past two years Harry Keith, Lorraine Panaccio and Dave O'Hara have served valiantly. I will miss their contributions greatly. However it is time to welcome our new members to the team, Hope Andrus, Doug Gage, Kathy Higdon, Robin Meigel, and Jim Randall. They bring enthusiasm and diversity of experience and fresh ideas. Our continuing BOD members Ed Menegaux, Rita Svec, Dave Tuttle, and I round out the team.

I wish there were space for me to thank everyone. As there is not I note a few outstanding people. Our committee chairs and their teams keep everything from falling apart. THANK YOU! I am immensely grateful to John Halstead, Meeps Yox, Ed Menegaux who have been called upon as my team of experts and supportive at all times. Several other people, especially Pam Switzer and Mel Lessing, worked behind the scenes. THANK YOU!

This has been an intensely rewarding experience for me and I am deeply appreciative to the membership for their support. This year has been the year of finance. Next year we have much to do regarding membership. Opportunities are vast. Join in. Enjoy the high!

Sandy Huberfeld, Commodore

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SUBMISSION DEADLINES

10th Fleet Exercises & Shore Leave
15th articles/photos/classified/HH

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MEMBERSHIP MAILBOX

See us on the web at

www.SinglesonSailboats.org

- To join or change/correct membership information, use the above web site.

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Unofficial notes from October 20, 2013 Board Meeting

Official October minutes will be posted on the SOS web site when approved in November by the Board of Directors.

Treasurer report: Financial review underway, initial documents sent to accounting firm. No bookkeeper need till Fall 2014 if treasurer remains. Stable bank balances continue.

Bareboat Committee: The Italy trip was complete in Sept '13 with 60 participants. Feedback has been positive. The French Canal trip in Fall '14 coordinated by Teeja Meier has 118 signed up and 16 boats (8 traveling south the first week, 8 traveling north the second.) The BVI bareboat in Feb'14 needs 1 skipper. Options are to hire a captain or to cancel another sailboat.

Brunches: November and December brunches have been finalized. Venues will rotate between The Sheraton and Double Tree Hotels in Annapolis. Members are encouraged to give feedback via Survey Monkey.

Communications: No report

Cruising: Current chair will be stepping down

Database: Election went smoothly. Ballots validated Oct 3 and reported to membership on Oct 4. Forms, reminders and WP article are in place for membership renewal beginning Nov 1.

Education: Spring Training planning is underway. The revised Basic Skills program developed by the basic skills committee will be to the BOD, Skippers Advisory and First Mate Advisory for final comments. Fireside chats are being scheduled.

First Mates Report: Assisting with the Education Committee's efforts to revise the Basic Skills document. Continuing to encourage interested members to become FMs.

Membership: No report. Chair needed

Newsletter: The October issue of the Whisker Pole was mailed to 70 members at a cost of \$386.59 with postage of \$57.42. The increase over last month was the result of reprinting due to an error at a cost of \$59.02. The Editors ask those writing articles submit them on time by the posted deadlines.

Safety: The Safety Committee submitted a preliminary report last month regarding the Safety Incident at Drum Point on August 31st.

Skippers Advisory: No report

Social: Co-managers have been recruited for the Awards Banquet; an emcee is needed for the photography awards. The calendar for social events is in place through Mar '14. Social recommended conferring with cruising with regard to coordinating future events during sailing season.

Other business: Guidelines have been outlined for posting on the SOS Facebook page. An SOS cookbook has been proposed. Membership dues will remain the same. The subscription price for mailed Whisker Pole is \$20 for the year.







**NEXT SOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING –
November 10, 2:15, Following Brunch; Sheraton Hotel in Annapolis
Meeting is open to all members.**

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**. A copy of this form can be found on the SOS website under Forms and Such – Cruising – Sailing Registration Form.

