



## WINTER 2008 IN THIS ISSUE

Presented to:

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with sincere appreciation

for the creativity and

enthusiasm in all your work

on the GLAA newsletter

and website, 2002 - 2007.



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A banner with the text "EVENTS CALENDAR FOR THE 2008 SEASON" in large, bold, black letters. The background of the banner shows a group of people on a boat on a body of water.

# EVENTS CALENDAR FOR THE 2008 SEASON

MARCH 8 th

### **Beat the Blahs Get-Together**

At Sam and Ann Malcolmson's at 18:30pm. Pot Luck dinner.  
Phone Ann for confirmation and what to bring. (416) 488 - 8727  
89 Clifton Rd., Toronto ( 1 block N of St. Clair & Mt. Pleasant)

JUNE 13 th, JUNE 14 th, JUNE 15 th

### **Syronelle Weekend**

Syronelle Races and Cruise, National Yacht Club, Toronto.  
More details to follow, but plan on attending this one. Chesapeake Bay sailors are here for the weekend.

JULY 4 th, JULY 5 th, JULY 6 th

### **Early Summer Cruise on Lake Ontario ( Western Region)**

Lake Ontario west end cruise to Fifty Point. Triangle Race on Saturday and a good weekend for all. More details inside Newsletter.

AUGUST 3 rd, AUGUST 4 th, AUGUST 5 th

Alberg Rendezvous on Eastern Lake Ontario  
5th annual Alberg social/cruise held at Prince Edward Yacht Club in Picton, Ontario. More details inside Newsletter.

AUGUST 15 th, AUGUST 16 th

### **Great Lakes Championship Races & Cruise.**

This years Championship races to be held at Port Credit Yacht Club.  
Cruise on down and participate. Close to sail makers and always a great club to visit.

OCTOBER 17 th, OCTOBER 18 th, OCTOBER 19 th

### **The Annual Chesapeake Bay Weekend**

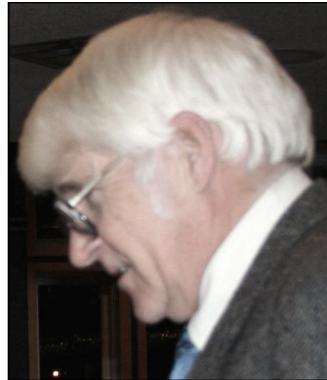
Friendship Weekend in Annapolis. A bit later than usual, but a real good time. A time to test your new sailing skills. Skippers, crew and cheerleaders are always welcome.

JANUARY 17 th, 2009

### **Annual General Meeting**

Location of our GLAA - GM meeting to be identified at a later date.

## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE:



February seems to have been the real start of Winter and with all this snow, I have yet to think of Spring.

However, it is time to review the things to check on the boat, once the frost is out of her, for safety. Those things that age surreptitiously, like axles in blocks, springs and pawls in winches, standing rigging, and running rigging are all important. Seals that harden for the last time and so might leak like prop shafts and rudder shaft seals are considerations. Changing all the gate valves, if that has not already been done, is getting to be very high on the list of unseen worn parts inventory. From what I have seen on the chat line, many early boats are having wear problems on the taffrail.

Safety is always a consideration in any and every boating experience. Taylor Echlin brought this home to us with grace and aplomb at the AGM with his presentation of the rescue of the crew and passengers from the Explorer as she sank in Antarctic waters. Preparedness and a plan are key to easy resolution of dangerous situations. There is no time to think at an emergency, but calm execution of the plan already known works well. Thanks Taylor for your insights from this experience.

We have a new executive this year with several new people aboard. I am looking forward to their ideas and the implementation of them. My thanks go to the retiring members of the past executive. I have appreciated your inputs and work that you have done for the benefit of the members of the Association.

