

SEASWORTHY

December 6, 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)

Calendar of Events:

General Meeting: No December Meeting, Happy Holidays! Next meeting January 26, 2005.

Mark your calendars: our Holiday party this year will be hosted by Elsie Marangi on Friday, December 10th at 7 p.m.

National Meeting – February 5 - details follow

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

Save the dates for another SEAS holiday party:

- *SEAS Monmouth*: Saturday, January 8th at the home of Steve Collins, 83 Bridgewater Drive, Oceanport, NJ, 732-571-4183; stevecolln@cs.com All members are invited. RSVP to the host, and bring a dish/snack to share.

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!

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen, November 24, 2004

By Pat Sisti

Meeting called to order by Commodore Dave Stern at 19:40. 12 members present.

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting required one correction:

- Dave Stern suggested we ask a reporter to take the Basic Sailing class free of charge, and then write it up for his newspaper. *Omit the sentence: "Dave Stern suggested that we contact The Record advertising person and offer a free Basic Sailing course in order to stimulate interest."*
- Minutes of previous general meeting were accepted as read.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Maxine House reports total \$23,283.37 in treasury, copy attached. 79 paid members.

EDUCATION:

- Bob English requested that members talk up classes to others.
- Matt Jacobs spoke of trying to set up Coast Guard Aux course or outside company shorter course. Discussion of various courses and their merits/cost followed. At request of Dave Stern, Matt will put details in Newsletter and get feedback.
- A suggestion was made to add links to other educational sites.

MEMBERSHIP:

- No report in the absence of Louise Hauser.

MAINTENANCE:

- Helmut Steigler will no longer direct maintenance of teaching boats; any member willing to devote some hours at beginning and end of season for this task is asked to contact Dave Stern. Appeal will be published in the newsletter.
- The Crawdads (chase boats) require routine tightening and maintenance.

PUBLICITY:

- No report in the absence of Barbara Ackerman.

KEELBOAT:

- Bill DuPree and Helmut Steigler will close up HiSeas and remove sails within next two weeks as weather permits.

CRUISING:

- Westchester chapter is sponsoring a cruise to Tortola in March 2005 for \$1550. Details on website. Bill DuPree suggested if a group from Bergen want to be part of the cruise or any other cruise, we could request an additional boat be chartered for our group.
- Dave Stern is doing preliminary work on scheduling a New England 3-day cruise for 2005.
- Joan Neville is eager to provide help for anyone wishing to get a cruise together.
- Discussion followed on Skipper Qualification Board (SQB) requirements. Maxine House will follow up.

NATIONAL:

- No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Christmas Party at Elsie Marangi's home in Glen Rock on Friday, December 10th, at 7:00pm. Please RSVP immediately and let Elsie know what food/beverage you will bring.
- Dave Stern requests anyone with experience/interest in a particular sailing subject to volunteer to speak at one general meeting during the educational half hour following the meeting. Helen Tuers is scheduled to speak on tides and currents.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen, November 24, 2004 (continued):

NEW BUSINESS:

Matt Jacobs reports:

- Basic Sailing Gift Certificate now on website.
- Web space increased.
- HiSeas reservations can be done by you online next year. No need to email/call.
- Upcoming sailing shows linked to our website.

Meeting adjourned at 20:35. Dave Stern's presentation postponed due to low member attendance.

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.

SEAS Monmouth Holiday Party

All are invited to this post-season holiday party on Saturday, January 8, 2005 at the home of Steve Collins, 83 Bridgewaters Drive, Oceanport, NJ, 732-571-4183; bring a dish to share and BYOB. If you would like to participate, bring a \$10 wrapped grab bag, too (nautical theme suggested). No need to RSVP or coordinate your dish to share. Just show up and have some holiday fun!!
Directions: Garden State Parkway Exit 105 to Route 36 in Eatontown. Go East. Pass Monmouth Mall, K-Mart, and a motel on Left. Turn Left just before Monmouth Park Race track onto Oceanport Ave. Pass stores and Post Office on right. Oceanport Ave turns left; you turn right onto Bridgewaters Drive. (By Glad Wags and Oceanport Video signs) Go over small bridge and railroad tracks. After the tracks, ignore the arrow telling everyone to go right. Go straight to the Red octagonal Stop Sign make Left and quick right. It is the first house on the left, a ranch.

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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.

Ten Ways to Re-capture the Cruising Life on Land

Submitted by Betty Kellor

1. Set your alarm for 3 am. When it wakes you up, put your foul-weather gear, run out onto the front lawn, and have your spouse spray you with a garden hose while shouting "It's time to reef the main, honey!"
2. For breakfast, have a cup of instant coffee and eat last night's leftovers.
3. Call in to talk-radio shows to discuss an approaching cold front and your plan for it.
4. When the wind picks up, open the cupboards, scatter dishes and plates over the kitchen, and curse at yourself for not securing things below.
5. Never dry your clothes completely.
6. Drive back and forth in front of your house and debate with your spouse about where to park for the night.
7. Run you lawnmower in your living room for several hours whenever the wind dies.
8. Plug in 11 waypoints on your GPS for a trip to the dentist.
9. Every two weeks, walk around the block carrying two full 5-gallon jerry cans.
10. Spend an afternoon at the shopping mall haggling with clerks over prices.

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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, January 6**, mark your calendars! Anyone may submit articles by e-mail to obiesail@optonline.net. Happy Holidays!!!!*

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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