



## Great Lakes Alberg Association 50th

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Exciting plans to celebrate the Association's and the Alberg 30's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary throughout 2014 are 'in the works'.

A 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee was created not only for the purpose of planning and organizing celebratory events to commemorate this historic milestone of the Great Lakes Alberg Association and the Alberg 30, but to pull together data and memorabilia to create an archival source for all lovers of Carl Alberg's beautiful designs. At this point in time, the Committee is comprised of a Chair (Cathie Coultis), Director of Cruising (Bill Newman), Director at Large (also, Co-ordinator for a very special edition 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Booklet) Larry Richardson, and Treasurer (Janet McNally)...*who, by the way, will on behalf of the Association, happily accept a cheque from anyone wishing to make a donation in support of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund.*

Three major '50<sup>th</sup>' events being organized for your enjoyment are ~

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** is the date set for the '**50<sup>th</sup> Formal Dinner**', which will be our first celebratory event in 2014. It will be held at the National Yacht Club in Toronto...which is an appropriate location, as it was home to the first Canadian owned Alberg 30 'Opus'. NYC and GLAA member, Marc Decorte has generously offered to assist the '50<sup>th</sup>' Chair (me) with organizing this very special event to kick off to the year.

The second '50<sup>th</sup>' event, and first of the Association's two summer rendezvous events, is the **Canada Day Rendezvous**. This special event will be held at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, on the Toronto Islands. GLAA and RCYC members Aileen Clarke and Jim Roy (co-owners of Alberg 30 Bistro), have graciously offered to assist our '50<sup>th</sup>' Committee Director of Cruising Bill Newman as Co-ordinators of this exciting event.

The third '50<sup>th</sup>' special event, and second of the two summer Rendezvous events, is the **Eastern Lake Ontario Rendezvous**. The Bay of Quinte Yacht Club in Belleville will host this rendezvous on the Civic Long Weekend in August. Commodore and '50<sup>th</sup>' Committee Chair, Cathie Coultis is looking for a couple of GLAA members who would like to help her organize this event.

During both 2014 Rendezvous events, two 'trophy' races will also be held...the Bob and Mandy Townsend Memorial Race (Canada Day Rendezvous), and the Triangle Trophy Race (Eastern Lake Ontario Rendezvous).

*The Co-ordinators of these three events will need lots of volunteers to help with specific tasks leading up to and also, during these events. Please contact any of the '50<sup>th</sup>' Committee members directly or visit the GLAA website and click on the 'Contact Us' link (located on the top banner of the GLAA home page), and on the subject line type '50<sup>th</sup> VOLUNTEER'. If you have a specific area of interest, it would be helpful to note that in the email as well. One of the Committee members will be in touch with you and provide the necessary information. Whatever your particular interests or skills are, and when your schedules permit, any help will be greatly appreciated! Thank you.*

Please visit the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary section of the GLAA website over the coming year for periodic updates and additional information.

In addition to the special '50<sup>th</sup>' events planned for 2014, the GLAA's annual Racing Programme will take place as usual... the Syronelle and Rankin Regattas – Alberg 30 Team Races with our Chesapeake cousins which are scheduled at the beginning and end of *our* sailing season, and also, the Great Lakes Championship which traditionally, is held at the end of the summer. These races may have a little 'added something' to them as it will be a very special year for the Alberg 30!

2014 may seem like a long way off; however, in order to secure 'preferred' venues, lots of advance notice is necessary! To negotiate 'good rates and fees' for accommodations and services, the Committee will need an 'early' indication of the special events members anticipate attending. A Preliminary Registration Form will be sent out to GLAA members before the boats go back in the water this year, along with a request to return the form at one's earliest opportunity.

In addition to GLAA members, invitations to the '50th' Dinner (at the National Yacht Club) will also be sent out to supporters of the Association's Partners Programme, former employees and suppliers of Whitby Boat Works, the Chesapeake Alberg 30 Group, and other supporters of the GLAA. If there are other people not mentioned here that you feel should be invited, please advise the '50<sup>th</sup>' Committee. Thank you!

Fair Winds,

*Cathie Coultis*

Commodore & Chair, GLAA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee