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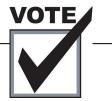
September and October....two great months to be out on Chesapeake Bay!!! Cooler temperatures (we hope) and ideal wind conditions to sail! Therefore, your Cruising Committee has scheduled many opportunities for you to GET OUT THERE. Besides the 4-5 Day sails to sign up for, we have 3....count them 3....weekend cruises.

Return to the Scene, Sept 14-15. Revisit the beautiful anchorage at Drum Point on the Wye River where the infamous Monster Raft was formed many years ago. Perhaps you have seen the pictures, but how did it happen? What year? How many boats? Who organized it? Contact some of our "seasoned" members to find out the answers! Jacob Gibson's Prank, Sept. 21-22. Who is Jacob Gibson and who did he prank? That's a true Google question; do you know? This cruise will take place at the scene of the "crime" on San Domingo Creek.

The Almost October Oktoberfest, Sept. 28-29. Join the party at Castle Marina on the Chester River....sail in or drive in!! Lots of great German Food.

Of course, this leads us right into October and hang on to your sailing gloves (and foulies), but we have even more fun planned. Don't miss the early deadlines for the Goose Cruise (Oct. 5-6) and the Chili Cruise/Cook-off, (Oct. 19-20). Please be especially aware of the deadline for the Chili Cruise, as this will sell out early and you don't want to miss the good food and fun. We are planning something a little different this year. After many years of cancelled rafts, we have decided to hold the Chili Cruise in Granary Creek off the Wye River at the DNR facility. Each boat that is sailing in will provide a chili for tasting and voting! You can also drive into the party for a small fee and provide a "side" for the party (appetizer, side dish, dessert). If you are driving in but want to test your favorite chili recipe against the others, please feel free to bring it!! BYO beverages! Sign up early.

Want to help plan next year's cruises and events? We are looking for committee members. Contact Carole Jordan or Dennis Krizek.



ELECTION OF NEW DIRECTORS

Voting for the SOS Board of Directors election will start on **September 15th**. All members eligible to cast a ballot will be emailed a link to the online ballot. Online voting closes at midnight on **September 30th**.

Members who are eligible to vote but do not have a valid email address will be mailed a paper ballot. These ballots must be postmarked no later than **October 1st**.

This year there are five seats up for elections; there are ten nominated candidates. Voters also have an option to vote for Write-In Candidate(s).

Voting for more than five candidates will invalidate your ballot. Read more about the candidates on pages 9-13.

Results will be announced by **October 15th** in an email from the Commodore.

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Susan Zevin, Commodore



Dear Crew Mates,

I want to explain a little about what will happen over the next few months and the upcoming

election. We are entering our season of change: Starting our election processes, introducing Board candidates by publication in this edition of the Whisker Pole. Voting will take place in the latter half of September. There is a special committee that will count and verify the votes in early October, and the winners will be notified. Then we prepare for Change of Watch which takes place in November-a joint meeting of the old and new boards, a champagne toast to old and new; the old Board leaves the venue while the new Board convenes to elect new officers.

In the meantime, during September, the current committee chairs will submit to the Treasurer draft budget requirements for next vear's programs. These will form the basis for a draft club budget for consideration by the incoming board. Also, committee chairs will submit their resignations, indicating whether they would be willing to continue in their positions or be replaced by the incoming leadership. This also is a great opportunity for new members to volunteer for committee chair assignments.

As for the elections, dear Members, as you evaluate the candidates for the Board, please know that Board members have three primary duties: Duty of Care (prudent use of assets, facilities, people and good will); Duty of Loyalty, advancing the SOS mission; recognizing and disclosing conflicts of interest; decision making in the interest of the club, not of any individual; and Duty to Obey, i.e., to obey all laws and regulations, the club's own by-laws, and to adhere to its mission. We look for individuals prioritize who harmonv over divisiveness, who can embrace

innovation, and who work selflessly for the greater good. It is about being a dedicated SOS 'crew' member, collaborating with others on the Board to solve problems and keep the organization operating effectively. Our future depends on unity and a shared vision for the club.

I strongly encourage you, Members, to get to know the candidates for the Board of Directors. Reach out to club veterans and ask: Is this candidate collaborative, positive, and forwardthinking? Does he or she bring fresh ideas to the table? Is he creative and open-minded? Can she think strategically about our future while being practical in implementing ideas? Most importantly, does he have the temperament to work well with others-is she positive, and enthusiastic about the club's success?

These are the qualities we should prioritize when voting. Let's seize this opportunity to refresh, recharge, and move forward with optimism and friendship.

Welcome New and Returning Members

Rob Busby - Gaithersburg, MD William Chastka - Arlington, VA Katherine Ewins - Silver Spring, MD Jere Glover - Annapolis, MD Jason Jernigan - McLean, VA Bill Kellermeyer - Arnold, MD Benjamin Mendez - Baltimore, MD Doug Richard - Washington, DC Nancy Sawyer - Riva, MD Mel Shrewsbury - Elkton, MD John Sines - Arnold, MD

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Unofficial Board Notes August 1, 2024

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

Commodore: Susan Zevin

<u>Secretary:</u> Doug Gage — Minutes of July 2 BOD Meeting were approved.

<u>Vice Commodore</u>: Karl Scible. Two members withdrew their name from the nomination list. Sixty-six people have signed up for the Town Hall meeting.

Treasurer: Craig Coltharp

Club Checking Account	11,813
Hi-Yield Savings Account	13,593
Club Credit Card 0548	(2,872)
Bareboat Account	63,046
7-month CD	60,000

Seven-month CD is with Wells Fargo. The current rate is 4.75% APR and will automatically reset after 7 months at the current rate at that time.

Bareboat: Deb Kauffman

Fall 2024 Mallorca: Aug 31 – Sept 7. Seven boats with no wait list. Skipper's meeting will be held before/after August town hall meeting.

Spring 2025 New Zealand. Eight boats have been secured – two the week of Feb 22 and six the week of Mar 1st. There are 32 signups. 8 skippers, 29 crew. 8 crew berths available, 5 crew members are unassigned

Fall 2025 Lake Huron. Sept 7, 2025 – Sept 13, 2025 Canadian Yacht Charter. Nine skippers have committed – 8 monohulls, 1 catamaran. Total crew berths available - 36.

Brunch: Suzanne Vaughn. New contract has been signed with the DoubleTree Hotel for this winter's brunches. Based on a cost analysis presented by Treasurer Craig Coltharp, the base brunch fee was set at \$40.

<u>**Cruising</u>:** Carole Jordan and Dennis Krizek. While we are pleased with sailing participation so far this season, we seem to always be looking for more</u> skippers on both day sails and weekend cruises. We had a total of 11 boats on the recent Appetizers and Desserts cruise to Hunting Creek off of the Miles River. Our next big event is the Seafood Feast at Lankford Marina on the Chester River. An extended cruise is scheduled for Labor Day weekend. We have reserved the Galesville Hall for our Cruising Wrap-up Party on Nov 9. A motion was passed to reimburse skippers' dockage fees for the Fourth of July Cruise.

Database: John McDonald

	Aug 2024	Aug 2023	Aug 2022
Members	257	232	248
Skippers	65	67	62
Lifetime Members	79	87	98
Lifetime Skippers	21	20	23
Inactive Members	16	18	21
Totals	438	424	452

Updating the pages on the website devoted to SOS by-laws and policies. Posting the statements of the Board candidates and details regarding the voting process to the website. All events up to and including the October 13th day sail are open for registration.

Education: Jean Gough. Recruiting both prior and new volunteers for various committees (Fireside Chats, Seminars, Spring Training, Dockside Training). Plan to redefine and reduce the number of "freebie" benefits for volunteers in order to establish a consistent basis for the benefit.

First Mates: Lora Donia. The First Mate cruise to Round Bay was a success: six sailboats participated in the event carrying 6 First Mates, 1 First Mate Candidate, and 5 crew members who are currently working on their First Mate Candidate applications. A First Mate party/meeting is planned for September 20th. The Committee continues to actively recruit First Mate Candidates.

Membership: Pat Tracey, Gail Williams. Mailings: July 2024, 5 new Membership packets and 1 skipper packet. Survey sent out to 71 new members, waiting for responses from John McDonald.

Newsletter: Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky. The 20-page August Whisker Pole was mailed to 37 members and 21 copies to Happy Hour coordinators for \$478.15 which equals to \$8.24 for each printed copy. Extensive discussion regarding how to deal with costs of printing the newsletter. The consensus was to continue with a paid printer rather than to self-print. We also agreed to print only the April and November issues for use by Happy Hour Printed copies will Coordinators. continue to be mailed to members who request and pay for them. After 11 years as Whisker Pole Editor, Shirley Brooks is retiring in December.

Public Relations: Karl Scible, Janet Gonski . (No report)

Safety: Joan Tannen. This year's Dinghy Dance was a great success ...and we were pleased that several new members attended!

Skippers Advisory: Sandy Rosswork. New skippers: two new skippers have joined in the past month. One is already a cruising participant! Skippers Annual Party: Held on July 20 at the home of Geoffrey Tobias. There were 35 participants and some good discussions ensued. Skipper mentor program: So far this sailing season, mentors have been offered to new skippers. Going forward, Bill Ostrander, the mentor coordinator, will try to assign a mentor, rather than offer one. Raft Captain coordinator: Chuck Fort. coordinator. needs more raft Captain volunteers! He was not anticipating to be raft Captain at all of the SOS rafts!

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 request 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.

Also, 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).

	August 26 Sopt. 6 Location:	Monday Thursday Zoom option only. Contact Commodore if interested in attending. commodore@singlesonsailboats.org	Board Time: Note:	I Meeting (Rescheduled from Sept. 6) 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Open to all Members.
	Sept. 7	Saturday	Week	end Day Sail
	Destination:	Skipper's Choice.	Cost:	\$19 - Member or Non-Member.
	Deadline:	Mail and Online registrations must be received by Sept. 2, (9:00pm).	Note:	Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
	Coordinator:	Dennis Krizek <u>denniskri@msn.com</u> To register and for more details, (Log on f	first) click	here: <u>9/7 Day Sail</u>
	Sept. 8	Sunday	Week	end Day Sail
	Destination:	Skipper's Choice.	Cost:	\$19 - Member or Non-Member.
	Deadline:	Mail and Online registrations must be received by Sept. 2, (9:00pm).	Note:	Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
	Coordinator:	Dennis Krizek <u>denniskri@msn.com</u> To register and for more details, (Log on f	f irst) click	here: <u>9/8 Day Sail</u>
1	Sept. 11	Wednesday	Mid-W	/eek Day Sail
	Destination:	Skipper's Choice.	Cost:	\$19 - Member or Non-Member.
	Deadline:	Mail and Online registrations must be received by Sept. 4, (9:00pm).	Note:	Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
	Coordinator:	Janet Gonski j <u>gsunset@yahoo.com</u> To register and for more details, (Log on f	first) click	here: <u>9/11 Day Sail</u>
	Sept. 14-15	Saturday – Sunday	Retur	n to the Scene Cruise
	-		•	ster Raft – Trivia Contest)
	Destination:	Drum Point, Wye River.		\$38 - Member or Non-Member.
Surface of the second sec	Deadline:	Mail and Online registrations must be received by Sept.3, (9:00pm).	Note:	Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
	Coordinator:	Cindy Turner <u>cynthia.turner@verizor</u> To register and for more details, (Log on f	<mark>n.net</mark> f irst) click	here: <u>Return to the Scene</u>

