

Dear Members and Friends of MLBRA:

We had another great year, with good weather, good turn outs and most of all great racing. Now it is time for the Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet at the Trade Winds Motor Inn at Rockland on 22 October.

This year we will hold a business meeting before the cocktail hour and dinner for obvious reasons. One of the items we will discuss is bringing back Gasoline Class D, 502 cid and over, naturally aspirated. The bar set by Galen Alley and his FOOLISH PLEASURE is so high that some may decide not to race due to the amount of money needed to be competitive in this class. What was suggested by Bruce Engert is that we bring back the Gasoline Class D and make what is now Class D, Class E, which allows almost anything. This would lower cost, thus bring out more racers.

Other subjects: There has been discussion regarding other races taking place. For the last two years Eastport has run a race associated with its Pirate's Festival. Last year Bass Harbor held a race, which was successful. I have also heard from someone in the southern part of the State who wants to run a race out of Ogunquit. The general consensus is not to increase the number of point races, but support these additional races by including them all on our poster. We will also discuss forming a Maine Lobster Boat Racing Hall of Fame. Contact me if you have any other issues that you would like placed on the agenda.

Dinner will be chicken parmesan, meatloaf and gravy, vegetables and dessert. Awards will follow dinner. Those receiving awards are: Galen Alley; Rocky Alley; Troy Alley; Dana Beal; D & L Boatworks; Bryant Ciomei; Tom Clemons; Marcus Curtis; Brent Davis; Randy Durkee; Patrick Faulkingham; Gary Genthner; Bill Grant; Michael Gray; David Haskell; Ryan Haskell; Shane Hatch; Gavin Holland; Todd Hubbard; Andy Johnson; Steve Johnson; Bill Lowe; David Myrick; Alfred Osgood; Travis Otis; Chris Page; Colyn Rich; Walter Rich; Wayne Rich; Todd Ritchie; Ed Shirley; Chris Smith; Dixon Smith; David Taylor; Matthew Taylor; Ed Torosian; Ed Upham; Nick Wiberg; and Scott Wood.

I hope to see everyone at the Awards Banquet. The banquet will begin at 1700 hrs. (5:00 pm) with a membership meeting, cocktail hour at 1800, dinner at 1900 followed by awards. For dinner reservations please call (207) 223-8846. The cost is \$25 per person. There is also a special room rate of \$50 at the Trade Winds Motor Inn for those who are members of the MLBRA. For room reservations call (207) 596-6661.

Thank you in advance, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Jon B. Johansen
President