

# ***SEASWORTHY***

*August 8, 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](http://www.sailseas.com/bergen/join_us.htm))

## **Calendar of Events:**

**General Meeting:** August 24, 2005, American Red Cross Building, 74 Godwin Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450, 7:30 pm.

**Keelboat Committee Meeting:** None until further notice – Happy Sailing!

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen, July 27, 2005**

*Submitted by Pat Sisti*

Meeting called to order by Commodore Dave Stern at 19:40. 26 members present. Minutes of previous meeting accepted as read.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Maxine House; finances in good order. 67 paid members.

- Picnic report: 55 attendees, profit \$500.

**EDUCATION:** Matt Jacobs

- August Basic Sailing class has 3 persons presently signed up.
- Basic refresher sails to be held July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 28<sup>th</sup>. Cost \$10/person.
- Still open slots for all classes.
- Towers & water assistants needed at Monksville for July Basic & Basic Refreshers.
- Discussion took place on replacing a chase boat, possibly one each year. Batteries for motors not keeping a charge; suggestion made to replace. An 8 hp motor may be donated by a member. A new rigid inflatable likely to cost \$2,000 and up. Joanna aware of \$350 used rigid inflatable. Jeff discussed desirable features for comfort and ease of handling. Members welcome to research alternatives, then present info to Executive Committee; send info to Matt Jacobs.
- Monmouth chapter will hold a cruising course on the Chesapeake.

**PUBLICITY:**

- Dave Stern passed around flyers for members to post in public places. An article on sailing will be published Friday, 7/29, in the Bergen Record.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade report: Walt was commended for a great job. New interest from parade watchers has been received.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Louise Hauser

- Two new members were introduced, Marcia Fusilli and Joanne Feder.

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen, July 27, 2005 (continued):**

**MAINTENANCE:** Matt Jacobs

- Blister repairs to American 14 will be completed by Dave & Matt.

**KEELBOAT:** Bill DuPree

- Keelboat course completed during July. Grads disappointed that no printed proof of completion was received. Class C course completion cards to be printed by Matt.

**NATIONAL:**

- August meeting has been cancelled.
- A sub-committee will meet to plan details of the Annual Meeting prior to next National meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Annual Meeting will be held at the Red Cross building, Fairfield, NJ.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Jim Malone suggested a sail on the Meerwald as a fundraiser for 2006. Sail from Liberty State Park; rental cost is \$720/night; maximum 45 passengers.
- Jim also will plan and end of season get together at the River Club in Nyack for October 21<sup>st</sup>. Participants order from menu, cash meal and bar tab.
- Commodore's Cup: To be held September 10<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by Westchester chapter.
- Betty Keller suggested carpooling to various events.
- Keelboat insurance coverage and deductible discussed following report of liability incident by Pat Sisti and Christa Ocker involving Hi Seas. Unlikely that any changes can be made, as present policy is blanket coverage with lowest deductible available to us.

Meeting adjourned at 20:55. Next meeting **AUGUST 24, 2005 at 7:30 pm**. Following the meeting, Bill DuPree recounted the trip while bringing back the Peterffy's catamaran from Tortola. Next month Chief Warrant Officer Curtis Barthel of the Coast Guard will speak on security.

Welcome New Members: JoAnn Feder, Marcia Fusilli, Kathy Golden, and Antoniette Koshykar

**KEELBOAT COMMITTEE:**

No Keelboat meetings until further notice, enjoy summer sailing!

**Update from Across the Atlantic!**

*Submitted by JoAnn Byrnes*

Lorraine & Bert Bramble are members of SEAS Monmouth (past Commodore and Vice Commodore of our chapter and they met thru SEAS!) - They are retired now and are cruising most of their time.

We left Minorca in the Balearics (Spanish) on June 12 and 40 hours later we had covered the 185 miles to arrive on the NW coast of Sardinia in Porto Conte (Italian). Not a particularly pleasant trip and we both suffered from some 'mal de mar' but nothing too terrible. We started with a close reach and rough seas but the wind eventually died and we had to motor the last half of the trip. Arriving at 11 PM, the bay was wide and the lighthouse made the entry easy. Two hours after we dropped the anchor and we had collapsed, a storm hit and we were very happy to be snuggled in a safe bay.

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### **Update from Across the Atlantic! (continued):**

In the last week, summer has arrived with a vengeance! Air temperatures have approached 100 every day. By draping canvas around the cockpit and putting shades in the ports, we've been able to keep the temperature in the cockpit/cabin in the mid 80's. The water temperature is up to 75 degrees.

