

SEASWORTHY

March 11, 2007

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

Membership Application is available at:
http://www.sailseas.com/bergen/PDF_Docs/seas%20member%20form1.pdf

Reminder: time to renew your membership, if you haven't already, an application form is on the website (noted above), check it out!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Calendar of Events:

General Meeting: next meeting will be held on March 28 at 7:30, Red Cross Building, Ridgewood

Keelboat Meeting: March 12, Pat's home

CPR/First Aid Course: March 25, Hackensack Red Cross Bldg. mandatory for Basic Sailing instructors, recommended for HiSeas skippers, open to all -- see details on page 3

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen – February 28, 2007

Submitted by M. House

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Peter Kestenbaum at 19:40. 26 members were present. Minutes of previous General Meeting were not available to be read and approved.

1. TREASURER'S REPORT: Elsie Marangi - as follows:

As of February 28th: Checking Account	\$
CD (general fund) Due 7/7/07 4.75%	\$
CD (keelboat fund) Due 9/6/07 5.07%	_____\$
TOTAL	

Cruising Reservations	
Cruising Damage	
Total Cruising	\$

Keelboat Fund (CD)	\$
General Account	\$
Total Keelboat	\$

Total General	\$
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Elsie noted a \$950 fee to Bayshore Discovery as a down payment for the Meerwald cruise.

There are 41 paid members, including 3 carryovers from 2006. She stated that the mailing reminder seemed to have helped get dues in early.

2. MEMBERSHIP: Louise Hauser – no report, but thanked Elsie for her efforts with membership renewal.
- 3 NATIONAL: New National Commodore Jeff Levy gave a brief summary of the SEAS National meeting on February 18. He said that the website will be redone and that the lending library is “taking off.” The money that the Bergen chapter donated is being used for postage. Chuck Bramble, SEAS National treasurer, announced that the Ship’s Store is open on the website. Betty Keller reported that burgees can now be ordered.
4. EDUCATION: Steve Cohen reported that the three basic sailing classes have instructors assigned. He thanked the instructors for their quick response. There will be a meeting of the instructors later he said. Louise Hauser added that there will be 2 keelboat classes this summer, starting in June.
5. KEELBOAT: John O’Blenis informed the group that snow covered the Ranger! Nothing else to report.
6. OLD BUSINESS: T-shirts are in. More orders can be placed, \$15 paid in advance. Peter showed the 2 styles available.
7. NEW BUSINESS: Betty Keller said she had some handouts from the Monmouth chapter on the table.

Meeting adjourned at 19:55. Dave Stern introduced the guest speaker, Doug Burnett, who spoke to the group about maritime law. After an interesting explanation on the history of maritime law, the group broke for refreshments. Returning, Mr. Burnett explained things in maritime law that affect SEAS members. He answered questions from the floor.

Next Meeting is March 28 at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be a Red Cross representative.

CPR and First Aid Training

CPR w/AED (automated external defibrillator) will be available on March 25, 2007, at the Hackensack Red Cross Building. CPR/AED will start at 10:00 a.m. The cost of the course is \$15.00. The cost of manuals and/or skill sheets, if needed, is not included.

This training is mandatory for Basic Sailing instructors and recommended for HiSeas skippers. It is also open to any interested Seas Bergen members.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to attend, since course manuals and materials have to be ordered.

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Note from the Editor:

Thanks to all who submitted articles for this issue; the submission deadline for our next issue will be April 8. Anyone may submit articles by e-mail to obiesail@optonline.net.

Bergen Officers and National Representatives:

Commodore – Peter Kestenbaum
Vice Commodore – Steve Cohen
Secretary – Pat Sisti
Treasurer – Elsie Marangi
Past Commodore – Dave Stern
Trustees: Matt Jacobs, Louise Hauser, and Maxine House
National Representatives – Jeff Levy, Betty Keller, Pat Sisti, Maxine House, and Helen Tuers

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