



# RAG-POT

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

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

We are getting ready to start our fall-winter activities so not much to report yet. Some things of note coming up include the following:

- 1: Eboard meeting will be held on September 11 at 1900hr East Coast Mortgage
  - 2: District Fall Council meeting at the Oak Street Bistro Alfred ME October 7 at 1130hr which I hope to attend.
  - 3: Three district conference Aat the North Conway Grand Hotel October 20-22. Julie and I are planning on being at the conference and staying over Saturday night.
  - 4: We will be starting our dinner meetings in October as well. Watch for more information in the Ragpot.
- As usual we are short on dinner speakers so any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.



Julie fully loaded out for our trip.

Julie and I did not do much boating this summer due to a planned extended motorcycle trip to the Canadian Maritimes, but we did ride four different ferries so maybe that could count in some way as a boating adventure.

Until next month,  
Yours in safe boating,  
Lynn Mecham

## KRSPS CALENDAR

### Monday, September 11, 2017

Executive Board  
East Coast Mortgage  
Center St. Auburn  
7 PM

### Ssturday, September 16, 2017

Wawenock Rendezvous  
Muscongus Bay Lobster  
11:30 AM

### Monday, October 2, 2017

Executive Board  
Hayes Law Offices  
Weston Ct. Augusta  
7 PM

### Fricay, October 13, 2017

Dinner Meeting  
Gardiner Lions' Club  
Rt. 201, Gardiner  
6 PM Social Hour  
7 PM Dinner



**WAWENOCK RENDEZVOUS - ROUND POND SEPT 16**

# 2017 summer fun

During July and August, we enjoyed some good times with friends from Kennebec River **AND** from Wawenock Squadron. Our Lobster Picnic at Robinson's Wharf was well attended and even included three members from one of the Ft. Myers Squadrons in Florida! The dinner at the Coveside Restaurant in Christmas Cove included eleven of our members, two guests who came with Lori and John Horton, and two members from Wawenock.

## LOBSTER PICNIC:



# LOBSTER PICNIC (CONTINUED)

*We presented Bert Glines with a plaque to show our appreciation for all of his years as an instructor. His 16 years as a willing teacher of ABC, Seamanship, Piloting or Advanced Piloting to any number of students at their convenience has been an irreplaceable contribution to our education department.*



## Coveside Restaurant



# Penobscot Bay Cruise:



## ***Penobscot Bay Cruise (continued)***

***Our nine day cruise included a couple of new destinations which turned out to be very nice. Of particular interest was Bucksport where the marina went all out to make our visit memorable. Several of us went to Ft. Knox and the river observatory courtesy of the marina's shuttle service. In addition, showers, fuel and water are available and the grocery store is a short walk from the boat. A highlight is the ice cream stand on Main Street!***

***Throughout the week, we met each evening for appetizers on board (a different boat every night) and the beautiful weather made our cruise delightful. How fortunate we are to have the wonderfully scenic coast of Maine to explore!***

### ***Our cruisers were:***



Thom Hoffman - Miranda Moon

Larry Irwin - Solitude

Gary and Donna Bain and Wanda Sprague  
- Gone with the Wind

Ed Plourde - Arrivee

Gini Fiedler and Bert Glines - Mary  
Allison

Ed and Phyllis Jones - C Cruzr

Harold Wood and Dot Campbell - Ya Ya

John and Lori Horton with Karl and Laurie  
McEntire - Seaman's Hope

## **WAWENOCK RENDEZVOUS**

**WE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SHARE A RENDEZVOUS WITH WAWENOCK  
POWER SQUADRON:**



**WHERE??** MUSCONGUS BAY LOBSTER  
28 LANDING BAY ROAD  
ROUND POND

**WHEN??** SEPTEMBER 16, 2017  
11:30

**COST??** ORDER OFF THE MENU

**COME BY LAND OR BY SEA!! BYOB**

**[MAINEFRESHLOBSTER.COM/MENU](http://MAINEFRESHLOBSTER.COM/MENU)**

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### **EDUCATIONAL UPDATES by Lt/C Phyllis Jones, AP-INC**

**ABC 3 Course will start October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Adult Ed at Cony High School. If you know anybody that is interested, please pass the word.**

**On October 17<sup>th</sup> we are offering RULES of the ROAD (waterways) Seminar. If you would like to attend, you must Register with Adult Ed at Cony High. Space is limited, so register now.**

**ATTENTION ALL INSTRUCTORS: Recertification is required to continue teaching our courses. In October, a date will be announced, we will plan an evening of recertification, probably at Gary's office. If you are not planning to recert, please let me know IMMEDIATELY. I will be ordering the materials for the recertification.**

**CONTACT Me at [phyjones@myfairpoint.net](mailto:phyjones@myfairpoint.net) or call 645-3109  
PLEASE leave a message, if I don't answer)**

### **BOAT SURVEYS:**

Are you buying a new boat and need a survey or an updated survey for your current boat?  
Wawenock member John Coffin is a certified surveyor and is offering a discounted rate to Power Squadron members. He can be contacted at 207-504-3330 or by email at [joffin.kui@gmail.com](mailto:joffin.kui@gmail.com)

# SAFETY

## **HARBOR SAFETY: Part 1. By Lt/C Ed Jones, AP/INC**

**Anchorage are No Wake Zones, weather it is posted on a white buoy or not. It is a common courtesy of most boaters.**

**What is No Wake? No Wake is the waves created behind your boat. It means to go as slow as possible but able to maintain steering and control of your boat. You are responsible for your wake and the damage or injury your wake may cause. Many boaters have “no clue” and have total disregard of the law and other boaters.**

**In an anchorage there are fellow boaters living aboard, cooking and grilling. Too many dinners have fallen off the grill and into the sea because another boat did not slow down in the mooring field. A grandfather was preparing tea & cookies for his granddaughter and himself. The wake of another boater caused the tea kettle to fly off the burner and spray hot water onto the little girl's chest and arms. She needed medical attention. What was a precious moment, turned tragic because of a boaters total disregard of others. This could have been prevented. Boaters need to be educated as to what can happen. They need to observe NO WAKE!**

**Using a “dinghy” is vital to boaters. It is their “water taxi” for getting around the harbor and to shore, visiting, picking up supplies, taking the dog to shore, and to chase down a lobsterman.**

**Dinghies are all sizes. Some have motors and some just a paddle. If any motor is attached to the dinghy, it is required to be registered. The registration numbers are required to be displayed on the forward half of each side of the dinghy, in 4 inch block numbers & letters in a contrasting color. I have not seen many registered in our harbor.**

**Each person in any boat must have a life jacket adjusted for them and readily available. (You really should wear your life jacket!) If a child is 13 years old or younger, they must wear their life jacket. Infants need an infant life jacket, even in the arms of an adult. Too many times I have seen children leaning over the bow without a life jacket. One wave can change your wholeday---maybe even take a life! Too often I see No Life Jackets for anyone!**

**As we motor about the harbors, keep others in mind for their safety. Talk to the violators, and explain the courtesy. BE SAFE IN THE HARBORS!**