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

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As Commander, I find the prospect of keeping everyone informed of the goings on in the Squadron one of the most intense parts of this job. My tendencies run to plain speech and pointed conversations with little if any subtlety. So don't expect my messages to be longer than I can get away with.

We had a very good dinner at Rolandeau's in November, and after a little hardware glitch our speaker Bruce White gave what I believe was a very good presentation (judging by the number of questions asked) that I enjoyed very much. He mentioned one thing that I wanted to point out to those not in attendance. Sea Tow offers USPS members a 10% discount on an annual membership if you add the fact that almost every insurance company will offer a similar discount. Perhaps that will help take a little sting out of paying your dues.

Now, on to our next dinner meeting. This month, December dinner will be our annual Christmas Yankee gift swap and Savory **Hors De'Oeuvres** competition. Please see elsewhere in this RagPot for details.

Julie and I will not be able to join you this year for the party as we have a family get together. Yes, that will be all five kids with their significant others, five grandchildren and Julie and me. This only happens about every ten years or so—I just can't miss it.

So I want to thank you all for being you, and allowing me to be a part of your life. Wishing you the best of The Holidays and Life in between them.

Fair Winds

Lynn

KRPS CALENDAR

Monday Dec. 4, 2017

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

Friday, Dec. 8, 2017

DINNER MEETING
Gardiner Lions' Club
Gardiner, ME
6 pm Social, 7 pm Dinner

Monday, Jan. 8, 2017

Exec. Board Meeting
East Coast Mortgage
Center St. Auburn
7 PM

Friday, Jan. 12, 2017

DINNER MEETING
Rolandeau's Restaurant
755 Washington St..
Auburn
6 pm Social, 7 pm Dinner



APPETIZER COOK-OFF DECEMBER 8!

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LOOK FOR US ON FACEBOOK!

Our old Facebook presence has been replaced with a new page. Check it out under Kennebec River Sail & Power Squadron. Add pictures from events or post comments...it's **YOUR** organization and your page!! Have fun with it.



AND WHILE YOU ARE ON YOUR COMPUTER...

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE:

WWW.USPS.ORG/KENNEBECRIVER

P/C Lynn Mecham and Julie Mecham worked hard to design it for you.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATES

By Phyllis Jones. Ap-IV

Our Squadron Instructors have been recertified. Changes to courses and costs were discussed. We also discussed alternative places to hold some of our classes. Our recertification started with a pizza supper. Gary presented the update and recertification. Thank You, Gary, for hosting the class.

We have Classes being offered:

ABC-3	Cony Adult Ed	March 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm
Seamanship	Cony Adult Ed	Jan.24th, 2018 at 6:00 pm
Piloting	Cony Adult Ed	April 3rd, 2018 at 6:00 pm
ABC-3	Gardiner Adult Ed	March 21st, 2018 at 6:30 pm

SEMINAR: Emergencies on Board 2 Sessions Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm at Cony Adult Ed on March 6th and March 13th, 2018. Other courses have not been confirmed.

FUTURE DINNER MEETINGS:

BY HAROLD WOOD. AP

As a result of declining dinner meeting attendance the following changes will need to be made. In Gardiner at the Gardiner Lions Club we will have now agreed to pay for a minimum of twenty meals to have a monthly meeting at their location. If we do not receive a minimum of 13 reservations by the Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM prior to the meeting, the meeting will be canceled. If we receive more than 13, but less than 20 the squadron will host the meeting and pay the Gardiner Lions Club for the minimum of 20 meals. Meetings held at Rolandeaus in Auburn will require a minimum of 20 to allow us to receive the buffet menu. If less than 20 plan to attend we will still have a meeting there, but we all will have to order our own meals off their menu and pay Rolandeaus ourselves.



**OUR MEMBERS GET AROUND:
HERE IS JOHN HORTON IN
GREECE.....DID HE VISIT ANY
NOTABLE RESTAURANTS?**

Boaters' Bars

Check out this article online:

<https://sailuniverse.com/2017/11/09/10-most-famous-sailors-bars-in-the-world>

What are your favorites in Maine?

- **Best Boaters' Bars**
- **Best coastal restaurants within walking distance of a boat landing**
- **Best marinas**

Contact gfiedler@roadrunner.com with your favorites for publication in a future issue.

Safety Information.....

SUBMITTED BY LT/C ED JONES, AP-INC & LT/C ED PLOURDE, AP

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has recently reported that models of the Kidde **Residential** Fire Extinguishers are being recalled for safety reasons.

