

## ALLIED SEABREEZE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Fellow Seabreeze Enthusiast:

These mid-year communications seem to get a little later each year, but this year I can include news of a couple of rendezvous as well as an up-date to the roster.

Gerry Clapp (#28) was inspired to organize a Seabreeze get-together at Block Island on the weekend of July 15-16. He did all the appropriate things, sending out invitations, including a chart specifying the rendezvous location, to all the owners between Barnegat Bay and Cape Ann, and stroking the Coasties into acquiescence. Gerry and Julie and crew Doug in SOUTHERLY (#28) were joined in a raft by John and Michelle Gaythwaite in ISOLDE (#14), Gene Reardon with MANATUCK (#46), Linc and Mary Lou Craighead in SUNDART (#60), and Doug Creighton in AMBERGRIS (#73). AEOLUS (#127), from Oriental, N.C., was there in spirit inasmuch as her owners, Roy and Sheila Harvey, were guests aboard MANATUCK.

With enough ground tackle down to hold a small armada, the raft was safe but wet in bright sunshine and a 25-kt southwester, on the lee shore of Great Salt Pond. Had there been a tenacity award, it would certainly have gone to the Gaythwaits, who beat down from Manchester, Mass. east of the Cape Cod Canal, bringing a bottle of champaign with which properly to celebrate the rendezvous. Gerry Clapp took the occasion to point out that someone else would have to do the organizing next year because SOUTHERLY would be in Canada, pursuing a four-summer circumnavigation of the New York canals, Lake Ontario, the St. Lawrence River, Gaspe and Nova Scotia. Perhaps he'll write a book.

I provided Association mailing labels to Gerry, thereby making it somewhat easier to get invitations out to likely attendees. This is something I can do for any worthwhile Seabreeze purpose, but did not do for Joe and Carole Sarnowski (#133), who organized a Chesapeake rendezvous around PEDDLER on the dock at their home in White Stone, Va. (We hadn't been communicating.) I don't know how many invitations they sent out, but only Mel and Molly Converse made the formation with WHIM (#49). Wait until next year.