Plan to mail your check early to the **event coordinator, not the SOS mail box**.
Many events have limited capacity; therefore, an event may be filled even before the deadline date.
The postmark is the date used as the mail in cutoff/deadline date.
All checks are to be made payable to SOS, Inc. **Non-members must submit a Sailing Registration Form.**

	November 9	Saturday	Wrap-Up Meeting
	Location:	The Barn at Ulmstead Estates	Cost: Free to Skippers, First Mates, Cruising Committee Members and Coordinators, \$20.00 for Guests of Invitees.
	Deadline:	November 4	
	Notes:	BY INVITATION ONLY No online sign-up for this meeting. Please RSVP to the Coordinator by email.	Time: 9:30 Set up and Coffee 10:00 - 11:30 Breakout Sessions 11:30 - 1:00 Lunch 1:00 - 2:00 Joint meeting 2:00 - 2:30 Clean up
	Coordinator:	Debbie Goldberg Hidebbieg@comcast.net	
	November 10	Sunday	Brunch
	Location:	Sheraton, Annapolis	Cost: \$28.00 before deadline \$32.00 after deadline if space available
	Speaker/Topic	Virginia Crespo , Docent at the Thomas Point Lighthouse	
	Deadline:	Mail: November 1 Online: November 5	
	Coordinator:	Judy Clark omi_3@verizon.net or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	
	November 23	Saturday	Regional Thanksgiving Dinners
	Location:	Private Homes various locations in MD, VA, and PA	Cost: \$10.00 per person at the door plus a dish to share
	Deadline:	November 11 No online sign up for this event.	Notes: Register by contacting the coordinator by email. Directions will be sent to attendees.
	Coordinator:	Robyn Stewart SOSSocialCommittee@gmail.com	
	November 28	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day Dinner
	Location:	Private Home, Burtonsville, MD	Cost: \$7.00 per person at the door plus a dish to share
	Deadline:	November 18 No online sign up for this dinner.	Notes: Register by contacting the coordinator by email and she will arrange dish to share. Directions will be sent to attendees.
	Coordinator:	Debbie Goldberg Hidebbieg@comcast.net	

	December 8	Sunday	Brunch
	Location:	Double Tree, Annapolis	Cost: \$28.00 before deadline \$32.00 after deadline if space available
	Speaker/Topic	Holiday Themed Historic Presentation by Watermark Tours	
	Deadline:	Mail: November 29 Online: December 3	Time: 11:00 social hour 12:00 brunch 1:00 program
	Coordinator:	Lorraine Fassett lhfassett@verizon.net or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	
	December 8	Sunday	Annapolis Area Fireside Chat
	Location:	Annapolis, MD	Cost: \$15 by deadline \$20 after deadline
	Speaker/Topic	TBD	
	Deadline:	Online: December 3	Time: 5:00 pm Notes Non-members must be accompanied by a member. No smoking, no walk-ins. Limited to 40.
	Coordinator:	Meeps Yox mpsyx@earthlink.net or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	
	December 14	Saturday	After Parade of Lights Party
	Location:	Private Home, Annapolis, MD Directions will be sent to attendees.	Cost: \$27.50 before deadline \$32.50 after deadline if space available
	Deadline:	Mail: December 5 Online: December 9	Time: 7:00 pm after the Parade
	Coordinator:	Barbara Mistrik bmistrik@covad.net or sign up online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	
	December 25	Wednesday	Christmas Day Dinner
	Locations:	Private homes in Edgewater and Burtonsville	Cost: \$7.00 per person plus a dish to share
	Deadline:	December 22 No online sign up for this dinner.	Notes: Register by contacting the area coordinator by phone or email for dish assignment and directions.
	Coordinators:	Barbara Mistrik 410-956-1445 (Edgewater, MD) Debbie Goldberg hidebbieg@comcast.net (Burtonsville, MD)	
	February 8	Saturday	Awards Dinner Dance <i>Puttin' on the Ritz</i>
	Location:	Sheraton, Annapolis 173 Jennifer Road Annapolis, MD 21401	Cost: TBD
	Deadline:	Mail: January 31 Online: February 3	Notes: Limited number of rooms available at discounted rate.
	Coordinator:	Fran Wright francis.wright1@comcast.net or sign online at www.singlesonsailboats.org	



Mark your calendar now

Spring Training March 15, 2014



Surprises in the Stockings!

