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Dear Fellow Seabreeze Enthusiast:

Enclosed is an addendum to our June 1993 roster, adding 17 new boats to the 57 listed at that time. The total of 74 is a substantial improvement over the 34 that were listed in my original February 1993 mailing. We're now up to 55% of all the Seabreezes built and I thank all of you who have helped me to enlarge the list. (Personal introductions are great; brokers' listings and boatyard sightings don't help much.)

This addendum has been prepared on a MacIntosh using Filemaker-4 software and a friend's laser printer. I'm finally free of the limitations of my word processor and look forward to getting the entire roster on the Mac, which will essentially eliminate any memory or sorting limitations. I hope to have a complete re-do of the roster, including any additions that may come along, in print in June. If you have any corrections or comments on the existing tabulation, now is the time to let me know. Incidentally, I take an occasional hit for being hard to reach by phone. I'm not. My privacy costs me a few dollars each year, but my friends can call me at (516) 968-5082.

In the way of long-range planning, I have two notions to try out on the membership. The Atlantic City Sail Expo has obviously become quite a substantial event. While it has been many years since I've had even a faint urge to visit a boat show, a local boatbuilder friend tells me that an association such as ours would have no trouble being assigned a room for a meeting, and I would like to get to know more of my fellow Seabreeze owners. While it is obviously too late to consider such a thing this year, I would like to know how many of you would be interested in scheduling a meeting or dinner in Atlantic City in February 1995. A million years ago, when there were Motor Boat Shows at the New York Coliseum, I remember attending Thistle Class Association meetings at the New York Yacht Club, and Ambhibi-Con Association meetings at the Harvard Club, that were scheduled during the week of the show.

The other notion concerns some sort of modest publication (maybe some 8½ x 11 pages stapled together) detailing your favorite modifications or up-grades to the boats, again for late 1994 or early 1995 distribution. If each of you who have one or more such favorite installations would write a brief description (300 to 400 words max) and take a photograph or two or make a sketch, and send me the resulting package, I will undertake to edit them into some sort of a booklet. The only thing I will promise is that I won't lose them and will return them to you, whatever use I may be able to make of them. I, for one, would dearly like to see pictures of the pilot berth converted to storage area, and know more about the refrigeration installations, how they work and what modifications were required. If I could put such a booklet together, we have an owner who has volunteered his newspaper connections to get it published. Then all we'll need is an altruistic mailing service.

The subject of aluminum centerboards is still a popular one, but at least two owners seem to have found a solution, re-fair and encapsulate in fiberglass and epoxy. Contact Roy Harvey (#127) and Henry Ellis (#118) for guidance. The subject of deck leaks has abated, but I now have my own problem - a minor but troublesome cabin leak that I've traced to within the seahood. Being instinctively opposed to major surgery, I'm at a loss to imagine an easy fix. Any ideas?

To those of you still in commission, happy sailing, and to the balance in colder climes, remember, the days are getting longer.

Happy new year,

Gene Reardon