

Greetings fellow Seabreeze enthusiast

Once again, I am later getting this newsletter published than I had hoped. Spring in Maine has been cold and wet and you would think I'd have plenty of time to do such things, but the 'want to, must and honey do' lists never seem to end.

Florida Rendezvous

Special thanks go out to Carlton and Stephanie Oaks, *Arabella* #74, of Hobe Sound, Florida. Back in April they hosted a Seabreeze rendezvous at their canal front home. Seven boats were represented: 4 boats were on hand and 3 more couples drove over to talk boats, maintenance, modifications, cruising stories, and eat... lots of wonderful food. Carlton and Stephanie really know how to make everyone feel at home.

The boats represented were: (the ones in bold were on hand)

#28 - Southerly	Dave and Diane Berry	Crew: Mrs. P. (ship's cat)
#48 - Mon Plisire	Dave and Sandy Kipp	Crew: Philip & Sharon Merlier
#74 - Arabella	Carl and Stephanie	Crew: Kalypso
#76 - Fox Aquila	Bill & Barbara Crosby	
#78 - Marquise	Walter & Robin Manning	
#80 - Lavolta	Linda and Bob Madrell	
#101 - Destiny	Joe and Betty French	Guests: Tim and Jen French

Maine Plans

I've chosen the date of Monday July 18th for a rendezvous at Tenants Harbor, Maine. We have chosen Tenants once again for its central location and accessibility for those that choose to arrive by car. The **Cod End** has casual seafood dining on the dock or if the group is so inclined we have to option of a more formal dinner at the **East Wind Inn**. My plan is to arrive mid morning on the 18th. I look forward to a good turn out. Please give me a heads up if you plan to be on hand, of course you're welcome to just cruise on in.

207-688-4088 Home

207-338-2460 Camp

207-442-3901 Work

207-807-6002 Sandy's Cell

Chesapeake Plans: *This from Mel Converse*

This group never ceases to amaze me. There were a few emails floating around regarding a Seabreeze Chesapeake rendezvous this year and it seemed like Solomons Island would be a good central place convenient to both Northern Bay & Southern Bay boats so nobody had too far to go. Since Elaine & Dickie Dodson, *Respite #88*, live there, they were the obvious ones to ask for suggestions. What I got back from Elaine was essentially an up-to-date cruising guide, complete with 2 Excel spread sheets, and a narrative of who could do what to accommodate us and by the way, what dates were we thinking of.

So, **24 - 25 September at Zahniser's Yachting Center.** www.zahnisers.com

What I need at this point is an idea of how many boats would be interested and would like to hear from those who think they might make it in the next week or so. No commitment at this time but slips are available, A crew count would perhaps be helpful since Elaine is already talking to them about a tent so I guess the question about slip requirements will soon be followed by "how big a tent?".

We've had great a rendezvous in the Chesapeake every year since John Eberman started them 4 years ago. Let's keep the string going.

If you are interested in joining the group by boat or by car please contact Mel Converse at 703-777-2749

When plans are finalized I will get out another letter with all the details. But please contact Mel in a timely manner so we can project attendance.

Luders 33 rendezvous invite

The Luders 33 group has extended an invitation to any Seabreeze that might be in the neighborhood this summer for two rendezvous they have in the works. There will be one in Salem, Massachusetts hosted by Sandra and Joe Noonan the weekend of July 30, 2005. If you are interested contact Joe Noonan, telephone 978-282-4872.

The Narragansett Bay rendezvous will be held at the home of Merrick and Pat Leach, 9 Blake Street, Warwick, RI, the weekend of August 20, 2005. Telephone 401-738-1575. For those sailing in, the Leach's home is on the water just North of Conimicut Point...look for mooring ball #69.

I have extended a reciprocal invitation to any planned Seabreeze rendezvous. After all, our boats are such close cousins.