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	Sept. 20	Friday	First	Mate Meeting/Potluck
FIRST	Location:	Molly & Ned's Home	Cost:	Free to invited members,
J.	Deadline:	Annapolis, MD Mail and Online registrations must	Note:	\$10 for guests (collected at the door) By Invitation Only
MATE	Coordinator:	be received by Sept.15, (9:00pm). Meeps Yox <u>mpsyx@earthlink.net</u> To register and for more details, (Log on 1	first) click	Start at 5:30pm. Bring a dish to share here: <u>First Mates Meeting</u>
	Sept. 21-22	Saturday – Sunday	Jacob	o Gibson's Prank Cruise
	Destination:	San Domingo Creek. Off Broad	Cost:	\$38 - Member or Non-Member.
FRANK	Deadline:	Creek, Choptank River. Mail and Online registrations must be received by Sept. 10, (9:00pm).	Note:	Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
No.	Coordinator:	Lynn Gilley <u>Itgilley@verizon.net</u> To register and for more details, (Log on f	first) click	here: Prank Cruise
Л.	Sept. 25	Wednesday	Mid-W	leek Day Sail
	Destination:	Skipper's Choice.	Cost:	\$19 - Member or Non-Member.
	Deadline:	Mail and Online registrations must be received by Sept. 18, (9:00pm).	Note:	Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
	Coordinator:	Nancy Bromberg <u>nbromberg78@gm</u> To register and for more details, (Log on f		
	Sept. 28-29	Saturday – Sunday	Almos	st Oktoberfest Cruise

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F	Destination:	Castle Marina, Kent Island, Chester River. A weekend cruise with a Dockside Oktoberfest.	Cost:	\$38 - Member or Non-Member. Happy Hour. (\$15 Cash Dockside) Ozapft: at 5.00pm – 7:00pm. Walk-ins welcome.
TOBERFEST	Deadline:	Mail and Online registrations must be received by Sept. 17, (9:00pm).	Note:	Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
	Coordinator:	Laura Gwinn Laura.gwinn1953@gma To register and for more details, (Log on f		here: Oktoberfest Cruise



October 2	Wednesday	Mid-Week Day Sail	
Destination:	Skipper's Choice.	Cost:	\$19 - Member or Non-Member.
Deadline:	Mail and Online registrations must be received by Sept. 25, (9:00pm).	Note:	Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
Coordinator:	Kitty St Romain <u>k.st.romain@comcast.net</u> To register and for more details, (Log on first) click here: <u>10/2 Day Sail</u>		

Thursday October 3

Board Meeting

Location:

Zoom option only. Contact Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Commodore if interested in attending. commodore@singlesonsailboats.org

EX.	October 5-6	Saturday – Sunday	Goose	e Cruise
e	Destination:	Corsica River, off Chester River.	Cost:	\$38 - Member or Non-Member.
XX	Deadline:	Mail and Online registrations must be received by Sept. 24, (9:00pm).	Note:	Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
WHY AND	Coordinator:	Josh Graff <u>singlesonsailboats@josh</u> To register and for more details, (Log on f		
	October 12	Saturday	Week	end Day Sail
	Destination:	Skipper's Choice.	Cost:	\$19 - Member or Non-Member.
	Deadline:	Mail and Online registrations must be received by Oct. 6, (9:00pm).	Note:	Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
	Coordinator:	Tina Lavato <u>tinalav1@gmail.com</u> To register and for more details, (Log on	first) click	: here: <u>10/12 Day Sail</u>
	October 13	Sunday	Week	end Day Sail
	Destination:	Skipper's Choice.	Cost:	\$19 - Member or Non-Member.
	Deadline:	Mail and Online registrations must be received by Oct.6, (9:00pm).	Note:	Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
	Coordinator:	Tina Lavato <u>tinalav1@gmail.com</u> To register and for more details, (Log on f	ʻirst) click	here: <u>10/13 Day Sail</u>
	October 16	Wednesday	Mid-W	/eek Day Sail
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	Destination: Deadline:	Skipper's Choice. Mail and Online registrations must be received by Oct. 9, (9:00pm). Barbara Wingrove <u>bkwingrove@outl</u>	Cost: Note: ook.com	\$19 - Member or Non-Member. Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
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Debra Roane <u>MSDebraR(@verizon.net</u> To register and for more details, **(Log on first)** click here: <u>11/23 Day Sail</u>

