## ALLIED SEABREEZE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## Dear Fellow Seabreeze Owner:

The summer rendezvous season is over and it's time to get out a report and the next invitation. Words fail me in describing the Tenants Harbor get together. Art Hall, with the connivance of Roy Harvey and Mel Converse, cooked up a presentation for me and managed to gather a very substantial number of contributions and a record turnout at the East Wind Inn for the affair.

Those present with their boats were:

Mel and Molly Converse from Leesburg, Va., with WHIM (#49)
Art Hall and crew from Pownal, Maine, with SECRET WATER (#36)
Greg and Sandy Moebius from Bristol, Maine, with CANIS MINOR (#125)
Chris and Pat Nillson from Underhill, Vt., with TUPPENCE (#39)
Ken Textor and crew from Arrowsic, Maine, with HAZEL G (#70).
Hank and Chevy Towers from Essex, Conn., with FINBARR (#121).

In addition, the following owners came by land and/or air:

Dick Gray from Framingham, Mass., having left *EPHRAIM W.* (#92) in Florida Joe French from West Islip, N.Y., having left *DESTINY* (#101) at home Jim Carrier from Montgomery, Ala., having left *RANGER* (#107) at home Bill and Sandy Renfro from Washington, D.C., having left *SIRENIA* (#124) at home.

The Maine rendezvous was a month earlier than usual this year, running me out of time to get MANATUCK (#46) up there. My announcement that I would have to pass was not acceptable, however. Bowing to the pressure, I accepted Joe French's kind offer of a ride to Tenants Harbor. It was ten hours of driving each way, but well worth it. In what was really exaggerated appreciation of my efforts on behalf the ASOA, I received a beautiful 3/4" = 1' half model of MANATUCK, along with a framed plaque of appreciation, a Winter People fleece jacket embroidered with the Allied logo and my hull number, a matching "MANATUCK" sailing cap, and a West Marine gift certificate for \$475 that represented the surplus Art wound up with. There were 58 names of donors on the back of the model. I was dumbfounded. I've already done my best to express my appreciation.

I can't leave the subject of subject of the Maine rendezvous without remarking on the appearance of all the Seabreezes there. They all looked as though they had just come out of a spray paint shop, and had had their brightwork refinished at the same time. Several also had extensive re-chroming of their deck hardware. The old girls are really looking great.

After Tenants Harbor, the Shelter Island rendezvous was a bit anticlimactic, but the turnout was at least respectable. (Maybe the attraction was the half model, that I brought to dinner for show and tell.) Those present were:

Linc Craighead, his daughter and her family from Fairfield, Conn., with SUNDART (#60) Joe and Betty French from West Islip, N.Y., with DESTINY (#101) Myself, with MANATUCK (#46), on her mooring in Shelter Island Jim and Amanda Rutledge, from Old Lyme, Conn., with REVERIE (#58) Tom and Vickie Thompson from Neptune, N.J., with CLOUD NINE (#62).

Additionally, Doug Creighton paid a visit in an inflatable at happy hour, leaving AMBERGRIS (#73) across the strait in Greenport, N.Y.

The mention of happy hour reminds me of my discovery that many of our owners apparently only keep their VHFs on when expecting traffic. Because station licenses are no longer required, that may not be a violation of the FCC regulations, but it's certainly anti-social. In addition to not hearing distress and security calls, it could lead to missing a good party. I don't carry a cocktail flag aboard.

Joe French, ever on the lookout for a useful or rare bargain, managed to acquire a #2 top action winch crank recently. There is no manufacturer's name on it, but it should fit any #2 Merriman or South Coast top action ratchet or reel winch - the kind that Zephyr mounted on their masts as halyard winches. Any owner who finds his winch crank supply short should get in touch directly with Joe.

I understand that there has been considerable e-mail traffic concerning a possible fall rendezvous on the Chesapeake. Nothing has been scheduled there since the Sarnowski's (ex-PEDDLER, #133) attempted one a few years ago. Their attendance was very poor, and I think they concluded that White Stone, Va., was too far south on the Bay.

Now John and Betty Jo Eberman (DAWN TREADER II, #23) have taken the bit in their teeth and located a site on Solomons Island, Md. That is certainly a more central location. They've chosen October 6th, the Annapolis boat show weekend, for better or for worse. Let's hope that they have a great turnout. Their invitation follows.

Please note that the list of e-mail addresses on page four represents those receiving ASOA postings. If you're on the Internet and your name doesn't appear, you are missing an opportunity to review some useful material.

Enjoy,

To all Allied Seabreeze owners and fellow travelers:

Betty Jo and I invite you to join us for an "Allied Seabreeze Rendezvous" October 6 in Solomons Island, Maryland. This is the weekend of the Annapolis Boat Show. Our friends Richard and Marjorie Johnson have made their home, dock, and beach available to us. Back Creek, immediately off their dock is an excellent anchorage for a number of boats, and the dock itself will accommodate 4 or 5 boats.

While some boats may wish to arrive as early as Friday afternoon, our thought is

that the rendezvous itself will be considered to be Saturday, October 6, afternoon and evening, closing with dinner at a local restaurant - probably The Lighthouse, which is accessable by water. On Saturday and Sunday morning we will have the use of the house for a gathering place and the use of their downstairs bathroom which has a shower. For those who come by car and wish to spend the night, the Solomons Holiday Inn is right across the creek, and the Comfort Inn is just down the creek. There are also B&B's and classier lodgings nearby.

IF YOU COME BY BOAT: Proceed into Solomons Harbor keeping the spoil island to port. Proceed up Back Creek past Zahniser's, Spring Cove, and Washburn's yards/marinas, and the Holiday Inn. The Johnson's dock and home is to starboard just a bit further up the creek past the Holiday Inn. Look for a Seabreeze with a dark blue hull at the dock. The Johnson's house is a large white stucco house with a 2 storey porch facing the water.

IF YOU COME BY CAR: Solomons is about 50 miles from Annapolis via routes 2 and 4. Approaching from the North on route 2 and 4 (same road), look for Dowell Road on your left. If you pass the Solomons Vol. Fire House on your left, you have gone too far. Turn left on Dowell road and proceed to Bean Rd. on your right. Turn right on Bean Rd. and proceed until you see on the right a large round buoy with 30 on it marking the drive to a large, square, white stucco, 2 storey house. Park your car - you have arrived.

If you approach from the South via California MD and the Patuxent River Bridge, don't turn right immediately after crossing the bridge into the town of Solomons, but continue North on rte. 2 and 4 until you see on your right the Solomons Vol. Fire House, with Dowell road on your right just after.

If you are planning to attend either by boat or car we would love to hear from you before Sept 21. After that we will be on Dawn Treader II headed North to the rendezvous.

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Encl: Current e-mail addresses (page 4)
Rendezvous photos
Revised roster - September 2001
Owners by region
Alphabetical list of owners
Alphabetical list of boat names