Winter get together

Sometimes a Seabreeze get-together isn't really planned, instead it just happens. Joe Field, *Venture #14*, and myself each have ambitions of building a storage / work shed so we can enjoy our boats 12 months of the year. Ken Textor, *Hazel G. #70*, and Tim Lackey, *Pixie #16*, both have such a facility, so we spent some time this winter getting tours and at least formulating an idea what our dream should look like. One Saturday in late February Don and Betty and Lockhart, *Sacunska #135*, were visiting in the area so we all got together at Tim's heated shop in North Yarmouth and feasted on fish chowder, bread and cheese. At the time Tim had two Pearson Tritons in the shop; one getting a substantial make over and the other being converted to a day sailor. Next year *Pixie #16*, should be in for an ambitious restoration effort from a serious gasoline fire suffered a few years ago. Visit Tim's website: www.alliedseabreeze.com to follow the progress.

Seabreeze CD

In the last newsletter I offered a CD for those interested in Allied Boat Company / MacLear and Harris drawings. 15 drawings are available on the CD plus many, many Seabreeze images. The number of digitized photos has increase substantially thanks to the Carl and Stephanie Oakes efforts. While they had the ASOA snap shot collection in Florida for the rendezvous they hosted, they made an effort to scan in the entire collection. Currently there are somewhere between 250 and 300 pictures, in addition to the scanned drawings, on the current edition of the CD. Over 30 Seabreeze owners have taken advantage of this resource and I can continue to burn CD's if you are interested. As before, I request \$15 to cover the cost of scanning the drawings, blank CD, mailer and postage. Let me know if you'd like one.

Speaking of pictures

If you have favorite images of your boat, you're welcome to include them in the archives. Of special interest are modifications or features that make your boat unique. The most recent addition of pictures show off many creative enhancements members have made to their boats. You can either email your pictures or 'snail mail' them. I will scan and return them to you. askghall@zwi.net or Art Hall, 246 Hallowell Road, Pownal, Maine, 04069

Welcome New Members

I would like to welcome new members that I have met or am aware of. John Trotta is in the process of acquiring *Carefree, #69*. Scott Barker has purchased *April's Dawn #96*, and is planning upgrades and Richard Bird of Southold, New York, is the proud new owner of *Anemone #68*. Finally Phil Smith of Dallas, Texas has purchased *Finbarr #121*. *Finbarr* will follow the tracks of *Annisquam #132*, which a few years ago made the long trip across country to the Pacific Northwest. Along with *Fidelitas #130*, there will be three

Citations in close proximity of each other. Perhaps someday they'll raft up in the San Juan Islands with snow-capped Mt. Baker in the background... what a sight!

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. If you have changed address or the name of your boat, please let me know so I can update the data base accordingly.

Boats for Sale

Six boats are currently for sale on www.yachtworld.com. One of those listed is a boat named *Miss Mary*. She is a new discovery to the ASOA, but the seller will only agree to pass on ASOA information to the buyer when the boat sells. She is likely hull 77, 79 or 83.

Seeking a Seabreeze

Kip Brundage of Hope, Maine is looking for a Seabreeze... preferably a yawl.
kip@bigfishmedia.com

While you're out cruising....

Mike Hoffman, *Reserve #115*, extends a welcome to any Seabreeze planning to visit Marblehead, Mass. He can extend the services of the Corinthian Yacht Club for a mooring, etc. Contact him at 603-859-0145. He also maintains mooring #1041 on the south shore of Tenants Harbor, Maine, which is usually available for visiting a Seabreeze. For that matter, if you're cruising in Penobscot Bay, stop by at Bayside and I should be able to find you a mooring for the night.

Cabin sole trim rings

For many years one of the most elusive parts to replace on a Seabreeze has been the stainless steel trim rings used in the cabin sole. These are actually rings used to mount an old style sink into a counter top. You will notice your galley sink uses the same thing. Finally, thanks to Carlton Oakes, *Arabella #74*, a source has been found that can provide these. Unfortunately they are not an 'off the shelf' item, rather they must be custom made. If you are part of Mel Converse's Seabreeze Email exchange group, you are already aware of this and a good number of owners leapt at the chance to get in on a group order. From what I understand the delivered product is faithful to the original. Since a group order is the only appropriate way to obtain these, Carlton **is willing to make one final effort**. So, if you want to be included, DO NOT DELAY. Make certain he is aware of your wishes and **one final order** will be placed. I will let Carlton decide what his 'drop dead date' is, but I urge you to act promptly.

