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*Kennebec River Sail & Power Squadron's monthly newsletter
Unit of the United States Power Squadrons "Americas's Boating Club"*

JUNE 2017

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I do not have much information to share this month to date. At the last E board meeting it was decided that we should spring for a new laptop and a new screen for presentations. We will be downloading all of our training materials to one place for ease of use when an instructor needs it.

We have the Lobster lunch all arranged for our summer picnic; we are going old school on this one. Please see page 6 for details.

We are considering an overnight canoe-small boat trip in September on a local waterway. Please show your support for this activity by contacting me or Bert Glines.

As of this writing, *White Wing* has been launched and we are looking forward to a warm and enjoyable summer.

Be safe in all things

Best of boating



KRSPS CALENDAR

Monday, June 5, 2017

Exec. Board Meeting
Hayes Law Offices
One Weston Ct. Augusta
7 PM

Saturday, July 15, 2017

LOBSTER PICNIC

Robinson's Wharf
Restaurant
20 Hendricks Hill Rd
Southport, ME
11:30

Friday, August 4, 2017

SUMMER CRUISE

KICKOFF DINNER

Christmas Cove
Coveside Marina
S. Bristol, ME
6 PM

August 5-12

SUMMER CRUISE

See page 5 for details



SUMMER CRUISE - AUGUST 5-12

From the Ship's Log

Or.....Experiences we want to remember!!

By Gini Fiedler

Labor Day Weekend, 2002

Sunday, September 1

Saturday, August 31:

At the time, our boat was kept on a mooring at Boothbay Region Boatyard (now Hodgdon's Yacht Yard) on Ebenecook Harbor. With 3-5 foot seas, on a beautiful sunny day, we set off for Harbor Island in Muscongus Bay. It is a favorite haunt of ours with lots of walking trails and raspberries in season, and the harbor is quite protected.

Just outside Boothbay, we heard *White Wing* (Mechams) calling *MsDemeanor* (Whittiers) on the radio. Since *MsDemeanor* didn't answer, Lynn and his friend Al decided to meet us at Harbor Island. We loved showing them the trails and caves on the island and sharing stories and popcorn during "Happy Hour."

It was cool overnight (40 degrees) but a wonderful clear sunny day in the morning. *White Wing* was going on to Round Pond, and *Daybreak* (Withrows) called to say they were going there later in the day, so we agreed to meet them. Our roundabout route took us to Maple Juice Cove and through Friendship Harbor and a plethora of lobster pot buoys. Gini distinguished herself by hitting two toggles in that passage!

At Round Pond, we met our friends for dinner and later we all gathered on *White Wing* for a delicious dessert of chocolate cake that Lynn had baked on board. Together with tea, it was the perfect ending for a wonderful day!

Monday, September 2

We all enjoyed breakfast on *Daybreak* and parted ways for an uneventful trip back.



Education & Safety

Go Hand in Hand

By Phyllis and Ed Jones

Here we go again!! Boating Safety Week has kicked off and we did not do it well. It seems that "Boaters" are too anxious or have not been educated in Safe Boating. Have you seen the tragic boating accidents and mishaps in the news the last 2 weeks?

In Maine, mostly local, we have had multiple drowning and boating accidents. All the victims died except 5. Of the 5 survivors; 1 is an EMT/Rescuer who is clinging to life with a severe head trauma, 1 Rescuer was treated for injuries at a hospital and is now home to heal after the rescue boat crashed. A young mother, new to the area, was canoeing with her son and got caught in the swift river currents and plummeted over a dam. She survived but her 5yr.old son did not. Both were wearing life jackets.

Another young woman was canoeing with 2 friends and is presumed dead. She was not wearing a life jacket and her friends managed to get to shore. A fisherman fell from his anchored boat. He was not wearing a life jacket, and his body was recovered within a few days. Brothers were fishing, one fell out of the boat without a life jacket. The other brother jumped in to save him. Only 1 survived. Experienced white water rafters were thrown from an overturned raft and high swift river currents. They died of hypothermia and drowning. There are more everyday.

Stop and THINK SAFETY! before entering the water. Wear a proper fitting Life Jacket! How do you identify a situation in which someone is drowning? A person in distress may be able to yell for help, wave their arms to attract attention. That might be someone still able to swim or has a life jacket on.

When a person is drowning however, they are suffocating in the water. Instinctive reaction causes the arms to extend to the side and sweep downward in an attempt to keep their head above water. They instinctively hold their heads back in attempt to get more air. The respiratory system is in distress and all energy is expended in trying to get air. There are no resources left for calling for help or waiving. The appearance of a drowning person may not be much different from someone playing and splashing in the water. Even people close by may not recognize that the person is drowning.

An adult may be able to struggle for 60 seconds in warm water, before their resources are exhausted. Cold waters of Maine reduce that time to 30 seconds. For a child, those times are 20 and 10 seconds. A study indicated that 45% of drownings occurred while swimming or playing. Falling into the water unplanned made up 53%. Alcohol plays a big role in drownings. Taking a "dip" does not sober you up. Alcohol distorts our senses and may cause disorientation under the water so the victim doesn't know where to surface.

What does this suggest??? Parents and Grandparents, like us, must realize that a child should never be left alone around the docks or water. 10 seconds is not very long. Always swim with another person. When on the boat or near water, always wear your life jacket, even if you are hunting or fishing.

**Boating Education and Wearing a Life Jacket could save your life. WEAR IT!
Plan to take a Safe Boating Class.**

Ed's Dock Box

By Ed Jones, AP/INC

Did you know the morning dew is distilled water? For a spot-free shine, wipe your boat with a soft cloth when the dew covers the decks and windows.

No bleach! An alternative to "green cleaner" is white vinegar. Put some in a spray bottle for easier use. The vinegar also will kill any mold.

Does your cooler slide across the deck while boating? Place a damp bath towel, folded under the cooler—it won't slide anymore.

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"Harold named her after those good folks down at the Home Equity Lending Plan."

Not our Harold, of course!

SUMMER CRUISE

OUR CRUISE SCHEDULE:

August 4 - Christmas Cove

August 8 - Fort Point

August 5 - Tenant's Harbor

August 9 - Bucksport

August 6 - Pulpit Harbor (North Haven) August 10 - Cradle Cove

August 7 - Castine

August 11 - Rockland

August 12 - Homeward Bound

*Come to the kickoff dinner at Christmas Cove
or bring your boat and join us at any of these
wonderful destinations!*

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