



# RAG-POT



## AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

For Boaters, By Boaters™

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

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### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Our commander with his favorite  
appetizer!

As Ed retires from his career at Bates College, we wish him all the best and hope he has lots more time for boating!! Enjoy your retirement, Ed!!

### JUNE 2018

### KRPS CALENDAR

**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

**Saturday, July 14, 2018**

Exec. Board Meeting  
Robinson's Wharf  
11:00 AM

**August 4-11**

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

**August 5- DINNER at**

**Brown's Wharf 6 PM**

## **LOBSTER PICNIC - ROBINSON'S WHARF - JULY 14**

**RSVP: HAROLD WOOD 623-1926 OR HRWOOD@ROADRUNNER.COM**

# **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

By Lt/℄ Phyllis Jones, AP-IN

**I have been very busy setting up fall and winter classes. That's right –FALL AND WINTER! Didn't we just do that??? Let's have Summer!**

**We had to have all of the paperwork in for classes by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May.**

**We are planning Water Safety and ABC 3 and Paddle Smart for a local Boy Scout Troop. The boys are acquiring knowledge and earning Merit Badges before they embark on a week long paddle trip. Ed & I will spend evenings and a full Saturday with these Scouts and families. We are looking forward to it.**

**For FALL:**

**HOW to READ and USE NAUTICAL CHARTS- Augusta Area-Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm-8:00 pm . 1 Session**

**The NEW SEAMANSHIP (New Version) at Cony Adult Ed in Augusta Starts October 2, 2018 on Tuesday eve from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. Runs approximately 7 weeks.**

**PILOTING or ADVANCED PILOTING- Lewiston/Auburn area in October  
IF WE HAVE ENOUGH STUDENTS—SIGN UP with me right away to reserve your seat.  
Space is limited.**

**Several ABC 3 Courses; Farmington, Augusta, Turner, Livermore Falls,  
and Gardiner...**

**ENGINE MAINTENANCE (New Version)IF THERE IS ENOUGH INTEREST IN THE CLASS.  
Let me know ASAP if interested.**

**ABC 3 after the Holidays in Augusta Area**

**PARTNER IN COMMAND (NEW SERIES) after the Holidays in the Farmington and  
Augusta areas**

**Anyone Interested in becoming a Vessel Safety Examiner?? Call me or  
Email me at [phyjones@myfairpoint.net](mailto:phyjones@myfairpoint.net).**

**Anyone interested in becoming an Instructor or needing to update your status as an  
instructor, please let me know asap.**

**Anyone can give me input for other Courses or Seminars!!!!**

# SAFETY

By Ed Jones, AP-INC



## Flare Guns Are Not Toys!

Most Boaters would consider having a loaded firearm on the family boat dangerous, especially if children were aboard. A prudent boater would not have a loaded gun and would have it up out the reach of children. Flare Guns are no exception. The combination of flare guns and children can spell Danger. The flare guns do look like toys.

An accidentally fired flare gun can be just as dangerous as a handgun; the flare is hot enough to burn someone and/or cause a fire. That is what actually happened to a 11 year old boy who found a loaded flare gun in the cabin of his Grandpa's boat. The gun went off in the boys hands and severely burned the boat's interior. The boy received minor burns. It could have been much worse.

This is not always the case. Two brother's were helping their uncle unload some items from the boat. The boys were 10 and 13 years old. The older brother picked up a loaded flare gun resting on a shelf. It is unknown if the boy played with the gun or dropped it in front of his brother. The gun discharged and the younger brother was struck in the eye with a 12 gauge meteor flare at close range. The boy was hospitalized for a week and lost vision in his eye. The owner of the boat stated he kept the flare gun loaded n case it was needed quickly.

Flares are not TOYS and should we all be mindful of where they are stored and how. Even Seasoned Boaters need a reminder now and then.

Be Safe out there and Return Safely. WEAR your Life Jacket too!

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# MOORING

## FOR SALE:

Located in East Boothbay,  
6000 lb granite block with  
tackle and mooring ball.

## For particulars call:

Gary Bain 782-2985  
baingd@roadrunner.com

## Know your bridge:

**Cdr Ed Plourde** eplourdeme@myfairpoint.net

**XO Harvey Bell** tritona3@twc.net

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**Admin Harold Wood** hrwood@roadrunner.com

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## FLARE DEMONSTRATION

by

WISCASSET YACHT CLUB

and

WAWENOCK SAIL & POWER  
SQUADRON

August 2 at Wiscasset Yacht Club

Email John McMullen for details:

postms@comcast.net



**CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!**

## **MEET THE CRUISERS FOR A DINNER ONSHORE**



**WHEN: AUGUST 5, 6 PM**

**WHERE: BROWN'S WHARF  
BOOTHBAY HARBOR**

**RSVP: HAROLD WOOD 623-1926  
HRWOOD@ROADRUNNER.COM**

**COME EARLY for HAPPY HOUR on board MARY ALLISON**

We will pick you up on the dock with our dinghy and offer light appetizers and beverages from 4:30 on.

Call Gini's cell phone: 314-0342 for a pickup.

## **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 for lunch and/or  
overnight**

**Wednesday, August 8 - Portland (Centerboard Yacht Club)**

**Thursday, August 9 - Snow Island (Quahog Bay)**

**Friday, August 10 - Boothbay Harbor**

**LET HAROLD KNOW IF YOU ARE BOATING WITH US!**