

SEASWORTHY

February 9, 2004

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

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW

(Membership Application blanks available http://www.sailseas.com/bergen/join_us.htm), also included this issue...read on!!

Calendar of Events:

General Meeting: February 25, at the American Red Cross Building, 74 Godwin Avenue, Ridgewood, 7:30 p.m.

*****Note, this is a new location for our monthly general meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month through November, 2004. Directions are included in this issue on the last page. *****

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2004, fill out the membership form in this issue and bring it, along with your payment, to the meeting and avoid the late fee.

SEAS Valentine's Day Dinner, (Reminder from Joan Neville-Venezia): All Seas members (solo or with guest(s)) are invited to join Seas Morris for a Valentine Dinner at Larisons Turkey Farm in Chester NJ on Saturday February 14th at 7:30pm. Contact Flo Lambros of SEAS Morris to be included or for more details about pricing, directions, etc. 908-879-4919.

AT THE HELM

Starting with the February General Meeting we will meet at the Red Cross Building, 74 Godwin Avenue, Ridgewood, at 7:30 PM. Parking and entrance are located at the rear of the building. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE WHOLE FOODS PARKING LOT!!!!

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25th, the fourth Wednesday of the month. Future meetings are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of each month through November.

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2004 Membership

Happy New Year everyone, and with the New Year comes the time to send in your 2004 membership. Some of the new members who joined after September 1st will be carried over for the New Year. A membership form follows for your convenience. I hope to see you at the next meeting on February 25.

*Louise Hauser
Membership Committee*

Seas Bergen Chapter

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME TEL _____ WORK TEL _____ EMAIL _____

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.

Signature

Date

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. _____
Optional HI SEAS donation \$15. _____
Late fee** \$10. _____
AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

*Members who join after Sept. 1 do not pay again in January
**Renewals received after March 1 will be returned unless a \$10 late fee is included. Late fee (\$45 total). There are no exceptions to this rule.

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 Red Cross Building, Ridgewood, NJ

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 28, 2004
SEAS BERGEN**

Submitted by Pat Sisti, Secretary.

Meeting called to order by Pat Sisti, Secretary, at 19:40. Members present: 10.

Minutes of the last General Meeting and Executive Meeting were read and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Maxine House gave report, copy attached. 2004 dues received from 12 members. An email will be sent regarding dues, and a renewal form will be included in *Seasworthy* in February.

EDUCATION: Interest in class for trainers discussed. Jessa, inquiries to Lon, and the Monmouth chapter were mentioned. Dave Stern began discussion on Coronado replacements, including American, Catalina, and Precision. Decision-making will be turned over to instructors at meeting tentatively scheduled for 2/19. Dave will also ask the Morris chapter for their input on the American.

PUBLICITY: Maxine House suggested news article giving info about our meetings. Jeff Levy will be the February speaker.

ATLANTIC CITY SHOW: Jeff Levy gave a report on the show, stating the three main goals were to promote SEAS, gain students, and get experience exhibiting a productive booth. While everything went well, raffle submissions for Bergen were minimal. Awards to be presented at national meeting. Name of winner will be published and letter sent to each non-winner. Dave Stern expressed the opinion that the general impression of SEAS appears to be "only sailing lessons". Suggestions were discussed about highlighting the cruises available through membership at the next show. A CD or DVD was also mentioned as a handout.

KEELBOAT: Budget detail will be same as 2003 per Bill DuPree.

BUDGET: Lack of quorum at January meeting pushed voting on budget to February.

NATIONAL MEETING: Board met on 1/14, and annual meeting to be held 2/7. Email sent to all members. National reps will be Helen Tuers, Jeff Levy and Maggie Peterffy. Annual assessment of \$511 is to be paid by 2/7, and Joanne Byrnes feels refunds not likely for 2004.

OLD BUSINESS: The last published schedule of meetings was incorrect. All future General Meetings will be at the Red Cross building on 4th Wednesday of each month. Executive Meetings will be at Oakland Library on 3rd Tuesday of each month. Directions to Red Cross building will be included in Newsletter and email. It was felt that Board members should split member list and make personal phone calls re meeting location and dues. Secretary will email a list to each Board member. Monksville bags again discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: Modifications to website suggested. SEAS logo merchandise discussed. Will be brought up again next month when quorum present. Helen will get details on shirts; Matt and Pat will get name of companies which could be added to website as direct link for sales.