We have a full change in our communication processes. Dave Timmins has resigned and the cover of this issue is the plaque we presented to him at the AGM even though he was not there. Thanks to Graham McNally for lifting Dave's work and modifying it to our advantage to recognize the wonderful newsletters and website we have had for the past six years. I am sure there will be slight changes to their formats as time goes on. Communication with the membership

**Commodore's Message ... cont'd**



is important and we strive to maintain good quality for you. When you have contributions, please submit them to Randy or Peter. The plans for this year's activities are well on the way and the calendar is elsewhere in this issue. There will be good opportunities at both ends of Lake Ontario for comparative experiences and discussions among members when you participate in these events. There will be two events in Georgian Bay this year, one to the North Channel and the Misery cruise. There is a group of Alberg owners in Michigan and Georgian Bay/Lake Huron who want to rendezvous at the west end of the Channel but the date is not set yet. Contact Gord Laco directly and commit to meeting him there if you are even remotely interested. The more the merrier is certainly the program. As for the Misery cruise, it will likely be after the first snow fall!

There are a couple of other undertakings this year for which the executive needs your help. The first is to help with an inventory of Alberg hulls and so if you are cruising and in ports other than home, Janski would appreciate hearing what Albergs are there. The other, of course, is membership. The GLAA is funded almost exclusively from membership fees. Thus, I encourage you to invite all Alberg owners to join the GLAA. I look forward to seeing you on the water this year and participating in some good Alberg discussions.

**Don**



# Origo Heaters

By Lloyd Danford

I read Janski's article on alcohol and Origo stoves and certainly agree with him 100 percent. Although I changed my stove to propane a number of years ago, I do use an Origo Heater. The same fueling procedures apply.

However, in '97 we left Burlington on May 19th with a modest stock of grain alcohol on board, (Summer was close at hand). By the time we reached Quebec City, our fuel was exhausted. We were unable to purchase any for the next two months. With no dodger, icy decks, frozen sheets, sleet, salt water spray, rain, damp clothing and some hypothermia, we used any fuel we could burn, (except rum). This included methyl hydrate, paint thinners and most of all ... windshield washer fluid.

The alcohol in the washer fluid was not concentrated to ignite without help, which consisted of adding a spoonful of gasoline antifreeze to a full tank. This gave a good heat all night and we were even able to cook bacon and eggs on the heater when the propane ran out.

<b>WANTED</b>	Have any ideas to share with us on how to charm new-bergs	 <h2>New Members</h2>
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*Did You know ....* **The Great Lakes Alberg Association started in 1964 ? That makes the GLAA 44 years old now. And you ??**



# The A.G.M. Report

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**Bob Townsend having a good chat with Bill, Gord, Ken & Brian**

On Saturday January 19th, 2008 twenty nine members of the Great Lakes Alberg Association met together at the Port Credit Yacht Club for their annual Winter, “meet—greet” and AGM meeting. It was a great night, a beautiful setting at PCYC and great service.

We first gathered in the warm lounge area downstairs, socializing and meeting a few new faces. When dinner was ready, we went upstairs to a beautiful buffet of Roast Beef & Chicken Chasseur with all the trimmings. I, myself ate way too much. Too much because it was too good to pass up.

While getting ready for our after dinner deserts, Don Campbell said a few words about the GLAA board, a couple of new directors, membership levels and the results of the 2007 racing schedule that was outlined in the 2007 FALL Newsletter.

This was followed by a great presentation from Taylor Echlin on the happenings of his Antarctic vacation. Using Powerpoint and video media, Taylor visually painted a once in a lifetime event on how his holiday ship, the MS Nordnorge, changed course to go and help





**Taylor Echlin's after dinner presentation**

Out the Explorer, sinking out in the Antarctic Sound. The Antarctic Sound that is located about a 2-3 hour sail from the South Shetland Islands.

Taylor was able to capture the whole sequence of events, from locating the sinking ship; retrieval of passengers; passenger stories; and offloading those passengers to land, all with his digital camera. Plus, there was a News clip of Taylor via phone on a CTV broadcast.

Want an exciting holiday (?) Who are you going to call ....