This area of Sardinia was owned by Spain until almost 1800 and still has a Spanish feel to it. We spent a few days in the anchorage at Porto Conte & took a bus into nearby Alghero, which has its own medieval 'old city' section with narrow streets and alleys. Diesel prices in Sardinia are even higher than the Balearics -- over \$6.00 per gallon but food prices are reasonable.

From there we headed north to Stintino. The coastline in this area is gorgeous with wonderful high rocky cliffs. We started the day on a run but soon the wind died (you getting picture here?) and we had to motor. About two miles from Stintino is Cap Falcone (a tall headland), a few small islands with passages between them to be reckoned with and the most beautiful white sand beaches and clear turquoise waters (think Bahamas!).

Stintino is a small fishing village bent on increasing tourism. The place closes down at 1 PM (literally - not even restaurants are open!) and opens at 5 PM and stays open late. The restaurants open at 8 PM. The drawing card for us was a failed marina 1/4 mile out from the town - inside the breakwater - the docks were free! We decided this was the perfect opportunity to work on the boat. So, in spite of 100 degree weather, we spent the week sanding and painting the teak, fixing the solar panels, hand washing laundry (the last Laundromat cost us \$65!), soaking our salt soaked lines (water was free if we jerry canned it from tow) and sneaking in a couple of bus trips to Sassari (2nd largest city) and to Le Pelosa (the gorgeous beaches we had passed in the boat).

This last week has been fun in many ways -- we ran into three other American boats we hadn't met before and any particular day you could walk down the small dock (about 12 boats) and say hello in 5 or 6 different languages -- German, British, Spanish, Dutch, French, Italian, American -- we were all there and everyone jumped to help the next boat in with their lines. The Spanish boat even shared their fish catch with us! We are, however, just beginning to have some culture shock. This is our third foreign language this season and neither of us knows any Italian! We're also learning that Italian food is not the same as in the states -- they don't 'do' spaghetti & meatballs!!

After 8 days at the dock in Stintino, we finally left this evening and motored back to the turquoise waters, dropped the hook and dove in. It really is heavenly!

Our plan from here is two more stops in northern Sardinia and then to cross over to Corsica (French) where we'll circumnavigate the island and then slowly make our way down the east coast of Sardinia. There are a group of islands between Corsica and Sardinia, which are supposed to be fabulous, and we expect to spend quite some time there as well. It seems there aren't a lot of places to leave the boat for the winter out of the water. We're still looking at options - it may be southern Sardinia, Sicily or Malta. We'll probably fly home from Rome.

Bert & Lorraine Bramble

*S/V Twist of Fate*

P. S. We continue to report position and can be tracked at [www.winlink.org](http://www.winlink.org) under position reporting. To locate us, just key in our call sign: wb2mfw.

**Got Web Site Stuff?**

*By Matt Jacobs*

Please send it to [Matt Jacobs](mailto:Matt.Jacobs@seasworthy.com), for compilation and don't forget to check out the website <http://www.sailseas.com/bergen>.

**Daffy Definition for the month**

Submitted by Betty

Dock: Harbor landing place, which goes "squeak", or "thunk" when you hit it.

**More Definitions, taken from *A Sailor's Dictionary*. (Just the A's for now)**

**Abandon:**

Wild state in which a sailor acquires a boat.

**Amidships:**

Condition of being surrounded by boats.

**Anchor:**

- 1). Any of a number of heavy, hook-shaped devices that is dropped over the side of the boat on the end of a length of rope and/or chain, and which is designed to hold a vessel securely in place until (a) the wind exceeds 2 knots, (b) the owner and crew depart, or (c) 3 a.m.
- 2.) A device designed to bring up mud samples from the bottom at inopportune or unexpected times.
- 3). The thing rotting in the bilge of every racing yacht (unseen).

**Anchor Light:**

A small light used to discharge the battery before daylight.

**Afterguy:**

Last guy out of the bar.

*Note from the Editor:*

*Thanks again to all who submitted articles. The submission deadline for our next issue will be **Tuesday, September 6.** Anyone may submit articles by e-mail to [obiesail@optonline.net](mailto:obiesail@optonline.net).*

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Trustee to 2006 - Jeff Levy

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**END OF SEASON DINNER**

**BERGEN SEAS**

**FRIDAY**

**NOVEMBER 4, 2005**

**7:30 P.M.**

**THE RIVER CLUB RESTAURANT  
11 BURD STREET  
NYACK, NEW YORK**

**Make a reservation with Jim Malone by November 2nd  
201-722-9009 home  
201-519-4245 cell  
[maloneje@mindspring.com](mailto:maloneje@mindspring.com)**

**Directions  
River Club 845-358-0220  
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NYS Thruway to Nyack, take Main Street to bottom of the hill  
past Nyack Fire Department**