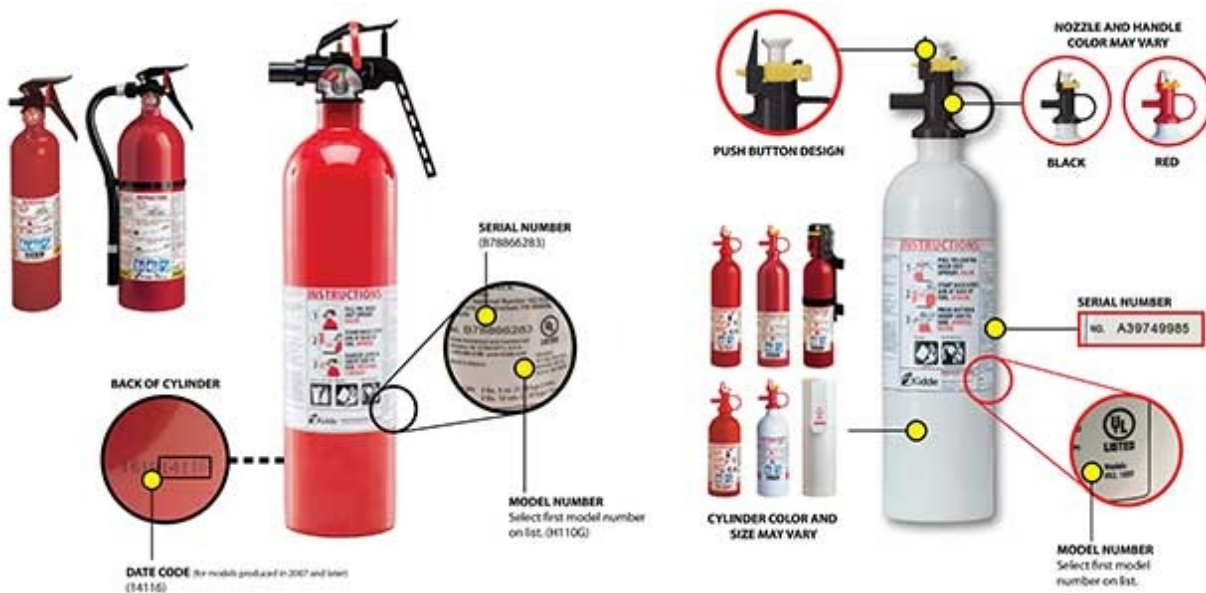
The fire extinguishers could become clogged or need excessive force to discharge, and as a result, can fail to activate during an emergency. There have been nearly 400 reports of extinguishers malfunctioning, resulting in 16 injuries and one death.

This recall involves 31 models of Kidde disposable fire extinguishers with Zytel black plastic valves. The recalled extinguishers are red, white, or silver and are either ABC or BC rated. The ratings can be found to the right of the nameplate. Manufacture dates included in the recall are January 2013 through August 2017. A 10-digit date code is stamped on the side of the cylinder, near the bottom.

Kidde will replace defective extinguishers for FREE with new metal parts.

For more information go to: https://s3.amazonaws.com/inmar-adx-files/N130284/US_25+FINAL+FAQ+for+Posting+to+Kidde.pdf

Below is a chart illustrating manufacture's date and model locations:



These are in our homes (and on boats)!

CHRISTMAS AT SEA

The sheets were frozen hard, and they cut the naked hand;
The decks were like a slide, where a seaman scarce could stand;
The wind was a nor'wester, blowing squally off the sea;
And cliffs and spouting breakers were the only things a-lee.

They heard the surf a-roaring before the break of day;
But 'twas only with the peep of light we saw how ill we lay.
We tumbled every hand on deck instanter, with a shout,
And we gave her the maintops'l, and stood by to go about.

All day we tacked and tacked between the South Head and the North;
All day we hauled the frozen sheets, and got no further forth;
All day as cold as charity, in bitter pain and dread,
For very life and nature we tacked from head to head.

We gave the South a wider berth, for there the tide race roared;
But every tack we made we brought the North Head close aboard:
So's we saw the cliffs and houses, and the breakers running high,
And the coastguard in his garden, with his glass against his eye.

The frost was on the village roofs as white as ocean foam;
The good red fires were burning bright in every 'long-shore home;
The windows sparkled clear, and the chimneys volleyed out;
And I vow we sniffed the victuals as the vessel went about.

The bells upon the church were rung with a mighty jovial cheer;
For it's just that I should tell you how (of all days in the year)
This day of our adversity was blessed Christmas morn,
And the house above the coastguard's was the house where I was born.

By Robert Louis Stevenson

O well I saw the pleasant room, the pleasant faces there,
My mother's silver spectacles, my father's silver hair;
And well I saw the firelight, like a flight of homely elves,
Go dancing round the china plates that stand upon the shelves.

And well I knew the talk they had, the talk that was of me,
Of the shadow on the household and the son that went to sea;
And O the wicked fool I seemed, in every kind of way,
To be here and hauling frozen ropes on blessed Christmas Day.

They lit the high sea-light, and the dark began to fall.
'All hands to loose top gallant sails,' I heard the captain call.
'By the Lord, she'll never stand it,' our first mate, Jackson, cried.
... 'It's the one way or the other, Mr. Jackson,' he replied.

She staggered to her bearings, but the sails were new and good,
And the ship smelt up to windward just as though she understood.
As the winter's day was ending, in the entry of the night,
We cleared the weary headland, and passed below the light.

And they heaved a mighty breath, every soul on board but me,
As they saw her nose again pointing handsome out to sea;
But all that I could think of, in the darkness and the cold,
Was just that I was leaving home and my folks were growing old.

Poem published courtesy of P/C Steve Hayes



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**

MEMBER NEWS

**TO DONATE TO HONOR FLIGHT MAINE
IN REMEMBRANCE OF JOHN H. LITTLE,
SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO:**

**Honor Flight Maine
P O Box 1770
Portland, ME 04104-1770**

**JOHN AND EDIE WERE CHOSEN TO
PARTICIPATE IN THIS WORTHY PROGRAM**



Holiday season already?

A note from Bert Glines

Well it's coming up to that all important time of the year. You know.....with all the hustle, bustle and preparations. What will be your theme this year and how many to make, hot or cold? Yup, the **APPETIZER COOK OFF** is just around the corner. This year, any appetizer that you would like to make is open for judging. So start trying out recipes and bring your selection to the Holiday Dinner at the Gardiner Lions' Club on December 9th. We had a delicious time last year and the tradition continues!



DECEMBER DINNER

Gardiner Lions Club (Route 201 behind the Armory)

Friday, December 8, 2018

6 pm social hour and appetizers

7 pm dinner

BYOB \$15



BRING A WRAPPED, GENDER NEUTRAL GIFT FOR EACH ATTENDEE FOR OUR FUN YANKEE SWAP.

Be sure to make your reservations with Harold Wood:

hrwood@roadrunner.com or 623-1926 by

Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7 pm