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*A Newsletter for the Bergen Chapter of
The Society for the Education of American Sailors*

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Membership Application is also available at:
http://www.sailseas.com/bergen/PDF_Docs/seas%20member%20form1.pdf

Calendar of Events:

General Meeting: next meeting will be held on March 26, at 7:30, Red Cross Building, Ridgewood.

CPR Class, March 30, details included on page 2

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen – February 27, 2008

Submitted by Pat Sisti, Secretary

Present: 19 members

Meeting called to order at 19:35 by Commodore Peter Kestenbaum. Minutes of previous Executive Meeting read.

Treasurer: Ed Marcus

- \$ [REDACTED] in checking account, but over \$ [REDACTED] of that is insurance reimbursement, which will be paid to Samalot Marine.
- No unbudgeted expenses have been submitted. Treasury is in normal shape for this time of year.
- Walt Tuers stated we should have a reserve account for purchase of new training boats. There were no objections.

Membership: Louise Hauser

- Paid membership = 14.
- Need different names for three new categories of membership. Suggestions requested. Pat Sisti will confer with others to come up with appropriate names.

National: Jeff Levy

- Jeff read excerpts from the minutes of the annual national meeting hosted by Monmouth.
- 2008 national reps will be: Jeff Levy, Sher Bauer, Matt Jacobs, Jim Malone, and Maxine House.
- Commodores' Cup is the responsibility of Bergen in 2008. Peter Kestenbaum to name committee. Date to be determined.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen – February 27, 2008 (continued):

Education: Sher Bauer & Dave Stern

- The signup sheet for water assistants is ready to distribute to all members.
- “Want ads” for towers will be posted in various locations. Will we require contracts? Dave Stern will investigate.
- Walt Tuers will fill some of the slots for towing.
- Reimbursement amount for towers each day is raised to \$150.
- Dave Stern will be our official Red Cross rep.

Keelboat: Pat Sisti

- Although there is only a small balance in the keelboat fund at this time, all invoices due have been paid and the debt to the SEAS general fund has been satisfied.
- Date for the 2008 Spring Fling has been set for June 1st.

New Business:

- Matt Jacobs suggested having a Bergen lending library, separate from the national library. If members have anything they would like to share (books, videos, etc.), please advise Matt and he will list all on the website.
- Maxine introduced us to a wonderful book, Lighthouse for Kids, written by her daughter-in-law.
- Christa Ocker brought up the subject of having an historian named for Bergen who would catalog and preserve records from past years, as they are presently scattered among members. The subject will be addressed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30.

Following the meeting, a representative of Interlux gave a very informative presentation on different types of paint for boats, what and when to use for various requirements.

CPR and First Aid Training

CPR w/AED (automated external defibrillator) will be available on March 30, 2008, at the Ridgewood Red Cross Building. CPR/AED will start at 10:00 a.m. The cost of the course is \$20.00. The cost of manuals and/or skill sheets, if needed, is not included.

This training is mandatory for Basic Sailing instructors and recommended for Zephyr skippers. It is also open to any interested Seas Bergen members.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to attend, since course manuals and materials have to be ordered.

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Assistance with Basic Sailing Classes-2008

We have an ambitious basic sailing program planned for the 2008 sailing season. It is expected that we will have at least four (4) classes of twelve (12) students each. This means eight (8) water sessions, and does not even include the instructors' course.

Clearly, to ensure that eight (8) water sessions run smoothly, we need the assistance of **ALL members**. We will need instructors, towers and numerous water assistants. Water assistants serve in various capacities and most need no special knowledge or qualifications. If you can breathe and walk-you're qualified.

Helping out at the water sessions can be fun. If you have the necessary boat license and boater safety course, you may drive the safety boat. If not, you can still help students rig/ de-rig boats, handle lines or simply keep an eye on personal property so it does not walk away. At lunchtime, when the students are ashore, you may take a boat out to sail.

If you have a tow hitch on your car, sailor, we want to talk to you! In fact, towers can receive up to \$150 for a full-day towing.

We are asking that all members who will not be instructing a class to sign up for at least 3-half-day periods.

Water sessions are planned for the following dates (from 8:45 AM until approximately 5 PM)

Primary date	Rain date
June 7, 8, 14, & 22	June 21 & July 6
July 12, & 19	July 13 & 20
August 9, & 16	August 10, & 17

In the next few weeks you will receive a sign-up sheet via e-mail. The sign up sheet will indicate AM and PM periods. When you receive it, please sign up for the required number of periods as soon as possible so we can start filling the required water assistant and tower spots.

Thanks for your cooperation.

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Please submit articles for the next issue to obiesail@optonline.net by April 6 2008. Thanks.

Bergen Officers and National Representatives:

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Co Vice Commodores: Dave Stern and Sher Bauer
Secretary – Pat Sisti
Treasurer – Ed Marcus
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Trustees: Matt Jacobs, Louise Hauser, and Maxine House
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