

SEASWORTHY

February 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)

Remember, it's membership renewal time (if you haven't already)! The membership form is included on the last page of the newsletter.

Calendar of Events:

General Meeting: February 23, 2005, American Red Cross Building, 74 Godwin Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450, 7:30 pm.

A tentative Keelboat Committee meeting will be held via conference call to be arranged by Pete Kestenbaum.

CPR Class, March 19 (details follow in Minutes)

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.

Upcoming Presentations:

Submitted by Dave Stern

Here is some info about upcoming presentations following the business portion of the meetings.

I will present some introductory information about piloting & dead reckoning in February. In March, the Manager from West Marine will provide information about GPS. In April, Helen Tuers will present information about tides & currents. Hopefully, we can also get the Tortola cruisers to give us info about their adventure.

I also welcome volunteers who are willing to present a sailing-related topic. Even if he or she is not an expert, but would like to learn about a topic and then present what was learned to the group, please step forward.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, January 26, 2005
SEAS BERGEN

Submitted by Pat Sisti, Secretary.

Meeting called to order by Commodore Dave Stern at 19:30. 20 members present.

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting required one correction:

- The registrations for the Coleman's will be corrected on renewal.

Minutes of previous general meeting were accepted as read.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Maxine House reports total \$19,570 in treasury, copy attached.
- 2005 Budget presented for approval, moved and accepted unanimously.

EDUCATION:

- Matt Jacobs reports change in CPR class to March 19th. Open to all members, required by instructors.
 - Time: 10:00 to 12:30. If First Aid Class added, additional 2 hours. See website for details.
- Three Basic Sailing classes to be held in June, July and August.
 - June class to be in Glen Rock.
 - Tuition \$175, or \$165 if accessed through SEAS. Glen Rock gets \$25 of tuition.
- Keelboat class will be held on three Saturdays in July. Maximum 4 students. Dates will be on website later.
- Instructor's meeting in February. All instructors must be CPR certified.
- A First Aid course is strongly recommended for all skippers.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Louise Hauser introduced new member, Susan Valenta.

MAINTENANCE:

- Still looking for member to take over helm of this committee.

PUBLICITY:

- No report.

KEELBOAT:

- No report.

CRUISING:

- Diane Kollins reported two openings remain on the cruise to Tortola 3/8 to 3/16/05. \$931/person if all slots filled. Contact Lisa Lettieri 914-220-1081.

NATIONAL:

- General meeting in Fairfield, NJ, February 5th.
- There will be a SEAS table at the Monmouth Mall February 19th.
- Morris chapter is looking for speakers.
- There will be a Chesapeake cruise and one in British Columbia.
- Skipper Qualifying Board meeting still to be scheduled.
- Matt Jacobs has worked on the national website, and it now has links to all chapter websites. Advise Matt of any changes/additions.
- Commodores' Cup to be hosted by Westchester September 2005.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jessa Kilgore suggested we join picnic in June with the Student Ambassador Program. It could be held in Ringwood at Shepherd's Lake or other appropriate site. Our Basic Sailing boats would be used to stimulate the interest of children in sailing.
- Insurance coverage on boats was discussed. Coverage for multiple memberships is difficult to acquire. Present carrier will be renewed, but alternatives investigated for next year.
- The March speaker will be a representative from West Marine speaking about GPS usage.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30. Dave Stern guided an exercise in plotting following the meeting.

CPR and First Aid Training

CPR w/AED (automated external defibrillator) as well as First Aid training will be available on March 19, 2005, at the Hackensack Red Cross Building. CPR/AED will start at 10:00 a.m. First Aid training will be given after lunch. The cost of the course is \$15.00. The cost of manuals and/or skill sheets, if needed, is not included.

This training is mandatory for Basic Sailing instructors and recommended for HiSeas skippers. It is also open to any interested Seas Bergen members.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you plan to attend, since course manuals and materials have to be ordered (Louise at 201-791-0589 or wa2juo@aol.com).

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

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

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

Note from the Editor:

*Thanks again to all who submitted articles. The submission deadline for our next issue will be **Monday, February 28**. Anyone may submit articles by e-mail to 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? _____

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 _____

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.

Date Signature

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.

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