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

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Fellow Boaters and Former Boaters:

District 19 held its spring conference in N. Conway, NH, last weekend. We are one of twenty-nine districts. Attending were approximately forty members, representing eight squadrons in Maine and New Hampshire. Unfortunately, Winooski Valley (Burlington), Portland Head and Merrimack River haven't been able to remain viable.

Lynn Mecham was elected District Admin Officer and Gini Fiedler was elected as District Auditor. We will be well represented on our district bridge. There was also a meeting of six squadron commanders where we exchanged ideas and concerns from our various squadrons, I took the opportunity to announce that we have a new gold-edged burgee in celebration of Kennebec River's fifty years as a squadron.

Headquarters in Raleigh, NC has changed the names of the most popular courses to give better meaning to those not familiar with USPS tradition. You may also be aware that we are being marketed as America's Boating Club and that the term "boating education" should now be called "boating skills training." USPS has recently acquired a \$1M endowment from a dedicated member to supplement their budget. This will enable better service and more outreach from Raleigh. Our fall conference will be a tri-district event held in Hyannis on the weekend of October 26-28.

I attended three operations training sessions, and other members attended vessel safety, swift water rescue and loon preservation programs.

The next officers' meeting is Monday, May 7, at Steve Hayes' office in Augusta at 7 PM. Among other items, we will discuss the need to find a new meeting place for our Auburn area dinners as Rolandeau's is going out of business on May 11. Please forward any suggestions you may have.

Let's stay involved while having fun!

Cdr Ed Plourde, AP

MAY 2018

KRPS CALENDAR

Monday, May 7, 2018

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

Monday, June 4, 2018

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

Saturday, July 14, 2018

Lobster Picnic
Robinson's Wharf
Southport Island
11:30 AM

August 4-11

Annual Cruise
Port Clyde area to
Portland area
See page 5 for itinerary



LOBSTER PICNIC - ROBINSON'S WHARF - JULY 14

EDUCATION CORNER

BY PHYLLIS JONES, AP-IN

We held 2 Seminars on Emergencies on Board with success. We had a lot of questions and had a good time!

We currently are wrapping up 2 America's Boating Courses -3 and a Piloting Course. We do have a few new members from the classes.



It is time to schedule all of the Fall Courses to be offered. The Schedule needs to be sent in by May 23rd. We will be offering ABC 3, Seamanship (a new version), Advanced Piloting, and Seminars. If you have an interest in a certain class, PLEASE Contact me, asap.

We are looking forward to a Safe Boating Season!

***Interesting Fact: 77% of boating deaths occurred on boats where the operator did NOT have Safe Boating Instruction and Knowledge. 13% of deaths occurred on boats that operator had received Nationally Approved Boating Safety Education.**

ED'S DOCK BOX

By Ed Jones, AP-INC

HOW ABOUT CLEANING THE BOTTOM OF YOUR DINGHY THAT YOU PUT OFF LAST FALL. HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO MAKE IT EASIER: EMPTY EVERYTHING OUT. TAKE THE MOTOR OFF AND TURN IT UPSIDE DOWN IN THE WATER. TIE DINGHY TO THE SWIM PLATFORM. USING A 2 1/2 INCH PUTTY KNIFE, SCRAPE OFF WHAT YOU CAN. THEN TAKE A "SCRUBBER SPONGE" (I LIKE THE YELLOW ONE WITH THE SCOURING PAD ON 1 SIDE). ATTACH THE SCRUBBER TO THE PUTTY KNIFE WITH DUCT TAPE. GO OVER THE SURFACE AGAIN. RINSE WELL. WHEN DRY, APPLY A COAT OR 2 OF STAR BRITE MARINE POLISH ON THE BOTTOM. THIS WILL ALSO MAKE YOUR FALL CLEANING EASIER THE NEXT TIME AROUND.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK ALL YOUR "THRU-HULL" FITTINGS. MAKE SURE THEY ARE TIGHT.

RECHECK ALL THE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS THAT WERE ON THE RECALL LIST. IF YOU HAVEN'T TAKEN CARE OF THIS, DO IT NOW AS KIDDE WILL REPLACE ANY ON THE RECALL LIST.



ROLANDEAU'S CLOSING

AUBURN — At age 23, with five years of restaurant experience under his belt, Roland Nadeau bought the closed Phil-O-Mar on Washington Street, remodeled, renamed the place, and started serving escargot, beef Wellington and, the dish he'd become known for, prime rib. Forty-seven years of working 14-hour days later, he's coming out of the kitchen. Nadeau is closing Rolandeau's on May 12. "I've devoted my life to the restaurant," said Nadeau, 70. "I'm going home. I haven't been home in 50 years."