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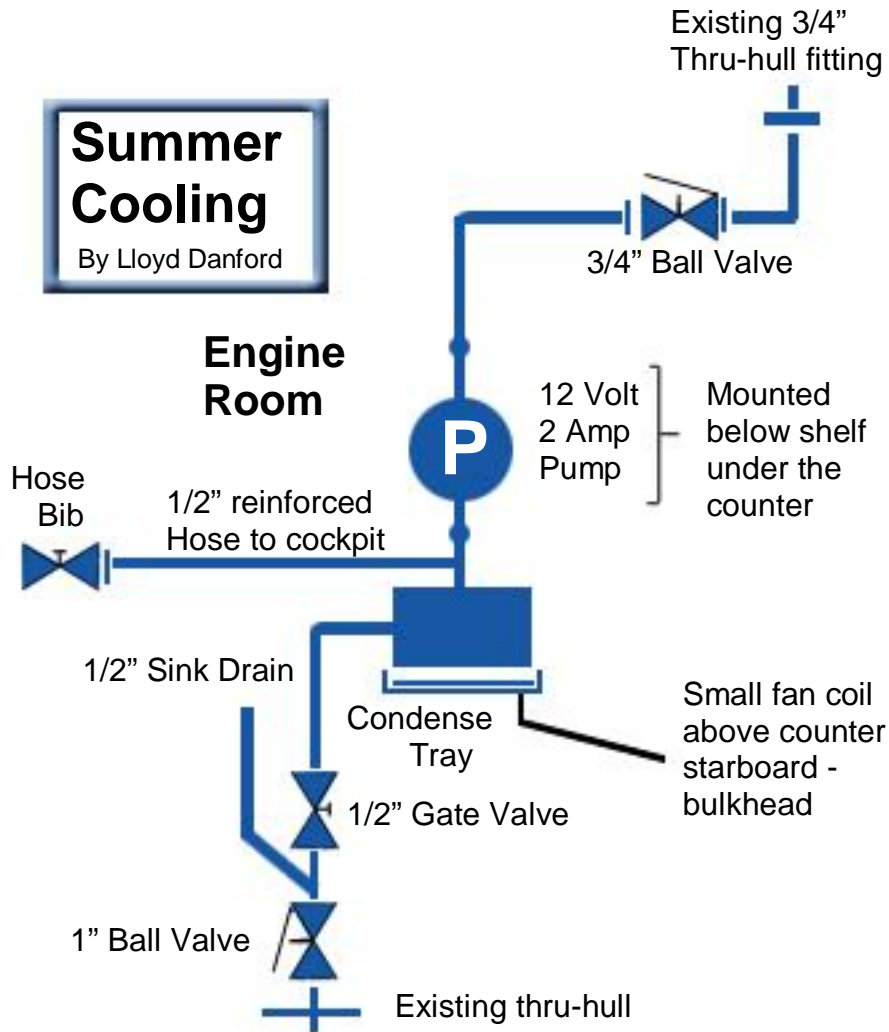
# Summer Cooling

**By Lloyd Danford**

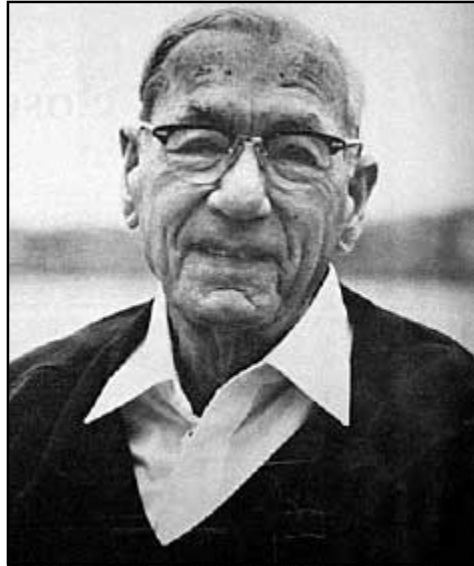
In 1999 we spent 7 weeks on a Georgian Bay trip. During some very hot nights, the discharge of condensate from the half million dollar yachts sitting around us probably aggravated me more than the heat. I am submitting a schematic of my new cooling system, which works very well in theory, and as well for about 20 minutes jury-rigged for trial.



