

# ***SEASWORTHY***

*August 10, 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](http://www.sailseas.com/bergen/join_us.htm))

## **Calendar of Events:**

General Meeting: August 25, 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. \*\*\*\*\*

Keelboat Committee meeting -- 6:30 pm, August 25, at Whole Foods, Ridgewood (adjacent to the Red Cross Building), prior to the August General Meeting.

September 19th Commodore's Cup at Bud Lake, details will follow.

## **AT THE HELM**

*Submitted by Walt Tuers*

The Bergen Chapter is hosting the Commodore's Cup this year. September 19th has been chosen for this fun-filled day at Bud Lake in Parsippany New Jersey. It is a day of picnic activities and races utilizing Phantom, Aquafin, and American sailboats. All members from all chapters are invited to attend and help out in consuming the food and beverages to be provided by our Chapter. Especially welcome are those who will add to the interest and sport of the day by actively participating in the on-water activities. Details and directions will be forthcoming.

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, July 28, 2004**

### **SEAS BERGEN**

*Submitted by Pat Sisti, Secretary.*

Meeting called to order by Commodore Walt Tuers at 19:40. 25 members present.

Minutes of previous meeting were amended as follows:

- o National Report: Awards should be given only to SEAS members who have contributed service at the National level.

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting were accepted as read.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

- Two recent graduates of Basic Sailing Course were introduced: Walter Siegordner and Chris Muller.

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

- Maxine House reports total \$22,628 in treasury, copy attached. 70 paid members.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, July 28, 2004 (continued):**

**EDUCATION:**

- Eight students successfully completed Basic Sailing. Thank you to Louise Hauser and Matt Jacobs for filling in as replacements for Bill DuPree. Three are registered for August class; water assistants needed.
- Only one registration presently for August keelboat class.

**KEELBOAT:**

- Peter Kestenbaum gave a report augmented by Diane Kolins representing Helmut Stiegler.
- The large jib, which is damaged, has been replaced with a smaller jib on the roller furling.
- The motor on Hi Seas will remain in the down position until end of season.
- The idle has been adjusted.
- A new logbook was provided by Ralph Ocker.
- Lon Murchison reports the jiffy rigging has been installed.
- Hi Seas has been leaking in heavy rains resulting in soaked cushions and water in bilge.

**CRUISING:** No report

**PUBLICITY:**

- Listing in "Things To Do" section of The Record.
- Louise Hauser & Maxine House have constructed a large poster composed of water class photos to be used for publicity at future functions.

**NATIONAL:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Matt Jacobs will assist Mike Maurer in upgrading website and installing a link to a vendor offering sailing merchandise.
- A suggestion to make teaching boats available to course graduates resulted in a plan to have volunteers make contact phone calls to all past graduates advising them of a sailing social at Monksville on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registration required by August 21<sup>st</sup>. Seven or more members will split up a list hopefully supplied by Louise. Discussion on insurance coverage followed; we'll call it a refresher course and have waivers signed.
- **COMMODORE'S CUP:**
  - Date is either September 12<sup>th</sup> or September 19<sup>th</sup> at Budd Lake. Picnic may have to be moved to off date.
  - Novice class & experienced class. Aquafins & Phantoms.
  - Walt Tuers will be responsible for free lunch.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Jeff Levy invited Bergen SEAS members to a dinner/dance at the Nyack Boat Club on August 7<sup>th</sup>. \$20 fee includes dinner, drinks, dancing to big band.
- Jim Malone will make arrangements at The Water Club at Nyack for an end-of-season dinner to be held October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30. Guests will choose from regular menu and pay individually.

Meeting adjourned at 20:45.

**SEASWORTHY**  
**August 10, 2004, Page 3**

**Keelboat Education**

The August Keelboat education course was canceled; only one student signed up.

**Worthy of Repeating**  
*from e-mails by Joan Neville-Venezia*

CLEARWATER FESTIVAL - SEAS will have a table at the Monmouth Friends of Clearwater Festival, August 21 & 21 2004, in Asbury Park NJ. We need volunteers to staff the table from about noon to 6pm both days, as well as help with setup and breakdown. If you can help, please contact Diane Bonnell by phone or e-mail: (732) 774-1969, [diane.c.bonnell@db.com](mailto:diane.c.bonnell@db.com).

The Festival will be in Sunset Park (Main St & Sunset Ave). While you're there, you can enjoy the Festival, which includes bands, speakers, crafts, and environmental exhibits. Or, spend the afternoon at the beach (which is just a few blocks away). For general information on the festival, and the Clearwater organization, please visit their website: [www.clearwatermc.org](http://www.clearwatermc.org)

CRUISING COURSE - The SEAS Monmouth Cruising Course provides you with the basic skills you need to start enjoying life on cruising sailboats – boats that range in length from 32 to 55 feet, with living accommodations for from 4 to 8 people.

The course consists of four classroom sessions, each lasting about 2½ hours, at which you learn about many aspects of cruising. The classes are followed by a weekend charter on Chesapeake Bay –over the Columbus Day weekend – when you have the opportunity to experience for yourself “*The Cruising Life!*” The cruising course charter boats will each have a skipper and a first mate – both experienced sailors and SEAS members – and up to four students who will have the opportunity over the weekend to perform all the tasks aboard the boat under the watchful eyes of the two instructors.

The course costs approximately \$350. This includes a copy of *The Annapolis Book of Seamanship*, some basic navigation tools, and the weekend on the boat.

Because of the lead-time needed to book the boats, early reservations are essential, and there are a limited number of openings available. A \$100 deposit secures your place in the course. If you are interested in getting more information, or would like to sign up for this year's course – classroom sessions will start in September – please be in touch with either of the two SEAS members who lead the course: Jack Molinelli, [Jack.molinelli@verizon.net](mailto:Jack.molinelli@verizon.net), (732) 919-0565 OR Graham Blundell, [GBlundell@optonline.net](mailto:GBlundell@optonline.net), (732) 531-2465

**For Sale by SEAS member:** Chrysler Mutineer 13 foot sloop and trailer. Completely refit with Harken and Schaefer hardware including a Shaefer Roller Furling Jib, boom vang, and self-bailer. I have not been able to sail it for several years due to medical problems and am including all the accessories including life jackets, bilge pump, paddle, spare hardware, all lines and anything else I can find. The boat, mast, and sails are in good condition but needs some cleaning up. \$800/best offer 908-725-5136

*Note from the Editor: Thanks again to all who submitted articles. The submission deadline for our next issue will be **Monday, September 7**, mark your calendars! Anyone may submit articles by e-mail to [obiesail@optonline.net](mailto: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 Byrnes, Joan McParland, Jeff Levy, Maggie Peterffy, and Louise Hauser

SEAS Bergen Chapter  
P.O. Box 573  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410  
201-847-9052  
[www.sailseas.com/bergen](http://www.sailseas.com/bergen)  
[mike.maurer@attglobal.net](mailto:mike.maurer@attglobal.net)