

# ***SEASWORTHY***

*September 9, 2009*

*A Newsletter for the Bergen Chapter of  
The Society for the Education of American Sailors*

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## **Calendar of Events:**

**General Meeting:** next meeting will be held on September 23, 2009, at 7:30, Red Cross Building, 74 Godwin Ave., Ridgewood

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen** – August 26, 2009 Present: 18 Members

Meeting called to order @ 7: 40 p.m. by Commodore John Mazza. Executive Board Meeting Minutes of 8/11/09, read and approved.

Treasurer: Ed Marcus

- Report submitted to Commodore John Mazza as follows: Cruising fund: \$█████ ; Cruising Insurance Fund: \$█████ ; General Fund: \$█████ ; Keelboat Fund: \$█████ and Bank Balance per Quickbooks: \$█████.

Education: Jessa Kilgore (Vice Commodore)

- Report submitted to Commodore John Mazza: Jessa followed up with the volunteers for the publicity committee. Everyone agreed to take on the following committee roles next year.
- Publicity material, general membership and basic sailing classes - Jessa Kilgore Warshowsky.
- Publicity material, keelboat membership and classes - Pat Sisti.
- Local publicity coordination with our members (i.e., newspapers, market postings) - Dave Stern.
- On-line publicity (i.e., Meetup, Facebook, other internet postings) - David Warshowsky.

Keelboat: Pat Sisti (Committee Chair)

- Replacement depth finder has been installed by Helmut; alarm set for 18'.
- Screw changed on bilge cover; there was alga in the bilge - cleaned by Friday crew.
- Suggested instructive reminders about sailing and using Zephyr be part of the program following the Gen'l. meetings (i.e., what are skipper/crew responsibilities in case of accident?).
- It was proposed by Dave Stern and John Mazza that a change is needed in the way KB instruction is provided; the change will take place immediately, so future instructors will not require USCG certification. This will increase the initial cost re KB instruction, but will give the benefit of using the Zephyr for the remainder of the season for K5 level or checkout members only.
- This procedure will be grand-fathered to all persons who completed KB instruction 8/1/09 to 9/30/09, at no additional cost.
- Priority order for providing checkouts, were not addressed at this meeting.
- Pat will ask Jeff how to change our bylaws to accommodate this change.
- It was decided not to add wording about reservation requirements to the bylaws; the wording on the website will suffice.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen (continued):**

Membership: Louise Hauser

- No change

National: Jeff Levy

- Future date of the Commodore's cup was amended from September 14<sup>th</sup> to September 13<sup>th</sup>; it will be held at Louis Engel Park in Ossining.
- Treasurer Chuck Bramhall reported the current balance is \$7,374.78.
- Bob Sandberg reported no further movement on the Red Cross switchover issue.
- SEAS Monmouth is planning a cruising course over Columbus Day weekend on the Chesapeake, out of Rock Hall; cost is appx. \$350.
- Uri Goldinger is planning a private 10 day sailing trip in January, open to all SEAS members in the Leeward Islands of the Caribbean; the sail includes visits to St. Bart, St. Eustatius, Nevis, St. Kitts and possibly Saba. Cost appx. \$1,500 and will include 10 boats with 63 members, so far.
- Monmouth has 3 sessions of basic sailing through Brookdale Community College with lower than usual attendance.
- Social activity re AJ Meerwald evening cruise in July was very successful.
- Morris attributes good turnout of basic sailing club to good publicity; they are planning their picnic for August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The next National meeting is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

Old Business: Bruce Terrin

- Chase boat trailer needs to be settled; he will get in touch with Dave.
- John Mazza reiterated suggestion for electric motor; a new battery may be necessary to add onto the American. The cost, appx. 100.; should be done in the Spring and will ask Bob English and Dave Stern to attend an Executive Meeting to discuss boating issue re chase boat.
- Diane Kolins suggested Sunfish boats should be used; Jeff Levy agrees.
- Steve Cohen volunteered to look at used chase boat trailers and price them for the replacement.
- Bruce asks where the 'step' for the Zephyr is located; two pieces were missing. Also asks if all 3 Coronados are registered and suggests we should have these issues solved before the next nominated Committee and Officers take positions.
- John asked if we should have a Harbor Master; John Burkhart volunteered to inventor the boats and trailers and was asked to make sure the registration stickers were on and that the locations of the boats and trailers were noted, as well as their condition.
- Helen reported that Walter use to keep a photo book with a copy of all boat and trailer registration stickers.
- John Mazza gave the locker key (where everything is stored in Monksville, to John Burkhart.
- Ed Marcus noted that all registrations are due the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

New Business: John Mazza

- Mentioned Budd Lake Beach event on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Nominations discussed: we need Executive Board members to replace Bruce Terrin and Matt Jacobs, a replacement as a Trustee; new Secretary.
- We have a new Treasurer: Bruce Terrin will assist Ed Marcus with reporting; for Publicity Chair: we have 4 members; Jessa Kilgore Warshowsky; Dave Warshowsky; Dave Stern and Pat Sisti.
- Steve Cohen and Elsie Marangie asked, as Trustee positions to replace Bruce Terrin and Matt Jacobs.
- SEAS hosting Annual General, which should take place between Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> (open window); will come up with a date at next Executive Board Meeting.

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- Jeff Levy spoke w/Louise Hauser and thinks the Fairfield location is better.
- Suggestions for food needed; Jeff noted National has a budget for food at this meeting; it's an all day meeting and a good way to meet the other Chapters and Officers for the next year are sworn in; 50 – 60 people usually attend.
- Kathy Gilchrist suggested as next speaker to discuss boating tragedy.
- Jim Malone could check Police Chief Commander in Havestraw.
- Diane Kolins brought more SEAS business cards to be distributed.

Please submit articles for the next issue to [obiesail@optonline.net](mailto:obiesail@optonline.net) by October 9, 2009. Thanks.

Bergen Officers and National Representatives:

Commodore – John Mazza

Vice Commodore – Jessa Kilgore Warshowsky

Secretary – Yolanda Reynolds

Treasurer – Ed Marcus

Past Commodore – Peter Kestenbaum

Trustees: Matt Jacobs, Louise Hauser, Bruce Terrin, and Peter Kestenbaum

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