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

FEBRUARY 2018

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hello all.

We have been pretty busy at EBOARD and there are a few new things starting in February that will hopefully entice more of our friends to join us at our dinner meetings and other activities.

The first thing to take note of is that Bob Sawyer's daughter has kindly donated some of Bob's nautical items to the squadron. We (the EBOARD) decided that we should auction these items at our February dinner meeting in Gardiner. Proceeds will be presented to USPS education fund in Bob's name. Please come prepared to take home a nice piece for your home or boat.

Secondly, we are raising the price slightly on the 50/50 raffle but there are some big prizes in return. The cash portion is the same 1/2 of the pot (can you say more moola)? The second part is that we will draw more tickets for dinners. We will be drawing 6 half price dinners at Rolandeau's for the next month in Gardiner (value \$8.00). There will be 4 dinners drawn at Gardiner for dinner at Rolandeau's (value \$10.00).

Well that probably enough out of me. Hope to see you all soon.

Fair warm winds
Yours in safe boating

Lynn Mecham Cdr

KRPS CALENDAR

Monday Feb. 4, 2018

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

Friday, Feb. 9, 2018

DINNER MEETING

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

Monday, March 4, 2018

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

Friday, March 9, 2018

DINNER MEETING

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



WOODEN BOAT RESTORATION - FEBRUARY 9

Speaker for Feb 9th KRSPS Dinner Meeting

Brightside Wooden Boat Services & Marina will present a program on the restoration of wooden boats. The company started with repair and restoration of the Chris Craft. Owner Shawn Grant has been in business for thirty years. For the past ten years he has been at his location on Hulin Road in Belgrade. He now offers full service for most boats, has boat rentals, marina, and shrink wrap and storage facilities. Brightside repairs engines and outboards, does boat electrical work and repairs fiberglass. They are still growing.



“JT”, John Stevens, has 8 yrs experience and graduated from The Boat School in Eastport, Maine. He will speak on the restorations. Have your questions ready and give him a warm welcome!



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EDUCATION CORNER

BY PHYLLIS JONES, AP-IN

KRSPS will continue with our Education Schedule as printed on the Cony Adult Ed website.

We still are confirming other locations for seminars & courses. Ed is planning to do a Saturday (8 hr) ABC 3 class this spring. The location has not been confirmed.

Any suggestions for courses or seminars are welcomed at any time. I have three members who would be interested in JN. At one point the class was started and not completed. Any chance that JN could be rekindled and have room for new students in the near future? Please let me know.

Is anyone interested in a First Aid Refresher Course and CPR class or recertification? Please let me know asap. We can do the classes together in a day.

Contact me at 645-3109 (leave a message if no answer) or at phyjones@myfairpoint.net.

ED'S DOCK BOX

BY ED JONES, AP-INC

Inspecting your Propane System on Board.

This may be one of the most important safety checks for leaks you could do on your boat.

Close the valves to your cook stove. Keep valve to tank opened. Check the pressure on the gauge on the tank. The pressure should remain constant for at least 10 minutes. If the pressure should drop, you need to check for leaks. Mix a solution of dish liquid and water in a spray bottle. Do Not use soap with Ammonia! Spray the fittings and connectors. If there is a leak, it will bubble at the site. NEVER check for leaks with any type of flame!

If you find a leak, shut the tank off. Get new parts or connectors made for hazardous liquids. You may check your manual for your stove. Make sure to use pipe tape or Teflon tape at fittings before tightening.

Everybody has a bad day sometimes.....

It was early August and I had just taken delivery of my nearly new Merry Fisher 805. Having noticed that the stern gland seal was leaking I decided to get the boat out and replace it so everything would be working perfectly. Anyway a new stern gland seal was fitted and the boat was put back into the water. A quick stop at the fuel pump and then proud owner starts motoring around to his new berth in sparkly new boat on a beautiful summer's day. (There were a couple!)

Suddenly temperature buzzer starts going off. OH no I must have left the seacock shut methinks so I pull up to a spare berth and open the stern locker..... full of water (to the brim!!!) Having just taken my VHF course I briefly consider using my newly acquired skills to call the marina but opt for a mobile phone call instead. I am practically within shouting distance of the office anyway!!

"Can I get back to the slipway... probably not... can you get to the dry stack... 200m away...I think so..."

Limp over to the guys on the forklifts and my pride and joy is hauled out. 30 mins later the water stops rushing out of the drive shaft hole (sorry no idea what the correct term is) as the new seal was not screwed onto the boat.

Anyway all fixed now and running beautifully. I would say that the MDL guys were brilliant -I know marinas get a hard time but it was lifted, stored, no questions. Any costs were sorted by the engineer who made the mistake.

What have I learned? Get to know your boat. Check other people's work. There are loads of very helpful people in the boating community when a crisis occurs including this fantastic forum!!!

Part 2

In an earlier life I also got the shower pump confused with the holding tank pump when the boat was on the hard...lots of scrubbing of tarmac and bleach! Fortunately it rained that day too.

Cheers

Read more at <http://www.ybw.com/forums/showthread.php?221218-New-boat-nightmares-funny->

BOATING SAFETY

By ED JONES, AP-INC AND DISTRICT 19 SAFETY OFFICER

DOES YOUR INSURANCE HAVE YOU COVERED ? Part 1

Some Interesting Insurance Facts from Boat U.S. and Boating magazines:

This month's fact is called Consequential Damage. Did you know half of all boat sinkings occur at the dock or mooring after the failure of a small part below the water-line (thru hull fittings, outdrive bellows, drive shaft or rudder packing)??? They fail due to wear and tear, corrosion, or lack of maintenance. Your Insurance won't pay for new bellows. Consider as a consequence your boat sinks and is a total loss. Who pays now????

You need to make sure your policy covers Consequential Loss .

Consequential Coverage usually applies to only major or total loss.

Immediate Consequential damage results from fire, explosions, sinking, de-masting, collision or stranding.

Make certain your Boat Policy includes Consequential Damage Coverage that pays for loss caused by failed parts. Many policies exclude these losses.

FEBRUARY DINNER

When: February 9, Social Hour at 6
Dinner at 7

Where: Gardiner Lions' Club
Behind the Armory
on Rt. 201

Cost: \$15, BYOB



speaker: JT Stevens

See Page 2 for details

Make your reservation with Harold Wood at: hrwood@roddrunner.com or 623-1926

Before 7 PM on Tuesday, Feb. 6