3 rings \$75 + \$10 shipping = \$85

4 rings \$100 + \$10 shipping = \$110

Please send a check, your name, boat's name, shipping address to:

Carlton E. Oakes

8491 SE Driftwood St

Hobe Sound, Fl

33455

772-545-3473 Coakes@adelphia.net

Replacing your galley sink

Hamilton Marine offers a galley sink replacement that requires little or no adjustment to the existing rough opening. It is a 13" x 17" self-rimming type made by Polarware.

PSP 173-8 is 6 inches deep and is not a stocked item but they will order it for you. PSP-101-1 is 9 inches deep and in their catalog. You also have a choice of 2 or 3.5 inch drain holes...either can be reduced to your drain hose. If you elect to convert to the deeper 9" model, rather than the original 6" model, check to see if you have clearance for the added depth. Here's the URL for the deep model:

<http://store.hamiltonmarine.com/browse.cfm/4,9804.html>

Seabreezes in the news

Mariner longs to set sail on elegant rebuilt boat

By SARAH MAGARGEE smagargee@hernandotoday.com

HERNANDO BEACH - The ocean runs wild in Larry Link's blood.

Link stands in the Sterling Marina and gazes affectionately at his 1965 Allied Seabreeze sloop, hull number 33. "I saw her sitting in the water and went up and put my hands on her," Link says with his South Carolinian drawl. "And she said, 'It's me.'" It was a brush with destiny two-and-a-half years ago that Link purchased "Walela" and set upon the monumental task of refurbishing the long-neglected classic sailing vessel. Walela's restoration was far from an amateur project. She underwent a complete cosmetic overhaul, along with a host of mechanical and electrical repairs, aimed at making the once great boat spectacular. Link picks up a clear, plastic sleeve that is filled with photographs of varying sizes. These photographs show Walela when he first acquired her. "She was in pretty bad shape when I got her," Link says as he thumbs through the photos, showing Walela's paint flaked, the teak wood trim dull and lifeless, and the bronze pieces corroded beyond recognition. The then 38-year-old boat had been grossly weathered by the elements. No project, however, is too great for Link. Cosmetically, Walela is almost unrecognizable from the early photographs. Now, the sea vessel shines and gleams in the Hernando County sun like the ocean itself. "I believe she needs to look as good coming as she does going," Link says as he gestures toward the front and back of the boat. The paint is new and glossy, the detailing is flawless and bold and the freshly sanded and varnished Burma Teak wood accents give the boat a truly classic appearance. "All this teak came with the boat," Link says. "You can't find stuff like this without paying a huge

price." Walela's improvements are not just skin deep. Link shimmies up a ladder and proudly whips open a door revealing a large, bright red engine: the heart beat of the boat. Like a proud parent, Link explains the boat's internal improvements: a more powerful motor, restructured exhaust system, new steering chains and new wires and cables all combine to make Walela sea ready.

When Link saw Walela he knew she was a diamond in the rough. The Allied Seabreeze sloop is a finely crafted vessel that, back in its heyday, was top of the line. "When the Allied Seabreeze was built, it was built as a race cruiser," Link says. "It was top of the line, better than a Hinckley."

Only 135 Allied Seabreeze vessels were made between 1963 and 1973, of which 133 remain sprinkled across the globe. "She is 35 feet but is very petite for her size," he says. "This is a true sailing vessel. I have never been on a smoother sailing boat." Link says each Allied Seabreeze was hand-constructed and took between three and five months to complete. Occasionally while working on Walela, Link would find names scrawled on inner boards: the craftsmen took such pride in their work that they would leave their signatures buried deep in the bowels of the boat.

"Why this boat?" Link asks. "You can put this boat in the water and the whole world is ahead of you. You don't need fuel; you can catch fish to eat. The wind carries you. There is nothing else on earth that you can do that with."

