

SEASWORTHY

March 1, 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, to renew your membership if you haven't already! The membership form is included on the last page of the newsletter.

Sorry, too late to take advantage of the \$35 fee, after March 1 there's a \$10 late fee.

Calendar of Events:

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

A Keelboat Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, at the American Red Cross Building, 74 Godwin Ave., Ridgewood at 7 pm, unless otherwise notified.

CPR & First Aid Class, March 19 (keep reading for more details)

REMINDER - It's time to pay your 2005 SEAS/Bergen dues, the dues are still \$35, but since it's after March 1, there's a \$10 late fee. Get your check to Maxine House, payable to SEAS/Bergen, as soon as possible. Extra donations to the Ranger Fund are always welcome.

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.

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, February 23, 2005
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Submitted by Pat Sisti, Secretary.

Meeting called to order by Commodore Dave Stern at 19:40. 17 members present.

Minutes of previous meeting accepted as read.

TREASURER REPORT: Maxine House reports total \$18,389 in treasury, copy attached.

EDUCATION: Matt Jacobs

- Basic Sailing classes to be held June, July & August.
- Instructors will take boats out for sail in June to check them out.
- Refresher courses being planned for Sundays on a monthly basis. Dates on website.
- Need towers and assistants for all water events. Contact Matt.
- Basic Sailing Instructor course scheduled for May 14th and 21st.
- While the Coronado will continue to be listed for sale on the website at \$2500, no action will be taken until after 2005 season to advertise it more widely.
- The CPR class will be held March 19th with a first aid class to follow. Fee is \$15. To be held at Hackensack Red Cross, 345 Union St. Register with Bob English, Matt Jacobs, or Louise Hauser.

MEMBERSHIP: No report.

MAINTENANCE:

- Matt Jacobs & Bob English will chair this committee and depend on Bill DuPree and Ralph Ocker for support.
- Maintenance Day to be held May 14th at Jessa Kilgore's home. Lunch will be provided. (A portable grill is needed.)
- The Sunfish sail is mildewed and needs cleaning.

PUBLICITY:

- Barbara Ackerman has agreed to continue as chairperson.
- The Student Ambassador Program will participate in a day of sailing sponsored by Bergen SEAS on either June 12th or 19th at Monksville. Jessa will extend invitation to 50 students and parents for this "open house" event.

KEELBOAT:

- Hi Seas launch date planned for May 15th.
- Passes now available. Limit of 12 for full season @ \$350. Weekday-only passes will not be limited @ \$150.
- A discussion on how to emphasize skipper education in CPR and first aid continues.
- Skippers must re-qualify in second and third years. Fee is \$25. In the fourth and following years there is no longer a qualifying requirement.

NATIONAL:

- Dave Stern handed out instructor certificates issued by National.
- A new slate of National officers was elected at the February 5th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dave Stern will ask Judy Jacobs to investigate the availability of Bergen SEAS manning a kiosk at a local mall for advertising/recruiting.
- The Monmouth chapter will hold a Small Engine Course for interested members of SEAS. We will attempt to get the instructor as a speaker for a future meeting.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, February 23, 2005 (continued):

Meeting adjourned at 20:40. Next meeting **MARCH 23, 2005 at 7:30 pm**. Follow-up speaker from West Marine on subject of GPS instruments.

KEELBOAT PASSES

'Tis that time of year again and we need to start thinking about Keelboat passes, we will start collecting checks and forms at the March meeting. Forms and prices are available on the SEAS website.

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 it to [Matt Jacobs](mailto:Matt.Jacobs), for compilation and 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, April 4**. 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