

Newsletter from Peter Robinson January 28th 2011

Good Afternoon Everyone,

For those of you who don't know me, I'm Peter Robinson and I am currently the Americas Chapter Captain of the Moody Owner's Association (MOA). Many of you already know me through my long involvement with the Moody Boat Owner's Association of the Americas (MBOAA). Most of you may already know that late last year the Executive Committee of the MBOAA worked with the MOA to form a Chapter here in the Americas. The Chapter includes Canada, the USA, Caribbean and Latin American countries. Needless to say having an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of all of us will be very difficult given the spread out nature of the membership. For the most part we interact via the MOA website and emails. Additionally, a number of the email addresses on this correspondence are not formally members of the MOA, but have been a part of the MBOAA for years and I would not dream of leaving them out.

Some may wonder how I came to have the title of "Captain" of the Americas Chapter. Mostly by default. As Commodore of the MBOAA I worked with our Executive Committee, Chris Thom (Moody 46, "Tom Tom"), Nancy Noonan (Moody 42, "Meridian") and Tony Weatherford (Moody 419, "Feathers"), to form a MOA Chapter over here and in order to get things started a magic wand was waved over my head and the title was bestowed. However, sometime in the near future we will need to have formal elections to vote on the Captancy. If there is anyone out there who wishes to have the title, I will be quite happy to turn over the crown. In all my endeavors with both the MBOAA and the MOA my efforts have been mainly focused around trying to keep us all communicating in some form or another. Obviously, given the great distances between everyone, monthly meetings is a non-starter. Generally, email is the only way to go although if anyone wants to take on the task of setting up a rendezvous that would be fantastic.

Just FYI, the addresses on this email were either ones from the MBOAA list or taken directly off the MOA Members Only section of the website. The ones off the MOA website all came from the listing denoting that you were located on this side of the Atlantic. Needless to say your email addresses will not be passed on to anyone else by me and I hope the same holds true for everyone. If you don't wish to use mass emails as a method to communicate please just let me know. However, I can assure you, I will not be filling your "In

Box” with a bunch of emails as I really don’t have enough time anymore for that. As I get older, I seem to have less and less time for extracurricular activities. Retirement appears to be the only way to correct that situation.

I won’t prattle on anymore, but I do have some information to pass on to you:

I have just been informed that Michael Hawkins & Barbara Sobocinski onboard “Astarte”, a Moody 422, will be presented with the Godfrey Rose Bowl at the Annual General Meeting of the MOA in England for their Compass article on Cruising Colombia. Unfortunately (or maybe not) they won’t be on hand to accept the trophy as they are presently anchored in the San Blas Islands off Panama. They have been cruising the Caribbean for the last two years now. I really hate it for them :->) Below is the email sent to Michael and Barbara from Sally Barker-Dodds, the “Compass” magazine editor.

Dear Michael and Barbara

Happy New Year

I am contacting you to let you know that we are awarding you the Godfrey Rose Bowl at the MOA National AGM in February. This is given to the author of the most interesting log that has appeared in Compass over the last year.

Congratulations!

best

Sally

I have also received an email from David Moody, whose family owned Moody Yachts for 175 years. David was one of the 6th generation of Moody’s to have run the family business and worked for the company for over 40 years, until the date of sale in December 2005. His niche area was new boat development, sales and marketing. David let me know that he and his wife are planning to be on vacation in Hilton Head, South Carolina from June 3rd to the 10th of this year. David said he could not pass on the opportunity to hopefully meet up with Moody owners on this side of the pond. He has offered to put on a presentation for us regarding the history of A.H. Moody & Sons. Free of charge

of course. I explained that Moody owners over here are scattered everywhere and I was not sure of how many people would be able to attend. He said it did not matter if only a couple of people could make it. He would still be happy to meet with whoever could make it there. My question is what do you think about the idea? I realize it would be hard to confirm attendance at this early date but please let me know if there is any possibility that “you” could be there for the presentation or if there is any interest at all. I told David I would get back with him in the not too distant future. I believe this would be worth a special trip so I plan to drive from Pensacola, Florida to Hilton Head for the event.

Lastly, those that are members of the MOA, have you received your hard copy of the Compass magazine? Pete & Stephanie Peterson and I have not and I was just wondering if it’s just the postal system in Florida. Pete & Stephanie have their Moody 425 “Brilliant” in Jacksonville and I live in Pensacola, Florida. If others are having the same problem please let me know and I will send Sally an email to see if she can correct the issue.

I am trying not to make this too terribly long so I will end now but please let me know your feelings regarding attending a presentation by David Moody and please feel free to contact me about any questions or issue you may have about the Americas Chapter of the MOA. My cell number is 850-324-8506 if you want to talk as opposed to email.

Have a great weekend,

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