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November 17th Brunch

Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis

CLEARING THE BALTIMORE CHANNEL AFTER THE KEY BRIDGE COLLAPSE

Our November brunch speaker, Paul Hankins, was a key player in leading the salvage efforts required to clear the Baltimore Channel and reopen access to the Port of Baltimore after the collapse of the Key Bridge on March 26th. The collapse of the Key Bridge required immediate mobilization of salvage assets as well as coordination of multiple salvage efforts across the breadth of the response.

Paul is a senior executive civilian holding the title of the Director of Salvage Operations within the office of the [U.S. Navy] Supervisor of Diving and Salvage and Director of Ocean Engineering. This team, known as SUPSALV, is part of the Naval Sea Systems Command located in the Washington Navy Yard. SUPSALV supports the Army Corps of Engineers in their mission of maintaining federal waterways.

Paul will describe how the channel was successfully cleared within 77 days.

December 15th Brunch

150th Anniversary of
Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse

John Potvin, Lighthouse Manager will share the history of the last surviving Screwpile lighthouse in the world, in its original location. Built in 1875, it is

still acting as a navigational buoy today, 150 years later. Hear about the history of the lighthouse and bringing it to the age of automation. This presentation will feature the formation of a collaborative group to restore the lighthouse and provide public access. He started working as a volunteer Preservationist in 2015, then trained to be a Docent and provided guided tours to tourists. In his new capacity as the Manager, he has many responsibilities including the restoration of the structure and has raised over half a million dollars for its restoration.

Night Sailing Seminar November 16th

Have you ever been curious about night sailing but felt unsure of your skills?



Join us for an informative seminar where Geoffrey Tobias will address your questions and share his extensive knowledge of night sailing, honed through years of blue water and coastal experiences.

Geoff has dedicated over forty years to representing ship owners at the Port of Baltimore, as the *principal* and chair of the Admiralty practice group at Ober Kaler, now Baker Donelson, a highly regarded national law firm. He is a graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy and Georgetown University Law Center.

With the skills you'll learn in this seminar, you'll be ready to set sail under the next full moon! While the content is geared toward moderately experienced sailors, everyone is welcome to attend.

New Board Members

Congratulations to the newly elected Board Members who will be seated November 7th and officers elected at that time.

**Irene Aronian
Janet Pennewell
Gabriel Ruiz
Rich Stewart
Susan Zevin**

They will join the following Board Members who remained on the Board:

**Doug Gage
Bob Morrow
Karl Scible
Michelle Watters**

New Newsletter Editor

Welcome to **Julie Fort** who is the new Whisker Pole Editor.

She will assume this position next month and will retain the same Editor's email:

editorwhiskerpole@yahoo.com

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Susan Zevin, Commodore



Dear Fellow Sailors,

This is the season we cherish most—prime sailing weather, with the October winds filling our sails. It's a time to be present, not rushing toward Thanksgiving or the New Year, but appreciating the gentle warmth of an autumn sun and the rhythm and percussion of water against the hull. These days offer us space for reflection, free from the distractions of repairs, haul outs, or barnacle scrubs. We can take bearings on where we are and chart a new course for where we want to go.

Recently, *Yolo's* anchor chain became entangled by a massive ball of sea grass. It was too heavy on the chain for the windlass to pull up the anchor! The crew struggled, laying over the bow on the anchor roller, windlass and chain: We spent many uncomfortable minutes peeling away strands and clumps of the heavy tangle with a fully extended boat hook. Only then, with the burden removed, could we move forward.

This experience seems a metaphor for what we must do each year for our club. Sometimes, we need to lean uncomfortably forward, confront what's slowing us down, and untangle the processes or challenges holding us back. It can be hard, tedious, awkward, but it's necessary. By clearing away the "clumps" of outdated procedures or the tangle of missteps, we can set a clearer course for the future.

Thanks to our hardworking Board and dedicated Committee Chairs, we've made tremendous progress this year: a solid budget, entertaining brunches, a successful cruising season, memorable parties (despite the thunderstorms!), warm fireside chats,

educational seminars and safety days, beautiful bareboat trips, recruitment of new members and skippers, an improved online presence, a new, streamlined volunteering system.

Now, it's time to grab the boat hook again and clear any organizational tangles, pull away the operational "clumps." We've just elected a fresh Board of Directors—welcome to Irene, Gabe, Janet, Susan and Rich, who join Doug, Bob, Michelle, and Karl who are continuing. Soon, we'll also have new and returning Committee Chairs.

