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August 12, 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

Calendar of Events:

General Meeting: next meeting will be held on August 22, at 7:30, Red Cross Building, Ridgewood

Keelboat Meeting: the next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 16, at the Zephyr, Haverstraw Marina, 6 p.m.

More News,,,

- Water sessions for Basic Sailing at Monksville are August 11 and August 18, towers and water assistants always welcome.
- Sign up now for the September Keelboat Class to be held on Sept 8, 15th and 22nd . – please contact [Louise](#) if you're interested in enrolling. Space is limited, so act fast! Student application form can be found on Page 3, read on.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen – July 25, 2007

Submitted by P. Sisti

Present: 18 members

Meeting called to order at 19:40 by Commodore Peter Kestenbaum.

Minutes of previous General Meeting read and accepted.

Treasurer: Elsie Marangi

- Report attached for filing. Discussion followed on repayment of General Fund from Keelboat Fund.

Education: Steve Cohen

- A keelboat course is planned for September.
- A follow-up survey of basic sailing students was recommended.
- Sher feels there will be more students from MeetUp in 2008.
- Profit from the class presented in NYC for MeetUp members is \$3673.
- Because there are no students signed up for an August basic sailing course, all water sessions for the MeetUp basic sailing course will be held at Monksville, not farmed out to other chapters as originally planned.
- Discussion on how to prevent last minute panic for water assistant.
- Next water sessions are August 11th and 18th.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen – July 25, 2007, continued:

Keelboat: Pat Sisti

- Highlights of Keelboat meeting minutes read.

National: Helen Tuers

- The 30th Anniversary Dinner will be held October 20th at the Jefferson House, Lake Hopatcong. Price range will be \$20 to \$30 per person.
- Next meeting is August 8th.

Membership: Louise Hauser

- Presently there are 56 paid members, including new member, Ted Isidoridy.

New Business:

- Helen will be on vacation during September and October. Refreshments will be covered by Louise in Sept. and Peter in Oct. Steve will pick up phone messages and update greeting.
- There is information posted on website about a musical event in August and the end-of-season dinner for 2007.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded at 20:25.

Following refreshments, an open-topic discussion was held. These were some of the points mentioned:

- Many in roster have not volunteered as water assistants.
 - They need to be asked personally.
 - A phone squad should be formed.
 - Provide more details on what's expected.
- Two new instructors have passed the course: Sher Bauer and Walter Siegardner.
- We put too much responsibility on Bob English at water site; he needs backup.
 - Instruction on how to tow should be provided.
- NEW MEMBERS NEED ORIENTATION AND A MENTOR. John Mazza will serve as first mentor.
 - Need visuals: calendar, list of events, volunteer signups.
- At water sessions, provide: directions to hospital, accident reports.
- Discussion on doing mandatory swim tests (PFDs off and on) being too dangerous in Monksville waters.
 - Locate a pool where tests could be done?

Ready, Get Set, Go ----- Sailing

Sign up now for the September Keelboat Class to be held on Sept 8, 15th and 22nd . Classes are held aboard our 27ft. keelboat, Zephyr, on the Hudson River at Haverstraw.

Training consists of anchoring, mooring, motoring and docking. The classes teach the proper use of headsails, rigging and de-rigging, local piloting, man overboard and heavy weather sailing. Points of sail are practiced.

The cost is \$165. Classes are limited to four candidates.

Ranger Keelboat Student Application

Date _____

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____
Home Work

Email _____

Prerequisite – Red Cross or USSA Basic Sailing certificate. A candidate that has had training elsewhere must first take a written and sailing test based on the “Start Sailing Right” manual.

Release:

I, being over 18 years old and voluntarily participating in sailing activities and/or courses, realize and accept that this sport has some inherent potential dangers and do hereby release and hold harmless the Society for the Education of American Sailors, Inc., its parent, sister corporations, and subsidiaries and each of its members, instructors, aides or any individual, corporation, or government agency whose facilities or equipment are used in the conduct of SEAS activities, from liability to me, my heirs, and assigns, or any injury or damage caused by any action or omission including negligence on the part of the aforementioned.

Signature _____ Date _____

Passing the class entitles you to become a Class C skipper

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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 **September 5**. 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

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