

SEASWORTHY

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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)

Calendar of Events:

Happy 2006!

General Meeting: January 25, 2006, American Red Cross Building, 74 Godwin Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450, 7:30 pm.

Annual Meeting: February 19, 2006

Keelboat Meeting: Next meeting in March or April, 2006.

FRIENDLY REMINDER – Time to think about renewing 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; it's also included on the last page of this issue.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEAS Bergen

There was no meeting in December but the party was great!

Daffy Definition for the month

Submitted by Betty

Basic Boat: A term commonly used to describe what is specifically covered in the advertised press of a boat. The basic boat normally consists of several hundred gallons of fiberglass resins and glue, a hundred or so sheets of marine plywood, a ton or more of lead and steel, a sewing kit, and an instruction book. By contrast, the basic boat with options boasts convenient extras, such as a desk, a cabin, an engine, a galley, an anchor, a tiller or wheel, a rudder, and a cockpit; and sails, spars, rigging, fittings and portholes.

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Trivia – in case you haven't seen it already (and because the Editor is desperate)

Submitted by Matt

Poplar trees and red and silver maples flip up their leaves when air pressure is low and rain is imminent.

QUOTE: "The Sea speaks a language polite people never repeat. It is a colossal scavenger slang and has no respect."

HINT: (1878 – 1967), American poet, historian, novelist, and folklorist. He was born in Galesburg, Illinois by Swedish parents and died in Flat Rock, North Carolina.

ANSWER: Carl Sandburg

The largest sea is the Bering Sea at 876,000 sq. miles or 2,270,000 sq. kilometers.

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The saltiest sea in the world is the Red Sea with 41 parts of salt per 1,000 parts of water.

The coldest seas are found near the poles such as the Greenland, Barents, Beaufort, Kara, Laptev and East Siberian Seas found near the North Pole and Weddell and Ross Seas found in the south poles.

Are crickets better weathermen?

The frequency of chirping varies according to temperature. To get a rough estimate of the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit, count the number of chirps in 15 seconds and then add 37. The number you get will be an approximation of the outside temperature.

More.....

How to Simulate a Trip to Sea on Land in Your Home

1. Sleep on the shelf in your closet.
2. Replace the closet door with a curtain.
3. Four hours after you go to sleep, have your mate whip open the curtain, shine a flashlight in your eyes, and mumble, "Your watch!"
4. Put a wall across the middle of you bathtub and move the shower head down to chest level.
5. When taking showers, shut off the water while soaping.
6. Put lube oil in your humidifier instead of water and set it to high.
7. If your basement floods, during a sudden thaw, go down and start bailing.

How to Simulate a Trip to Sea on Land in Your Home (continued):

8. Bring inside some type of gas motor (lawn mower, garden tiller, etc.), start, and leave running while trying to listen to favorite CD, or having an in depth conversation.
9. If the wind outside is howling, race around the house to make sure all windows and doors are secure (at night, everyone takes a turn on 'watch').
10. Place all non edible garbage in small plastic bags, and store in other half of tub (edible garbage to be thrown out the window).
11. Wake up at midnight and have a peanut butter and jelly sandwich on stale bread. Cold canned ravioli or soup is optional.
12. Make up your family menu a week ahead of time without looking in the pantry, fridge, or freezer.
13. Once a month, pick a major appliance, take it completely apart, and put it back together.
14. Use 18 scoops of coffee per pot, and allow it to sit for 5 to 6 hours before drinking.
15. Put a fluorescent light under the coffee table, and lay there to read a book.
16. Every so often, throw the cat in the tub (hot tub, large sink, etc.) and shout, "Man overboard!"
17. Run into the kitchen and sweep all the pots, pans and dishes off of the counter onto the floor, then yell at the mate for not having the place "stowed for sea".

Check the February Issue for even *More Ways to Simulate Life at Sea in Your Home*.

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>.

Note from the Editor:

Thanks again to all who submitted articles. The submission deadline for our next issue will be Monday, February 6. Anyone may submit articles by e-mail to obiesail@optonline.net.

Bergen Officers and National Representatives:

Commodore – Dave Stern
Vice Commodore – Matt Jacobs
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NEW MEMBER: What are your skills and training?

BASIC _____ ADVANCED _____ NAVIGATION _____ OTHER _____

How did you hear about SEAS? _____

What are your expectations as a club member? _____

SEAS is a 100%, nonprofit organization with the mission of bringing low cost, high quality, safe sailing to the public. Each new and renewing member is required to contribute time in the organization by serving in one or more areas. Please check the area(s) in which you are planning to serve.

_____ GENERAL EDUCATION _____ MAINTENANCE _____ MEMBERSHIP _____ PUBLICITY
_____ PHONE SQUAD _____ ADMINISTRATIVE _____ SOCIAL _____ OTHER _____

RELEASE: I, being over 18 years old and voluntarily participating in sailing activities and/or courses, realize and accept that this sport has some inherent potential dangers and do hereby release and hold harmless the Society for the Education of American Sailors, Inc., its parent, sister corporations, and subsidiaries and each of its members, instructors, aides or any individual, corporation, or government agency whose facilities or equipment are used in the conduct of SEAS activities, from liability to me, my heirs, and assigns, or any injury or damage caused by any action or omission including negligence on the part of the aforementioned.

Signature Date _____

Be it resolved that SEAS BERGEN Chapter is an equal opportunity organization with regard to students and members. It does not discriminate against applicants and students on the basis or race, color or national origin.

DUES:

Regular Membership* \$35. _____ *Members who join after Sept. 1 do not pay again in January

Optional HI SEAS donation \$15. _____ **Renewals received after March 1 will be returned unless they include a late fee.

Late fee** \$10. _____ include a \$10. Late fee (\$45 total). There are no exceptions to this rule.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

MEETINGS: THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE Bergen Chapter of SEAS is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Ridgewood Red Cross, 74 Godwin Avenue, Ridgewood NJ.

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