I have installed a 12 volt pump under the shelf below my sink. The suction line uses the abandoned thru-hull icebox drain. Fresh lake water at 17 – 19 degrees Celsius is pumped through a small fan coil (heater), and discharges in to the sink drain. This should cool and dehumidify using very little power. An afterthought was to run a line to a hose bib in the cockpit, activated by closing the gate valve on the coil discharge. The installation on Shiva, my Alberg 30 (#3), is about 80 % complete. I am waiting for warmer weather to finish my cooling project.



## Remembering Carl Alberg (1900-1986)



More than 50 years ago Carl Alberg, one of this country's premier designers of fiberglass yachts, decided that Marblehead, Massachusetts was to become his permanent home. It was only appropriate that he eventually found himself living in a house that overlooked the

town's harbor and its 2,200 moorings. Looking out from his studio high on a hill you can't help but wonder at the feeling Alberg must have had when he'd lean back from his drafting table and gaze out on a summer's floating forest of masts to see actually hundreds of boats that were of his own design.

In fact, Carl Alberg's designs, from his early years with John G. Alden design firm of Boston to his latest design, the Alberg 40 being produced by Cape Dory Yachts of East Taunton, Massachusetts, represent a phenomenal number. And his designs still are popular.

Born in 1900 in the harbor city of Gothenburg, Sweden, Alberg remembers being brought up around and literally in small boats. "The harbor was always filled with ships and boats of all kinds and when we weren't sailing there the family usually vacationed on an island off the coast where my father, brother and I used to race each other in small sailboats." Having caught the sailing bug, Alberg later enrolled at the Chalmers University of Technology in Gothenburg for naval architecture and after two years of taking courses specifically geared toward sailboat design he left to come to the United States in 1925.

Settling at first in Lynn, Massachusetts he landed a job as a rigger at the General Dynamics shipyard in Quincy. After one year he became a spar-maker at the Lawless boatyard in Neponsett where he eventually met John Alden, who was having several boats made there.

After convincing Alden to look over some of his sketches, Alberg was hired as a designer. It was the beginning of a relationship that over the years would greatly influence Alberg's own designs.

I enjoyed working with Alden very much," Alberg said. "He was a wonderful guy, pleasant, calm, never getting excited, and I learned quite a bit from working with him. His designs were conservative. He concentrated on seaworthiness, comfort and boats that would sail on their bottoms, and that's pretty much what I've tried to do with my boats."

Alberg recalled how he got started in fiberglass production design. "The Coast Guard wanted a dinghy repaired and I arranged to have it fixed by two kids who were always hanging around by the boats. They were bright sharp kids, and when they did a good job repairing the dinghy with a fiberglass patch, I approached them about building one of my designs out of fiberglass." As it turned out, those two kids were the Pearson cousins and they ended up establishing Pearson Yachts on the popularity of that first design: the 28-foot Triton, of which 709 were built. Alberg retired from the Coast Guard in 1963 to concentrate full-time on his own designs.

Although Alberg is generally regarded as being one of the pioneers to set a solid foundation for the fiberglass boat industry, even he admitted that "fiberglass boat building has come a long way in a relatively short period of time. The major builders today know so much more about fiberglass construction and the different methods of laying it up than when I first got involved. Processes like sandwich construction and the application of materials to keep boats from sweating were unheard of years ago. Consequently the glass boats built nowadays are considerably better."

He also believes that any differences in design approach for fiberglass boats can be attributed to the new ocean racing rules that didn't apply when he was designing his classics. "There are still some designers around who share my ideas about glass boat design. Everyone else is trying to conform to the new rules. My boats are more designed to follow the waves and stay relatively dry and stable."