Members, **please help us!** We want to hear from you: What are the tangles you see? Where are the heavy "clumps" of procedural weeds? What processes or obstacles are weighing us down? What tools can help us pull away those obstacles? What course shall we sail into the new year together? Let's navigate our course, clear-headed and ready for the future. Please contact me or any Board members, all listed in this version of the Whisker Pole. Let us know your thoughts, please step forward, help us out.

Happy fall cruising,

Susan, Commodore

Welcome New & Returning Members

Steve Bright – Arlington VA
 Joe Hotung – Gaithersburg MD
 Soraya Howard – Sterling VA
 Leslie Ketterman – Upper Marlboro
 Victoria Rusakova – Bethesda MD
 Mike Sipala – Rock Hall MD

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Unofficial Board Notes October 3, 2024

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

Commodore: Susan Zevin

Secretary: Doug Gage — Minutes of the August 26, 2024 (early September) BOD Meeting were approved.

Vice Commodore: Karl Scible. Have arranged a team to certify the Board Nominee results: Carole Jordan, John McDonald, Craig Coltharp and Bob Wright.

Treasurer: Craig Coltharp

Club Checking Account	9,110
Hi-Yield Savings Account	13,593
Club Credit Card 4795	(2,948)
Bareboat Account	57,190
7-month CD	60,475

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bareboat: Deb Kauffman

Fall 2024 Mallorca Coordinator: Janet Pennewell

August 31 – September 7. Refund checks calculated, approved and forwarded to Treasurer for processing. Survey sent for trip feedback.

Spring 2025 New Zealand Coordinator: Deborah Kauffman

Weeks of February 22, 2025 and March 1, 2025. Eight boats have been secured. 32 signups: 8 skippers, 29 crew. Three crew currently on wait list.

Fall 2025 Lake Huron Coordinator: Carole Jordan

Canadian Yacht Charter. Board has approved the trip. 8 skippers have committed – 8 monohulls, 1 catamaran. Boat deposits were paid on October 1.

Brunch: Suzanne Vaughn: Sunday, November 17, 2024 will be the first Brunch of the new season. Paul Haskins (of SUPSALV) will be speaking about the salvage recovery of the Key Bridge disaster, with photographs. December 8, our guest speaker will be John Potvin, Manager of the Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse. The two remaining brunches are January 12, 2025 and March 9, 2025, but the March 9 date will likely change to coincide with the date for Spring Training. The Brunch price has been raised to \$40.00, \$44.00 for late reservations and walk-ins.

Cruising: Carole Jordan and Dennis Krizek: Plans are in process for the October sailing events. The location and caterer have been secured for the November 9 Wrap-up. Invitations for the Wrap-up will go to all skippers who have sailed this year, as well as those First Mates who have sailed and to all the coordinators.

We have been asked by the Education Chair to absorb the Dockside Training for next April into the Cruising program and we have agreed, since it is basically a process of matching interested crew with volunteer skippers. It has been suggested that another Dockside Training opportunity be offered a little later in the season, in order to acclimate the members who join after April.

We have been recruiting both a committee chair or chairs and a cruising committee to continue for the 2025 sailing season. Any suggestions are welcome.

Database: John McDonald

Activated Boats				
	Weekend Cruiser	Day Sailor	Decision Pending	Available To Sail
Monohulls	54		18	54
Catamaran	3			3
Trimaran	2	1		3
Power Boat	5			5
			Total	65

	Oct 2024	Oct 2023	Oct 2022
Members	264	240	255
Skippers	68	69	64
Lifetime Members	79	87	98
Lifetime Skippers	21	20	23
Inactive Members	16	18	21
Totals	448	434	461

2025 Dues and Membership Renewal:

Will need the dues amount each member type will be required to pay for 2025. Renewal for 2025 will start November 1st. Notices will be sent on the first of the months November, December and January, then prior to the end of January. On February 1 a list of members who have not renewed will be compiled so that those members can be contacted and encouraged to renew.

