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NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND SABRE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Paul Cournoyer

It goes without saying that sailing in 2001 had its' moments, both good and bad. The two- week downeast cruise that Kym and I took in August was full of good sailing wind, minimal fog and quiet anchorages. We ventured into harbors and inlets that we always seemed to bypass in previous years, only to find that they were more delightful to visit than our usual jaunts.

Then it happened, the unforeseen and unimaginable terror of September 11th. We tried to find solace any way we could that day. When the weekend came, we packed up Kaper as usual and tried to pretend that it was just another typical weekend out on the water. Yet it wasn't. The skies were void of contrails, in an eerie sort of way, and the coastal waters

seemed just as vacant of pleasure boats. The VHF was active with the Coast Guard announcing vessel boardings and giving warnings that gave us chills: "Cap' we are coming aboard with weapons loaded". Departing Quahog Bay, we were met by a Coast Guard vessel sitting by Elm Island, watching us. As we made our way back to the yacht club my eyes caught something on the distant horizon. The distinct rake in its' mast and the massive gray hull identified it as an Arleigh Burke Class Aegis destroyer. In a strange sort of way, we were at ease. The Coast Guard was prevalent more than ever and destroyers built right in our backyard are ready to defend our freedom.

As we enter the 3rd year as an official, recognized

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"WELCOME TO THE FLEET"

JOIN US FOR WINE, CHEESE AND CHEER
as NNESA welcomes Michael and Pat Grishman's new 2002 Sabre 402 to the Sabre fleet. Help us welcome the new "**WINDWALKER**"

Date: January 12, 2002

Time: 4:30 PM

Place: East Coast Yacht Sales, Lower Falls Landing, Yarmouth, Maine. BYOB (Cheese and hors d'ouvers provided by NNESA)

Directions: Yarmouth (Exit 17) off I-95 N or S to Rt. 1S. Left on to Rt. 88 at Texaco. Approximately 1 mile to Lower Falls Landing. For info contact Paul or Kym Cournoyer, (207) 797-7033 or email kaper34@aol.com.

SABRE PLANT TOUR AND MEXICAN PARTY

Join us for a tour of the Sabre plant in South Casco, then adjourn to Peter and Susan McCracken's home for the second annual **MEXICAN PARTY** for NNESA supplied margaritas!

Date: March 9, 2002

Time: To be announced. Mailing to follow.

Place: Sabre Yachts, South Casco, and Peter and Susan McCracken's home, 17 Mayfield Place, Freeport, Maine.

Directions: Sabre is located on Hawthorne Road in South Casco, Maine. Take Rt. 302 North to S. Casco, Hawthorne Road is on your left. To McCracken's, Directions to Peter & Susan

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President—

A Busy and Successful Season

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Sabre Owners Association, I truly hope that 2002 will be full of peace and prosperity for all of you and your families. As you can see from the calendar of events in this newsletter, NNESEA is preparing for another active and social season. I look forward to another year of leading your association and I feel honored to be associated with all of you. With the events of 2001 behind us, let us look to the opportunities that 2002 brings and let's cherish those moments that we share with each other on the water and at our numerous gatherings. In the meantime, here are a few words of wisdom for you to consider 'out on the water' in 2002.

Live each day as it comes.

Be your own best friend.

Get up early three mornings and you will gain ½ a day.

Age is a frame of mind.

Don't leave a loved one in anger.

Do not protect yourself by a fence, but rather with friends.

Read directions carefully.

Laugh in the face of disaster.

Never give up hope.

And lastly...Two captains will sink a ship.

And always remember Deal's Law of Sailing: The amount of wind will vary inversely with the number and experience of the people you take on board.

FOR SALE

Hood Sea Furl headsail furling system for Sabre 34 Mk I. Complete with headstay and furling line. \$100. Paul Cournoyer (207) 797-7033.

