

## ALLIED SEABREEZE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Fellow Seabreeze Owner:

Our mid-winter meeting at St. Michaels is now history. Twelve Seabreeze owners, with spouses, friends and guests, a total of 27 people, attended. Hank and Chevy Towers, who drove down from Essex, Connecticut, were in the running for having come the greatest distance, but couldn't compete with Marion Smith, who flew in from Atlanta, Georgia. The owners present were:

Dave and Diane Berry	Lancaster, Va.	#28
David and Nancy Bohm	Eldora, N.J.	#13
Mel and Molly Converse	Leesburg, Va.	#49
Dickie and Elaine Dodson	California, Md.	#88
Roy and Sheila Harvey	Oriental, N.C.	#127
Gene Reardon	Bay Shore, N.Y.	#46
Jim Richardson	Claiborne, Md.	#18
Marion Smith	Atlanta, Ga.	#128
Tom and Vicki Thompson	Neptune, N.J.	#62
Hank and Chevy Towers	Essex, Conn.	#121
Jeffrey and Laurie Wallin	Washington, D.C.	#126
Ben and Frances Weems	Royal Oak, Md.	#56

Additionally, we entertained our Miles River Yacht Club hosts, Hugh and Carol Kabler, and also our speaker for the evening, Hal Roth, and his wife Margaret. After dinner, Hal showed and narrated an approximately one-hour movie on their cruise around the tip of South America. The film included footage of their dragging ashore on Tierra del Fuego and holing their 35' Spencer sloop *WHISPER*, the yacht's repair, and their subsequent rounding of Cape Horn. (It snowed!)

Vicki Thompson was kind enough to volunteer to be recording secretary for the meeting. Her minutes follow.

### *MID-WINTER MEETING, FEBRUARY 3, 2001 MILES RIVER YACHT CLUB, ST. MICHAELS, MARYLAND*

*The meeting was convened about five o'clock. Gene Reardon briefly went through the updated handouts distributed to those present:*

*Non-cooperating owners list: Owners who have not responded to recent mailings and/or whose address is out-of-date. Gene encouraged everyone to keep an eye out for these boats in our travels. Try to get the owner interested or at least supply updated information so we can keep track of the boat.*

*Listing of owners by region: Central Atlantic has the most boats with 29.*

*Financial report: Contributions from various owners continue to keep the Association going. The report listed income and itemized costs for the year 2000.*

*Gene also went through several Seabreeze accessories available:*

*Association flag/pennant with Allied "A" in red circle sail logo. Several owners have shown interest in having another batch of these flags made. Gene has price quotes from the Sail Bag Lady in Guilford, CT and Beaver Flags in Florida. The Sail Bag Lady makes a better flag at a lower cost. A minimum of 12 flags must be ordered for the price of \$26.50 each. Several owners present would like to order flags. Gene will take orders.*

*Sailplan rocks glasses are available from A.A.G. Correa for about \$100/set of 12. Available as yawl with triatic stay, yawl with forward stays, and sloop.*

*Covestripe tiebar also available from A.G.A. Correa for about \$350.*

*The naval architect's drawings that are available.*

*Plans for summer rendezvous:*

*The Converses are planning to take WHIM to Maine again this year and are coordinating with Art Hall for a rendezvous in the first week of August. Several locations were mentioned, including Frenchboro.*

*Gene Reardon will host another Shelter Island rendezvous.*

*Possible rendezvous in southern New England (Cape Cod vicinity).*

*Possible rendezvous in Chesapeake Bay/Annapolis corresponding with boat show in early October. Details to be determined.*

*A discussion followed about various boat problems, solutions, and tips. Several members commented on how helpful the e-mail network coordinated by Mel Converse has been.*

*Chainplates: Roy Harvey showed a broken chainplate to the group. It was from a forward lower stay and broke off just below the deck. This occurred as the Harvey's were changing jibs as winds were building. He stressed the point that the chainplates need to be removed and examined carefully because the deteriorated area is in the deck, not visible from above or below.*

*The chainplates are embedded in fiberglass and need to be chiseled out. Gene Reardon recommended using a 1.5 inch holesaw to get at the bolts. Roy Harvey added that, at the time of the first broken chainplate, they replaced all of them. Several others had barely visible cracks in the same location. Water can seep in and corrode chainplate in the deck. Roy recommends lifting chainplate caulking plates and resealing yearly.*