2013 Parade of Lights - Join the Electrifying Crew

by Frank Florentine

Merry Christmas!! *The Parade of Lights: where all the lights are bright, all the elves are light, and all the fun is above average!!* The Parade of Lights will decorate Ego Alley and Spa Creek on Saturday, December 14, 2013.

OK. So everybody is using all those gadgets you bought at the boat show or using the cell phone to buy that stock and didn't get time to read the October Whisker Pole. Let's try it again: **The 2013 Parade of Lights still needs some electric elves!!**

We did have a great volunteer, Dennis Krizek, who has graciously allowed SOS to use his Beneteau 393 "Sea Tango" for the Parade of Lights!

We had all these great suggestions for the Parade of Lights Theme (NOT!) so we are working up some ideas around stockings over the fire place that turn to sailboats! And anything else you can think might look good in lights.

All SOS can make this happen by just volunteering, like your friend did last month. Your friend didn't volunteer? Well, go ahead, volunteer them too! All we need are some more elves to come in out of the cold and enjoy the hospitality!

The SOS Elves promise to let Santa know that you've been a good boy and girl, and you should get what you want for Christmas! So, start making a list and checking it twice. Hopefully some Christmas Elves will show up soon!!

Seven or eight work days have been planned:

#1 Work Day: Saturday, Nov 23, 10 am-3 pm;

#2 work day: Saturday, Nov. 30, 9 am-3 pm;

#3 Work Day, Sunday, Dec. 1, 10 am to 5 pm;

#4 Work Day, Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 am to 5 pm;

#5 Work Day, Sunday, Dec. 8, 10 am to 6 pm;

#6 Work Day, Saturday, Dec. 14, 8 am to 6 pm (work will be at Port Annapolis Marina);

#7 Work Day, Sunday, Dec. 15, Noon to 6 pm, unless we decide to leave the display up over the holidays. We would then have a work day just after New Year's or later in December to remove the display.

All the work will be done in Annapolis at Frank Florentine's house (unless we decide to do it somewhere else!) Volunteer: 410-279-2451; fafloren@aol.com.

The Parade of Lights: where all the lights are bright, all the elves are light, and all the fun is above average!!



The Halls are Decked for the Parade of Lights After Party!

After cheering the SOS entry in the annual Annapolis holiday lights boat parade on the Annapolis waterfront on Saturday December 8, we're sure that you will be in the holiday spirit and anxious to continue celebrating! Come party with the Elves (those SOS members who prepare our always award winning entry into the parade) and ALL your SOS friends for festivity, food and dancing! Hang your SOS provided stocking over the fireplace and see what Santa will leave for you before the fun filled evening is over, even if you haven't been a "good boy or girl!"

This year the party will be held in an Annapolis area home, which will have been transformed into a holiday wonderland. (Directions to the party will be sent to those who have signed up.) Your fee will provide appetizers, drinks, buffet dinner (with salad, vegetables, roast meats and coffee/desserts), and LIVE music provided by The Last Call Band featuring SOS's own lead guitarist, Ron Pence! Dance the night away to all the sounds you love to hear. Dress is festive casual, after all you will have been down on Spa Creek first.

See Fleet Exercises and Shore Leave for Time and Reservation particulars. As this event is being held in a member's home there will be no smoking and no walk-ins. Register early to assist your SOS volunteers' planning and assure a place on Santa's List!



Membership Renewal: Begins November 1st

MEMBERSHIP YEAR: JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31EVERY YEAR!

Current members: \$65.00 renewal, \$85 if you subscribe to the Whisker Pole by mail

New members: \$75.00 (includes \$10.00 one-time administrative charge), \$95 if you subscribe to the Whisker Pole by mail

YOU ARE A CURRENT MEMBER IF:

- You are a member or associate member as of December 31, 2013
- You **DO NOT** meet the requirements of a LIFE MEMBER, or HONORARY MEMBER.

