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*Kennebec River Sail & Power Squadron's Monthly Newsletter  
A Unit of the United States Power Squadrons*

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**APRIL 2018**

## KRPS CALENDAR

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Fellow current and former boaters:

At the March Change of Watch dinner meeting, I was sworn in as your new commander. We have many great times and challenges ahead and, with everyone's help, we will be better prepared to ensure a strong future for our squadron. This year, I plan to propose new ideas to promote membership and increase member participation.

Spring is a busy time of year for all of us. There is boat preparation, grounds cleanup, home maintenance, graduations to attend and planning to do for summer activities. Our District 19 is also busy with planning and hosting the Spring Conference. This year it will be held at the North Conway Grand Hotel on April 27-28. I will be attending, as well as our past commander, Lynn Mecham.

Our next dinner meeting is on April 13 in Gardiner. Almost all of the agenda will focus on planning our August cruise. There have been suggestions to visit areas where we have not been in several years....places where those who no longer go boating can easily rendezvous with us by car.

I look forward to seeing you all on April 13.

Happy Boating,  
Ed Plourde

**Monday April 2, 2018**

Exec. Board Meeting  
East Coast Mortgage  
Center St. Auburn, ME  
7 pm

**Friday, April 13, 2018  
DINNER MEETING**

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

**April 27-29**

**Spring Conference**  
District 19  
North Conway, NH

**Monday, May 7, 2018**

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



**CRUISE PLANNING & SWAP MEET - APRIL 13**



## 2018 AUDIT REPORT



**Thank you,  
Tom  
Pedersen.**

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Annual Meeting

9 March 2017

### Report of the Auditing Committee

We have examined the books and records of the Squadron Treasurer for the year ended 28 February 2018.

In our opinion, the records are in good order, the transactions have been properly recorded and the cash balance is accurate.

We recommend that the Annual Report of the Squadron Treasurer be accepted by the Kennebec River Sail and Power Squadron.

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas B. Pedersen*  
PC Thomas Pedersen, AP  
Member, Auditing Committee

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# EDUCATION CORNER

BY PHYLLIS JONES, AP-IN

Changes galore are in the Educational Department. Seamanship was canceled this spring, so we could wait for the new information and instruction. The new Seamanship will be offered in the fall of 2018 and will follow the Boat Handling program. The new name of the course will be Boat Handling.

Other Changes Are:

Piloting is now Marine Navigation.  
Advanced Piloting is now Advanced Marine Navigation.  
JN is the new Off Shore Navigation.  
Navigation is now Celestial Navigation



The Seminars are being revamped to go with the new formats. We presently have 2 ABC 3 classes, Piloting and Emergencies on Board, being taught in Augusta and Gardiner areas.

Thank You to the instructors who were willing to teach these classes. I appreciate your time and dedication.

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# SAFETY

By Ed Jones, AP-INC

**It is trying to be spring but the calendar and weather are not cooperating. And of course it is snowing here this afternoon. Maybe this is last of the white stuff. I want to be working on the boat. What about you???**

**As you are checking your boat for commissioning, please look at the KIDDE dual smoke & CO detectors. Kidde has a recall just released on them. You can go to their site:**

**[kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/support/product-alerts/](http://kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/support/product-alerts/) for**

**more information and serial numbers.**

**If you have one of the recalls, Kidde will replace it at no charge.**

**Don't forget the fire extinguishers that you put off last fall! The recall list for those is still on the Kidde website. Some boaters have already received their replacements. Don't put it off any longer.**

# ED'S DOCK BOX

DIY Safety: Doing some boat repairs yourself is worthwhile and saves money. Do your homework before you start a repair project and know how to make the repair. DIY can also create hazards. Fuel & fuel vapors can explode. Few boaters realize a battery can explode if a spark is created. Any revolving pulley can "snag" loose clothing, hair, limbs, or fingers. This can have horrible results. Sanding dust can be toxic, especially those from boat surfaces. Fumes from lubricants, paints, and sealants can be toxic as well. Be aware and vigilant while working on your boat. Work safely, protect your eyes, and wear a paper suit.



Hard Steering: While cruising, the lever gets to a point that it seems tough to move when pulling back on the throttle. When it gets past that spot, it steers more easily, but pulls to the right. Do you have the same type of problem?

If the throttle is sticking, it usually means that the cable is binding or is stretched and needs to be replaced. If it is still pulling to the right, get the longest trim tab possible that can mount on the underside of your drive's cavitation plate. Adjust it all the way to the right before tightening the mounting bolt.

Winter Boat Tool Box Overhaul: You're not going to do this once your boat is launched. Do it now. Clean the tool box out and clean the tools of the grease, grit, salt and rust. Take inventory of what you have and decide what additional items you may need or which need to be replaced. You will be glad that you did and your tools will be clean and ready, if you should need them.

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# For sale:



**1976 Dufour sail boat. (John and Lori Horton's boat)**

**"Dual Fuel"**

The Hortons purchased the vessel from the 2nd owner in 1998. The sails, dodger, GPS, radar, water and waste bladders, recovering of interior cushions and creation of exterior ones were items that were all added/updated around this time. This is a great sailboat for our area, drafting 6' and having 4' freeboard - making it very seaworthy for "Our Neck of the Woods". This is a French boat, sleeps 5 and has tons of storage in and out! It is the equivalent of a mid 1980's American sailboat - having clear hatches. Painted in 2017 to a brighter red than shown in picture. Please contact us for further information. The vessel is in our yard. John can be reached at [JRHorton@roadrunner.com](mailto:JRHorton@roadrunner.com) Lori at 207-740-1904.

## APRIL DINNER



**SWAP & SELL  
BOAT PARTS &  
MISCELLANEOUS**

*APRIL 13 - 6 PM SOCIAL  
7 PM DINNER*

*GARDINER LIONS' CLUB  
RT. 201 BEHIND THE ARMORY  
GARDINER, ME*

*\$15 BYOB*



Summer Cruise Planning

Make your reservation with Gini Fiedler: [gfieler46@gmail.com](mailto:gfieler46@gmail.com) or 465-3961

**Before 7 PM on Tuesday, April 10**