Living the dream

For the past 56 years, since the day he took his first breath of air, the ocean and its vessels have been an integral part of Link's life. Born and raised on the coast of South Carolina, Link started working beside his father at the age of 6. "My father built boats," Link says. "I remember putting in screws, sanding and painting boats with him." After graduating high school, Link joined the U.S. Navy where he continued his passion for the sea. Then during the summer of 1971 Link retired from the armed forces and moved to the Tampa Bay area. "I worked construction for a while and then became yard manager for Cruising World in St. Petersburg," Link says. Shortly after, Link began what would become a lifelong job in boat repair and refurbishing. While working on Walela, Link completed 10 other boats. Presently he is dividing his time between Walela and two other boats, he says as he points across the yard toward two larger vessels.

"This is what I have done all my life," Link says as he gazes out across the marina. "Will I ever retire? Never." In just a matter of weeks Link and his family will take Walela out to sea for the first time in more than two years. Link said he has never sailed Walela, although he has sailed other Allied Seabreeze boats. He stands proudly atop Walela's deck and looks towards the Gulf. After more than 2,000 hours of labor, Walela is almost ready to again sail the Gulf of Mexico.

"She is truly an amazing boat. I hope to take her out in two weeks," he says. "We will toast the occasion with sailing and a few beers. I am not a Champagne kind of guy."

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Don't miss Jim Carrier's latest sailing adventure cruising *Ranger #107* along the coast of Portugal.

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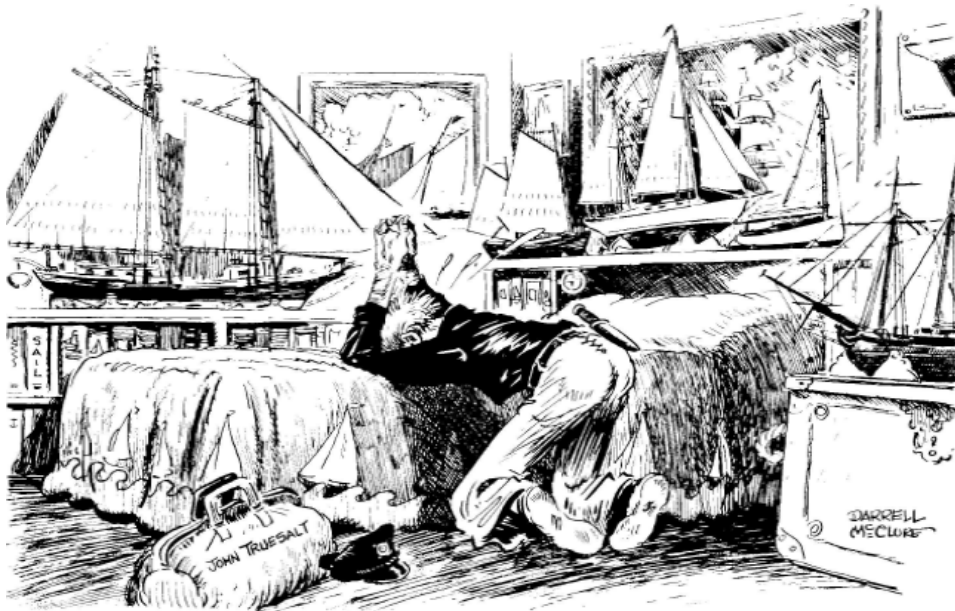
Ken Textor's *Hazel G. #70* is seen anchored in Blue Hill, Maine.

(Interesting to note that both the above articles feature a photo of a Seabreeze yawl, viewed from the starboard side, as far forward as the aft cabin window.)

Seabreeze can still turn in a good showing

I heard from Dick Gray this past winter. Dick is a member of "Baysailors" which is an active sailing singles group in the Tampa Bay area. Apparently they held a winter fun race and *Ephraim W. #92*, swept the fleet and brought home the silver. Congratulations to Dick and his crew.

Oldie but goodie



Oh dear lord have mercy upon my soul.... I went cruising on a power boat and liked it!