

SEASWORTHY

July 12, 2004

*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)

Calendar of Events:

General Meeting: July 28, at the American Red Cross Building, 74 Godwin Avenue, Ridgewood, 7:30 p.m.

*****Note, this is the location of our monthly general meetings the fourth Wednesday of each month through November 2004. *****

There will be no Keelboat Committee meeting in July. The August meeting will be held at 6:30 pm, August 25, at Whole Foods, Ridgewood (adjacent to the Red Cross Building), prior to the August General Meeting.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, June 23, 2004

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Submitted by Pat Sisti, Secretary.

Prior to start of meeting, Walt reviewed boating rules and regulations while waiting for the Secretary to arrive. The Secretary promises never to subject the membership to this again.

Meeting called to order by Commodore Walt Tuers at 19:50. Minutes of previous meeting were accepted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Maxine House reported on our finances and also gave an explanation of the various categories. Total balance is currently \$21,881, copy attached. The Spring Splash netted \$383.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Louise Hauser introduced two new members.

EDUCATION REPORT:

First class was very successful; the second class was cancelled due to insufficient enrollment. The July class has sufficient enrollment; water assistants were requested.

A discussion on the merits of Coronado vs American came to no final conclusion. They will continue to be evaluated over time.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Nothing to report.

KEELBOAT REPORT:

John O'Blenis gave a report on the Committee Meeting and the Spring Splash; plans were also announced plans for a second picnic this year on September 19th.

CRUISING REPORT:

No report.

PUBLICITY REPORT:

An article has been published in The Record, and members are asked to be on the lookout for other articles.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, June 23, 2004 (continued):

NATIONAL REPORT:

Helen Tuers, National Secretary, spoke about developing a set of guidelines for learning to sail through all stages, beginner to skipper, in order to make qualifying consistent throughout all SEAS chapters. The question arose whether our courses could be linked with US Sailing or ASA. Dave Stern will look into it.

National requests a report on activities from each chapter for Seasons.

Awards: should be awarded only to National representatives and be standardized?

A proposed amendment would endorse three reps from each chapter for two-year terms.

Our Bergen chapter is in charge of Commodore's Cup. It can be held at Morris or Westchester. Race can be arranged in classes, etc. September date to be determined.

OLD BUSINESS:

Diane Kolins reported on SEAS participation in Clearwater Festival to increase membership. Fifty-five people stopped by booth to be put on mailing list, nine of those for Bergen. Twenty-four people were treated to a sail on Dulcinea, Jeff Levy's boat. Diane thanked all volunteers, especially John Lee of Westchester who entertained and instructed with knot tying both days.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 20:45.

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.

SEAS National Makes Memorial Donation

Submitted by Jo Ann Byrnes

The Executive Board of SEAS National voted to send a \$50 donation to charity in memory of Ted Endresen, a Monmouth member who recently passed away. Ted had been very active in both Monmouth and National, once hosting the annual meeting at his spacious home. Ted also participated in cruises, but because of his great height -- five foot five--he inevitably bumped his head whenever going below. Ted had 3 adopted children whom he loved dearly. The donation was sent to the agency that facilitated the adoptions. The letter reads as follows:

June 9, 2004

Child & Family Services
Of Northwestern Michigan
3785 Veterans Drive
Traverse City, MI 49684

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this donation in memory of Ted Endresen as an expression of sympathy to Todd Endresen and his sisters. Ted will be fondly remembered. He played a vital role in our organization, a nonprofit sailing school and club. Ted was respected for his intelligence and leadership capabilities, as well as for his knowledge of the sea. He was loved for his warm, generous personality, often offering his home for meetings and parties. Ted was always the perfect gentleman. Our hearts go out to his family. We share their grief.

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A Few Words on the Spring Splash

Submitted by Pat Sisti

If you were not there, you missed a good time. In fact, it was so much fun that we're planning another one for September 19th.

The Spring Splash held Sunday, June 13th, enjoyed fine weather, good food, and brisk winds. A few novices will think "brisk" is an understatement. All that and interesting conversation interspersed with jokes (can't think of an adjective for those jokes) and friendly banter. We also made a profit of \$383 to benefit the keelboat fund. Maxine and Pat thank all who helped, but especially Barbara O'Brien, Elsie Marangi, Helmut Stiegler and Keith Weller. The Kestenbaum's won first prize at the raffle -- a season weekday pass for Hi Seas. Elsie won the moonlight cruise and is already planning a girls' night out. Matt Jacobs didn't win a thing this year.

15 Reasons Sailing is Better than S E X:

Submitted by Betty Keller

1. You don't have to hide your Sailing magazines.
2. It's perfectly acceptable to pay a professional to Sail with you once in awhile.
3. Your Sailing partner will never say, "Not again, we just Sailed last week! Is Sailing all you ever think about?"
4. If your partner takes pictures or videotapes of you Sailing, you don't have to worry about them showing up on the internet if you become famous.
5. Your Sailing partner doesn't get upset about people you sailed with a long time ago.
6. It's perfectly respectable to Sail with a total stranger.
7. When you see a really good Sailor, you don't have to feel guilty about imagining the two of you Sailing together.
8. If your regular Sailing partner isn't available, he/she won't object if you Sail with someone else.
9. Nobody will ever tell you that you will go blind if you Sail by yourself.
10. When dealing with a Sailing pro, you never have to wonder if they are really an undercover cop.
11. You can have a Sailing calendar on your wall at the office, tell Sailing jokes, and invite coworkers to Sail with you without getting sued for harassment.
12. There are no Sailing transmitted diseases.
13. If you want to watch Sailing on television, you don't have to subscribe to the Playboy channel.
14. Nobody expects you to Sail with the same partner for the rest of your life.
15. Nobody expects you to give up Sailing if your partner loses interest in it.

*Note from the Editor: Thanks again to all who submitted articles. The submission deadline for our next issue will be **Monday, August 9**, 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 Sisti

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 Petteffy, and Maxine House

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