CURRENT MEMBER: FEES and MEMBER PROFILE:

- You pay the renewal fee
- You must update your Member Profile

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE A LIFE MEMBER IF:

- You are 70 or older as of December 31, 2013 and
 - You joined BEFORE March 31, 2009 **and**
 - You have been a regular and/or associate member for over 10 consecutive years as of December 31, 2013.
- If you had any lapses in membership in the past 10 years, you are NOT a life member.

CURRENT and ELIGIBLE LIFE-MEMBER: FEES and MEMBER PROFILE VERY IMPORTANT!:

- You DO NOT pay the renewal fee. But you must email the Membership Chair if you were a dues-paying member this past year to get approval for Life-Member status
 - You MUST update your Member Profile to prevent any lapse in membership.
- Online renewal is preferred. However, if you insist, paper forms will be accepted.
 - Log onto the website and print from "Forms and Such" or contact the Membership Committee Chair.
 - For online renewal, payment is by credit card or check.
 - For mail-in renewal, payment is by check only.

PLEASE NOTE: The mailed Whisker Pole is a subscription service and costs \$20 for the year!!

**RENEWAL PERIOD:
NOVEMBER 1, 2013 to JANUARY 31, 2014**



BAREBOAT HAPPENINGS

Have you ever dreamed of sailing to Capri? Cruising along the Amalfi Coast with fair breezes and sunny skies? If so, then I hope that you were among the 60 plus SOS members who recently returned from a fabulous bareboat cruise in the Bay of Naples! We sailed most days, but when it was rainy, or blowing 60 knots, we prudently had a lay day (which gave us time to visit castles, vineyards and other cool stuff.) Besides the fun of sailing on azure waters, we also had a good helping of history, scenery and archeology. Many of us visited the Aragonese Castle in Ischia; toured the ruins of Pompeii; and tied up in the Porto Romano, a tiny harbor in Ventotene dug out of the volcanic rock by Roman Slaves! We will all miss the balmy nights and Italian dinners followed by Limoncello. Grazie Frank and Christy for coordinating such a great trip!

But....now what's next? We have two great trips scheduled for 2014, but nothing for 2015! How about another cruise to Croatia....maybe going to the Northern coast? Or how about a sail among one of the Greek Island groups? There are still more good places in Italy.....like the Aeolian Islands and Sicily. Some have proposed more exotic locations such as Thailand or even Tahiti! Where do you want to go and who will volunteer to coordinate a trip? We also need a proposal for a winter trip to the Caribbean or other tropical locale. Send me a proposal or indicate your interest in coordinating a future Bareboat trip and I will be happy to assist in getting you started. (Hint: check out both Sunsail and Moorings online for some wonderful destinations.) We can also do crewed trips aboard schooners or even visit interesting places like the Galapagos Islands! So.....send in your ideas and volunteer to lead (or assist) a cruise.

Awaiting your response.....Sandy Rosswork, Bareboat Committee Chair Sgrosswork@aol.com



UPCOMING BRUNCHES

By Robyn Day



We're looking forward to a lively 2013-2014 Brunch Season and give special thanks to Judy Clark who has generously volunteered to be the November brunch coordinator. See you at the Sheraton!

November 10th Brunch- Sheraton Annapolis

Virginia Crespo, of the Chesapeake Chapter of the United States Lighthouse Society, will be the speaker for the November 10th brunch being held at the Sheraton, Annapolis. She is a life-long lover of lighthouses and will do a presentation on restoration work. The restoration of Thomas Point Lighthouse began in 2005 and Virginia Crespo has been a docent on tours of the lighthouse since they began. Hear the fascinating story of how the keepers lived, were supplied, and their daily routines at our first brunch of the season.

December 8th Brunch – Double Tree, Annapolis

Let's enjoy ourselves before the holiday rush. Watermark Tours will do a holiday themed historic presentation at the December brunch. Our "guide" will mingle with members during the social hour. So let's get in the swing of the festivities!