Meeting adjourned at 21:15.

Bergen Gains Power at Annual Meeting

Submitted by JoAnn Byrnes

On February 7, SEAS National held its Annual Meeting at the VFW Hall in Clark, NJ. Ten Bergen members were in attendance. The following representatives were elected to the National board: Jeff Levy, Maggie Peterffy, and Helen Tuers. Because there were an insufficient number of candidates nominated from the Morris Chapter, Bergen picked up an additional slot. Louise Hauser was nominated from the floor, and elected. This gives Bergen a total of 6 representatives to National. Following the at-large election, the board caucus was held. Bergen member Jo Ann Byrnes was elected National Commodore, and Helen Tuers elected the National Secretary. Congratulations to all candidates, and best wishes in the year ahead.

Henry Gibson of the Morris Chapter won the Distinguished Service Award, with honorable mention to Helen Tuers of Bergen, and Charles Castano of Monmouth.

A motion to refund half the annual assessment back to the chapters was tabled until the 2004 budget is discussed at the next regular board meeting. Bergen's assessment for 2003 was \$511.00. National meetings are open to all members who wish to attend. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 14, 2004.

*Note from the Editor: Thanks to all who submitted their articles. The submission deadline for our next issue will be **Monday, March 8**, mark your calendars! Anyone may submit articles by e-mail to obiesail@optonline.net.*

Bergen Officers and National Representatives:

Commodore – Walter Tuers

Vice Commodore – Bob English and David Stern

Secretary - Pat Sisto

Treasurer - Maxine House

Trustee to 2004 – Maggie Peterffy

Trustee to 2005 - Bob Schneider

Trustee to 2006 - Jeff Levy

Past Commodore – Maxine House

National Representatives - Jo Ann Brynes, Joan McParland, Jeff Levy, Maggie Peterffy, and Maxine House

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Driving Directions
 To The American Red Cross Building
 74 Godwin Avenue
 Ridgewood New Jersey

A paved, lighted, parking lot is at the rear of the building where the entrance to the building is also located. There is limited parking on Godwin Avenue and meters may be in effect. DO NOT PARK ON THE PREMISES OF WHOLE FOODS, LOCATED NEXT DOOR TO THE RED CROSS BUILDING!

<u>From route 17 north and south:</u>	<u>Miles</u>
Take the Linwood Avenue exit toward Ridgewood	
Drive to its end at a "T" intersection (Oak Street)	1.2
Turn left to traffic light (Franklin Avenue) and turn right	.3
Proceed in right lane to traffic light before railroad bridge then move to the left lane	
As you go under the bridge to the next traffic light (West Ridgewood Avenue)	.3
bear left at the light (Davis Surgical on your right) and proceed around curve, Whole Foods is on the left, then the large Red Cross Building, #74	.2

From the Garden State Parkway:

Northbound exit #163 onto Route 17 northbound and follow above directions	
Southbound exit#166 right immediately after the tollbooth and up ramp to Linwood Avenue STOP sign in front of Charlie Brown's and turn left to and over Route 17 then follow directions above	.7

From Route 208 Southbound

Exit at Goffle Road northbound toward Midland Park/Ridgewood	
Travel on Goffle Road to the first traffic light (Lake Street) and turn right	1.3
Travel along Lake Street to its end at Godwin Avenue STOP sign and turn right	.4
Proceed down Godwin Avenue past a traffic light at Lincoln Avenue to the Red Cross Building driveway on the right just before the Whole Foods parking lot	.6

From Route 208 Northbound

Exit at Maple Avenue toward Ridgewood	
Travel past the Glen Rock Annex and the light at Rock Road to the next traffic light which is Ackerman Avenue and turn left onto Ackerman Avenue	1.3
Travel down past traffic light at Broad Street and under the railroad bridge to the end of Ackerman Avenue which is at Godwin Avenue	.9
Turn right and follow Godwin Avenue to the Red Cross Building on the right side and turn right into the driveway to the parking lot just before Whole Foods	.3