



North East Grand Banks Owners Association

All Members,

It's time again for the North East Grand Banks Owners Association Annual Dinner/Meeting. The email poll that I conducted earlier last month indicated a preference to return to Newport again this year. The weekend of March 9-11 has been selected for our gathering. We have obtained great rates for meeting rooms, services and guest rooms from the Newport Harbor Hotel and Marina. Although our formal assembly is scheduled for Saturday afternoon and evening, I hope those of you staying in Newport will consider arriving on Friday and enjoying the whole weekend in the City by the Sea. Hopefully a number of us will arrive Friday and have an opportunity to informally renew acquaintances in made during the past boating seasons. The hotel is just completing extensive renovations and has offered us a great rate of \$99 per night. The rooms have a harbor view and with internet service included. I recently visited the hotel and believe that this will be an excellent venue for this year's dinner/meeting.

Our planned schedule is to begin at 4 PM Saturday afternoon with a short business meeting at which we can discuss the past year's events, plans for next year, election of officers and the treasurer's report. If you have any ideas please bring them with you.

5 PM will signal the start of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and we can continue our discussions and socializing.

Dinner will begin at 6:30 PM. The two entree selections are:

- Stuffed Chicken with Prosciutto and Provolone with Tarragon Cream
- Sole Fillet filled with an Herb Crab Meat Stuffing and Served with a Lobster Cream Sauce

Our treasury is in good shape and can subsidize the cost of hors d'oeuvres, dinner, table wines and a complimentary cocktail, while keeping the price per person to only \$50 again this year. There will also be a cash bar during the cocktail hour and dinner.

In order to reserve your place with us it is important that you do the following:

- **Get a check in the mail payable to NEGBOA at the address below**
 - ✓ \$50 per person
 - ✓ \$100 per couple

**NEGBOA
c/o David Pearson
204 Walmsley Lane
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- **Call the Newport Harbor Hotel and Marina at (401) 847-9000 or (800) 955-2558, to reserve your room if you are planning on staying in Newport. Mention that you are with the NEGBOA group to get the \$99 rate.**

As an encouragement to get members to respond quickly in order to have a good head count for final planning, anyone who will be staying at the hotel and gets their check in, postmarked no later than February 16th, will be eligible for a drawing for a complimentary cheese and wine amenity with their room.

As with all of the events that we have held so far I am sure everyone will have a wonderful time and greatly enjoy the weekend.

Again this year I am requesting that if you have access to a video projector that can connect to a laptop computer and can bring it along please let me know.

Thanks and I hope to see you all there,

Dave