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

October 2012

726

October 2013

736



Donna Kachura



l to r: Robyn Stewart and Mary McClellan (NM)



Sid Bergman

Chili Cook-Off Cruise



Dane Skagen sampling the Chili



r to l: Cathy Laws, Barry Recame and Joy Mecham



Susan Veccia



Ian Sanderson



Ben Kaufman presenting Carol Niemand's Burgee

(NM) is New Member
Photographs by John Parsons



Kitty Ghen



Lorraine Fassett



John and Nancy Parsons



Harry Keith

Columbus Day Cruise (southern destination)



(l to r): Harry Keith, Maria LiCalzi, Beth Leonard and Phyllis Hoot-McKernin



Maria LiCalzi



Phyllis Hoot-McKernin

Photographs by John Parsons



Chili Cook-Off Results

by Sid Bergman

Perfect evening for a Chili Cook-Off. Cool, maybe chilly, with a slight breeze and clear skies. Ideal. There were 20 boats, 20 entries, 77 participants and plenty of cold beer.

Right from the start, there was interest in Dane Skagen's oyster chili. His momentum never faltered and he went on to be the big winner. The only contest was for second and third place.

No one managed to be disqualified, even though the chief judge was in a particularly contentious mood. It wouldn't have taken much. It seems that all personnel, judges and cooks alike, have become familiar with rule 17. There were some knuckleheads who almost crossed the line.

Since there were no offers of cash or personal favors, the chief judge was obliged to perform a fair and honest count. He did so to the best of his ability after being plied with adult beverages for three hours. If you "do the math", you'll learn that 20 entries judged by 77 participants yields 1,540 potential entries on the score sheets. Quite a job, don't you think?

This year's much coveted award trophies were massive creations, suitable for display in trophy case, mantle or pantry. The awards were announced Sunday morning, and, as required by the rules, all of the winners were present to receive their well-earned trophies. One could tell that there were many cooks who were dreaming and scheming for . . . next year.

Here are the official results:

Jalapeno Corn Bread Prize: Kathy Haven

3rd Place Overall: Nancy Parsons-Wedding Chili

2nd Place Overall: Anne Bastian-Vegetarian Chili

1st Place Overall: Dane Skagen-Oyster Chili

Start planning now for the 2014 contest.



Announcing the 2013 SOS Photo Contest

(This is for photos taken in the 2013.)

There are only five simple rules:

1. Entries must be taken **at an SOS event** by the member of SOS submitting the photo. But the photo does not necessarily have that event as a theme (a picture of Johnny Bilgewater at a raft-up or the sunset seen from a raft-up are 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, bareboat trip, etc. An official SOS event (Happy Hours are not included).

2. The photo entries must be submitted (or postmarked) by 12:00 (midnight) December 31, 2013.

3. All photographers may participate. However professional photographers- i.e. anyone who earns more than 50 percent of his or her annual income from photography- shall be limited to submitting no more than three photos.

4. All electronics photos must be at least 250 KB or larger (file size***) and no more than eight (8) photos per individual. *** – In order to produce a clear 4" x 6" photo.

5. Photos can be altered to achieve color balance that reflects the scene as you observed it. Cropping is also acceptable. Heavily manipulated photos are not eligible.

Other Useful information:

Electronic copies preferred: 1 disk or many disks; paper photos are accepted.

Photos must be submitted in the highest possible resolution. The photos will be enlarged to 5" x 7" and if the photo is fuzzy, it reduces your chance of winning.

Categories: People, Places, Seascapes, Sailing Action
(The Judge will put your photos in the correct category)

Judging: 4 categories, 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each; plus 1 Grand Prize

Judge: Will be independent individual from outside of the club.

SEND Photo Entries to: samia.wahed@gmail.com OR
Samia AbdelWahed
320 23rd Street South #1002
Arlington VA 22202



SCUTTLEBUTT

By *Suzanne*

Send items to scuttlebutt@singlesonsailboats.org



George and Shirley Hollendursky toured Italy for two months after sailing there with the club. They traveled from Amalfi to Lake Como, spending about a week in each location that they used as a base for various day trips. Of course they enjoyed the stunning museums, churches, spectacular scenic views, and excellent food. But some particular highlights of their trip are a cooking class, picking and foot stomping the grapes, the numerous wine tastings, and a five-hour iconic Fiat driving tour.

