

SEASWORTHY

April 10, 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!

Calendar of Events:

General Meeting: April 27, 2005, American Red Cross Building, 74 Godwin Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450, 7:30 pm.

Keelboat Committee Meeting: Monday, April 25, at the American Red Cross Building, 74 Godwin Ave., Ridgewood at 7:30 pm.

Basic Sailing Fleet Maintenance Day: May 14th at Jessa Kilgore's home, mark your calendars.

REMINDER - Time to pay your 2005 SEAS/Bergen dues, \$45. Please send your check to Maxine House, payable to SEAS/Bergen, as soon as possible. Membership info is available on the website <http://www.sailseas.com/bergen>

The target date for getting the new roster to members is early April.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES -- March 23, 2005

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Submitted by Pat Sisti, Secretary.

Meeting called to order by Commodore Dave Stern at 19:45, 18 members present.

NATIONAL COMMODORE: Chuck Bramhall gave an introductory speech.

- One of the topics was a lending library to be established by National. Transactions will be via mail, with a lengthy timeframe for usage and a refundable deposit required.
- A "Learn To Sail" brochure and a mall display table were also discussed.

Minutes of previous meeting accepted as read.

TREASURER REPORT: No report in absence of Maxine House.

PUBLICITY: Barbara Ackerman.

- Flyers will be distributed to all local libraries.
- Press releases will be submitted to small tabloids.
- Discussion of placement of posters/flyers at boat stores, health clubs, ski clubs, hiking clubs, Campmor, Ramsey Outdoor, etc.
- Subject of inviting a reporter to take a class free in order to write an article was again noted.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES -- March 23, 2005 (continued):

EDUCATION: Bob English

- Towers & water assistants needed for water classes:
 - June 11 & 18, July 16 & 23, and August 13 & 20.
- Nine members took the CPR class.

MEMBERSHIP: Louise Hauser

- As of this date, 40 paid members (79 total in 2004).
- Next year a hard copy of the application or a reminder postcard will be sent regular mail, as it is thought that method will be more effective than email.

MAINTENANCE: No report.

KEELBOAT:

- Maintenance will begin April 2nd with several experienced members.
- Volunteers will be needed on last two Saturdays of April -- the 16th and 23rd.
 - Times 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
 - Bring 'em if you have 'em: outdoor extension cord, rags, bucket, ladder, etc.
 - Weekday and weekend passes available on the website.
 - If a member w/o a pass would like to accompany a skipper with a pass, the charge is \$25.
 - If a member w/o a pass wants to rent Hi Seas by the day, the charge is \$50/day on a weekday and \$100/day on a weekend.
 - Moonlight cruises cost \$35/person.
 - Skipper checkouts – dates to be set.
 - Suggestion made that a “list of requirements to pass the checkout” be put on the website.
 - Keelboat classes scheduled for:
 - June 11 – 18 – 25 & July 9 – 16 – 23

NEW BUSINESS:

- Consistent standards among chapters discussed.
- Making class boats available to individuals brought up, along with group sailing days.
- In lieu of West Marine rep who cancelled due to extreme weather, Chuck Bramhall explained a numbering system to determine GPS points. West Marine rep rescheduled for April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 21:20. Next meeting: **APRIL 27, 2005, 7:30 pm**

Keelboat Education

Submitted by Louise Hauser

Sign up now. We plan to have two classes for Keelboat education this season, one in June on the 11th, 18th and 25th, and one in July on the 9th, 16th, and 23rd. There is a lot of interest in these classes. Several members have already signed up. We limit each class to four candidates. Successful completion of this course may entitle you to a Class C skipper rating.

An application form for this class is included on page 5. Reserve your place while there is still room.

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KEELBOAT COMMITTEE:

The next Keelboat Committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 25, at the American Red Cross Building, 74 Godwin Ave., Ridgewood at 7:30 pm, unless otherwise notified. Join the crowd for munchies at 7 p.m. at Whole Foods.

Keelboat maintenance days: Saturday, April 16 and Saturday, April 23 from 10 – 2, Haverstraw Marina.

'Tis that time of year again to get your Keelboat passes, we will start collecting checks and forms at the meeting. Forms and prices are available on the SEAS website. There is a limited number of full season passes available.

SEAS Member in Kuwait – Hi Jack!

Submitted by Louise Hauser (from an e-mail between Joan & Louise)

Jack Pettigrew is on my list as a Bergen member; he seems to be interested in hearing from SEAS members while he is in Kuwait (and so would I if I was there) - maybe some Bergen members can send him an email or letter? Can you can send an email notice or put it your next newsletter or announce this at your next meeting?

Joan

Reply

Joan:

Yes, Jack was a member. He did not renew this year and now I know why. I think it would be a great idea for members to write to him. I am sending a copy of this to Barbara to put in the next Seasworthy. Dave can mention it at the next meeting

I think we need some information about where to send mail. Jack's home address is P.O. Box 287, Harrison, NJ 07029. Maybe the mail would be forwarded.

Louise

Note: Jack's e-mail address is seadog28@aol.com.

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, May 9**. 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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Ranger Keelboat Student Application

Date _____

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____
Home Work

Email _____

Prerequisite – Red Cross or USSA Basic Sailing certificate. A candidate that has had training elsewhere must first take a written and sailing test based on the “Start Sailing Right” manual.

There will be a \$50.00 charge for this checkout

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 _____

Passing the class entitles you to become a Class C skipper

Please send your check to SEAS Bergen
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