

ALLIED SEABREEZE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Fellow Seabreeze Enthusiast:

Once more it's time to get an invitation out for a meeting in conjunction with the Atlantic City Boat Show. This year the Friday of the show is February 5th, and we'll meet in Room 316 from 4 to 7pm. The dinner will again be at Mama Mott's, with cocktails at 7:30 and dinner around 8, the menu the same as last year.

The Sail Expo Operations representative, Bill Koconis, tells me that the show is on the 2nd floor and that there is a direct escalator to the 3rd floor where the meeting rooms are. Show tickets should not be necessary to get to the meeting, although I can't imagine anyone not wanting to see the show. He also said that tickets sold to people arriving late in the day will be good for the following day. If you have trouble, just say that you are with the Seabreeze Association and/or holler for him.

The latest news of general interest to us has to do with a magazine called *Good Old Boat*. The January-February issue contains an article by Dan Smith, the self-styled historian of the Allied Boat Company. Dan was the founder of the Seawind Owners Association. When he lost his boat in a Florida hurricane, however, he turned the owners association over to his successors, bought a Marshall Cat, and devoted his efforts to researching Allied. After numerous interviews and visits to Catskill, he tells me he has written a book.

I have not been in touch with him recently to learn whether the magazine article is just an interim effort, or if he has despaired of finding a publisher. The article is of considerable interest, however, with a great photograph of a Seabreeze powering away from the factory. The magazine is currently available only by subscription at \$39.95 per year in the U.S. Back issues are \$7.00 each. The address is:

Good Old Boat Magazine
7340 Niagara Lane North
Maple Grove, Minn. 53311

Telephone: (612) 420-8923
Web: www.goodoldboat.com

Art Hall, hull # 36, was the first to tell me of the above article and actually got the magazine folks to send me a complimentary copy. His most recent pastime, however, in addition to rebuilding *SECRET WATER*, has been digging Seabreeze documentation numbers out of the USCG vessel documentation database on the Internet. He sent me the enclosed list, with a request that each of you check it to be certain you're included and that the listing is accurate. Please send corrections to either of us.

I'm very sorry to report that George Bahen (hull #74) has run into a health problem and that *HIGH BANKS* is seriously for sale. He and his wife have lived aboard for the past eight years, and the boat can be seen in Puerto Rico. Their current address is:

Mr. and Mrs. George Bahen
Palmas del Mar
PO Box 888, Suite 106
Humacao, Puerto Rico 00791

Please pass the word.

Sincerely,

