

# ***SEASWORTHY***

*May 10, 2007*

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

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## **Calendar of Events:**

**General Meeting:** next meeting will be held on May 23 at 7:30, Red Cross Building, Ridgewood

**Keelboat Meeting:** second Tuesday of the month, Pat's home

**Basic Sailing Notices (and more)** – lots of good stuff happening, read on for more

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen – April 25, 2007**

*Submitted by P. Sisti*

Present: 20 members

Meeting called to order at 19:40 by Commodore Peter Kestenbaum.

Minutes of previous General Meeting read and accepted. Executive Meeting minutes required one change. The request for gift donations will be sent only to Bergen members.

Treasurer: Elsie Marangi

- Treasury in good shape. Report attached for filing. Five full passes issued and 3 weekday.

Keelboat: Pat Sisti

- Saturday, 4/28, will be last scheduled maintenance day. Mainly painting, both interior and bottom. Also cleaning topside.

National: Jeff Levy

- Report on upcoming cruises.
- Attempting to compile info on skippers' experience for publication, but not opinions or judgments.
- National's 30-year anniversary to be marked with a fall event.
- What courses do the chapters want to have offered?
- Commodores' Cup date is Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at Budd Lake.
- Matt Jacobs will be a Bergen rep.
- Monmouth & Morris chapters would like to have instructors from other chapters provide courses.

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen – April 25, 2007 (continued):**

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Membership: Louise Hauser:

- Paid members = 49.
- A new roster should be available in May.
- Suggestion made to publish member contact info on website in protected area. Members will be asked individually for permission to publish personal info.

Education: Steve Cohen

- Instructor books not available.
- Mike Maurer will teach Instructors' Course; needs qualified person to monitor one class when Lon is not available.
- Members holding keys to ARC bldg: Dave Stern, Matt Jacobs, Peter Kestenbaum.
- One MeetUp member signed up for course.

Cruising: Betty Keller:

- Now taking money (\$35) for July 14<sup>th</sup> Meerwald cruise.

Old Business:

- Jeff gave report on MeetUp meeting in NYC.
- Plans and dates in place for NYC class.
- The going away party for the DuPrees has a date change: Now Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.

New Business:

- Clearwater Festival will be held June 16 & 17. Diane Kollins spoke of some of the activities and asked for volunteers to man SEAS booth (includes free pass). Jeff will provide Dulcinea for sails.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded at 20:50.

Post meeting:

Matt showed a TV segment on seasickness, which was informative, funny, and all too real for some of us. I'm buying ginger pills.

**NOTICE NUMBER ONE:**

**BASIC SAILING INSTRUCTORS COURSE BEGINS THIS SATURDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AT THE RIDGEWOOD RED CROSS BUILDING**

As teaching new and returning sailors, one of the most important courses we offer is the Basic Sailing Instructors Certification Course for members of SEAS.

This is a two-part course, including both Red Cross Instructors Certification, as well as a hands-on course in instructing the Basic Sailing Course.

Graduates will receive Red Cross Certification, as well as have the opportunity to regularly sail with new students.

We are always looking to add new instructors.

Prerequisites for candidates.

1. Basic Sailing certificate or demonstrate skills.
2. Pass swim test as specified in Start Sailing Right.
3. Pass 40-question written test taken from Start Sailing Right. Passing grade is 80%.
4. Know knots as taught in Start Sailing Right.
5. Have a desire to impart knowledge to students.

The cost is \$75.00, and includes (the new books you'll need). Please bring your own copy of Start Sailing Right.

For more information or to register, contact [Steve Cohen](#)

**NOTICE NUMBER TWO:**

**BASIC SAILING BOAT CLEANUP & MAINTENANCE DAY IS THIS SATURDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AT JESSA KILGORE'S HOME**

It should be a gorgeous day, so bring your bucket, towels, soap, scrub-brushes, wax, power washers, and anything else you think we'll need to get these boats back in shape!

Jessa has generously offered not only her home to do this in, but also to prepare a 'meal' for those that will participate!

Please RSVP to [Steve Cohen](#)

**NOTICE NUMBER THREE:**

**MEERWALD ULTRA-MINI-CRUISE WILL HELD ON THE EVENING OF JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> FROM LIBERTY HARBOR**

An adult only event.  
Club supplies Soda and water.  
Bring your own *favorite* beverage.  
Bring your own Bag dinner on the boat.  
Departure time is at six.  
Directions with map will be sent out at a later date  
Tickets this year are \$35 due to a cost increase for the charter. Two tickets per member will be permitted at this time.  
After June 15th reservations open to all on a first come first served basis (you can buy more tickets for non-members)

Please RSVP to Betty Keller, or send a check to Elsie to reserve your spots. Please remember that space is limited, so act fast!

**NOTICE NUMBER FOUR:**

**TEMPORARY INHABITANTS OF THE HI-SEAS ARE DOING FINE**

For those of you that don't know, our own HiSEAS has been the 'safe harbor in the storm' for a family of Mourning Doves. Several of us have watched the process over time, and it's good to know that nest and chicks in the bow are all right.

Check out the web site for photos taken on Sunday, April 29, 2007 by Maxine House

**NOTICE NUMBER FIVE:**

**WE'RE HAVING A POT LUCK DINNER IN HONOR OF BILL & JOANNA DUPREE TO BID THEM 'auf Wiedersehen' FRIDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> 7PM**

Ralph & Christa Ocker have graciously offered to host this gala event, to allow everyone the opportunity to bid 'hope to see you soon' to Bill & Joanna, and to thank them for their years of service to Bergen SEAS.

Please RSVP to the Ockers, and let them know what you plan to bring.

**NOTICE NUMBER SIX:**

**SEAS TEE-SHIRTS ARE STILL ON 'SAIL'**

Please contact Louise Hauser to purchase a few!

**SEAS BURGEES ARE STILL ON 'SAIL'**

Please contact Peter Kestenbaum to order your own!

*Note from the Editor:*

*Thanks to all who submitted articles for this issue; the submission deadline for our next issue will be June 10. Anyone may submit articles by e-mail to [obiesail@optonline.net](mailto:obiesail@optonline.net).*

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