



ALLIED SEABREEZE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Fellow Seabreeze Owner:

In the words of Gene Reardon, “*it’s cruise planning time.*” I borrowed Gene’s line from the May 4, 2001 edition of this newsletter – this being my first effort at producing it, I felt it appropriate to go back and sift through some of the older ones for ideas.

I’ve been perhaps conspicuously absent from the ASOA list-serv since taking over for Art (who has contributed his own short story, below). Mia and I spent a very short winter in Florida attempting to get *Arcturus* ready for our planned trans-Atlantic to Sweden. To make a long story short, the money never materialized and the time ran out. *Arcturus* has since returned to the Chesapeake, and now rests in her slip at Sarles Boatyard on the Eastport side of Annapolis, right where we left off six months ago.

Instead of being discouraged, we’re inspired by the people around us who are supporting us – I’m now working as a rigger at Southbound Cruising Services, and have been given free-run of the shop and the privilege of paying wholesale at the local chandleries. Mia is extending her tourist visa another six months, and is volunteering at Annapolis Custom Canvas, where she’ll be able to finish off our lee-cloths, weather cloths and maybe some storm sails if we get really inspired.

Yves Gelinas has completed our Cape Horn windvane self-steerer, which should arrive sometime in June. *Arcturus* is sporting a new double-spreader, double-headsail rig, with independently stayed mizzen mast, all done up in Dynex Dux, modern synthetic rope which we spliced ourselves, right onboard. The system uses traditional deadeyes and lanyards, replacing the heavy bronze turnbuckles, and it’s complemented by new outboard chainplates of titanium. With substantial weight removed from aloft (I can hold a 300-foot coil of Dux rope in one hand), she’s still initially tender, but stands up to the puffs with greater composure and feels lighter on the helm.

We’ll spend the rest of the summer on the details and set off after our wedding, which is set for June 2011. And hopefully we’ll have the opportunity to meet many of you whom I’m currently writing to this summer. Thanks to Art, Roy, Mel and the rest of the ASOA for your continued support, as I get comfortable in this new role.

Cheers,

Andy Schell
Arcturus

From Art Hall:

This edition of the ASOA newsletter marks the first that Andy is at the helm, so to speak. After quite a run of getting two issues out each year, I'm enjoying my 'retirement'. I know how difficult it can be to come up with something newsworthy, original, interesting and useful. So please, when you have something worth sharing in these pages, do not hesitate to give Andy a hand by contributing.

This past winter and spring I made a commitment to find time to do one of those things that I've put off for way too long. I have been simply transposing 28 years of hand written cruising memories to a Word document.

Ever since Sandy and I started sailing together in 1982, she has diligently maintained a log whenever we are cruising. More accurately, it's a journal of our sailing adventures as a young married couple. The years when we cruised with two toddlers, (I'd forgotten about towing a plastic toy called Tugsy Toot) preteen years (I hadn't forgotten the Barbie years when the forward cabin looked like the 'pink isle' at Toys R' Us). Then there were the years when the girls could get a little time off from their summer jobs and more recently, entries include adventures with their husbands. Perhaps future pages will be filled with memories made with grand children. (However, nothing yet on the building ways.)

There were the cruises when we were plagued by rain and fog, but there were others when the weather gods smiled on us. My memory was jogged of the cruise when we were aboard for 10 days of perfect weather. We made it way down east to Roque Island and we only tacked once, and that was to fetch our mooring on return to our homeport of *Bayside*. *There were the hikes and beach adventures that inevitably brought flotsam back to the boat that I would secretly slip back to the depths when interest was lost and no one was paying attention.*

I could ramble on and on. The point is, if you've kept a similar log throughout the years. Dust it off and have a read. When I finish this project I'll be sending copies to both Katie and Gretchen. I'm sure they'll enjoy it as much as we have.

Have a great summer.

Art Hall
Secret Water

Upcoming Events & ASOA News:

JUNE 11-13: CELESTIAL NAVIGATION WORKSHOP, hosted by Andy & Mia

- **Fri:** 3-7pm, **Sat:** 9-5pm, **Sun:** 9-3ish, Sarles Boatyard, Annapolis, MD
- \$400 / Person (\$300 for ASOA members). Incl. materials & Sat. BBQ
- Seabreeze's welcome! (Anchor or moor right off the marina in Spa Creek).
- See fathersonsailing.com for details

ASOA BURGEES AVAILABLE FOR \$30.00

We are currently flying ours from the port spreaders, and think you should too. Send checks to the address above, including shipping info.

ASOA WEBSITE & LISTSERV (WWW.ALLIEDSEABREEZE.ORG)

I believe Roy Harvey and Michael Adler were the strongest proponents of keeping topics separate. One topic for one email please.

I need your help with my goals for the ASOA website! Check it out...

- **Boat photos:** Please email me updated ones if you don't see yours on the current website. Include boat name and owner name, if you wish. *u home port*
- **A "Project Page."** Michael Adler has sent me a cd of his extensive refit, and Tim Lackey has an entire website dedicated to the rebuild of the burned-out hull #16. Send us photos of text of your projects. Check out Tim's site - <http://seabreeze.lackeysailing.com/>
- **Cruising Logs and Links:** Send me the text or the link!

SEPT. 11 OR 18 (TENTATIVE): CHESAPEAKE RENDEZVOUS

Nancy Mehegan is planning this, so stayed tuned for updates. RSVP to the listserv if you know you can make either of these dates. Thanks Nancy!

CHESAPEAKE RENDEZVOUS PART TWO: ASOA, LUDERS 33 & BOAT SHOW!

Allen Gemache of the Luders Association has requested that we attempt a Luders / Seabreeze rendezvous around Boat Show time. I agree! The Annapolis Sailboat Show is October 7-11 2010. Stay tuned to the website and listserv for details.

OTHER RENDEZVOUS'?

I have not heard from the Maine or Florida contingent, but check the listserv and website for details on other ASOA events throughout the summer.

TRAVELS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, BY ANDY SCHELL: \$24.95 + 6% Sales Tax

I've published my first book! It's my travel journals, from a winter in Sweden and Europe. All proceed will go towards *Arcturus'* "charts & books" fund. Buy the book, and choose the chart you wish to "sponsor" from our required list for the TransAt. Send checks to the address in the header, with shipping info. Check out www.fathersonsailing.com for our chart list and more info on the book. Thanks for supporting our trans-Atlantic ambitions!

-Andy & Mia, *Arcturus*

E-NEWS

Finally, we'll be utilizing the interweb for this and future newsletters. All will then be posted to the website. If you'd like a hardcopy, or know someone who does, just let me know. Send along an updated address and I'll send it off pronto.