Education: Jean Gough

Facilities Use Request has been submitted to Anne Arundel Community College for Spring Training 2025. Follow-up regarding dates expected from AACC in the first week in November. Spring Training Committee has 4 “new” members. Individual familiarization training meetings have been held with two of the new subcommittee chairs to turn over specific documents, procedures and all of the digital support materials for their committees. Education Committee Potluck meeting took place Sept 30: all subcommittees, except Seminars, have their team leads. Introduced 4 new team members, discussed budget, discussed 2025 events, and checked in on any subcommittees needing support for 2025. Looking for new Education Chair for next year.

First Mates: Lora Donia. A First Mate meeting was held on September 20th to discuss recruitment, FM sailing requirements, and proposed educational sessions for the coming year. First Mates are reminded that they are expected to sail one weekend (or 2 day sails) as a First Mate at least once during the sailing season. The First Mate program welcomes our newest candidate, Deb Kuba. A motion was adopted stating that FMs will not pay the cruising fee, whether placed as working FM or not.

Membership: Pat Tracey, Gail Williams. Six new members were mailed a New Member packet in September 2024. Gail will retire as co-chair after November, lining up a replacement...

Newsletter: Shirley Brooks-Hollendursky. The 20-page October Whisker Pole was mailed to 40 members and 0 Happy Hour Coordinators at a cost of \$346.20. This equals to \$8.66 per printed copy. Expenditure of \$350 was authorized for Acrobat Pro 2020 for Julie Fort, who will take over as Editor beginning with the December 2024 issue.

Public Relations: Karl Scible, Janet Gonski. Public Relations has been in touch with volunteers from last year's Lights Parade and we are setting up work dates to de-construct last year's design as well as organize for a new version. We will reach out to last year's work crew members and to a few others who have already expressed interest, and to ask them each to invite a mentee or a new-ish member they may have met to share a work session or two.

Safety: Joan Tannen. Nothing new to report this month.

Skippers Advisory: Sandy Rosswork. One new skipper joined in September. Also, one new "pending" skipper is working on completing his profile.

Social: Janet Pennewell. Have been working to get tentative dates lined up for next year's Anniversary Party at Port Annapolis (June 21-22) and the Seafood Feast at Lankford (August 16-17). Assembling a complete notebook of documentation

around this year's events. Need someone to organize regional pre-Thanksgiving dinners, or won't happen — NOT part of Social Committee portfolio. Need a new Social Chair for next year.

Old Business:

The Ad Hoc committee charged with looking broadly at issues affecting skippers and the club sailing program (Sandra Rosswork, Chair, Chuck Fort, Carole Jordon, Dennis Krizek, Craig Coltharp, and Susan Zevin), has met twice, and presented a number of recommendations.

Issue: Cost to Sail. The current administrative fee charged by SOS to sail for a day is \$19. The recommendation is to raise this to \$24, beginning with the 2025 sailing season. This will be considered in discussion of the 2025 Budget at the next BOD meeting.

Issue: Definition of "skipper". Several different terms, data lists, and procedures are currently used to define and count SOS skippers. The committee has recommended a number of changes in order to be more transparent and accurate,

Issue: Skipper Participation.

There are not enough participating skippers who sail regularly on SOS cruises to handle the number of crew signed up for many sails. To increase skipper participation, a series of incentives for several levels of skipper participation were formally adopted, conferring varying benefits, including up to 3 vouchers which may be used at a major party or brunch.

Issue: Guest Skippers. The current formal requirement for an SOS skipper to obtain the approval of Skippers Advisory chair before inviting another skipper to sail with them to an SOS event was eliminated.

New Business:

Extensive discussion of 2025 Spring Training volunteer fee allowances (pay full, pay half, or free) — do they get to see the classes they want; do they eat... Consideration of this was deferred to the New Board at next BOD meeting.

Cruising Column

Carole Jordan &
Dennis Krizek, Co-Chairs



We would like to thank all of our gracious skippers, competent First Mates and able-bodied crew for a fabulous 2024 Sailing Season!

We were able to enjoy and complete nearly all of the scheduled sailing days on the calendar, including 15 overnight cruises, four multi-day cruises, numerous day sails, and one long extended cruise (the CBDB)!

Of course, this could not have been possible without the dedication and positive attitude of the many coordinators, who patiently arranged and offered crew to skippers....and dealt with the subsequent rearranging that is part of the process. Thank you, thank you!

We will celebrate the end of the season with a Wrap-up party for all participating skippers, FMs and coordinators on November 9th.

