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Greetings fellow Seabreeze enthusiast.

The first thing you may have noticed about this A.S.O.A. mailing, is that it did not come directly from Gene. After founding the A.S.O.A. and faithfully heading up the organization for many years, Gene has elected to retire from this position. I'm glad to report that he is in good health, spirits and hopes to have *Manatuck* sailing this summer. I am flattered that he considers me a worthy successor. Recently I was cleaning out a drawer and I stumbled into my first correspondence from him. He concluded his welcoming letter by simply stating that I, "had good taste and had chosen well". The Seabreeze continues to be all the boat I could ask for.

I would like to briefly introduce myself. My name is Art Hall. My wife Sandy and I live in the Portland, Maine area. We own #36, *Secret Water*, and moor her off Bayside, a summer cottage community on Penobscot Bay. We have owned *Secret Water* since 1996 and this is our fifth sailing season after a considerable restoration effort. This summer I will finish my term as commodore of the Northport Yacht Club. While it is a small club, it takes up a considerable amount of my time. I hope to direct some of that energy into A.S.O.A.

There have never been any dues associated with A.S.O.A. membership. Funding has always been forthcoming by the generosity of the members. The good news for all of us is that there are ample funds available for the near future. While for many years Gene ran the A.S.O.A. as a one man operation, I am pleased and grateful to tell you that Roy and Sheila Harvey have agreed to assume the role as treasurer of the association. The Harveys hail from Oriental, North Carolina. Since the majority of the boats range up and down the east coast, I believe is to our advantage to have their regional influence.

Mel Converse continues to serve as the gatekeeper of email transactions. If you would like to be included in these question and answer gams, contact him at Whim4572@compuserve.com This can be a valuable resource that sheds light on Seabreeze problems and solutions. It's also a wonderful source for surplus Seabreeze parts and equipment.

Immediate business at hand is to extend an invitation to two planned 2003 rendezvous. On Thursday August 7th we will gather in Tenants Harbor, Maine. After cocktails and snacking at the traditional raftup, we invite you to have lobster on the dock at the Cod End. No formal dinner is planned. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early Thursday to secure a rental mooring. Those coming by land, and risking the navigational hazards of US. Route 1, can find lodgings at the East Wind Inn in Tenants Harbor or in nearby Thomaston or Rockland. Contact me at: askghall@gwi.net or 207-688-4088 or 207-338-2460 (cottage).

The date for the Chesapeake Bay rendezvous is September 13. Meeting place is the West River Sailing Club located on the West River below Annapolis. Facilities include 6 moorings off the club and dock space for those who prefer to tie up. The attractive clubhouse is somewhat rustic

but has a nice open view of the river. Showers are available. A couple of good restaurants and the small but well-stocked West River Market is at hand. They offer take-out breakfast, good sandwiches, ice, etc. Annapolis is 20 or so minutes away by car depending on the time of day. There are numerous motels in that area for those who will be driving to the rendezvous. The 13th is an "away" weekend for Navy football so rooms should be available. Past WRSC commodore Mel and Molly Converse are very active members and are hosting this event. Other details will follow in mid-summer. Contact Mel via Email or give him a call at 703-777-2749

Seabreeze sightings: The June issue of Cruising World magazine has an article written by and about Jim Carrier and the preparations for his Atlantic crossing in *Ranger*; it shouldn't be missed by Seabreeze sailors. We look forward to more adventures of Jim and *Ranger*. Also, the June calendar page of Sail magazine's glossy publication features Keith Bridge and *Merrywing*. She is rail down on starboard tack looking her best as she shows off to tourists visiting Owls Head lighthouse. Finally my own *Secret Water* is the cover girl on the current SailNet catalog and has appeared in their print ads. It seems our lovely old classics continue to catch the photographer's eye.

Since my own sailing season is finally under way, I will keep this letter and my activities brief. My plans for the future are to send each boat owner a printout of his/her database record. I will ask that you update these accordingly and return to me so I can bring the database up to date. That should give me time to figure out the software and enable me to run a new roster report. Eventually I hope to have Gene's collection of Allied construction drawings, lines plans and sail plan. These will continue to be available for the cost of reproduction. Please share with me information about boats that are for sale and boats that have been sold. If you receive this mailing as an ex-owner, kindly forward it to the new owner if possible. If this reaches you as your first correspondence from the owners association, welcome to the group.

In a nutshell, I hope we continue Gene's legacy and keep the A.S.O.A. an active group. I trust that members in various regions will continue to organize rendezvous and gather to enjoy the camaraderie of like minded sailors. When cruising in the Penobscot Bay area feel free to give me a call. I'm sure we can set you up with a mooring and provide showers and trips to the store.

All the best, *fairwinds*, Art

