

*Greetings fellow Seabreeze enthusiast.*

This is a busy time of year for boat owners and I am no exception. I suddenly realized it's time to get a newsletter out and if I didn't do it soon, sailing will occupy *all* my spare time. Other than a few Christmas "stocking stuffers" there are no great upgrades for *Secret Water* this season. Of course I am looking forward to sea trials of my new flexible engine mounts. (Only a marine engineer would find this exciting.) I mustn't forget the beautiful new sail cover that Sandy made this spring. This, along with the new bunk cushions she made last year, all help to keep *Secret Water* looking pretty respectable in this her 39<sup>th</sup> season. We continue to make long term commitments to the boat. With good fortune we'll be sailing her for many years to come.

#### **New Members**

I would like to welcome new members that I have met or am aware of. Roman Sicho sails *Whimiscal*, # 102, out of Punta Gorda, Florida. Roman has owned *Whimsical* for 30 years and moors the boat at his home at Pirate Harbor. *Whimiscal* is a new listing on our roster. Also, Todd and Brenda Kersh, are the proud new owners of # 129, *Wind Shadow* (ex *Swallow*). Todd immediately volunteered his technical 'know how' to create the A.S.O.A. web site. Thank you for your enthusiasm and help! Finally Patrick McDonald has purchased #112, yet to be named at this time. *Welcome!* Once again, 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. Also, please remember to advise me of any address changes.

#### **A.S.O.A. Archives:**

Last July Gene Reardon, the founder of A.S.O.A., passed away unexpectedly. I would like to thank Joe French for his assistance in obtaining the association archives from Gene's estate. Gene saved everything. I have been working to organize a remarkable collection of drawings, old Seabreeze advertisements, correspondence, magazine and news articles. If you are curious about any aspect of the Seabreeze, or your boat's history, let me know. I can likely come up with something. All this organizing necessitated that I purchase several plastic storage bins. As luck might have it, several weeks before this acquisition my wife had finally been relieved of our yacht club's treasurer job. So when 65 years of yacht club archives left the house she had plans for the space left behind. Sweetheart, I'm sorry.

#### **Seabreeze marketplace:**

At this writing there is just one Seabreeze available on [www.yachtworld.com](http://www.yachtworld.com): #29 *Misty*. Two other boats are for sale by their owners. #9, *Phoebe M.* contact Nancy Mehegan at [nmehegan@cox.net](mailto:nmehegan@cox.net). and #68 *Anemone*, contact Fred Lucree at [GLucree@hotmail.com](mailto:GLucree@hotmail.com).

Free to good home: Green sail cover. Pretty tired but it still has some life left in it. 207-688-4088

### **A.S.O.A. Web site:**

Thanks to the hard work and technical savvy of Todd Kersh, *Wind Shadow*, #129, the association is pleased to announce that we now have an A.S.O.A. Web Site. May I suggest you pay a visit to: [http://www.geocities.com/allied\\_seabreeze/](http://www.geocities.com/allied_seabreeze/) to see what this is all about. If you would like to have a picture of your boat appear on these pages or have suggestions to improve the site, please contact Todd at: [kersht@Battelle.org](mailto:kersht@Battelle.org)

### **Member web sites:**

Recently, Seabreeze owners Michael Patton and Kristina Thronson purchased *Perdida*, #131, and had her trucked overland to southern California. Read about their adventures and future plans at their web site: <http://www.logofperdida.com/>

Larry Lane, who sails *Aprils Dawn*, #96, out of Saint Andrews Marina in Panama City, Florida offers day charter trips. I for one will look him up for a sailing “fix” if I should ever find myself in the area. Check out: <http://www.romanticsailingadventures.com/>

And finally, the A.S.O.A. webmaster Todd Kersh showplaces the adventures of *Wind Shadow*, #129, in his personal site dedicated to the boat. [http://www.geocities.com/todd\\_kersh/](http://www.geocities.com/todd_kersh/)

