

ALLIED SEABREEZE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Fellow Seabreeze Owner:

Our Atlantic City Boat Show meeting turned out a record number of boat owners and guests. The draft of Linc Craighead's minutes follows. Unless I hear of a correction, it's final.

The meeting took place in Room 16 at the New Atlantic City Convention Center at 4:30 PM, in conjunction with Sail Expo.

The meeting was called to order by Gene Reardon after those present introduced themselves. Members attending were:

Michael & Lynn Adler	Guilford, Conn.	DULCINEA	#80
Gerry Clapp*	Guilford, Conn.	SOUTHERLY	#28
Mel Converse*	Leesburg, Va.	WHIM	#49
Lincoln Craighead*	Fairfield, Conn.	SUNDART	#60
Richard & Elaine Dodson	California, Md.	RESPITE	#88
Stuart Eichner*	New York, N.Y.	Associate	#4
Joe & Betty French	West Islip, N.Y.	DESTINY	#101
Samuel Klein*	Hauppauge, N.Y.	ALDORA	#4
Tom & Pam Laurent*	North Wales, Pa.	RAVEN	#59
Christine Lotts*	Hampton, Va.	CALYPSO	#53
Richard & Ursula Michel*	Lederach, Pa.	Associate	Ex-#80
Gene Reardon	Bay Shore, N.Y.	MANATUCK	#46
Yda Schreuder & Joe Lazar	Landenberg, Pa.	MICHAEL de RUYTER	#93
Tom & Vicki Thompson	Neptune, N.J.	CLOUD NINE	#62
Henry Deen Towers	Essex, Conn.	FINBARR	#121
Doug Walkington*	Pointe Claire, Quebec	SALLYFORTH	#122

Gene reported that the Association still has funds on hand, but the number of financial supporters is reduced. Hank Towers suggested that a plea for "dues" be included in the next newsletter. Many attendees made a contribution at the end of the meeting. The suggested amount is \$15.00 per boat owner.

There followed a report and discussion of the Owner's Manual. There has been slower than expected progress since last year, but Gerald Clapp has made a rough version that seems to be acceptable to all present. More work is needed. There was a separate meeting afterwards in which matters of printing and copying were discussed by Messrs. Reardon, Clapp, Eichner and Converse. Gene Reardon expressed concern about including copyrighted magazine articles in the book. Stu Eichner volunteered to write for permission to Yachting and This Old Boat.

The annual question about the location for next year's meeting was discussed. Although it was agreed that we do not necessarily have to be connected to a boat show, there did not seem to be any meaningful suggestion of a different location. Geographically, Atlantic City is centrally located between the Chesapeake Bay area and Southern New England which areas account for most of the attendees. It was

suggested that a place like the Mystic Seaport could be a possibility if one exists within an accessible distance for most members.

The meeting adjourned at about 5:30 PM. It was followed by several informal conversations about Seabreeze related problems and then transferred to MAMA MOTT'S for dinner where more than 25 people participated.

The attendees above, whose names are marked with asterisks, are those who made cash contributions to the Association at the meeting. Furthermore, the financial manager who supervised payment of our bill at Moma Mott's managed to include my dinner in the overall tab. I thank you all.

On the subject of finances, it was suggested at the meeting that this would be a good time to remind the membership that annual contributions of about \$15 are what it takes to keep us in the black. As usual, checks should be made out to me rather than to the Association's name. We still can't afford our own account. A statement of last year's account is included in this mailing.

The owners of *MICHAEL de RUYTER* brought flyers with a very complete description of their boat. They find that the time has come for a trawler, and offer #93 for sale at \$30.9K. I have copies, should you know of anyone who might be interested.

In addition to the usual MacLear & Harris Seabreeze drawings and our photo album, show and tell this year included a gold Seabreeze tie clip by A.G.A. Correa and Son. An excellent reproduction of the cove stripe decoration on this letterhead, it will sell for the same price as his Abeking & Rasmussen tie clips.

There seems to be considerable interest among the owners in modifications that have been made to the boats. Those of you who don't get to our meetings and rendezvous don't see our book of Seabreeze photos. Because I suspect that people would rather look at boat pictures than pictures of happy, smiling Seabreeze owners, I've made up a photo spread of some typical modifications to the pilot berths in the main cabin. While the color Zerex is a bit pricey in itself (about 75¢ each, in lots of 100), it is far and away the cheapest way to distribute eight legible photos to the membership. I'll be interested in your reactions, but I hope to be able to do it again.

Along with the color spread and the financial statement, I'm enclosing a complete roster reprint and the usual alphabetical sorts, unless I can assume that you picked up a set at Atlantic City. If I assume wrongly, let me know and I'll send copies.

That's all for now folks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be the name 'John' or similar, written in dark ink.