

## ALLIED SEABREEZE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Fellow Seabreeze Enthusiast:

The summer cruising season is pretty well wrapped up here in the Northeast, and this report is somewhat overdue. Briefly, Joe French's *DESTINY* and Gerry Clapp's *SOUTHERLY* were rafted up with me at Shelter Island on July 31st. Joe was on his way, singlehanded, to Maine, and Gerry had to return his boat to Guilford so that he could fly into the Labrador to help bring a Bermuda 40 home. There were six of us for dinner at the Club, but the fill-in flash failed and so I offer only pictures of the raft.

I finally got to Maine (22 hours from the Canal to Monhegan Island) and to Buck Harbor for Hank Towers' rendezvous on August 14th. We rafted with Hank's *FINBARR* and four other Seabreezes picked up nearby moorings. Present were Steele and Corinna Brown in *SHELDRAKE*, Linc and Mary Lou Craighead aboard *SUNDART*, Joe and Betty French with *DESTINY*, and Greg and Sandy Moebius in *CANIS MINOR*. In addition, Bill Crosby (*FOX AQILA*), who was visiting in the area, and Art Hall (*SECRET WATER*), who has his boat blocked up next to his house in Pownal, Maine for a major refurbishing, visited the raft during the afternoon. Art was cruising in a wooden sloop, and rowed over with his wife and two daughters.

A good deal of boat-looking and experience-swapping ensued, and there were ten of us at dinner that night at The Landing restaurant. *MANATUCK* had spent the previous day in Horseshoe Cove, which we had entered with more good luck than skill. The day mark at the entrance is almost invisible unless you're departing, and some of the private aids look more like trap warp floats than marks. We were greeted by the Browns however, who made it all worthwhile. Their hospitality included cocktails one evening, a blueberry pancake breakfast the next morning, a dinghy tour of the harbor, including reversing falls on a falling tide, and a resupply trip in their car to the nearest package store which was in Blue Hill.

Carole and Joe Sarnowski (*PEDDLER*) write of another discouraging effort at a gathering at their home in White Stone on the Western Shore of the Chesapeake. The Dymerskys had expected to bring *MORNING STAR*, but had to cancel at the last minute. Bill and Sandy Renfro made it, but without *SIRENIA*. Doug Walkington appeared a week later with *SALLY FORTH*. White Stone may be just too far south. Joe and Carole are considering some other venue for next year. Any suggestions?

Bill Renfro got a beautiful and very unusual wooden boarding ladder with his boat. It folds in the usual manner, but also parallelograms to reduce its width and store flat. He has gone to the trouble of tracking down the builder and of making drawings. Reproductions are available at cost, either rough parts or finished ladders. Please contact him directly for further information. (See roster, hull #124.) Photos are included with the rendezvous pictures.

Our yachts may soon appreciate somewhat because of the efforts Tom and Nancy Zydler. It is my understanding that they are yachting journalists who were commissioned to write an article on several Allied Boat Co. boats for *Cruising World*. I sent them a lines drawing and some photos. The article is supposed to appear in the November issue.....We'll see.

I close with an impassioned plea from my bank manager. Will those of you inspired to contribute (bless you!) please make your checks payable to me? The ASOA isn't big enough to have its own account so I put everything through my account, and checks that appear to be made out to a business make the manager nervous. I promise that nothing will change in the bookkeeping.

Enjoy the boats,