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September 20)24	Whisker Pole		7_
	Oct. 25-27	Friday – Sunday (3 Day)	Oyste	rFest Cruise
	Destination:	St. Michaels, Miles River.	Cost:	\$57 - Member or Non-Member. There is a separate charge to attend the
(<u></u>	Deadline:	Mail and Online registrations must be received by Oct. 15, (9:00pm).	Note:	OysterFest. Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
	Coordinator:	Linda Casucci <u>casuccilj@gmail.com</u> To register and for more details, (Log on f	irst) click l	here: OysterFest Cruise
	November 2	Saturday	Week	end Day Sail
	Destination:	Skipper's Choice.	Cost:	\$19 - Member or Non-Member.
	Deadline:	Mail and Online registrations must be received by Oct. 27, (9:00pm).	Note:	Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
	Coordinator:	Linda Perkins <u>linhper@yahoo.com</u> To register and for more details, (Log on f	irst) click l	here: <u>11/2 Day Sail</u>
	November 3	Sunday	Week	end Day Sail
	Destination:	Skipper's Choice.	Cost:	\$19 - Member or Non-Member.
	Deadline:	Mail and Online registrations must be received by Oct.27, (9:00pm).	Note:	Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.
	Coordinator:	Linda Perkins <u>linhper@yahoo.com</u> To register and for more details, (Log on f	irst) click l	here: <u>11/3 Day Sail</u>
CONST.	November 7	Thursday	Board	Meeting
	Location:	Zoom option only. Contact Commodore if interested in attending. commodore@singlesonsailboats.org	Time: Note:	6:00pm to 7:00pm. Open to all Members.
e entre	November 9	Saturday		ng Appreciation (Wrap-up) ng/Party
	Destination:	Galesville Memorial Hall	Cost:	Free to invited, Participating Skippers, First Mates and Coordinators only. \$20 for Guest of Invitees.
	Deadline:	Mail and online registrations must be received by Nov. 4, (9:00pm).	Time:	BY INVITATION ONLY TBD
	Coordinator:	Carole Jordan seajay2844@gmail.cc		
()	November 17	Sunday	Brunc	h
$\sim \gg$	Location:	Double Tree Hotel,	Cost:	\$40 - Brunch.
	Speaker:	Annapolis, MD. Paul Hankins, Director of Salvage Operations and Ocean Engineering: Office	Time:	 \$44 - After deadline and walk-ins. Walk-ins CANNOT be guaranteed a seat. 11:00am Social Hour. 11:45am Brunch.
(SAN)	Topic:	of Supervisor of Salvage and Diving. Clearing the channel to the Key Bridge collapse on March 26.		1:00pm Program.
	Deadline:	Mail and Online registrations must	Note:	To be held in the 1 st Floor Mainsail Room.
	Coordinator:	be received by Nov. 10, (9:00pm). Carole Jordan <u>seajay2844@gmail.cc</u> To register and for more details, (Log on		(here: TBD

Rafting Etiquette for Boat Hoppers (Navicula hopper) By Dennis Krizek,

Cruising Co-Chair

Miss Manners was recently asked to review the etiquette of moving about the raft after the raft captain announced, " The Raft is Closed," and your skipper gave you permission to visit other boats. Please remember the following guidelines regarding etiquette for moving about the raft: Imagine the raft as a series of houses in a row, each with its own backyard. If you're in the backyard of House A and want to visit friends in the backyard of House C, you would only climb over the fence of House B if you were invited to pass through. It's important to always respect others' space and privacy, just as you would in a neighborhood setting. Similarly, if House B had a pool, you would only jump in with the permission of House B's occupants.

Furthermore, according to the New Members Handbook, <u>Cruising</u> <u>Etiquette</u>, Socializing, remember that "boat hoppers should always cross from boat to boat on the foredeck, not through the cockpit of any boat unless invited by the host skipper and/or crew." This rule is crucial for maintaining a respectful and harmonious rafting experience.

Miss Manners says to "Think of the cockpit of your boat as someone's living room or backyard and you can't go wrong." Remember, the key to good rafting etiquette is always respecting others' space and privacy.



Speaking of rafts – on September 14-15 we have the "**Return to the Scene**" **Cruise**. This cruise will take us to Drum Point, the historic site where the renowned SOS 64-boat circle raft was constructed in 2002. While we won't have enough boats this year to recreate that impressive achievement, we can look back and appreciate the remarkable effort involved in making it happen.

The article below was written by John Halstead who was the mastermind behind this accomplishment.

We Built It and YOU Came! 64 boats, 64 skippers, 163 crew members!

Over 40% of the boats in SOS and over 25% of the membership rafted in the Wye River on June 8, 2002. A day and night that will be long remembered in the annals of SOS history.

At a time when the club is undergoing many changes, and a new generation is pushing SOS to evolve in new directions, we pulled some ancient SOS history out of the archives and dusted off the fourcorner construction method for a circle raft. Though the club had evolved away from this old technique, it just seemed the right way to go with this many boats. The raft captains five (Bill Small, Dee Doyle, Suzanne Farr, Charlie Letourneau, and John Halstead) held three separate meetings beginning back in March to begin planning what we hoped would be the club's greatest raft construction effort.

Several of us arrived in the Wye River Friday evening to be unhurried with preparations and to assure that we were able to claim our space just above Drum Point. In fact, we needed to send chief negotiator **Mike Remillard** to negotiate peace with a local waterman so we could build where he had carefully laid out his trot lines. Shortly after 11 AM we began positioning the primary anchor boats at the four corners of an imaginary circle carefully calculated by Bill Small to hold precisely 63 boats. A 200-foot anchor line metered the distance between the 12 o'clock boat and the 6 o'clock boat while four 150' lines went from 12 o'clock to 3 o'clock, to 6 o'clock, to 9 o'clock. and then back to the 12 o'clock boat. The overall plan was repeatedly challenged as the wind shifted continuously during the morning, afternoon, and evening. By Sunday morning, each of the four primary anchor boats had been head into the wind at some point.