**Carl Alberg's designs and boats will live on forever.**

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# Planning Your Summer Holidays ?



**“Geez, what will we do this Summer ?”** Well, why not block off some vacation time to sail into some great GLAA sponsored events. Give yourself the time to enjoy your beautiful sailboat again. Heck, why not even call the kids to join ... or ... your old, crew gang ?

We (GLAA), have a couple of great cruise venues happening this Summer, one on each side of Lake Ontario. Both of them are also in wine regions, (hint - hint). It will be a great chance for you to mingle with fellow “Alberg-ers” and make these gorgeous sailboats of ours dance together as they were meant to be.

## **Cruise Suggestion (1): Sail to Fifty Point (July 4 - 6th)**

An early Summer cruise on the west end of the lake. Some of Ontario’s fine wineries, plus Niagara on the Lake are situated close by. This is a great cruising area, swamped with “lots to do” things. A great vacation destination.

Friday July the 4th (or earlier), will have us meet up at Fifty Point. The second day, for those who want to participate, will be the annual Triangle Race. This will be followed by a group dinner on Saturday evening. Picture taking and funny joke sharing, are encouraged.

Alberg 22 Trailer Sailors can launch in Hamilton and cruise

to Fifty Point from there, a distance of about 12 miles.



Please contact Janet at [janet@mcnally.ca](mailto:janet@mcnally.ca) ... or ... (905) 689 - 6936 for further information and/or suggestions. Please let us know your intention to join us on this fun, Summer cruise.

## **Cruise Suggestion (2): Alberg Rendezvous** Eastern Ontario

Sail down to the beautiful waters of Prince Edward County. Close to Kingston, Thousand Islands and a lot of great anchorages.

This event will be held during the Civic Weekend (August 1st - 4th) and will be hosted by PEYC in Picton, Ontario. This event is open to all Alberg boaters and Alberg drivers for the love of Alberg design.

The Saturday evening barbeque will cost members \$ 12.00 and non-members \$ 15.00. The event agenda is;

Friday August 1st - boats arrive and evening reception  
Saturday August 2nd - cruise up to Hay Bay and back + BBQ dinner  
Sunday August 3rd - choice of Raft-up or Cider-Wine tasting  
Monday August 4th - travel day (farewells)

Bring the gang and enjoy what the County has to offer. Contact Cathie Coutis at [zoocrew@persona.ca](mailto:zoocrew@persona.ca) or call her at (613) 476 - 1979 to let us know you are coming. Plus, this is a pet friendly event. PEYC only asks that you pick up and watch your little one.

## **Cruise Suggestion (3): Do Cruise Suggestion 1 & 2**

If you are really lucky, take the Summer off and do both. Wouldn't that be "*Alberg Summer of Sailing*".

**Note:** Which ever suggestion you do plan on doing, please let Cathie and Janet know the .... name of your boat; your crew and your estimated course of action. And, if you need planning assistance, area information, crew, or you just want to test out that joke, give Cathie or Janet a shout and they would be glad to help.

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Want to Drive Down to one of these events ????

Here's an important tip ....

Both locations, Fifty Point & Prince Edward County, are vacation hot spots. Plus, each event is being held on long weekends, so you would need to book your accommodations ASAP to get overnight access to one of these locals. **Book now !!!**



# Information Timbits

A) **WEBSITE** ... can be found @ [www.alberg.ca](http://www.alberg.ca) This site is now managed by our new webmaster Randall Litchfield and he can be reached at .... [rbl@inboxmarketer.com](mailto:rbl@inboxmarketer.com) ...got something for sale ?

B) **NEWSLETTER** ... will be maintained by Peter Scholz and can be reached at [pscholz@sympatico.ca](mailto:pscholz@sympatico.ca) He would appreciate any suggestions, article submissions, etc., to help keep this format useful to our Alberg population.