Sea Kaplan spent 3 nights and four days in Cape Cod at a scallop festival with a MeetUp.com group. We stayed at place overlooking Nantucket Sound. We stayed at Chatham and took the ferry over to Martha's Vineyard and spent the day exploring. There were 15 of us and we had a great time.

Ginger Eanes finished some chemo again just in time to stomp grapes in Italy. We flew into Venice and were instant groupies for our friend/host Enrico who has a hot little rock and roll band. I danced a little and even did Tango. With our Ferrari driver in a Volvo station wagon, we rocked and rolled all over the Dolomites and then drank Grappa to recuperate. The trip included visiting good friends at the 1000 Year Old Monastery, San Fedele, in the Chianti Region of Tuscany. The highlight of the trip was to finally see the one and only DAVID in Florence. The rest are just cheap imitations. Wow – Italy is so much better than a cancer support group to encourage you to keep smiling everyday...

Robin Meigel's s/v Pacem placed third in a 10 boat class in the Turkey Shoot Hospice regatta held on the Rappahannock River over Columbus Day Weekend. Winds both days were frisky- NE 19-22 knots.

At last! After months of searching and virtually blowing up the fall sailing season with the exception of the Hospice Cup, new member, Art Turriff and Robyn Day, have found second home in Raleigh, North Carolina. We'll be splitting our time between the Baltimore/Annapolis area and Raleigh hopefully squeezing out a few more degrees in the southern home and enjoying the Chesapeake for the milder months.

Art has two daughters, a grandson, and another on the way here in Maryland and I have two daughters and two grandsons in Raleigh. There is plenty of room for visitors at the new place (we'll kick the grand-kids out), so we look

forward to seeing y'all in North Carolina. In the meantime, Art has been enjoying his "bachelor" days (prior to their October 26th nuptials) and getting up to some monkey business with the guys in Baltimore while I enjoyed partying with the girls in Annapolis.

Sue Donaldson and Lynn Winkler did a "September Last Minute Trip" visiting Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, and Serbia. We visited country capitals, seeing some old castles (Vlad's was on the itinerary), rode through some beautiful, less seen, country side and villages, and checked out cruising possibilities on the Black Sea. Sevastopol anyone?

Thanks, all. Keep the information flowing. There is no column without you. Don't forget to send me your birth month and day; it does not get published without your telling me.

Suzanne

Birthdays:

November 2 Juanita Layne; 3 Kathy Haven; 20 Bruce Dowley; 26 Jim Brooks; 27 Lynn Singley and Emil Becker

December: 21: Rob Reynolds



APPRECIATION

by Robin Meigel

They also serve who only drive! Whenever an SOS skipper needs to move their boat one way only, near or far, the issue of car shuttle arises. John Wiggins, Jean Logan, Donna Perry, Gene Jacob, Ruth Moore, Emil Becker, Brian Guptil, Anne Bastian and others have helped me over the years and I thank them. I know other skippers have been fortunate to receive ride assists as well.

Perhaps people who like to drive and have flexible schedules can make skippers aware that they are open to being called and their preferred range and direction. The informal SOS Net on Yahoo groups can work well for this and you will get to know a skipper a little better.



Happy Hours are not official SOS functions.

All sailors or non-sailors interested in sailing are invited to attend any of the SOS HHs, especially new or potential SOS members. We meet at local restaurant in the bar area. Check below or SOS website for locations.

The Happy Hours are listed in chronological order.