Though we publicized that the raft would open at 2:00 PM. boats began arriving shortly after 1:00 PM with those skippers and crew anxious to be there to watch what surely would be a spectacle. We opened the raft ahead of schedule and began building. Each of the four primary anchor boats had a Sector Raft Captain with a colored flag to designate their location: Red. Yellow, Green, and Blue. Arriving boats called Whisker Pole on Channel 72 and were directed to one of the colored sectors with its own Raft Captain and an alternate VHF channel for positioning in the raft. The raft building went smoothly as anchor boats and non-anchor boats were sorted out and directed to sectors that needed or could accommodate them most quickly, while strengthening the area of the raft that happened to be windward at the moment. By 5:45 PM all boats were in, including an unexpected 64th boat, and the raft was closed.

A small lake, approximately 0.7 acre in area, encompassed by the raft became a playground for dingy rides exceptionally and an large swimming hole. Walking around the entire raft was a three-hour journey. As planned, both a helicopter and a plane flew to photograph the occasion. As the sun went down, the water glistened, and the enthusiasm of the day subsided into quiet conversation, laughter, and relief. The raft slept quietly.

Susan Absher

I joined SOS in 2002. When I was asked to run for the Board, I decided it was time to up my volunteering



to this club that has been an anchor in my life. SOS members taught Bob Hohl, my then future husband, to sail and invited us along on club sails, including bareboat cruises. SOS members were comforting when Bob died, and they have helped me welcome new member Ertan Eren to the club this year.

If elected to the Board, I would support the club's commitment to Training, Safety and Outreach. These factors allow SOS to provide a variety of sailing experiences to accommodate our members' different life stages, abilities, and interests. Outreach includes social activities which both attract new members and retain existing ones, including those no longer actively sailing.

SOS has an incredible cadre of volunteers. I would support Board actions that recognize and facilitate volunteerism. We can look at procedural changes that make volunteering easier such as using Zoom for meetings, as SOS has done, or finding ways to streamline sail coordinations.

1978 SOS ELECTIONS

Did you know that when the club was founded in 1978, elections were held in December, unlike the September timeline we follow today? Back then, nominations were submitted in writing, and candidates gave platform speeches at the Town Hall Meeting, which took place in November. Printed ballots were mailed to members, who then returned them by mail once completed. The results were announced in January when the newly elected members took their seats.

At that time, the only qualifications for Board Members were a commitment to contribute a significant amount of their spare time to club activities and business, as well as a requirement to attend monthly Board Meetings.

Irene Aronian

ľve been а member of Singles on Sailboats since 2010. When I joined SOS, I'd actually NEVER been on а sailboat, but had been power



boating for about 30 years with my ex-husband.

I've participated in SOS in many ways during my 14-year membership. One of my favorite volunteer activities is helping new members to become comfortable in the club. I've hosted educational Fireside Chats, BBQs, Valentine brunches and just plain old parties to get people together. And I make a habit of calling new members to issue a personal invitation to encourage them to attend. I've found this to be a highly successful technique for improving attendance and - best of all – new members get to know their new club!

I've learned a lot about the inner workings of SOS by volunteering on various SOS committees including Social, Nominating, Coordination, Public Relations, and currently First Mates. In 2019, after I heard that discussions were taking place about cancelling Spring Training for that year, I stepped up and volunteered to take the lead as the Chair of the event. With a very small committee, we pulled it off successfully!

Professionally, I've always worked in the IT (Information Technology) field – in Sales, Marketing, and as most recently as a Project Manager until I retired during COVID. I also held several leadership positions in the Women in Technology (WIT) organization, whose mission is to "...advance women in technology from the classroom to the boardroom." I also held both the Secretary and Treasurer position on my condominium board for four years.

Joining SOS has been an enriching experience for me, enabling me to meet people with all levels of experience and from many different backgrounds careers and their lives. Our members are the most amazing people! My hope is that by serving on the SOS Board, I can make a contribution to a strong and vibrant future for SOS. I bring an open mind to this Board, along with business, management, and communication skills that are required to successfully guide and grow any organization.

Martha Haines



I appreciate your consideration of me for the SOS Board of Directors. I am excited to become more involved with the club.

First, a little background about me:

Originally from the Midwest, I am a retired municipal bond lawyer who helped states, local governments and not for profit organizations finance infrastructure using municipal bonds. I became the head of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Office of Municipal Securities and moved to Virginia with my two daughters in 1999.

Once here, I learned to sail as soon as I could through SCOW (the Sailing Club of Washington). Then I had an opportunity to sail one day on the Chesapeake and was immediately hooked! Since then, I have sailed as crew with my many sailing friends. In addition to the Chesapeake, I have sailed on charters on Lake Superior, around the US Virgin Islands, the San Juan Islands, and the Mediterranean Sea (out of Nice) among other locations.

I have been in a total of four sailing clubs over the years. I am currently a member of The Sailing Club Inc. (which does charters) and SOS. I sailed frequently with SOS until I herniated a disc in my back two years ago, which required me to pause. I am now fully recovered and sailing again. I have ASA 101, 103 and 104 certifications.