*Centerboard lifting systems: This is an example of how the boats differ individually. The Citation system of lifting the aluminum board is different than the bronze board system. Dick Dodson's boat is one that shows the transition, an aluminum board with a bronze board style lifting system. The group discussed stainless cable vs. monel cable. Monel much less prone to corrosion and failure, but more difficult and costly to obtain. Roy Harvey did not like the cable approach, too easy for cable threads to corrode or "splinter." He rebuilt the housing, and replaced the cable with type 316 stainless chain.*

*Tip on protecting balsa deck core: Roy Harvey shared a homemade tool made out of a nail bent 90 degrees that would chew out the balsa around a hole drilled through the deck when used in an electric drill. He recommended filling the hole with epoxy and then re-drilling it*



for the fitting. This way the fastener is in a collar of epoxy to support the compression load and prevent moisture from reaching the balsa coring.

Ben Weems asked how to handle a large area of balsa core that had already rotted. Unfortunately, no easy way. Whole section needs to be cut out and coring replaced.

Opening Ports: Tom Thompson explained that one of the opening ports on his boat had corroded and cracked. A welder friend thought that the port may not be successfully welded because of the alloy. Tom asked if anyone had any extra ports, knew of anyone with extra ports or new of the manufacturer of the ports. Gene Reardon suggested contacting Mr. Finley in NJ who had replaced all his ports with plastic ones. Roy Harvey also spoke about someone on the Internet who had done some casting with WEST system. Tom mentioned he may try making one using a carbon fiber layup over a plug made from the old frame.

Corroded Screens: A couple of owners asked about how to remove/replace copper screens corroded into the ports. Someone mentioned a screw in the screen frame. Others said to tap the screen frame out of the boat from the inside. Roy Harvey said he replaced the screening with fiberglass screening using an epoxy adhesive on the frames.

The meeting was adjourned for dinner at approximately six o'clock.

Along with the display of engineering drawings, Correa goodies, and fractured hardware, there was a beautiful half-model of WHIM that had been given to Mel Converse upon his retirement as commodore of his yacht club. It was built of wood plank on frame, although one would never know it. The builder represents an additional source of Seabreeze models: Fraley Sailing Art, 139 Plantation Trace, Woodstock, Ga. 30188. Telephone (800) 266-7054.

Apropos of the discussion of chainplates, Michael Adler (#81) writes that he replaced his with 5/16 x 1-1/2 Type 316 stainless, one bolt longer than the originals. In so doing, he wound up with a CAD file on the part and can provide prints. The stock Shaeffer Marine deck trim plate will fit.

So concluded another memorable mid-winter meeting. No Mystic death march this year, but the temperature in St. Michaels on the way home after the meeting was 23° F. The equinox approaches, however, and I wish all my weather-bound co-owners an early and an easy commissioning season.

Sincerely,



Encl: E-mail addresses (fourth page of letter)  
 Roster of owners, associates and non-cooperating owners  
 Secondary roster sorts  
 Photo spread of recent rendezvous  
 Financial report

