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

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

I have to apologize to our editor for this being late, but in my defense our power was only restored late yesterday afternoon. All is well here; we survived the storm well.

I attended the three district combined conference in North Conway, NH on October 21st; also attending were Phyllis and Ed Jones. I think our squadron was successful in pointing out all of our current complaints to both district officers and to Craig Fraser the national education officer, and representative for the commander in chief.

We had a lightly attended dinner in Gardiner for our monthly dinner. At that dinner the attendees, during the regular business portion, decided that if we have a low turnout evening like that in the future, we will guarantee the Lions' Club payment for 20 dinners. There was a general consensus that it would be a fair thing to do.

We had a very lovely canoe trip on Belgrade stream in October. There were five canoes or kayaks with 10 people attending including three of my grandchildren. I hope to do this trip again next year with an overnight option as well as the day trip. (Think Smithfield on Great Pond to Wings Mill dam, then on to Belgrade boat landing). I think the trip was great and I think everyone had a great time.

Our next dinner is approaching very quickly. Harvey Bell has arranged for our speaker this month: Bruce White from Sea Tow, with what I'm sure will be a very entertaining presentation.

Well, that's probably enough out of me for now.

Fraternally yours,

Cdr Lynn W Mecham, AP

KRSPS CALENDAR

Monday, November 6, 2017

Executive Board
East Coast Mortgage
Center St. Auburn
7 PM

Friday, November 10, 2017

Dinner Meeting
Rolandau's Restaurant
Washington St. N
Auburn
6 pm Social Hour
7 pm Dinner

Monday, December 4, 2017

Executive Board
Hayes Law Offices
Weston Ct. Augusta
7 PM

Fricay, December 8, 2017

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



SEATOW PROGRAM AT DINNER-NOV. 10

CANOE TRIP - OCTOBER 2017 FUN!!



Harvey in his kayak

Lynn, Julie & their tribe



Gini (with Lynn's friend
Ed in the background)

Canoe Trip - continued:



Bert and Carol Glines

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KENNEBEC RIVER SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

Post pictures from your favorite event or activity!

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Come to an executive board meeting....see what we are all about!

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

BY PHYLLIS JONES, AP/INC

Ed & I attended the Fall Conference last week. We learned of several changes in the Educational Department.

V/C Craig Faiser, SN, the National Representative of the Education Department, presented a program with a open floor forum. Our Squadron is not the only one expressing problems.

ABC 3 is in the process of more updates and changes. There are corrections that are being addressed with the materials that are outdated and some differences between the CD and Text that are being addressed.

Seamanship will be changed to only modular sessions. If a student has already taken a modular, then they don't have to attend that session. There will not be a text for this course; it will be ready to go in the spring of 2018.

Elective Courses are not typically being offered by Squadrons. It was noted that we should try to teach them.

The Seminar, GPS, is being discontinued. It will not be replaced.

Computer reports and registrations required have evolved with the times, requiring the education officer to have a good computer and a great deal of time. There was a session for just the forms and records.

Ed & I attended an update session for Vessel Safety Examiners. There were a lot of questions raised concerning checking the Inflatable PFD's. Some VSEs were doing them and others were not, as they did not know they should, or did not know how to check them. Ed & I explained this procedure to some of the VSEs. It was also noted that VSEs need to be recertified by Spring, 2018.

Within the KRSPS Education Department, we are offering ABC 3, Seamanship, and Piloting for courses and "How to Read a Chart" and "Emergencies on Board" for seminars, in the early Spring.

I am open to your Ideas! Let me know if there are seminars or courses you would like to teach or take. Phyjones@myfairpoint.net 645-3109

Fill your winter evenings

TAKE A COURSE

DOCK BOX

By Lt/CEd Jones AP-INC

My, where did the summer go? It is that time of year when the weather is great and we want to put off getting the boats out of the water. Let's not get in such a hurry that we get injured.

- 1. Prep your boat for winter. Are you covering your own boat? Make sure your frame is secure and will support the snow and ice. You can use canvas, a tarp, plastic (8-10 gauge) or have it shrink wrapped. Make sure you have a vent to release moisture so you won't have mildew or mold in the spring.**
- 2. Make sure you tie off your ladder, even for a little work. Anytime you climb around your boat on land, use a ladder for safety. No Falls Please!**
- 3. Make sure you read the labels on supplies and chemicals you add to your water and waste systems, to insure they are compatible with your types of hoses and lines. Some of these additives are toxic. You may need gloves, goggles and mask to use some of the additives. Cheaper may not be better. Read the labels and protect yourself and the boat.**

NO! I DON'T WANT TO PUT MINE UP, EITHER!

DINNER-NOVEMBER 10



SOCIAL HOUR: 6 PM

DINNER: 7 PM

COST: \$20

775 Washington St. N., Auburn, Maine

DINNER SPEAKER:

BRUCE WHITE



SEATOW