

SEASWORTHY

April 10, 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 April 25 at 7:30, Red Cross Building, Ridgewood

Keelboat Meeting: second Tuesday of the month, Pat's home – next one April 10

The HI SEAS pass form is attached; this year there are 3 options:

Unlimited Season Pass, \$350, weekends/weekdays/holidays

Weekday Season Pass, \$200

Educational Pass (for weekdays), \$50, *available to anyone taking a 2007 Keelboat Course - (must have supervision first three sails)*

Get your pass early!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen – March 28, 2007

Submitted by P. Sisti

Meeting called to order at 19:35 by Commodore Peter Kestenbaum, 23 members present.

Minutes of previous General Meeting read and accepted. Executive Meeting minutes were not available, and will be published in next SEASworthy.

Treasurer: Elsie Marangi

- Treasury in good shape. Report attached for filing.

National Report: Jeff Levy

- Jeff spoke about an article regarding MeetUp and the Monmouth chapter.
- Next National meeting will be April 11th.

Membership Report by Louise Hauser:

- Paid members = 47. Louise will contact approximately ten 2006 members who did not renew.
- A new roster should be available by late April.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen – March 28, 2007 (continued):

Education: Steve Cohen

- Refund check in amount of \$125 received from Red Cross for cancelled class dates.
- Steve distributed copies of class water dates to allow members to volunteer as water assistants.

Keelboat: Pat Sisti

- Hi Seas due to be uncovered weekend of March 31.
- Maintenance Saturdays: April 14, 21, & 28.
- Official launch date is May 14, but may be moved up if boat ready earlier.

Cruising Report: Betty Keller:

- Meerwald Cruise scheduled for July 14th. Brown bag lunch. BYOB; other beverages to be provided by SEAS. Betty will not collect money until late May.
- Burgees have been made up with official SEAS logo, and are available for sale. \$20 each; contact Betty. One will be flown on Hi Seas 24 x 7.
- Discussion postponed on purchasing tent for use during Monksville classes, etc.

New Business:

- The Ockers will host a potluck dinner at their home to provide a venue for all SEAS members to say goodbye to Bill & Joanna DuPree prior to their move to North Carolina. Friday, May 18th, at 7:00 pm.
- Please RSVP to Christa by 5/8 and let her know what food you will bring.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded at 20:05.

Post meeting guest speaker:

Rich Carlson, member of the American Red Cross, gave a comprehensive talk on water safety with much interaction by the audience.

Following the guest speaker, Commodore Kestenbaum re-convened the meeting in order to vote on the 2007 SEAS budget. After one change, budget passed unanimously and meeting was adjourned.

Note: This report was not available for reading at the General Meeting, and therefore is published for your information.

SEAS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MARCH 21, 2007

Present: Peter Kestenbaum, Steve Cohen, Pat Sisti, Louise Hauser, Matt Jacobs, Dave Stern, Elsie Marangi. Guests: Jeff Levy, Betty Keller.

Meeting called to order at 19:20 by Commodore Kestenbaum.

SEAS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MARCH 21, 2007 (continued)

Treasurer's Report: \$18,594.45 total in treasury. 47 paid members.

Keelboat:

- Discussion of the \$50 Educational Pass resulted in acceptance by the Board, with the proviso that wording be added stating this is a weekday only pass.
- Suggestion made by Jeff that we have a marine survey done on Hi Seas for use in planning for the future. Board members agreed. \$500 is authorized to be used to schedule a marine survey.
- It was resolved that the 8-hour maintenance work requirement is voluntary, but that flagrant avoiders would be subject to "reminders" of the obligation.

Budget:

- Peter requested a sheet be typed up outlining the budget for distribution at the General Meeting.
 - In addition, Steve will work up a comparison of education income; 2006 budget vs. actual, 2007 budget/goals, etc.

Meet Up:

- Jeff and Peter will attend a Meet Up meeting on City Island to speak to the group.
 - A raffle of a free basic sailing course at Bergen SEAS will be held.

Dinner Get Together:

- It was decided to add a dinner night to the calendar to broaden the social events available to members.
 - Pat and Louise will research places to hold the event.

Education:

- Louise has scheduled keelboat classes for June 9 – 16 – 23, and July 14 – 21 – 28.
- Matt offered to bring his American to parking lot during basic sailing classes for hands-on rigging.
- Instructor's Course will be held if there are sufficient applicants. Mike Maurer will act as Trainer, and Lon Murchison (fully accredited Instructor Trainer) will observe, as Mike teaches for third time and qualifies as Instructor Trainer.
 - Joan Venezia will be asked to send out a National email offering the class.

Old Business:

- Cost per person for this year's Meerwald cruise on July 14th will be \$35.
- Betty will purchase 5 burgees for \$20 each. One will be flown on Hi Seas continuously.
- March 25th – CPR course instructed by Louise. \$15 fee covered by SEAS for instructors.

New Business:

- Jeff, National Commodore, asked for suggestions / comments on National.
- Dave has a set of charts available for classes.
- Dave recommended a weekend stay at the Saugerties, NY, lighthouse bed & breakfast, which he and Amy have done and enjoyed.

Meeting adjourned at 20:40.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Sisti, Secretary

F. Y. I.

EXCERPTS FROM

HVERSTRAW MARINA NEWSLETTER

Spring 2007

NEW GATE CARD SYSTEM

The Office Staff is happy to announce that we have been working very hard all winter on a new gate card system.

Please make time to stop in the marina office to validate your existing card or to get a new card.

The new system allows us to print a member card from any desk. It is quicker and more efficient. The system will continually update card information to the gate controllers so we will have fewer problems in the future.

Please note: we can still validate existing cards, so don't throw them away!

RESTAURANT UPDATE

At this time we are sorry to announce the delay in the building of the new restaurant. Some of you may have heard that there are insurance battles to blame for the delay and some may have heard other stories. Discussions continue with the officials of the Town of Haverstraw regarding the new restaurant facility for the marina. Construction will begin immediately upon the Town's approval.

Once again we apologize for any inconvenience. In the meantime, we do expect to have our temporary facility in operation in a manner similar to last year.

THE NEW BREAKWATER IS FINALLY HERE!

After 8 long months of hard work, concentration and dedication, the new breakwater is finally completed.

Our determined yard crew worked very hard to make sure the breakwater went up properly, securely and carefully to ensure the safety of the marina.

This 14' high wall protects the marina and all that it shelters. It consists of 18 sections, 93 pilings, 549 pieces of heavy timber and 2000 1" bolts. Using the Haverstraw Marina crane, each piling was carefully driven one by one into the mud by our very own HMC yard crew.

GOING TO CANADA BY BOAT?

Any boaters planning on traveling to Canada by boat this year, please be aware that you will need a valid passport to return to the US. A birth certificate or driver's license won't suffice.

So plan ahead...it takes 6-8 weeks for a new passport to come; and if you already have one, make sure it's valid before you take your trips this summer!

Note from the Editor:

Thanks to all who submitted articles for this issue; the submission deadline for our next issue will be May 10. 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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