Welcome aboard to our new Cruising Co-chairs, Dana Stoffregen and Laura Keough!! They agreed to head the schedule and committee for the 2025 season!!

They will be sending out a query to all members of the club, asking for input on cruising destinations, ideas and, looking to build a committee of workers to help.

If you are willing and interested in keeping our club active and "afloat", please don't hesitate to contact Dana or Laura OR just sign up on this link:

https://ss.memberclicks.net/index.php?searchword=volunteer&ordering=&searchphrase=all&option=com_search

Thanks to all! It's been fun!

The Lights Parade in Comfort December 14th

We did it last year, we plan to do it again this year – on December 14th. With gratitude to a willing skipper and his boat, we need lots of volunteers to participate in decorative design, crewing back and forth from home marina to Annapolis dock, riding the boat the night of and other supporting roles (ferrying crew back to cars, providing lunch for decorating team, etc.)

Let me know you are interested and willing to help (Janet Gonski at JGSunset@yahoo.com) and we will figure out roles and timing via a zoom meeting in early November.

Watch the Lights Parade in Comfort

Watch the forty or more boats of the Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade burst into light on Saturday, December 14, at 6:00 PM. Enjoy the parade in warmth and comfort from a waterfront room at the Annapolis (Marriott) Waterfront Hotel. See this wonderful show of splendid color and twinkling lights with each boat decorated in a Christmas theme. Avoid the cold and wintry night and join your friends at the Annapolis (Marriott) Waterfront Hotel to watch the Parade and to cheer the SOS entry as the boat passes by our waterfront balcony. **Drinks** and eats will be available in the room starting at about 5:00 PM.

Our overview of the Lights Parade will be fantastic from a large



balcony which gives a view of "Ego Alley" and the immediate waterfront. This is a fantastic opportunity for photographers to capture a winning view of this colorful holiday event.

The cost for this event will be \$62.00 per person. Send your check made out to SOS, to Sandy Roswork (511 Chesapeake Ave, Annapolis, 21403). Beer, wine, sodas, and sandwiches will be provided. Participants are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert.

Email Sandy Roswork sgrosswork@aol.com for more information, to sign up and to indicate which dish you plan to bring.

Don't wait too long....attendance must be limited due to the size of the room!! Email Sandy Roswork at sgrosswork@aol.com .

Parking will not be provided at the hotel. Park in Eastport and walk across the bridge, or park at one

of the city garages and take the free shuttle into town. The hotel room will be open from about 4:30 PM. The Parade starts at 6:00 PM and the Spa Creek Bridge will open about then to let the boats through. Traffic will be heavy as time gets closer to the start of the parade.

Oh yes.....what happens to the room when the party is over?? Well, the plan is to draw a name from those who have signed up and..... the lucky winners will be able to stay for the night.



Christmas Day Dinner

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

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



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.



November 2 Saturday

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by Oct. 27, (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Mindy Kinsey berryberry@comcast.net
 To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [11/2 Day Sail](#)

Weekend Day Sail

Cost: \$19 - Member or Non-Member.

Note: Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.



November 2 Saturday

Location: Private home/Community building Sherwood Forest, Annapolis, MD. Directions prior to event.
Host: Mindy Kinsey.

Deadline: There will be no Online signup for this event, please RSVP by email directly, by Oct. 30, (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Mindy Kinsey berryberry@comcast.net

Backyard Gathering/Bowling Evening

Cost: \$5-10 to cover space & incidentals. Potluck/BYOB. (Check with Host for Preference).

Time: 5:30pm to 9:00pm
 Limit 30 persons.

Note: Non-Members must be accompanied by Member. No Smoking, no walk-ins. See additional details in the Whisker Pole.



November 3 Sunday

Destination: Skipper's Choice.
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by Oct. 27, (9:00pm).

Coordinator: Mindy Kinsey berryberry@comcast.net
 To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [11/3 Day Sail](#)

Weekend Day Sail

Cost: \$19 - Member or Non-Member.

Note: Non-Member may sail once with a Member and must mail a separate Registration Form with a check to the coordinator.



November 7 Thursday

Location: TBD - In-Person meeting because it will be the transition meeting to the new BOD.
commodore@singlesonsailboats.org

Board Meeting

Time: 6:00pm to TBD.
Note: Open to all Members.

