

## ALLIED SEABREEZE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Fellow Seabreeze Owner:

It took a while for a majority opinion to emerge, but one finally did, mostly on the internet. Better late than not at all, we have a location and date for our 2001 midwinter get together. We're going to the Eastern Shore. Through the good offices and hard work of Ben Weems (*CYBELE*, #56), we will be gathering at the Miles River YC in St. Michaels on Saturday, February 3rd.

We will have the use of a room at the Club where we can meet at 4:30 pm for the usual introductions and discussion of boat problems.. Dinner will be served at 6 pm. Ben has arranged for his friend and neighbor, Hal Roth, to present an illustrated lecture on his recent cruise of the Mediterranean after dinner. The lecture and dinner will be available as a fixed-price package for \$30 per person, tax and gratuity included. A choice of either prime ribs or crab-stuffed flounder is offered for the entree. A cash bar will be available before dinner, and wine during dinner at \$4.30 per glass.

Ben will have to tell the yacht club the number of guests we expect and their dinner selections on the preceding Tuesday. Please be sure to get in touch with him by Monday, January 29th, if you plan to attend. His phone number is (410) 745-3868 and his e-mail address is [bfweems@crosslink.net](mailto:bfweems@crosslink.net). He can also supply detailed road directions.

St. Michaels is the site of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. The museum charges \$7.50 per person (\$6.50 for seniors and children) and closes at 4 pm. For those inclined to more extended sight seeing, Annapolis, with the Naval Academy museum as well as a number of yacht chandleries and consignment shops, is only about 50 miles away over the bridge.

Local accommodations include:

St. Michaels Motor Inn (part of Best Western chain), St. Michaels, Md. (410) 745-3333  
Budget Inn (least expensive), Easton, Md. (410) 822-2200  
Comfort Inn, Easton, Md. (410) 820-8333  
Days Inn, Easton, Md. (410) 822-4600  
Econo Lodge, Easton, Md. (410) 820-5558  
Holiday Inn, Easton, Md. (410) 819-6500

Ben also has a list of local bed and breakfasts, which in general are considerably more expensive than the above motor lodges and usually have a two-night minimum. Call him directly for information on these.

A letter came in recently from an owner who had just sustained a chainplate failure and was lamenting that he must be the last one to learn about this problem. I don't make a practice of airing our dirty linen in these letters, but I do recall publishing a list of boats that had suffered chainplate failures. I promised myself that ignorance or secrecy would no longer be an excuse. Be informed: the stainless steel used for our chainplates oxidizes in the presence of water when deprived of a source of oxygen. *Remove them and inspect the region normally buried in the deck, and also the weld area if a horizontal tab was added to the plate.* There, it's out in the open for everyone to know.

Another general notice, important to me, is a reminder that the ASOA is not big enough to have its own checking account. Owners seem to be moved to contribute dues at this time of year. If you're inspired to write a check, please make it payable to me. My bank manager becomes very unhappy when I have to endorse a check payable to the ASOA.

Keep the faith - the days are getting longer.

Sincerely,

Encl: Revisions to 13 September 2000 roster  
E-mail address list  
Owners and phone numbers by region  
Alphabetical list of owners  
Financial statement

