

ALLIED SEABREEZE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Fellow Seabreeze Owner:

It's the time of year to publicize plans for a midwinter meeting. This year, in deference to Emerson's council that consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds, we are abandoning Atlantic City in favor of Mystic, Connecticut. It is our hope that the revised locale will attract some owners from further east in New England, while possibly being enough of an attraction to lure those who had previously made the trek to the boat show. The Atlantic City Sail Expo show is scheduled for January 20th through the 23rd. Our Mystic Seaport meeting will be on Saturday, January 22nd, making it possible for anyone coming from a distance to attend both affairs if they wish. For those interested in getting Lady Luck to finance the trip, I'll point out that the Foxwoods Casino is just up the road from Mystic.

Our meeting centers around a 2:30 luncheon in a private room upstairs at the Seamen's Inne, with a meeting to follow. The luncheon will be preceded by a guided tour of portions of the Seaport not ordinarily open to the public. The tour will be conducted by Bill Ames, past commodore of the Off Soundings Club, former owner of the Luders 33 *BLACK ARROW*, and long time Seaport volunteer. It will start from the foyer of the Inne at 12:30 pm. It is my understanding that a special reduced admission fee will be available for any of our members who are not also members of the Seaport.

Another innovation and social experiment will be the inclusion of the Allied Luders 33 Association in the luncheon and meeting. This in no way represents a merger of the groups, but rather reflects mutual convenience and the fact that neither of us has a great deal a business to transact at our meeting. In fact, we probably have a great deal in common. our boats having been built in the same shop at about the same time, share some problems. We're divided principally by our keels and centerboards.

It should be an interesting gathering. The luncheon price is \$24 per person, tax and gratuity included. Guests will be able to order from the menu show on the back of this letter. A cash bar will also be available. I need to finalize our reservations on the 19th, so please let me know by January 18th at the latest if you plan to attend the luncheon. A copy of the Mystic Seaport list of local accommodations is also enclosed.

An item of interest to the owners of Hurth transmissions arrived recently from Steele Brown (#109). It's an Internet paraphrase of a *Classic Sailboat* article cautioning against letting the transmission freewheel under sail. Rather, it should be kept in reverse, and left in reverse until after starting. Taking it out of gear to start is harmful, they say. The caution apparently applies to some Yanmar, Westerbeke and Universal diesels. Additional information will have to come from Steele, or Joe Palmer, the magazine editor, at (800) 486-7245.

That's all for now. Have a great holiday season. Hope to see you in Mystic.

Sincerely,



Encl: Accommodations list
Financial statement