150% furling genoa for Sabre 34 Mk I. Foam luff and Pacific Blue Sunbrella foot and leach UV cover. Fair-to-good condition. \$100. Paul Cournoyer, (207) 797-7033

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The 2001 summer sailing season for NNESEA members kicked off in May with our spring meeting at the Muddy Rudder Restaurant in Yarmouth, Maine. A nearly full complement of the membership attended the dinner meeting and as usual, there was plenty of camaraderie and cheer. NNESEA's rendezvous season got off to a slow start in late June with three Sabres gathering at Snow Island in Quahog Bay. Wind-walker, Kokomo and Kaper enjoyed the beautiful summer evening sipping on NNESEA furnished margaritas.

The second NNESEA rendezvous in August at the Basin, proved to be more successful. Six NNESEA Sabres, which included Petrel, Entre Nous, Sea Walker, Kaper, Dolci and Solace, all gathered in Kaper's cockpit for drinks, hors d'ouvers and yarns. In true esprit du corps fashion, the crew of Petrel, Sea Walker and Kaper worked together to solve an engine overheating problem on Sea Walker. Once again, NNESEA members joining force to assist a fellow member. The McCrackens, aboard Petrel, proudly displayed their new Kittery Point sailing dinghy and a few of us took the opportunity to test her sailing characteristics in the light Basin air. It's a wonderful sailing dinghy with beautiful lines.

In September, the rendezvous finale of the season was a lobster bake at the Orrs-Bailey Yacht Club. Fifteen NNESEA members attended, some by land and some by sea. Everyone had such a wonderful time that it was a unanimous decision that this rendezvous should be a NNESEA tradition. Dave Griffin was the lucky winner of the door prize...a Sabre no-spill mug!

The finale of the year was the 2001 annual meeting in November. All in attendance can attest to its' success. DiMillo's floating restaurant proved to be an accommodating and comfortable setting for the cocktail party/hors d'oeuvres style gathering. Hamilton Marine of Searsport and Portland sponsored the meeting and donated a store gift certificate as a door prize. Michael Grishman, who ironically is outfitting a 2002 Sabre 402, was the lucky winner of the gift

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NNESEA MARINE YARD SALE

**Coming soon to a
location near you, it's
the nnesa marine yard
sale!**

**NNESEA is planning to hold a spring
yard sale at a location in the
Portland-Yarmouth area. Start
thinking now about what items you
might have to sell!**

Details will follow in the spring.

**We plan to open this to other
mariners, so there should be a good
selection of items available.**

MARGARITA PARTY (CONT.)

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McCrackens home, 17 Mayfield Place, Freeport,
Maine (207-865-6092)

From Route I 95 north or south take exit 21. From
north bear right at top
of ramp, from south take left at stop sign at top of
ramp. Go to traffic
light and take right onto Route 1, and take left onto
Bow Street directly
opposite L. L. Bean. Follow Bow Street for ap-
proximately 2 1/2 miles. At
fork, take right fork (follow sign for "Wolfe Neck
Woods State Park") then
take right onto Wolfe Neck Road (also sign "Wolfe
Neck Woods State Park")
Follow Wolfe Neck Road for 1.7 Miles and take
right onto Mayfield Place.
There are two houses at top of hill - McCracken's is
on left.

A Busy and Successful Season for NNESEA (cont.)

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certificate. Michael should have no problem spending that prize! Additional door prizes were provided by NNESEA, while Sabre Yachts, DiMillo's and NNESEA member Bruce Altman donated several more. The highlight of the evening was Roger Hewson's most interesting biographical presentation on his career and the advent of Sabre Yachts. In addition to a finely choreographed talk, Roger's presentation included demonstrating the tank test model of the Sabre 28 hull and displaying numerous photographs, sales brochures and articles about the various yachts built at Sabre.

At the NNESEA annual meeting, Roger and Charlie Hewson shared the following verse with those present, which Roger keeps framed and hanging on the wall:

I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving. We must sail sometimes with the wind, and sometimes against it, __ but we must sail, and can not drift, nor lie at anchor.

Oliver Wendell Holmes