SE Pennsylvania: We have two SE PA Happy Hours.
1st Tuesday- November 5th at McKenzie Brew House (was Charlie Brown's) off 202; 324 W Swedesford Road, Berwyn, 610 407 4300. Starting at 6 pm; dinner around 7:00 pm. **SOS Contact:** Patti Evans, pattievans@aol.com

Ellicott City, MD: 1st Thursday- November 7th 5:30 – 7:30 PM at Bare Bones Grill and Brewery, 9150-22 Baltimore Natl. Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042. Corner of St. Johns Lane & Rte 40. <http://www.barebonesgrill.com/> tel. 410.461.0770 **SOS Contact:** Jill Montgomery jill.montgom@gmail.com

South-Central Pennsylvania, 1st Thursday- November 7th at Heritage Hills Golf Resort, 2700 Mt. Rose Ave. (PA-124), York, PA starting at **6:30** on the lower level of Knickers Pub. **SOS Contact:** Bob Morrow, sosrimorrow@aol.com

Virginia/DC: There are two NVA/DC Happy Hours! **1st Thursday- November 7th meet at 5:00 p.m.** at the bar: **Mylos Grill**, Old Dominion Drive in McLean/ Chesterbrook shopping center. www.mylosgrill.com. Free parking, great food! **SOS Contact:** Charlotte O'Conor coconor@aol.com

Baltimore, MD: 2nd Thursday - November 14th, meet at **5 PM in the bar. NEW VENUE: Michaels Cafe Restaurant & Lounge**, located 2119 York Road, Timonium, across from Fairgrounds, MD 21220, 410-252-2022, <http://www.michaelscafe.com/> Free parking, **great food, drinks and Happy Hour prices.** Food service until 11 pm. Cozy atmosphere, fun waitstaff. **SOS Contact:** Barb O'Brien, barlo@comcast.net

Virginia/DC: The second Happy Hour for NVA/DC is the **3rd Friday- November 15th meet at 5:00 p.m.** at the bar: **Sur la Place**, 5105 MacArthur Blvd. website: surlaplaceindc.com (Site of the old L'Appetito) Wash. DC. **SOS Contact:** Charlotte O'Conor coconor@aol.com

Delaware: 3rd Wednesday – November 20th, 5:30 PM, at Timothy's Restaurant and Bar, Wilmington Riverfront, by Blue Rock Stadium, facing the waterfront. <http://timothysontheriverfront.com/> 930 Justison Street, Wilmington DE 19801. 302-429-RIBS (7427). Happy Hour drink specials good until 7PM. **SOS Contacts:**Sue Donaldson sbdonaldson713@verizon.net Geri Walker grwalker12@verizon.net

Rockville, MD: 3rd Thursday- November 21st, 5 -7 PM at Marriott Hotel, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD 20852, (301) 822-9200; by the White Flint Metro station. **SOS Contact:** Jim Randall: jrand1@gmail.com

SE Pennsylvania: The second Happy Hour for SE PA is the **3rd Thursday- November 21st, 6-10 at Twenty9 Restaurant** located at 16 Great Valley Parkway (GV Corp Ctr) Malvern, PA 610.251.2199 twenty9restaurant.com **SOS Contact:** Patti Evans, pattievans@aol.com

Annapolis, MD: For the month of November, we will meet on the **3rd Thursday, November 21st, 5:30 – 7:00 PM at the Smoke House**, located in the Bay Ridge Plaza with Bay Ridge Liquors and West Marine. (107 Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis, MD 21403) Tel. 410.571.5073. www.annapolissmokehouse.com/ Meet in the bar area. Happy Hour prices: \$3 house wines, \$3 rail drinks, \$2 off draft beer and \$2.25 for domestic beers; 2-3 food selections for \$5. **SOS Contact:** Patricia Duvall at PatCd0917@verizon.net

Send an e-mail to: sbdonaldson713@verizon.net by the 15th of the month for changes to happy hour information.

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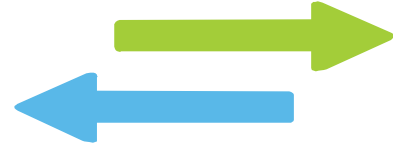
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November 10th Brunch

The Sheraton, Annapolis, 173 Jennifer Road
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911 Lynch Drive, Arnold, MD 21012

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Balances as of September 30:

Bareboat Checking: \$89,778

Regular Checking: \$19,200

CDs + Hi yield savings: \$73,061

Credit Card Balance: **(\$4,384)**

End of Month Cash Totals w/o Bare Boat: \$87,877

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