I have served on multiple boards in the past, including the boards of three small non-profits (one that supported new performing arts organizations, one a nursery school and one for both a nursery school and a food bank), two HOA boards, the Board of my church and the Welcome Club of Northern Virginia (a women's social club). I am presently serving on the Board of the Public Utilities Commission of the City of Falls Church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via the information in the SOS directory.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ray Harris



I love SOS but I fear that we are getting away from the principles that made us such a great organization during my 24 vears as а member. If I am elected to the board. I will do

my best to get us back on track, hopefully to be able to do circle rafts (which require 14 boats) every cruise! Maybe we can get lucky and have another Monster Raft (60 boats).

We have recovered from the loss of members due to Covid, but skippers continue to decline and skipper participation has also declined. Power boaters do not contribute to day sails, (nor should they.)

As a successful CEO and businessman for 20 years in my own high-tech company, my engineering, management, and financial skills offer valuable resources to SOS. I typically sail over 1000 miles a year; no one in SOS has sailed more than me for the past 2 years and probably not this year, too. As a former Cruise Chair, I introduced SOS firsts such as fun racing, the first computer-based coordination process, and a separate cruise treasurer to reduce the burden on the SOS treasurer. (Many thanks to Ed Menegaux for great help on the last two!)

I am strong believer in getting feedback from members as I did when I became Cruise Chair. I will do this through questionnaires (and meetings) and will have the results published in our (<u>fantastic!</u>) Whisker Pole along with monthly statistics on how many boats and members <u>sailed</u> that month. I will also work to get the board meetings open again to all members* and disallow board sanctions on members based on complaints that are kept secret from the sanctioned persons.**

Finally, we need to recognize that participating skippers and new members are the lifeblood of SOS. I will work to make dockside training for new members available monthly. We have the members; we need to increase the number of active skippers. Help me help SOS to do this!

Judy Hunt



In my life work I was a Fed working on Medicare legislation and then in Medicare's customer service operation. I have been an SOS member for more than 10 years and order in an Engligh

live in Eastport. I play a recorder in an English band.

I have done lots of sailing and four international trips with SOS as a fully contributing member of the crew.

I was first introduced to SOS when I became a widow over a decade ago and was looking to meet people with similar interests. I was looking to make friends who could navigate and operate boats because I had been left a power boat. That plan worked out well. SOS has given me a great outlet for meeting people who like to sail and be on the water, like I do.

My first international trip with SOS was on the French waterways with a stellar crew with whom I have sailed again and again. My roommate on this trip was a dream, and I always think of her first in any trip planning.

Another trip I went on took us to Greece. Same roommate and other remarkable SOS friends. Same great fun. We had an amazing time swimming in the Aegean, eating at restaurants recommended by the captain, sightseeing on the islands and in Athens, and of course, sailing.

When Dana Stoffregen suggested I run for the Board, I was immediately interested, though it was not something I had ever done before.

Being a member of the Board would make it much easier to become more involved with SOS. Also, I owe a debt to all of the organizers and board members who have gone before me creating such a fun and inclusive atmosphere around boating. And I like trying new things to keep my brain muscle moving.

I believe I can bring to the Board my fresh view of the organization from the perspective of a returning member. And I will bring my passion for SOS's purpose and guiding principles such as safety, courtesy, and inclusion.

Milyn Jordan



l've been an SOS member since 2012. Most of my SOS activity has been related to bareboat cruising.

I retired this year and one of the things I want to do is to become more involved in SOS. When asked to be a candidate for the board elections, I saw an opportunity to learn more about SOS and to contribute to this organization that has given me so many memorable adventures and friends.

While working, I was a Senior Director for a government contractor. I oversaw division level quality management, process improvement, data privacy, and compliance programs.

I have previously served on a non-profit board; I understand the role of the board and the purpose of the bylaws. I am a good listener.

I would be honored to receive your vote.

ELECTION OF NEW DIRECTORS

Voting for the SOS Board of Directors election will start on **September 15th.** All members eligible to cast a ballot will be emailed a link to the online ballot. Online voting closes at midnight on **September 30th**.

Members who are eligible to vote but do not have a valid email address will be mailed a paper ballot. These ballots must be postmarked no later than **October 1st**.

This year there are five seats up for elections; there are ten nominated candidates. Voters also have to option to vote for a Write-In Candidate(s).

Voting for more than five candidates will invalidate your ballot.

Results will be announced by **October 15th** in an email from the Commodore.

Whisker Pole Janet Pennewell





My love of sailing began in my teens when I learned to sail on Lake Huron with my uncle. A little later, I got involved in racing one-design Lightnings with the Severn Sailing

Association and loved every minute! I took a break from sailing to raise my family and then ended up moving to Arizona for work (not much sailing there!). Fortunately, I was able to get back to the water when I returned to the DC area in 2020 after my husband's death. I took a couple refresher courses at Annapolis Sailing School, and then joined their Keel Boat Club where I was an active participant in their Rainbow racing program, and racing on their Tartan 24 in the AYC Wednesday night races.

Joining SOS in 2022 added a whole new dimension to my sailing experience - with weekend sails on the bay, bareboat cruises, and best of all, the invaluable friendships. I have found that the more I get involved with SOS the more I get back from it - although I have to admit that I may have overdone it this year: Chairing the Social Committee, coordinating the Mallorca Bareboat trip, and taking over as Bareboat Purser.

