

# ***SEASWORTHY***

*November 9, 2004*

*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: November 24, at the American Red Cross Building, 74 Godwin Avenue, Ridgewood, 7:30 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\*Note, this is the location of our monthly general meetings the fourth Wednesday of each month through November 2004. \*\*\*\*

Keelboat Committee meeting -- 6:30 pm, November 24, at Whole Foods, Ridgewood (adjacent to the Red Cross Building), prior to the November General Meeting.

Mark your calendars: our Christmas party this year will be hosted by Elsie Marangi on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

National Meeting – February 5 - details to follow

Please check out the website for some great photos of your fellow SEAS members having more fun!  
<http://www.sailseas.com/bergen>

## **Note of thanks**

A special thanks to Walt Tuers for a Commodore's job well done. Walt passed the Commodore's hat on to Dave Stern.

## **The Survey Says...**

*By Dave Stern*

A survey was conducted at the last meeting to assess member interest in various topics. The goal is to have a short (approximately 30 minutes) presentation/ training session after the business portion of each general meeting.

There was high interest in the following topics:

Charts

GPS

Tides/ Currents

Dead Reckoning

**The Survey Says..... (continued)**

There was medium interest in the following topics:

Rules of the road  
Weather  
Communications  
Cruising  
Celestial navigation

There was little interest in the following topics:

Maintenance  
Racing  
Safety  
Compass

Write-ins included:

Keelboat certification  
Gunk holing  
Heavy weather  
Anchoring  
Knots  
Bareboat chartering  
Coastal navigation  
CPR

We have some people with lots of experience and others with very little. The senior people have a lot to offer the juniors. If you are willing to prepare and give a presentation on one or more of the above topics please notify Dave Stern.

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen, October 27, 2004**

*By Helen Tuers*

Commodore Walt Tuers called the meeting of the BERGEN SEAS Chapter to order at 7:45 at the Ridgewood Red Cross building. 21 members were present.

The minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer Maxine House reported a bank balance of \$21,828.07, consisting of checking (\$6828.07) and CD, due 4/22/05 (\$15000.00). The total cruising fund remains unchanged at \$3542.45; the keelboat fund (\$8501.15) consists of a new boat fund (\$5000.00) and general account (\$3501.15); the general fund is \$9784.47. There are 79 members with 9 carry-overs for 2005.

Membership-Louise Hauser: Kevin and Angela Miller were introduced.

Education-Bob English: reported that the basic sailing fleet has winter homes; we still need to find the easel and magnetic board; suggested that a basic sailing course certificate would make a good holiday gift.

Maintenance-no report

Cruising-the Westchester Chapter has a cruise to Tortola scheduled for March 2005. Cost is approximately \$1550.

Publicity-no report

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen, October 27, 2004 (continued):**

Newsletter-Barbara O'Brien-the last date for submissions for the November issue of the newsletter will be 11/8. The newsletter is submitted to Matt Jacobs for posting to the website and distribution via e-mail in Adobe and WORD. It is ready for posting and e-mail shortly after the article submission deadline.

Keelboat-Peter Kestenbaum-the boat will be hauled the week of 11/4; the boat motor will be staying at Samalot; would like to have more moonlight cruises and raft up next summer.

National-Jeff Levy reported on the October National Executive Board meeting: the constitution is waiting to be proofread before being put online; the National awards have been restructured (lifetime contribution, distinguished service-same as previous, honorable mention-same as previous, all teachers and instructors to be acknowledged); web site upgrade still a work in progress (Bergen is not in favor of changes to the Bergen website); the annual meeting will be held in Fairfield on 2/5/05.

Web-Matt Jacobs-directions to the meeting location, Monksville, Haverstraw, and Budd Lake have been added in several locations; meeting information and a current event page have also been added. Pictures of member owned boats should be sent to Matt to be added to the site.

Holiday Party-Elsie Marangi-the party will be held 12/10; please sign up to let her know what you will be bringing.

New Business-

Matt Jacobs suggested winter navigation and CPR/defibrillator classes

Dave Stern-handed out a survey on possible topics for the education portion of meetings; there is some interest in becoming US sailing instructors and there is a bridge course(\$175) available until 8/31/05. This will be brought up at the Instructors' meeting in Jan/Feb.

Nominations-Bob Schneider-the slate was unopposed and therefore the following were elected and sworn in: Commodore—Dave Stern; Vice Commodore—Bob English and Matt Jacobs; Secretary—Pat Sisti; Treasurer—Maxine House; Trustee—Louise Hauser  
Dave Stern, Commodore, adjourned the meeting at 9 pm.

**Got Web Site Stuff?**

*By Matt Jacobs*

Many members of the SEAS Bergen Chapter own sailboats, and welcome people interested in sailing with them. We are adding a new page to the web site so that we can showcase the boats in our community. If you would like to add your boat to the ranks, please provide the following information:

- The Name of the boat
- Year and Manufacturer
- Photo
- Other interesting things about your boat

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

To date, we have not received any photos from the Fall Frolic, and would love to add them. Again, please send them to [Matt Jacobs](#),

If there were any photos taken during the Fall Dinghy Maintenance Day, I'd love to post them (along with any humorous stories...)

Do we have any information on Cruising opportunities coming up? I'd like to add another page...

**Zip packing for your next cruise**

*By Jo Ann Byrnes*

Before packing, purchase boxes of quart size, 1 gallon, and 2 gallon size clear zip-lock bags from the supermarket. Pack each outfit (top, bottom, underwear, and socks) in its own 2-gallon storage bag. This saves rummaging in your luggage, and keeps everything dry. Seal the bag, then open it a crack and squeeze all the air out, then reseal. This will save room in your luggage, and keep your clothes from wrinkling.

To distinguish between worn outfits (laundry) and clean, turn your clothes inside out after wearing and put back in the bag. Take another bag and fill with extra socks and underwear. Use another bag for extra tee shirts. Sweaters will go in their own bags.

Use the smaller bags for film, medications, shoes, toiletries, and incidentals. Pack a little "on-deck" bag with suntan lotion, sailing gloves, chap stick, tissues and gum. Pack a washcloth in its own bag, along with 2 plastic clothespins. When you use the shore facilities, you won't have to deal with a soggy washcloth in your tote bag and can readily hang it to dry on the lifelines when you get back to the boat.

Take along a few extra of the larger bags for shore excursions in the dingy. Put your dry land shoes in a bag and wear your rubber shoes or sandals in the dingy. They are bound to get wet. When you get on shore, switch. It's not a bad idea to put your camera in a zip-lock bag for the dingy trip, but don't store it a plastic bag the whole trip.

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*Note from the Editor:*

*Thanks again to all who submitted articles. The submission deadline for our next issue will be **Monday, December 6**, 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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