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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)

FRIENDLY REMINDER – Please remember to renew your 2006 SEAS/Bergen dues. Extra donations to the Ranger Fund are always welcome. A membership form is available via the web site per the above-noted link.

Calendar of Events:

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

Keelboat Meeting: April 18, Pat's place, 7 p.m.

Dinghy Maintenance Day: May 20, Jessa's house, 10 a.m.

Spring Splash: June 11, Haverstraw Marina (stay tuned for more details)

Meerwald Cruise: July 29 (read on for more details)

Miscellaneous Events, worth noting:

Coast Guard Eagle in NYC May 5 through 8.....Clearwater Festival: June 17 & 18

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen – March 22, 2006

Submitted by Joanna Roth

Meeting called to Order by Commodore Dave Stern at 1910.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Elsie Marangi –

Bank Balance \$
CD comes due next week
Cruising Fund
Keel Boat -
\$12,000 over the next few years)
General Account
Total General Fund.....
Total \$

Amount for new boat fund (trying to increase the boat fund to

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EDUCATION: Matt Jacobs -

Basic Sailing Classes at Glen Rock HS (water assistants always needed)

June 6, 8, 13, 15 - water days June 10 & 17

July 11, 13, 18, 20 - water days July 15 & July 22

August classes start second week of August

Tentative dates for keelboat classes: June 10, 17, 24 and July 8, 15, 22.

Matt will look into getting a class for the Boy Scouts. Matt suggested that we get students from last summer to sail on the Ranger this season.

A committee including Dave Stern, Bob English, and Jeff Levy went to the Boat Show at Rockland Community College to research a new chase boat for the Basic Sailing classes. A decision was made to purchase a new boat, final negotiations are in progress.

The Morris Chapter is selling a lot of its boats including an American, which needs a rudder; Phantoms, AquaFins, etc. they have not assigned prices yet. Bob English check into whether they are worth obtaining.

MEMBERSHIP: Louise Hauser reported that there are currently 35 paid members plus 2 carryovers memberships from 2005.

Correction to the Minutes of February 9, 2006, 7 out of 69 members renewed their membership.

PUBLICITY: no report.

OLD BUSINESS: A Ranger meeting was held March 14, 2006. The fee for passes has changed, a weekday pass costs \$200 for the season; full week passes are \$350 for the season. Bill will examine the Hi Seas sails to determine which are worthy of keeping and discarding. The Bergen Chapter hosted the National Meeting on February 19, 2006.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave Stern is arranging a 3-day cruise from Mystic to Block Island.

Meeting adjourned at 2040

Keelboat News:

Submitted by John O'Blenis

Yes, it's that time of year again folks!

The pansies and daffodils are in bloom, the tulips are thriving, and the barnacles are waiting for the Hi Seas hull to be launched.

The cost of passes this year is \$200 for a weekday pass; and \$350 for a full pass. To obtain a pass, check our website or e-mail me at johnxenj@optonline.net

Help is also needed in boat prep and maintenance in time for the May 1st launch date. I'm sure all pass holders will want to help; an 8-hr work donation is suggested. For activities contact Helmut Steigler.

The Spring Slash will be held on June 11th this year, come sail, eat and mingle with friends (sailors).

Moonlight Sails are back; potential dates are July 7th and August 11th.

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Keelboat News (continued):

Skipper Registration and Ratings- In an effort to be more organized, Louise will head a committee classifying Ranger skippers to A, B or C categories as per the Keelboat Committee ratings.

Clearwater Festival – The Hi-Seas will not participate due to insurance precautions, but all are encouraged to take part in the festivities.

Keelboat meeting - The next meeting will be held at Pat Sisti's on April 18th at 7pm.

Submarine Tour:

Dave Stern is arranging a tour of an operational nuclear submarine at the submarine base in Groton, CT; including a visit to the USS Nautilus submarine museum. The Nautilus was the first nuclear powered ship in the world. For those going on the Block Island trip, we may take a look at the marina/boat in Mystic.

Tentative date, May 6th or May 13th; the tour is limited to approximately 12 people. There is no cost other than gas/ tolls/ lunch; we can carpool. Reservations will only be made for committed attendees. Currently open to SEAS-Bergen members and 1 guest maximum.

Please RSVP to Dave Stern if you are interested.

Meerwald Cruise:

Reservations for the Meerwald cruise are open to Bergen members (and significant others) until the May meeting when we will accept reservations from others (not the significant others mentioned above). The cost is \$25, check preferred. Sailing date - July 29th from Liberty Harbor at 1800 for a 2 1/2 hour cruise. A pre-sail social is still to be determined. This will be an adult-only event; please contact Betty Keller for additional info.

Daffy Definition for the month

Submitted by Betty

Tides: Rise and fall of coastal waters. There are two tides daily on weekdays, one on Saturday, and none on Sunday, Harbor Day, Spinnakrah, Swabber Day, Clam Wednesday, & Farragut's Birthday.

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Note from the Editor:

The submission deadline for our next issue will be May 14. 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

Past Commodore – Walt Tuers

Trustees: Louise Hauser, Jeff Levy, and Maxine House

National Representatives - Betty Keller, Pat Sisti, Maxine House, and Helen Tuers

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