

SEASWORTHY

July 14, 2006

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

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

Calendar of Events:

General Meeting: July 26, American Red Cross Building, 74 Godwin Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ, 7:30 pm.

Keelboat Courses: to be announced for August

Meerwald Cruise: Sailing date - July 29th from Liberty Harbor, 1800 (that's 6 p.m.)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen – June 28, 2006

Submitted by Joanna Roth

Meeting called to Order by Commodore Dave Stern at 19:40 PM. 22 members present. Reading of Minutes of Previous General Meeting read by Dave Stern and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Elsie Marangi was not in attendance. Dave Stern gave the Treasurer's report.
- Finances in good order with \$22,042.73 in treasury, as follows:

As of June 20 th : Checking Account	\$
CD Due 1-29-07	
	\$
Cruising Reservations	\$
Cruising Damage	
Total Cruising	\$
Total General	\$
Keelboat Fund	\$
Total General Acct	-
Total	\$

Walter Tuers submitted an audit for period of 1-1-05 to 10-31-05. There were discrepancies noted. An accounting must be given for all checks. Voided checks: Signature area must be removed. Receipts should be obtained for all purchases. Bank balance as of 10-31-05 reconciled to balance shown in register.

EDUCATION: Dave Stern: June 2006 Basic Sailing Class completed with four students. Three students passed; one may attend July class to catch up. New chase boat got rave reviews. Matt Jacobs: June refresher course cancelled due to inclement weather. There are 8 students for July Basic Sailing class.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen – July 14, 2006 (continued):

Submitted by Joanna Roth

MEMBERSHIP: Louise Hauser. 52 paid-up members. New member since June 2006 is Jim Gizzi.

MAINTENANCE: No report.

KEELBOAT: First keelboat course held June 10, 17 & 24th. July course will be held on the 8th, 15th and 22nd. Matt will block out 3 Saturdays in August for possible keelboat course. Discussion had regarding closing up keelboat after a sail. New registration for boat is in the logbook.

PUBLICITY: Dave Stern contacted The Record regarding advertising the July class. He suggested that a reporter from the Record take a class, quid pro quo, for a report on S.E.A.S.

Clearwater Festival held June 17-18. July 4th Ridgewood parade was discussed.

CRUISING: We will have cruise to Block Island from 8-3 to 8-5; One boat, six people.

Moonlight cruises scheduled for July 7th, August 11th at \$30 per person, including sandwich/box lunch. Call Pat Sisti for more information.

EVENTS: Spring Splash had 24 people in attendance with a profit of \$151. Fall Frolic is scheduled for October.

NATIONAL: June 12, 2006 meeting cancelled and is now scheduled for July 12, 2006.

OLD BUSINESS: Meerwald cruise is scheduled for July 29 at \$25 per person. Betty Keller put together directions, etc. for the Meerwald cruise. Boat sails at 6PM.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim Malone is looking for a skipper for the Hi-Seas for July 3rd. Dave asked for program ideas for future meetings. Matt suggested that each person bring in two sailing jokes for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 20:50. Next Meeting is July 26, 2006, 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BASIC SAILING CLASS COMPLETED

Submitted by Maxine House

The first basic sailing class of the 2006 season was small in number, with only four students, but large in enthusiasm. Moshe Rub, Rusty Aguilar, Joe Pessar, and Lucette Tulp eagerly put in their four evening class sessions and two Saturdays at Monksville Reservoir under the tutelage of Dave Stern and Maxine House.

The first water session was notable for its strong winds. After a practice cap-size, we feared lots of accidental capsizes. So we used the American 14.6 which is much more stable than the Coronados. First sailing with only the jib and then only with a reefed mainsail, the students managed to stay afloat.

The second session had light winds and warm almost hot temperatures. Besides the usual drills, they took the obligatory sail to the bend in the reservoir. This session was also the maiden voyage of our new safety boat. The canopy above the two chairs makes the ride most pleasant on a warm day.

A great big thanks to Bob English who did all of the towing and did a great job of signing up water assistants. Besides Bob, who was there for both sessions, Pat Sisti, Diane Kolins, Ed Marcus, Joe Shaum, Bruce ?? and Jessa Kilgore helped out on one of the Saturdays. We thank them all.

Check the website for the class photos!

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SPRING SPLASH 2006

The annual picnic held at the Haverstraw Marina to begin the 2006 sailing season was a real "blast." Until the winds eased up after noon, the tablecloths with everything on them kept trying to take off to parts unknown. But, as usual with the Bergen SEAS group, this just lent fuel to the conversation and laughter. HiSeas went out three times: the first time in high winds and the next two with a gentler breeze.

Thanks go to Helmut Stiegler and Dave Stern, skippers. Maxine's traditional "Death By Chocolate" topped off a good meal, while John O'Blenis and Christa Ocker closed out the cleanup with a water fight.

Pictures to be available on the web site shortly.

Note from the Editor:

The submission deadline for our next issue will be August 7. Anyone may submit articles by e-mail to obiesail@optonline.net.

Bergen Officers and National Representatives:

Commodore – Dave Stern
Vice Commodore – Matt Jacobs
Secretary – Joanna Roth
Treasurer – Elsie Marangi
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