**November 9 Saturday****Destination:** Galesville Memorial Hall.**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by Nov. 4, (9:00pm).**Coordinator:** Carole Jordan seajay2844@gmail.comTo register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [Wrap-up Meeting](#)**Cruising Appreciation (Wrap-up) Meeting/Party****Cost:** Free to invited Participating Skippers, First Mates and Coordinators only.
\$20 for Guest of Invitees.**Time:** 11:00am to 3:00pm.**BY INVITATION ONLY.****November 16 Saturday****Location:** Edgewater Library.
25 Stepneys Lane
Edgewater, MD 21037.**Speaker:** Geoffrey Tobias.
Topic: Night Sailing - a personal perspective.
No legal advice offered.**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must be received by Nov. 9 (9:00pm).**Coordinator:** Jean Gough jgough4you@gmail.comTo register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [TBD](#)**Seminar – Night Sailing****Cost:** \$10.**Time:** 10:30am – Noon.**Note:** Coffee and Snacks provided.**November 17 Sunday****Location:** Double Tree Hotel,
Annapolis, MD.**Speaker:** Paul Hankins, Director of Salvage
Operations and Ocean Engineering:
Office of Supervisor of Salvage and
Diving.**Topic:** Clearing the channel to the Key Bridge
collapse on March 26.**Deadline:** Mail and Online registrations must
be received by Nov.10, (9:00pm).**Coordinator:** Carole Jordan seajay2844@gmail.comTo register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: [November Brunch](#)**Brunch****Cost:** \$40 - Brunch.

\$44 - After deadline and walk-ins.

Walk-ins CANNOT be guaranteed a seat.**Time:** 11:00am Social Hour. 11:45am Brunch.
1:00pm Program.**Note:** To be held in the 1st Floor Mainsail Room.**December 5 Thursday****Location:** Zoom option only. Contact
Commodore if interested in attending.
commodore@singlesonsailboats.org**Board Meeting****Time:** 6:00pm to 7:00pm.**Note:** Open to all Members.**December 14 Saturday****Location:** Annapolis Waterfront Hotel,
Marriott's Autograph Collection,
Annapolis, MD.**Coordinator
and Hostess:** Sandy Rosswork.
sgrosswork@aol.com**Parade of Lights Viewing****Cost:** \$62 per person. Plus, bring an appetizer or
dessert.**Time:** 5:00pm in room, 6:00pm Parade starts.**Note:** Contact the coordinator directly.**Space limit of 25.**

**December 15 Sunday**

Location: Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD.
Speaker: John Potvin, Manager of the Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse.
Topic: We will help him begin celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the lighthouse.
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by Dec. 10, (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Samia AbdelWahed Samia.wahed@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: TBD

Brunch

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

Note: To be held in the Coastal Room.

**December 25 Monday**

Location: Home of Barbara Mistrik, Edgewater, MD.
Only vaccinated members, please.
Deadline: December 21.
Coordinator: Call Barbara Mistrik via phone only, **AFTER DECEMBER 1.** 410 956-1445. Be prepared to request your buffet contribution.

Christmas Day Dinner – Annapolis Area

Cost: \$10 and Food contribution.
Note: This is NOT an on-line coordination. Coordination is thru Barbara directly via phone.
Note: Last minute? Call Barbara to see if space is available. There is a limit.

**January 2 Thursday**

Location: Zoom option only. Contact Commodore if interested in attending. commodore@singlesonsailboats.org

Board Meeting

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

**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's race officials at the 2024 Olympic Games, on-site in Marseille, France.
Deadline: Mail and Online registrations must be received by Jan. 7, (9:00pm).
Coordinator: Linda Casucci casuccilj@gmail.com
 To register and for more details, (**Log on first**) click here: TBD

Brunch

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

Note: To be held in the Coastal Room.

The Doubletree Hotel, 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD, 21401

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

Edgewater Library, 25 Stepneys Lane, Edgewater, MD 21037

- From Rt 2 South, turn left onto Mayo Road for 0.8 mile
- Turn right onto Stephneys Lane for 0.1 mile
- Turn right into Library parking lot.



Awards, Awards, and More Awards

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

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

So, What Are the Serious Board Awards?

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

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

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

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

Seeking Database Administrator

After many years of dedicated service, our Database Administrator, John McDonald, has decided to step down. We are now seeking a successor for this important role. If you are interested in assuming the position or would like to serve on the committee, please reach out to Commodore Susan Zevin.