I do have a history of getting involved in the organizations I love: from running fund raising events for charities including Susan G Komen and a Phoenix-based medical respite center, to organizing the all-night graduation party for my son's high school class. Most recently, I served on the board of the golf club my late husband and I belonged to in Scottsdale. One thing I learned from that experience was that strong clubs are led by strong boards, and that strong boards have members that bring a variety of backgrounds and experience. So I think it matters that I have have a Master's degree in Accounting and Finance, and spent my career in a variety of positions at major financial institutions. I worked my way up to becoming a senior executive at Fannie Mae in Washington DC, and then served as Chief Financial Officer of the Home Equity Division at Wells Fargo Bank. I would be delighted to have the opportunity to share this experience with our Board in the hopes of making SOS an even stronger organization.

Gabriel Ruiz



I have been in SOS for four years. The last two and a half as skipper of EUREKA.

I have been boating, on and off, since I was six years old in the waters around Cienfuegos Bay in the south of Cuba,

the waters around the island of Puerto Rico, and in the Chesapeake Bay. I enjoy beeing out there. Sailing, enjoying the breeze, the open sky, the waves, the companionship of good crew.

I have truly enjoyed the many friendships I have made in the club.

If elected, I will focus on safety, cruising and assistance to skippers.

SOS NEWSLETTER EDITOR VACANCY - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO JOIN OUR DYNAMIC TEAM!

The newsletter is a vital part of our communication strategy, and we're looking for someone with a keen eye for detail, a passion for engaging content, and a knack for making complex information accessible and enjoyable.

Skills required:

- Proficiency in Word to create the newsletter.
- Basic knowledge of Adobe Acrobat to convert the Word document to a PDF.
- Minimal knowledge of Excel to edit mailing list received from Database Chair.
- Ability to work with assistant editors who prepare defined pages: Fleet Ex, Photos, Board Notes, Happy Hours, and Classified Ads.

The current Editor will be available for training to prepare for the transition. There is also a manual for guidance.

If interested in this position, please contact any Board Member.

Rich Stewart



During my time with the government, 1 served as а technical representative on various contracts where Т was responsible for evaluating multimillion-dollar

proposals for technical acceptance, cost efficiency, performance, and adherence to specifications.

After retiring from government service, I successfully owned and managed several businesses.

In addition, I have over 20 years of experience sailing and maintaining a sailboat, with several years spent cruising along the East Coast to the Florida Keys and beyond.

As a board member, I would bring a blend of common sense and practical solutions to the table, working together with fellow board members to ensure that Singles on Sailboats remains an affordable and enjoyable experience for all members.

Susan Zevin



I am happy to be a candidate for a second term on the Board of Directors. A former member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, I have been a boater and sailor since I was six years old. My

journey with SOS began in 2018, and it has been a privilege to serve and grow with this terrific community. During the pandemic, I took on the role of Brunch Chair, navigating the challenges of organizing and "un"organizing events in unprecedented times. As an ACSM Certified Personal Trainer, in 2022 I helped develop the SOS Fit Sailor scoring system. And, I have been fortunate to serve on the Board for the last two years.

My career as a senior executive in federal science and technology departments, combined with extensive experience on the boards of various volunteer organizations (a running club, a religious group, a condominium board, my college sorority), has equipped me to manage and lead both large organizations and small teams.

Over the past year, as Commodore, I relied heavily on our wonderful Board and our dedicated veteran committee chairs. Working together, we have continuously refined our operations, events, policies, and procedures, pursued excellence, and ensured we meet the evolving needs of our members. We've worked hard to develop business cases for our budget and financials to support decision making and to ensure the financial stability of the organization. This strategic approach has allowed us to offer extensive educational and social experiences that essentially pay for themselves. We are reviewing incentives and procedural changes to grow skipper participation so that fewer crew are left ashore while our membership grows. Our SOS policies against harassment, abuse and discrimination have been updated and strengthened. The New Zealand Bare Boat proposal provided extensive and detailed information for both skippers and crew; and a new trip (to Lake Huron) already is scheduled for next September. The First Mates program has been reinvigorated to provide incentives for First Mates.

While growing a commodious, harmonious, and friendly environment within our club, I have been committed to fostering excellence in safety, education, socializing, and camaraderie. This is our BRAND. Our collective focus must be to create a positive and forward-looking atmosphere where members collaborate effectively and support one another. Our future depends on unity and a shared vision for the betterment of all. As a member of the Board, I will be committed to continuing this work, to further strengthen our community, enhance our events, and uphold the values that make SOS a remarkable organization.

Thank you for your trust and support.

New Skippers Burgee Presentation



New Skipper **David Bernhardt** receives burgee from Chuck Fort.



New Skipper **Gail Williams** receives burgee from Chuck Fort.

SOS is in Australia on Great Keppel Island off Yeppoon!

SOS members Dane Skagen and Val Mellon have been cruising the east coast of Australia on an Alden 54 ketch and proudly displaying the SOS burgee, SOS hats and SOS shirts.

Without the people we met in SOS, the skills we learned and practiced, this trip would not have been possible. We may or may not be home for Christmas!



SOS Celebrates 5th Oktoberfest

Saturday, September 28, 2024 At the Pavilion at Castle Marina, Kent Island Sail in or walk in With a Dockside Happy Hour: German Oktoberfest beer German Wines and original Bavarian Brotzeit Schmankerl Ozapft: at 5 pm – 7 pm Cost: \$15.00 not included in Sailing feel CASH DOCKSIDE



Appetizers and Desserts Cruise (All names are listed L to R)



s/v Sojourner entering the raft



Judy Barral, Cindy Kalkwarf, Jill Montgomery, and Phil Smith



Julie Day



John McDonald, and Linda Perkins



Kathy Haven, Steve Fisher, and Gabe Ruiz



Bill Kellermeyer (NM), and Gabi Van Wie



Marie Corbin, and Laura Keough



Chuck Fort The Ice Cream Man



Lora Donia

(NM) – New Member On this page, all photographs submitted by John Parsons.

