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Dear Swan Owners,

When is a Swan like a Phoenix? It is when the Swan Owners Association in America is reborn! Think about the last time you were busy at work and your assistant interrupted a meeting to give you a message that someone on the phone wanted to speak with you about your boat! While we all lead busy lives owners seem to take time to engage in discussions about their boats and sailing passion. We hope you will make the same effort by stopping what you are engaged in to find out how the *new Swan Owners Association* in America is committed to serving you - and your Swan.

Having owned a Swan for the past three years I felt we needed to get our Swan Owners Association re-vitalized. A few of us met recently and decided that with a team effort we could re-new and re-connect with Swan owners in America. We will be activating the popular discussion forum on the web site where owners can share issues, solve problems and sell used gear, along with initiating communications about planned Swan events. Our web site, which has been dormant, is being re-activated in a new design format and more robust than before, and will evolve over time into an ever more informative and active site.

Past President, Ray Peterson, is passing the baton to me, Bob Scribner, a Swan owner and volunteer from Charleston, SC. John Santa and Hank Schmitt are assisting with the initial re-organization and will serve on the Board. .

The first two events sponsored by Nautor Swan are open to all Swan owners, namely Acura Key West Race Week and the 6th Annual Swan Rendezvous at the Bitter End Yacht Club in Virgin Gorda, BVI. The association is donating a handsome trophy for the coveted "Best Maintained Swan" award which will be presented at the final awards ceremony of the Rendezvous. The American Swan Owners Association plans to support events that Nautor- Swan sponsors and organizes with the goal of maximizing participation which makes the events more fun for everyone. Diana McConnell is helping to manage both Key West and the Rendezvous for Nautor-Swan. For more information on these events, please contact Diana at 203-834-0246 or 203-762-8888 or gemmarketing@earthlink.net. These events do not require membership in the SOA to participate.

Hank Schmitt, Swan Owners Association director, will attend the Bitter-End Rendezvous and will encourage others to join the event scheduled for February 18th to 23rd. Other events proposed by the Association for this year are the Swan Owners Dinner in Bermuda following the Bermuda Race in June, an American Swan Owners Party in Sardinia at the Swan Cup in September, a cocktail party at the Annapolis Boat Show in October, and a special Swan Division in the North American Rally to the Caribbean in the fall.

The first order of business is to enroll all American Swan owners in the program. We ask all Swan owners and Swan owner partners to join the Association by filling out the Owner

Information form on the web site and then filling out the enclosed form, enclosing a check for \$100 dues and mailing it back to:

***Swan Owners Association
Attn: Ray Peterson
17 Oyster Point Rd.
Warren, RI 02885***

We look forward to hearing from you and actively supporting the American Swan Owners Association in representing our mutual interests, building camaraderie and sharing common issues and advice about our boats. It is our goal to work closely with Nautor- Swan USA in Newport as well as the Swan office in Italy to invite them to participate in our events as well as have our SOA participate in any events or services they initiate.

Regards,

Bob Scribner
Swan Owners Association President
bobscribner@bellsouth.net

SWAN OWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please complete this form and return it with your check for dues of \$100, made payable to Swan Owners Association. Mail to:

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Swan Owner: _____ Spouse Name: _____

Swan Partner: _____ Spouse Name: _____

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Boat Name: _____ Year: _____

Swan Model: _____ Hull No.: _____

Home Port Summer: _____

Home Port Winter _____

Contact Information: e-mail address: _____

(type or print clearly)

Mailing address _____ Work Phone: _____

_____ Home Phone: _____

_____ Cell Phone: _____

_____ Fax No.: _____

Comments/suggestions For the SOA:

If you no longer own your Swan and wish to be removed from the mailing list, please let us know in the space below. Also please advise who purchased your vessel and their contacts to help keep our data base up to date.

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