Committee Responsibilities:

1. Collaborate closely with the database contractor to ensure timely and accurate service delivery.
2. Partner with Committee Chairs and the Board of Directors to address their database and SOS Internet operations and security effectively.

Key Tasks:

1. Notify the general membership regarding annual dues.
2. Ensure that electronic communication systems are functioning efficiently.
3. Work with the Cruising Committee to prepare necessary reports for cruise coordination.
4. Ensure that all Committee events are posted to the Event Calendar in a timely manner.
5. Ensure the automated election process for new Board Members goes smoothly.
6. Maintain monthly updates to the database.
7. Monitor and recommend improvements to email services provided by the database contractor.
8. Prepare a monthly committee report for the board.
9. Develop an annual budget for the data base committee
10. Assist committees that require support in sending communication blasts.

Thank you for considering this opportunity. Your contributions are vital to our continued success.

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

Have you taken **stellar shots** of this year's SOS activities? If so, keep on shooting! If not, start taking photos to be submitted to the 2024 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** have been the photographer and your submission will not be accepted (unless on a tripod with a timer, which is acceptable). A photo does not necessarily have that event as a theme (a picture of Annie Anchorage at a raft-up or the sunset seen from a raft-up is acceptable, even though there is nothing in the picture to prove that it was taken at a raft-up or cruise.) We are on the "Honor System". An SOS event can be cruising, day-sail, a brunch, seminar, destination cruise, shore party, etc. Happy Hours are **not included**.

2. Each photo **must** identify at which SOS event it was taken and the name of the photographer.

3. This is an amateur photographer contest. Professional photographers - i.e. anyone who earns more than 50 percent of his or her annual income from photography – are excluded from the contest.

4. Each member may submit up to a **total of eight (8) photos**. The photographs should be submitted in a 5" x 7" format or the coordinator will crop it for you.

5. Photos may **NOT** be edited to achieve color balance that reflects the scene as you observed it. Heavily manipulated photos are **not** eligible. Cropping is the only acceptable edit. We ask the photographer to 'Suggest' a category, but the Judge has the discretion to change the category.

Categories: People, Bay scenes (including sunsets), Sailboats (sailboats under sail, raft-ups), and Destination

Cruises. The Destination Cruises category includes photos taken during the actual SOS destination cruises and photos taken on days when traveling prior to or after a destination cruise, provided the photos are from the same area. (A destination cruise of the Mediterranean may **not** include photos from a layover in Amsterdam.)



Other Useful information: Submit your photos in digital format. Send photos attached to emails, Drop Box or contact Bob Wright for instructions to upload 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

2024 Call for Photos Wanna See Yourself in Film?

Each year SOS presents a Retrospective video, a compilation of photos taken in or at club activities, on land and on the water, starring YOU, our members! Prepared by John Parsons, the results are sure to be exciting! We know there are many photographers out there who have taken stunning photos of boats, people, and places, and we want to include them in the Retrospective. Please send your photographs taken in 2024 to John so he can compile a presentation that will bring back memories of this year that will be sure to make us laugh, exchange stories, and tell tall tales about our adventures. Smart phone photos are acceptable. Identify at which SOS event the photos were taken. Please send the photos to John Parsons at johnparsons_9@msn.com.



Almost Oktoberfest Cruise & Party

(All names are listed L to R)



Melinda Zimmerman
(submitted by Melinda Z)



Jill Montgomery and
Phil Smith (by Melinda Z)



Samia AbdelWahed and
Dennis Krizek (by JFP)



Cindy Kalkwarf and
Gabi Van Wie (by JFP)



Lorraine Panaccio
and Peter Breit (by JFP)



Ben Fulton and Teresa
Scofield (by JFP)



Nancy Parsons and
Mindy Kinsey (by JFP)



Rita Svec and Marge Stemble
(by Melinda Z)



Cindy Kalkwarf and Melinda
Zimmerman (by JFP)

Photographs submitted by John Parsons (JFP) or Melinda Zimmerman (Melinda Z)

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

First Mate Meeting & Party

(All names are listed L to R)



Ned Schwartz (FM-Host) and Molly Harrison (Hostess)



Meeps Yox (FME), Melinda Zimmerman (FMC) & Lora Donia (FM & Chair)



Lora Donia (FM & First Mate Advisory Chairperson)