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Town Hall Meeting

Photos by Samia AbdelWahed



Members listen to Board Candidates' presentations.



Catherine Fox & Suzanne Kloud



Bill Knapp & Pat Tracey



Melinda Zimmerman, Noreen McGuire, Samia AbdelWahed



Anne Kaiser, Susan Vasco, Michelle Watters



Luan Do and Ellen McBride New Members

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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 <u>ihalstead@mindspring.com</u> or 410-336-3575 11-24

BOAT FOR SALE: Pearson 388 (38') with bow thruster, motor mount, dingy with davits and 9.9 Yamaha outboard, sails, and canvas in good condition. \$60,000 Contact <u>Bkooingram@verizon.net</u> or 302-593-5236 Broker: S and J Yachts 10-24

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, Sun shades protecting the cockpit, plus more. \$150,000 Located in Annapolis. Contact Dave at Crusader Yachts, 443-850-4197 11-24



FOR SALE

15HP Yamaha 2 stroke outboard engine for sale. Bought new 4 years ago, but is too heavy for new dinghy. Lightly used and serviced by the Yamaha dealer on Kent Island. Located in Wells Cove Marina behind the Hilton Garden Inn at the Kent Narrows, Slip A-17. Bought new for \$2,400; asking \$1,200. Contact Peter Breit at 484-437-3262 or beneteau461@gmail.com. 9-24

DO YOU NEED CREW?

Seasoned SOS skipper and boat owner available to assist/crew for other SOS skippers in local, regional, or long-distance boat deliveries. Have sailed many SOS bareboat charters, monohulls up to 54' and catamarans up to 52'. Please call Dana Stoffregen at 215-350-7553 for further discussions. 10-24

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Skippers Advisory: Sailing vouchers: Extensive discussion was held concerning possible changes to voucher program. A motion to limit vouchers to one per skipper per year was introduced and seconded, but final action was deferred. In light of the information provided by Cruising Committee re skipper and crew participation - we have an abundance of members who want to sail, with an insufficient number of participating skippers and boats to take them out, and the business case on the cost of the voucher program provided by Craig Coltharp, it is clear that there needs to be a thorough review of the skipper activation and voucher program policies in order to encourage participation by more skippers so that fewer crew are left ashore. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed to perform the review and recommend changes for the new fiscal year. Sandra Rosswork will chair the group.

Social: Janet Pennewell . Anniversary Party – Port Annapolis, June 29, Event Co-Chairs: Noreen McGuire and Melinda Zimmerman. This event was sold out with 120 attendees, and overall we got great feedback on the party. People seemed to enjoy the optional wine tasting. And we seemed to price it right for the venue – netting a couple hundred dollars at the end of the day. Seafood Feast – Lankford Bay Marina, August 17, Event Co-Chairs: Janet Pennewell and Betsy Schreitmueller. We have 57 confirmed attendees so far, including 8 skippers. Crabs are optional this year – with the price being about \$10 less for members who choose to go without.

Old Business:

New Business:



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****NO SEPT HH, Next HH Oct 2nd****NOVA/DC:SeptSept5:00-7:00 PMMYLO'S GRILL, in the back dining room, 6238 Old DominionDr,McLean,VA.21218.703-533-5880www.mylosgrill.comCOORDINATOR:HOPE – hopeda@verizon.net

1st Wednesday****NEW LOCATION****BALTIMORE:Sept 4thFADENSONNEN (Food offered by Chachi's), 3 West 23rdMT WASHINGTON TAVERN, 5700 Newbury St., Baltimore,MD 21029.410-367-6903.Email coordinator to be added tonotification email.www.mtwashingtontavern.comCoord:JOSH singlesonsailboats@JoshuaGraff.com

 ELLICOTT CITY:
 Sept 12th
 5:00-7:30 PM

 La Palapa Grill, 8307 Main Street, Ellicott City MD 21043
 410-465-0070 www.lapalapagrill.com

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3rd Wednesday

WILMINGTON:Sept 18th5:30 PMTIMOTHY'SRestaurant and Bar, 930 Justison Street,Wilmington, DE19801 Wilmington Riverfront by Blue RockStadium, facing the waterfront. Drink and appetizer specialsuntil 7PM. 302-429-7427 www.timothysontheriverfront.comCOORDINATOR:JULIE-jafort@comcast.net

3rd Thursday ROCKVILLE:

Sept 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

CORDINATOR: DEBBIE - hidebbieg@yahoo.com

3rd Thursday

KENT ISLAND:Sept 19th5:00–7:00 PMTHE DOCK HOUSE,110 Piney Narrows Road, Chester,MD 21619.443-446-4477Www.dockhouseresturant.comCOORDINATOR:GAIL – gail@islandship.com

4th Thursday

PHILLY AREA:Sept 26th4:30 PMDiFabios, 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:

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4th Thursday ANNAPOLIS:

Sept 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 <u>www.coconutjoesmd.com</u> **COORDINATOR:** JEAN- jgough4you@gmail.com



Annapolis: Happy Hour

Left to right: Kevin Garvey, Linda Perkins, Jack McKim, Janet Pennewell, Melinda Zimmerman, Dennis Krizek, Patty Stott, Stacey Popicg, Irene Aronian, Sandy Rosswork, Ray Harris, Dave Tuttle, Emil Becker.



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