## SEABREEZE OWNERS' E-MAIL ADDRESSES BY LAST NAME

3/6/2001

<u>Region</u>	<u>Owner's Name</u>	<u>E-MAIL ADDRESS</u>	<u>Hull No.</u>	<u>Telephone No.</u>
Southern New England	Michael Adler	ADCHAP@snet.net	81	(203) 453- 4020
Central Atlantic	Dave & Diane Berry	DBerry03@Rivnet.net	28	(804) 462-6101 (or
Central Atlantic	Dave Bohm	bsfturf@sanddune.net	13	(609) 861-2923
East of Cape Cod	Keith Bridge	bridgeelec@mediaone.net	109*	(603) 431-2221
East of Cape Cod	Walter & Wendy Briggs	Briggs@ime.net	108	(207) 443-3285
East of Cape Cod	A. S. Butler & J. S. Moss	REButler@mediaone.net	64	
Gulf Coast	Jim Carrier	JCarrier@csn.net	107	(334) 286-9930
Gulf Coast	Dave Casey	dcasey02@tampagay.rr.com	33	(352) 686-6682
Central Atlantic	Melville & Mary Converse	MConverse@compuserve.com	49	(703) 777-2749
Southern New England	Lincoln W. Craighead	linc@excelonline.com	60	(203) 259-8451
West Coast	Dana Harbor	jmalley1@ix.netcom.com	19*	(949) 661-0793
Central Atlantic	Richard Dodson	EDodson@eagle1.eaglenet.com	88	(301) 737-3046
Southern New England	Garry & Mary Doncourt	Donco6844@aol.com	123	(845) 429-5546
Central Atlantic	Michael & Nickie Dymersky	mdymersky@fdalaw.com	15	(301) 652-6880 (Bus.),
Central Atlantic	John & Betty Jo Eberman	bjandjohn@coastalnet.com	23	(919) 797-7450
Southern New England	Bill Fishbein	WFatoffice@aol.com	12	(212) 410-9499
Southern New England	Joe French	joedestiny@earthlink.net	101	(631) 587-2936
Southern New England	Ken & Jane Gray	Ken.Gray@Ogilvy.com	131	(212) 397-1410
East of Cape Cod	Art & Sandy Hall	AskGHall@GWI.net	36	(207) 688-4088
Gulf Coast	Sam F. Harrill, Jr.	SHarrill@apex2000.net	86	(915) 685-0105
Central Atlantic	Richard A. Harrop	sailorharrop@mindspring.com	129	(919) 878-3691
Central Atlantic	Sheila & Roy Harvey	SRHarvey@always-online.com	127	(252) 249-1763
Central Atlantic	Bob Jablonski	RJABLON955@AOL.COM	103*	(856) 455-5652
Southern Atlantic	D.J.Kipp	DKipp37048@aol.com	48	(565) 589-8250
Central Atlantic	Kenneth L. Kladiva	beepuff@AOL.COM	6	(703) 780-3140
Gulf Coast	Larry Lane	Larry84481@aol.com	96	
Fresh Water	Bruce Lawrence	VIPER8552@caraina.net	42	(810)797-4918
Southern Atlantic	Fred LuCree	GFLinGA@aol.com	68	(912) 898-3773
East of Cape Cod	Dr. Robert Madrell	Madrell@AOL.com	80	(207) 667-2675
Southern Atlantic	Walter Manning	WManning@metrolink.net	78*	
East of Cape Cod	Terry Marsh	henry J5@webtv.net	118	(207) 454-2367
Central Atlantic	Dennis Mehegan	Dmehegan2@cs.com	9	(757) 220-0180
Fresh Water	Joe & Debbie Parker	Cen05368@centuryinter.net	82	(517)673-6569
Central Atlantic	John & Emily Parker	JBParker@ncia.net	37	(910) 763-9679
East of Cape Cod	John C. Pepper	JBPepper@ncia.net	84	(603) 383-6614
Central Atlantic	Eric & Danelle Powers	EPowers@Geophex.com	51	(804) 706-1427
East of Cape Cod	Mark Prestero	MPrester@draper.com	16	(978) 887-9219
Southern New England	Ray Quaranto	RQuaranto@worldnet.att.net	52	(631) 287-4210
Central Atlantic	William L. Renfro	Counsel_For_The_Future@ABAnet.org	124	(203) 328-9480 (Bus.)
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Southern Atlantic	David Sawyer	DSA3305324@aol.com	41*	
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Fresh Water	P. Toby Smith	PTSmith@KODAK.COM	104	(716) 377-9375
Fresh Water	Fred Steffens	steffens@traverse.com	134	(231)386-7790
Fresh Water	Jim Sullivan	Jrsul@hotmail.com	31	(716) 544-5007
East of Cape Cod	Ken Textor	ktextor@gwi.net	70	(207) 443-1677
Southern New England	Lew & Josephine Thatcher	tralew@alum.mit.edu	14	(203)315-6227
Southern New England	Tom & Vicki Thompson	Thommar@monmouth.com	62	(732) 774-6942
Southern Atlantic	Donald Troise	dtroise@3wwwweb.com	54	(305) 662-5006
Central Atlantic	Douglas H. Walkington	dwalkington@canada.com	122	(514) 695-3622
Central Atlantic	Ben Weems	bfweems@crosslink.net	56	(410) 745-3868
Fresh Water	Duke Wellington	Duke@acd.net	38	(517) 589-8991
Gulf Coast	Jim West	West@math.cornell.edu	66	(607) 272-6925
Southern New England	David Westgate	DFWESTGATE@AOL.COM	45	(508) 758-4439
Central Atlantic	Tom Williams	trmacwms2@bellatlantic.net	7	-