Goose Cruise



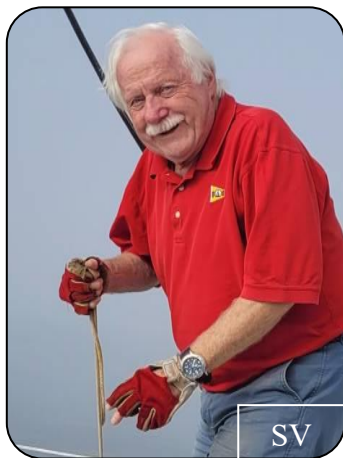
Carole Jordan



Gabi Van Wie and Kerry Siebein



Chuck Fort, Raft Captain



Peter Breit



Daniel Meier Jr.



Noreen McGuire and Melinda Zimmerman

All FM Meeting Photographs submitted by John Parsons

Photographs submitted by: Samia Abdelwahed (SAW), Josh Graff (JG), or Suzanne Vaughn (SV)

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

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Nancy Briggs, Classified Page Editor

BOATS FOR SALE

BOAT FOR SALE: The time has come, "Drambuie" needs a new owner. One owner, 1985 Bavaria 960 (32') Sloop. Great sailing, well-built boat with nearly new sails. Sailed hard for many years, needs some TLC. Severn House slip on Back Creek available to new owner. Realistically priced. For details, contact John Halstead at jhalstead@mindspring.com 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 Bkooingram@verizon.net 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

**Lake Huron Bareboat**

In 2009, ten boats full of SOS sailors made the journey to Gore Bay, Ontario to sail for a week on the beautiful waters of the North Channel of Lake Huron. This was a very different bareboat for us....no Caribbean blue waters, no beachside bars, no museums to visit, no 5-star restaurants. Just cool breezes, clean water, great sailing and amazing scenery. We all came back with an appreciation for the area and the wonderful people we met. The charter company was wonderful.

Well, it's time to go back!! In early September 2025, we will revisit the waters and boats of the Canadian Yacht Charters in Gore Bay! Visit their website to see the video on the main page: www.cycnorth.com. Several skippers have already chosen their boats and will be shortly looking for crew. If you are interested, please contact Bareboat chair Deb Kauffman or Cruise Coordinator Carole Jordan.

What to expect? The destination can be reached by car in approximately 12 hours with an overnight stop. It is also possible to reach by air, although more difficult.

We will embark to Manitoulin Island by ferry from Tobermory, Ontario. From the website: "Imagine pink granite islands, millions of years old, covered with windswept pines and scattered throughout a 120-mile expanse of the bluest freshwater in the world. Dozens of untainted anchorages, secret gunkholes and quaint harbor towns make up this "Boater's Paradise". This supreme waterway offers breath-taking scenery, and solitude yet is within close reach of services and all amenities."

If you are interested in seeing a map of the area, see the link to Google maps on the bottom of the cyc.north.com homepage.



Welcome to the SOS
Happy Hour page!
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for a Happy Hour
event in your area.
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updates or new
information about Happy
Hours to Jill Montgomery
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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
NOVA/DC: **Nov 6th 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 - hopedav@verizon.net**

1st Wednesday **NEW LOCATION******
BALTIMORE: **Nov 6th 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 Thursday
ELLCOTT CITY: **Nov 14th 5:00-7:30 PM**
La Palapa Grill, 8307 Main Street, Ellicott City MD 21043 410-465-0070 www.lapalapagrill.com
COORDINATORS: **KATHY - miskathha@gmail.com**
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3rd Wednesday
WILMINGTON: **Nov 20th 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: **Nov 21st 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.dockhouserestaurant.com
COORDINATOR: **TBD-**

4th Thursday
PHILLY AREA: **Nov 28th 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 - mary.payne@comcast.net**

4th Tuesday **NEW DAY (Nov ONLY)******
ANNAPOLIS: **Nov 26th 5:00-7:00 PM**
Coconut Joe's Bar & Grill (formerly The Pier), 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, MD. Rt 2 on south side of South River bridge. If we're not in the bar area we'll be in the enclosed, heated UPPER deck. 443-837-6057 www.coconutjoesmd.com
COORDINATOR: **JERE - jerewglover@msn.com**



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Winter Activities

Day Sails: Nov 2 & Nov 3

Brunches: Nov 17 & Dec 15

Parade of Lights: Dec 14

Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner: Nov 23