

# ***SEASWORTHY***

*January 7, 2005*

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

(Membership Application blanks available [http://www.sailseas.com/bergen/join\\_us.htm](http://www.sailseas.com/bergen/join_us.htm))

## **Calendar of Events:**

**General Meeting:** January 26, 2005, American Red Cross Building, 74 Godwin Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450, 7:30 pm.

There will be no Keelboat Committee meeting in January.

**REMINDER** - It's time to pay your 2005 SEAS/Bergen dues, still only \$35. Get your check to Maxine House, payable to SEAS/Bergen, as soon as possible. Extra donations to the Ranger Fund are always welcome.

Don't forget there is a late fee of \$10 after March 1. The target date for getting the new roster to members is early April. A membership form is included on the last page of the newsletter.

**National Meeting** – February 5 - details follow

Dear SEAS Members:

Many of us are aghast at the unbelievable number of dead (now over 50,000) in so many islands in Indonesia as a result of the recent Tsunamis that hit the area. Some of these seaports had been sailing locales for SEAS members as recently as last year. It is a grim reminder of how powerful the sea can be, and how merciless. As sailors, we might wish to make a contribution to help.

Since SEAS has an affiliation with the American Red Cross, I am going to suggest routing financial contributions through them. They will use the money to purchase food, water and medical supplies and provide technical assistance to the survivors.

Contributions can be mailed to: **Red Cross International Response Fund, PO Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013**. Or, you can make a secure online donation **through** their website: **[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)**.

Jo Ann Byrnes  
SEAS National Commodore

**SEAS National Annual Membership Meeting**

*by Jo Ann Byrnes, National Commodore*

Please save the date for the Annual Meeting of the entire membership of SEAS, which will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2005, from 10 AM to 2 PM at the American Red Cross of Metropolitan New Jersey, 209 Fairfield Road, Fairfield, NJ. On the agenda will be a business meeting, election of officers and National Representatives, Distinguished Service Awards and a Speaker to be announced. Lunch will be served compliments of SEAS National, and there will be a door prize. This is a great opportunity to meet and network with members from all Chapters!

**Assistant Instructor Needed for CPR Classes**

*By Louise Hauser*

Every year Seas offers a CPR and/or First Aid course to its members. All members are welcome - the course is mandatory for Basic Sailing Instructors.

A second instructor is needed to teach this course. When a class has over 6 members, the Red Cross recommends that there be two instructors. The Red Cross will train you to become an instructor and National Seas will pay for your training up to \$100.

No previous experience is necessary, just a desire to help. Teaching the class is very rewarding. We only teach one class a year.

Please call or email Louise at 201-791-0589 or wa2juo@aol.com to volunteer your services.

**Got Web Site Stuff?**

*By Matt Jacobs*

- We are looking for a beginning point for the History of Bergen SEAS. Please forward this information to Matt Jacobs, so that we can begin our History Page.
- Fall Frolic 2004 Photos (and commentary)
- Fall Maintenance Day Photos (and commentary)
- Bergen SEAS 2004 Holiday Party Photos (and commentary)
- Member Sailing Links (where do you go for sailing information and shopping online?)

Please send this information to [Matt Jacobs](#), for compilation.

Don't forget to check out the website <http://www.sailseas.com/bergen>

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### **Midwinter Sailboat Show**

*Submitted by JoAnn Byrnes*

Here's a good cure for the winter doldrums. An all-sailboat show "Strictly Sail" will take place at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, January 20 to 23, 2005. "Strictly Sail Philadelphia" will feature sailboats and sailing products, free seminars, symposiums on a more in-depth level (fees apply), and entertainment.

Friday's theme is Do It Yourself offering practical tips on repairing and upgrading your boat. Saturday features Electronics and Technologies with seminars on gadgets, electronics, and electrical systems. Also on Saturday will be panels and seminars and Women and Family sailing. Destination Sunday will explore various sailing venues such as the Caribbean, Bahamas, Mediterranean, and Canada. Adult weekday tickets are \$12, weekend ticket is \$15, and children ages 5-15 are only \$5. A two-day ticket costs \$24, and a four-day ticket purchased in advance is \$36. Tickets may be purchased online or at the door.

The Convention Center can be reached by car with numerous parking lots found in the vicinity. Or, you can take an Amtrak train from New York, Newark, or Metro park to the 30th Street Philadelphia station and transfer to SEPTA trains for just 2 stops to Market Street East which is connected underground to the Convention Center. There is no charge for the SEPTA train if you show your Amtrak ticket to the SEPTA conductor. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit [www.strictlysail.com](http://www.strictlysail.com)

### **You're Invited to a Theme Party**

Morris chapter is having a Robert Burns Birthday Party on January 22, 2005. No, not the actor, Robert Burns the famous Scottish poet. Wear a kilt, if you have one. Poetry reading optional. BYOB and bonnie snacks to share. (Scottish shortbread is just one suggestion. We'll pass on the haggis.) There is no kitchen or stove available. The party is at Flo Lambro's studio, Art of Dance, 30 Seminary Ave. Chester, N.J. Just off the intersection of Rt.24 and 206 RSVP phone 908 879-4919. email [Chesterartofdance@earthlink.net](mailto:Chesterartofdance@earthlink.net).

*Note from the Editor:*

*Thanks again to all who submitted articles. The submission deadline for our next issue will be **Monday, February 7**, mark your calendars! Anyone may submit articles by e-mail to [obiesail@optonline.net](mailto:obiesail@optonline.net).*

#### Bergen Officers and National Representatives:

Commodore – Dave Stern

Vice Commodore – Bob English and Matt Jacobs

Secretary - Pat Sisti

Treasurer - Maxine House

Trustee to 2005 - Bob Schneider

Trustee to 2006 - Jeff Levy

Trustee to 2007 – Louise Hauser

Past Commodore – Walt Tuers

National Representatives - Jo Ann Byrnes, Joan McParland, Jeff Levy, Maggie Peterffy, and Louise Hauser

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NEW MEMBER: What are your skills and training?

BASIC \_\_\_\_\_ ADVANCED \_\_\_\_\_ NAVIGATION \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about SEAS? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your expectations as a club member? \_\_\_\_\_

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**SEAS** is a 100%, nonprofit organization with the mission of bringing low cost, high quality, safe sailing to the public. Each new and renewing member is required to contribute time in the organization by serving in one or more areas. Please check the area(s) in which you are planning to serve.

\_\_\_\_\_ GENERAL EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_ MAINTENANCE \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ PUBLICITY  
\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE SQUAD \_\_\_\_\_ ADMINISTRATIVE \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.

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Date Signature

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Be it resolved that SEAS BERGEN Chapter is an equal opportunity organization with regard to students and members. It does not discriminate against applicants and students on the basis or race, color or national origin.

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DUES:  
Regular Membership\* \$35. \_\_\_\_\_ \*Members who join after Sept. 1 do not pay again in January  
Optional HI SEAS donation \$15. \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*Renewals received after March 1 will be returned unless  
they include a \$10 late fee (Late fee \$45 total). There are no exceptions to this rule.  
Late fee\*\* \$10. \_\_\_\_\_  
AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

MEETINGS: THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE Bergen Chapter of SEAS is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the American Red Cross Building, 74 Godwin Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450