### **Down Under:**

It’s always rewarding to find a missing boat and perhaps we will someday account for all 135 hulls that Allied built. Note that I said, “that Allied built”. This past winter I discovered a most unique Seabreeze. Back in the early 1970’s, Australian Bill Cowlshaw and his father were looking for the perfect boat. They came upon Arthur Beiser’s book “The Proper Yacht”, which features the Seabreeze, and decided that this was the boat they had to have. They contacted MacLear and Harris, and with Allied’s permission, obtained the plans. They constructed a male plug and built the boat the hard way.... a world away from Catskill, New York. They were a bit daunted by building the centerboard trunk, so with the designers blessing, they added 9 inches of draft to make *Anitra* a full keel Seabreeze. Do not think of this as some amateurish back yard effort. From the pictures Bill shared with me she is very faithful to the design and built to a high standard. Proof is in the many years they spent cruising the Pacific. To read Bill’s letter and to view more pictures of the boat, visit the A.S.O.A web site and open the “Links” page.



*ANITRA* with her full keel. Note the hailing port of Brisbane.



Note the companionway on centerline.

## March Gathering

The Portland Harbor Museum was the site for the Winter 2004 Seabreeze gathering. If my count was right, 27 Seabreeze sailors representing 15 boats were in attendance.

#109	<i>MERRYWING</i>	Keith and Elaine Bridge from Rye, NH
#49	<i>WHIM</i>	Mel Converse from Leesburg, VA
#88	<i>RESPITE</i>	Dick and Elaine Dodson, California, MD
#123	<i>SEA EAGLE</i>	Garry and Mary Duncourt, West Haverstraw, NY
#14	<i>VENTURE</i>	Joe Field, Freeport, ME
#101	<i>DESTINY</i>	Joe and Betty French, West Islip, NY
#36	<i>SECRET WATER</i>	Art and Sandy Hall, Pownal, ME
#4	<i>BLUE MOON</i>	Jim and Esther Hart, Quispamsis, New Brunswick, Canada
#84	<i>KEEWAYDIN</i>	Andy and Gay Howe, Cape Elizabeth, ME
#43	<i>FOX</i>	Edmund Howard, Newburyport, MA
#16	<i>PERELANDRA</i>	Mark Prestero, Boxford, MA
#71	<i>WINDPIPER</i>	Peter and Lee Scott, Brooklyn, NY
#70	<i>HAZEL G</i>	Ken Textor, Arrowsic, ME
#121	<i>FINBARR</i>	Hank and Chevy Towers, Essex, CT
#45	<i>ESPRIT</i>	David and Susan Westgate, Mattapoisett, MA

I have to admit I was somewhat apprehensive about planning a gathering as far north as Portland. I was afraid it would just be too far to travel. The list above proves just how wrong I was. My only regret is that I didn't arrange to have the meeting space earlier in the day or later into the night. Over the years I have attended various rendezvous and meetings. One thing that I've always marveled at is just how quickly folks make friends. The room was a buzz of Seabreeze chatter. Thank you all for your enthusiastic support. Special thanks to Gay Howe for all her assistance buying paper goods, drinks and making three large pans of lasagna.



(left to right) Joe French, Ken Textor, Betty French, Jim Hart, Mary and Garry Duncourt, Elaine Bridge, Dick and Elaine Dodson



(left to right) Art Hall, Gay and Andy Howes.

### Future plans:

The warm weather is finally turning the world green once again along the coast of Maine. This welcome change gets us high latitude sailors thinking seriously about making summer plans. Last year's rendezvous in Tenant's Harbor was successful despite the thick fog and absence of boats. Certainly this summer's weather will be better and I'm prepared to try once again. I have selected Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Northport Yacht Club, Bayside, Maine. Lat. (44.22.887 N ~ 068. 57.994 W.) This is perhaps the smallest yacht club on the coast but it's accessible by land for those that would like to come by car. Bayside Marine has two rental moorings, but there are always a few others and I'm sure I can assist you in finding one. While Bayside is not a protected harbor, it's perfectly peaceful on a summer's night. You can bring your boat along side the south float at all tides for brief periods. The back side of this same float is available for dinghy tie up. The north float is reserved for swimming only. (Yes, we do swim in Maine) If the weather turns foul, safe moorings are always available in nearby Belfast.