*Kennebec River members will miss our dinners there!!
Best wishes to Roland and the staff.*



SAFETY, by Lt/C Ed Jones, AP-INC

North America's Safe Boating Week is May 19th through May 25th.

It should be Everyday! The push is on for all boaters to WEAR their life jackets. It does not matter if you are a skilled swimmer or what age you are.

Your properly fitting life jacket could SAVE YOUR LIFE.

Wearing your life jacket correctly is a simple way to help ensure your safety and your passengers' safety on the water.

Drowning is the #1 cause of Recreational Boating deaths; in 4 of every 5 recreational boating fatalities, 83% were NOT wearing a life jacket.

Babies need to wear infant life jackets. Holding a baby while boating is neither safe nor legal. Holding a baby will not save the infant from drowning, if something should happen.

Don't take a chance of drowning, WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET!

May 18th is National Boating Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day! It certainly will spark a conversation with your co-workers about life jackets and the wearing requirements.



FROM THE SHIP'S LOG.....

KENNEBEC RIVER CRUISE, 2006

In years gone by, our group sometimes split up and pursued different destinations during our annual cruise. Recently, we have been much more cohesive and experienced most of the cruise days together. Following is an excerpt from the log of **Mary Allison** from a cruise in which the larger group separated into two smaller contingents and three boats went further downeast to Roque Island.

July 29 - A sunny 90 degree day, humid but with a nice WSW breeze. We left Rockland at 11:30 for Tenant's Harbor to meet our Power Squadron friends. There we enjoyed the company of **Serenity II, Kay Dee, and Gone with the Wind**, with appetizers on **Kay Dee** and wine on **Serenity II**.

July 30 - our group split, and **Mary Allison** made a 48 mile run to Northeast Harbor to meet **Dream Catcher** and **Juno** (Norm Liberty) for a trip to Roque. The other boats went to Carver's Cove on Vinalhaven.

July 31 - We three boats set out for Roque with calm seas and amazing visibility. It was such a clear day that we took the scenic route across the Petite Manan bar and through Moosabec Reach and anchored off the beautiful sand beach at Roque for the afternoon. After romping on the beach and enjoying lunch, we moved to Lakeman Harbor to anchor with more protection for the night.

August 1 - We took a dinghy ride around Lakeman Harbor while **Dream Catcher** went to Jonesport for a couple of grocery items and gas. In the afternoon, we all moved to Mistake Island where the island is covered with blueberries. Because of a thunderstorm forecast, we tucked into Mud Hole on Great Wass Island for the night. There, we walked

on the hiking trail out to the point and returned to our boats for lobster that Bill cooked and Pain Killers that Lynn made for

everyone. What a wonderful evening we had protected by the snug harbor, rafted up with **Juno** on one side of us and **Dream Catcher** on the other.

August 2 - The day dawned hot and sticky with another thunderstorm forecast. We had to leave Mud Hole by 8 am to pass the rock at half tide (otherwise you will hit it.) By 1:30, we were back in Northeast Harbor and greeted by **Kay Dee** who waited for us. The other boats had gone to Southwest Harbor. We made our traditional hike up to Jordan Pond for tea and popovers, but returned on the bus because it was so hot. For supper, we had a huge party on the floating dock between **Dream Catcher** and **Juno**.

August 3 - Off we went to Frenchboro for a lobster roll and then continued on to Camp Bold and Devil. The evening was showery but there was no wind and we passed a pleasant happy hour on **Mary Allison**.

August 4 - Gary Bain did our vessel safety inspection and we said goodbye to all except **Dream Catcher** then set off for Duck Harbor on Isle au Haut. After lunch, we made our annual trek up Duck Mountain for the spectacular views, then returned to **Mary Allison** for supper and dominoes.

August 5 - Return to Rockland through the Fox Island Thoroughfare. This cruise was one to remember—good times, beautiful destinations and great friends!





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 Lori at 207-740-1904.

Summer Cruise: subject to change en route

Saturday, August 4 - Maple Juice Cove (St. George River)

Sunday, August 5 - Boothbay Harbor

Monday, August 6 - The Basin (New Meadows River)

Tuesday, August 7 - Chebeague Island

Wednesday, August 8 - Portland (Centerboard Yacht Club)

Thursday, August 9 - Snow Island (Quahog Bay)

Friday, August 10 - Boothbay Harbor

Saturday, August 11 - Port Clyde