

# GLA PECEMBER 2014

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### **GREAT LAKES ALBERG ASSOCIATION**



#### Commodore's Corner

On behalf of the GLAA Executive and my family, I would like wish you and your family "the Very Best Wishes for a merry and safe Festive Season!!"

This past year has been a very special milestone for our Alberg Association, with 50th Anniversary celebrations throughout the year, organized by members for our members - present and former, to enjoy with their crew and families. I hope you had an opportunity to partake in some of these celebrations. If you were unable to join the fun and camaraderie, there are great write-ups about all the year's social, racing and cruising events in the 2014 editions of the GLAA Newsletter, which are all archived on the Association's website.

After much deliberation at our Executive meetings over this past year, it has been decided that following a very full year of 'planned' events (50th and annual) with a less than stellar (and anticipated) turn out at most of the GLAA events (a trend which has become evident over the past few years), the Association's 'Cruising' calendar will be more informal in 2015.....harkening back to the more casual approach taken in the '70s and '80s. If you are planning to head out with your Alberg on a weekend (or longer) cruise this summer, and would like to invite a few other GLAA members with their Albergs to cruise along with you, then please let our Newsletter Editor know your sail plan in advance and he will gladly send out an e-blast to the membership on your behalf.





## Commodore's Corner cont'd

And speaking of events, to help promote the famous Alberg camaraderie it has been my and John's pleasurable contribution over the past few years to host a Civic Weekend Barbecue, and it's a tradition we will continue in 2015. Further details are coming soon.

Next year's annual 'Racing' calendar will remain much as it has been over the past years, and will continue to include the two exciting international Alberg 30 regattas supporting a long-standing tradition the GLAA shares with our Alberg cousins to the south - the Chesapeake Bay Alberg 30 Group.

There will not be an Eastern Lake Ontario Rendezvous hosted at a yacht club in 2015, but it will be held again in 2016 along with a fun race IF there is a commitment from members. Please consider coming to our annual get together if you are planning to cruise or drive to the Bay of Quinte region next summer.

The Great Lakes Alberg Association is YOUR Association. It has not only survived, but has grown over 50 years! This longevity speaks volumes about the continuing dedication of its members who believe in the many benefits and value of promoting and maintaining an Association of like-minded Alberg owners and supporters. As the GLAA continues to adapt to changing times, one thing has become very clear to the Executive Team... we need more input from members. Let the Executive know what you want from your Association! If you cannot make it to the Annual General Meeting, please consider utilizing the Contact Us link from the GLAA website, or contact any one of your Executive members directly (contact info in Roster) with any comments, suggestions, or queries.

The 2014 Annual General Meeting and Dinner will be held on Saturday January 17th. Details will be arriving in your mailboxes very shortly. I am looking forward to seeing you in January!

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**Note:** Membership Director Larry Richardson kindly requests members to include renewal forms along with payments.







### **Great Lakes Alberg Association**

2015 Regalia Order Form

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### **Event Calendar**

If anyone would like to order Regalia items, we can arrange to bring them to the AGM for pick up.

Mark your calendars NOW...first social event of 2015 is the 'Winter Blahs' Pot Luck Dinner. Sam and Ann Malcolmson, our very gracious host and hostess for many years, will be opening their home once again for this very popular GLAA gathering on Saturday, March 7th. Details of this event will be available at the AGM in January and also posted on the GLAA website. Closer to the event, an event reminder will be emailed, and members should expect a friendly call from the Association's Phone Committee (your Executive Team). Going forward, this is a new practice that has been put in place to remind members of all upcoming GLAA events.

