

# ***SEASWORTHY***

*September 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:** September 28, 2005, American Red Cross Building, 74 Godwin Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450, 7:30 pm.

Commodore's Cup: September 10, 2005 at Westchester, \$5 registration, sign up on the web.

Fall Frolic picnic: October 16, 2005 at Haverstraw Marina, stay tuned for more details.

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen, August 24, 2005**

*Submitted by Pat Sisti*

Meeting called to order by Commodore Dave Stern at 19:45. 27 members present. Reading of Minutes of previous meeting waived to provide time for guest speaker.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Maxine House; finances in good order. 68 paid members.

**EDUCATION:** Matt Jacobs

- Basic refresher sails to be held August 28<sup>th</sup>. Cost \$10/person. Email Matt to sign up. Assistants needed.
- Monmouth chapter will hold a cruising course on the Chesapeake.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Louise Hauser

- Three new attendees were introduced; John Mazza, Jamie Clark, and Jim Gizzi.

**MAINTENANCE:**

- Marcia Fusilli and Maxine House have volunteered to house/store teaching boats off-season. Additional locations needed.

**KEELBOAT:**

- A September meeting will be scheduled.
- Matt will have Class C certificates ready for next meeting.

**NATIONAL:**

- Permission obtained by Dave to use Fairfield Red Cross for National Annual Meeting on Feb. 19, 2006.
- Commodore's Cup: To be held Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at Westchester. \$5 to register. Sign up on website.

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### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen, August 24, 2005 (continued):**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Fall Frolic picnic will be held October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Jim Malone informed club of an outing to be held Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> aboard the tourist boat, Commander.

Meeting adjourned at 20:00. Next meeting **SEPTEMBER 28, 2005 at 7:30 pm.**

Following the meeting, Chief Warrant Officer, US Coast Guard, Curt Baldesh, dispensed a lot of information, laughs, and stories based on safety on the water.

#### **Got Web Site Stuff?**

*By Matt Jacobs*

Please send it to [Matt Jacobs](mailto:Matt.Jacobs@sailseas.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

Rapture of the deep – Also known as nautical narcosis. It's symptoms include love of small, dark, wet places, an obsessive desire to be surrounded by possessions of nautical nature; and a conviction that objects are moving; when in fact, they are standing still. This condition is incurable.

#### **More Definitions, taken from *A Sailor's Dictionary*. (The B's)**

##### **Backstay:**

- 1). What unsteady folks should do in heavy weather.
- 2). The last thing to grab as your falling overboard.

##### **Bar:**

Long, low-lying navigational hazard, usually awash, found at river mouths and harbor entrances, where it is composed of sand or mud, and ashore, where it is made of mahogany or some other dark wood. Sailors can be found in large numbers around both.

##### **Beam Sea:**

A situation in which waves strike a boat from the side, causing it to roll unpleasantly. This is one of the four directions from which wave action tends to produce extreme physical discomfort. The other three are `bow sea' (waves striking from the front), `following sea' (waves striking from the rear), and `quarter sea' (waves striking from any other direction).

##### **Berth:**

- 1). Any horizontal surface whose total area does not exceed one half of the surface area of an average man at rest, onto which at least one liter of some liquid seeps during any 12-hour period and above which there are not less than 10 kilograms of improperly secured objects.
- 2). A little addition to the crew.

**More Definitions, taken from *A Sailor's Dictionary*. (The B's), continued:**

**BOAT:**

- 1). Break Out Another Thousand.
- 2). A hole in the water surrounded by wood/plastic/steel/aluminum into which you pour all your money.

**BOAT Bucks:**

Monetary unit for yachties, for the sake of simplicity with a fixed conversion ratio of 1.000 with the local currency.

**Boom:**

- 1). Laterally mounted pole to which a sail is fastened. Often used during jibing to shift crewmembers to a fixed, horizontal position.
- 2). Called boom for the sound that's made when it hits crew in the head on its way across the boat. For slow crew, it's called `boom, boom.'

**Bottom Paint:**

What you get when the cockpit seats are freshly painted.

**Bow:**

- 1). The part of the boat that no one should have to work on. Temporary section of an offshore Catamaran.
- 2). A physical act performed to acknowledge those who are applauding your fine sailing skills.

**Bulkhead:**

- 1). A very anal-retentive sailor (see also Stern).
- 2). Discomfort suffered by sailors who drink too much.

**Bunk:**

A small uncomfortable area for wet sailors to attempt sleep.

**Burdened Vessel:**

The boat, which in a collision situation did not have the right-of-way. See PRIVILEGED VESSEL.

*Note from the Editor:*

*Thanks again to all who submitted articles. The submission deadline for our next issue will be **Tuesday, October 4**. Anyone may submit articles by e-mail to [obiesail@optonline.net](mailto:obiesail@optonline.net).*

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