The community of Bayside is a collection of Victorian cottages dating back to the 1860's. It's history is that of a Wesleyan Methodist Campground and very similar to the more famous camp associations found in New Jersey and Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard. It is a delightful place for visitors to explore. Visit: [www.baysidemaine.com](http://www.baysidemaine.com)



A meal with friends in Maine wouldn't be complete without lobsters. I can get plenty of "bugs" just up the road and we'll have the use of the club grill and facilities for anything else you'd like to cook. For more information contact me at any of the following. 207-442-3901 (days), 207-688-4088 (eves.) 207-338-2460 (cottage) or 207-807-2002 (Sandy's cell). [Askghall@gwi.net](mailto:Askghall@gwi.net)

### Future Plans Continued

Nancy and Denny Mehegan will host the Chesapeake Bay Rendezvous at the Seaford Yacht Club, Yorktown, VA (37° 12.8 ' N ~ 76° 26.3' W) on Oct. 1-3. Plans are yet to be finalized so stand by for details as the date approaches. You can contact Nancy at [Nmehegan@cox.net](mailto:Nmehegan@cox.net) or call her at 757-220-0180.

## **TWO CENTS WORTH FROM THE TREASURER**

In this day and age two cents worth isn't very much but the symbolism is what I am hoping you will grasp, and this symbolism should be most valuable to all of us. About a year ago, with the death of Gene Reardon, our Allied Seabreeze Owners Association found itself in a very precarious position. We had no available records and we had zero funds. Several dedicated owners contributed sufficient funds to keep the organization alive financially, and our new leader, Art Hall, made an appeal to the owners on record for donations. We had a good response and we have been able to set up a bank account to handle our expenses.

Over the years time we have had a very active Email service, commanded most efficiently by Mel Converse. Many owners have enjoyed being able to ask questions or to provide their experience in answer to questions from other owners. Our Email is a tremendous advantage for a new owner or anyone undertaking a new project on their boat. Art Hall has made a great effort in getting out communications that help hold our group together and also to shepherd in new owners or prospective owners.

During this time period Joe French has been able to secure from Gene's estate most of the accumulated memorabilia that had been collected, some catalogued, most only in boxes, and transmitted all this information, photos, etc. to Art Hall. Art is in the process of sorting and organizing this irreplaceable material relating to our boats, their history, their designers and their builder.

There were several scheduled rendezvous' last year and there are a number in the works for this year. Try to attend a meeting, either by land or by sea. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other owners and put a face with a name of someone you may have been Emailing. These rendezvous' are entirely self funded by the attendants and in some cases have been able to contribute money over and above expenses back to the Association.

Please bear in mind that this organization is all volunteer. There are a number of owners who put out a great deal of effort so we can all enjoy another facet of owning a Seabreeze, namely the camaraderie of the ASOA. Our only source of income is from donations from our owners. We had a good response a year ago but that was a year ago. Our operating expenses go on. Our mailings go to over a hundred owners, the cost of printing, postage, and photo sheets are a main item of our expenses. But this is one of the main ways the organization stays in touch.

We really want everyone to participate in the Association, you may not be in a position to take an active part but we all are in a position to take a financial part. Please send your donation for 2004 to me, I'll take good care of the funds and we will all have the feeling of being a real part of the Allied Seabreeze Owners Association. Please make your checks payable to ASOA and mail them to:

Please make checks payable to **ASOA** and send them to:

**ASOA  
C/O Roy Harvey  
Box 886  
Oriental, N.C.  
28571**





### **Seabreeze Sloop / Yawl Totes**

At the March meeting in South Portland I thought it would be fun to give each participating boat a modest memento of the afternoon. Consequently I have available light duty cotton tote bags. I don't know any boat owner that can function without a variety of such bags. One side has a profile of the sloop and the reverse side has the yawl; dark blue on white. If you are interested let me know and I'll see that you get one. Just \$5 plus S/H. Profits go to the general ASOA fund. Of course those attending either of the planned Maine or Chesapeake rendezvous will take one home with them. *What a deal!*



*Manatuck #46*



*Snow Goose #42*

I always welcome more pictures of the boats for our archives. If you have a favorite, consider passing it along. Of particular interest are photos of unique features or improvements that you have made. These pictures are always of special interest at Seabreeze gatherings. Send me traditional pictures or email me digital images.

**Have a wonderful sailing season.**