C) **NEW MEMBERS** ... the primary theme for 2008, besides having a blast is, recruiting new GLAA members. A membership form can be had at our website on <http://alberg.ca/memb.htm>

Plus, if you get the opportunity, when you recruit a member, see if you can get a photo of them to be published in our quarterly Newsletters. A great way to visually introduce them to the family.

D) **2007/08 AGM EVENT** ... For the past two years, our Janet McNally has successfully organized this event. Thanks Janet !!

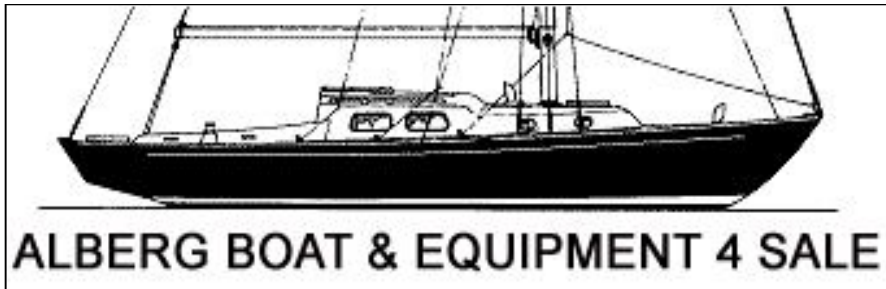
E) **WEB SURFING** ... a popular Winter sport for sailors. Here are some you may not have seen before;

- [www.thesailingchannel.tv/](http://www.thesailingchannel.tv/) ... has an episode on the restoration of an Alberg 30. Plus other amazing clips that are for free.
- [www.sailquest.com/market/](http://www.sailquest.com/market/) ... a great sight to glance at Canadian type sailboat line drawings and "boats for sale" links
- [www.landlpardey.com/](http://www.landlpardey.com/) ... loads of neat sailing info for cruisers
- [www.alberg30.org/](http://www.alberg30.org/) ... our AL30 partners from Chesapeake Bay

F) **GLAA PHOTO CONTEST** ... Looking for your favorite 2008 sailing type, Alberg photo. It can be something funny or beautiful. The Photos to be judged at the next AGM. See who the winners will be as they are posted on our website & newsletter.



Submit photos to: Peter Scholz (Newsletter Editor)  
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Email: [pscholz@sympatico.ca](mailto:pscholz@sympatico.ca)



**ALBERG 30 - GRENADIER ( HULL NO. 74 )**

This 1965 sailboat has only had one owner since new and she has always been stored inside. She can be seen in Picton, Ontario.

Recently professionally painted; race equipped North Sails; Harken Roller Jib; Spinnaker and Staysail. Also has Wind / Depth / Loran C / VHF / Barient 2 Speed Winches / Anchor Roller / CQR Plough 50 + 3/8 chain & 150 braided line/ Anchor Windlass / Fortress Anchor & line / Sun Awning / Refrigerator / recent new Fuel Tank & Exhaust system / Teak Grating Cockpit / Graymarine 25 hp gas engine (1200 hrs) / Life jackets & 2 Horseshoe Life Buoys. / Teak Swim Ladder

**Asking \$ 28,000 Cdn for more info [rec15hill@yahoo.ca](mailto:rec15hill@yahoo.ca) or call Bob Clapp at (613) 476—6692 - she is in pristine condition.**

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**ALBERG 30 (HULL NO 469)**

Atomic 4, completely rebuilt, many maintenance and hardware upgrades (including new head). The interior requires new upholstery. **Asking \$ 20,000 Cdn**

Call Don Campbell at (519) 475 - 6033

Email [dk.campbell@sympatico.ca](mailto:dk.campbell@sympatico.ca)

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**Spring Boat Tips ...**

- A) Hang a stem of dried eucalyptus in your cabin and/or lockers. Your boat will smell like a florist's shop.
- B) Dirt on upholstery comes off with ordinary shaving cream.
- C) A lost tool will only be found after you have bought another.
- D) Close all seacocks & insert the bilge plug on launch day !!!



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