

SEASWORTHY

June 7, 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)

Calendar of Events:

General Meeting: June 23, 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. *****

Keelboat Committee meeting, June 16, at 19:00, (7 pm for pizza); 19:30 (7:30 for the meeting). Please email John O'Blenis for directions at obiesail@optonline.net and be sure to indicate whether or not you'll be joining us for pizza, thanks.

Spring Splash coming --- June 13th (with rain date June 27th) - \$13 dollars per person in advance, \$18 dollars at the door. Read on for more details.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, May 26, 2004 SEAS BERGEN

Submitted by Pat Sisti, Secretary.

Meeting called to order by Walt Tuers, Commodore, at 19:30. Minutes of the last General Meeting were read and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Maxine House gave report, total in treasury \$20,587, copy attached.

TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT: All members went out to the parking lot to assist in setup of the new American 14.6.

MEMBERSHIP: Louise Hauser reported 3 new members added to roster.

PUBLICITY: Barbara Ackerman had copies of SEAS articles clipped from publications, and requested members be on the lookout for any other published articles.

KEELBOAT: John O'Blenis reported that Hi Seas is in the water, and now has jib roller furling and a working depth sounder programmed to sound a warning when depth of water under the keel drops to 6 feet. The Committee has developed a long-range plan for replacement of the Ranger. Present key cards are working, and additional approved skippers may apply at the Haverstraw Marina office for a key card beginning June 1st. Next Keelboat Committee meeting will be held at home of John O'Blenis on **June 16** (not June 22nd).

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, May 26, 2004 (continued):

Louise Hauser reports the June cruising class has maximum 4 participants, with the next class scheduled for August.

Spring Splash picnic to raise funds for the Keelboat will be held June 13th. Raffle tickets were available at end of meeting. First prize is season weekday pass worth \$150, and second prize is a moonlight cruise for 2 worth \$50.

NATIONAL: Jeff Levy spoke about the Clearwater Festival at Croton-on-Hudson set for June 19th & 20th.

Helen Tuers asked for opinions on constitutional amendment being considered to change chapter representation. Now based on size and number of classes; Bergen members overwhelmingly preferred a set number from each chapter.

National looking for a member from each chapter to help with newsletter.

JoAnn Byrnes reported on a new home for National in Fairfield, NJ.

EDUCATION: Bob English stated that the Glen Rock Beginners Sailing class will begin June 1st. Signup sheet passed around for water day helpers.

Matt Jacobs was thanked for providing his driveway for the May maintenance day, which was well attended.

OLD BUSINESS: The Glen Rock School winners of the moonlight sail asked to schedule for June 18th or 25th.

Meeting adjourned at 20:55.

Keelboat Education

The second keelboat education course will be held on August 7th, 14th and 21st. The class is limited to four candidates and the first one has already signed up. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about a cruising boat and perhaps qualify to become a skipper on HISeas.

If you want to join this class or want more information, call or email Louise Hauser - 201-791-0589 or wa2juo@aol.com.



SPRING SPLASH

SEAS BERGEN ANNUAL PICNIC

THIS YEAR IT WILL BE ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH
from 10:00 am until we're tired

Join us at the Haverstraw Marina

for good conversation, good food and
a sail on Hi Seas.

Cost is only \$13 per person
when paid in advance.

(\$18 at dock)

Kids under 12 yrs. = \$5.

We'll provide all the food, including desserts.

(If you want to bring something special, let us know.)

Just let us know soon that you are coming
so we can plan.



RSVP to:

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DIRECTIONS ON www.sailseas.com/bergen

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CLEARWATER FESTIVAL, JUNE 19 & 20

e-mail from Joan Neville-Venezia dated 5/26/04

Sign up today as a SEAS Volunteer for Saturday, June 19 and/or Sunday, June 20th to represent SEAS at the SEAS Kiosk at the Clearwater Music and Environmental Festival at Croton-on-the-Hudson Park north of the Tappan Zee Bridge. Jeff Levy has kindly volunteered his boat for rides at the festival. Diane Kollins will be setting up the kiosk on Friday evening. Your help for three hours is needed.

Enjoy the festival without paying the admission fee of \$30. See www.clearwater.org for details about the Festival. **Contact Diane Kolins at dianekolins@optonline.net to sign up or call Diane at 650-333-9386.**

The Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Inc organization invited SEAS to participate in this festival because more members in SEAS means more people who learn how to enjoy the waters of the Hudson and learn to love and protect it.

Sunset Cruise on a Tall Ship

submitted by Jo Ann Byrnes

This is your chance to purchase tickets for the Tall Ship Meerwald scheduled for a sunset cruise on Saturday, August 7th from 6-8:30pm at Liberty State Park. The Meerwald cruise was such a success in the past that more than HALF the tickets for this year's trip sold as it was announced for the first time at the Monmouth meeting! A picnic (bring a dish to share) is being organized for the late afternoon before boarding. The tickets cost \$25 per person and will be available by contacting Ray Kimber by email: rkimber@att.com. Capacity on the boat is limited. Be prepared to send your check immediately. The first people paid get the tickets!!!

I had done this a few years ago, and found it to be a fantastic sailing experience. There is a guide aboard who gives a presentation about the ship and gives instructions to those who want to participate in raising and lowering the sails. Some people bring drinks aboard, and don't forget to bring a windbreaker or sweatshirt. Of course, there are no chairs, so you may also want to bring a small cushion for sitting on the wooden deck.

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*Note from the Editor: Thanks again to all who submitted articles. The submission deadline for our next issue will be **Monday, July 6**, mark your calendars! Anyone may submit articles by e-mail to obiesail@optonline.net.*

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