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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

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

SEPTEMBER 2018

KRPS CALENDAR

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I'm guessing that you are enjoying the unusually hot and humid summer, and so am I. I have been spending more time at my camp in Wayne but less time on my boat in Georgetown.

It looks like I will be keeping my boat either at Paul's Marine in Quahog Bay or Great Island Marine in Harpswell next summer. This will allow me a good location to explore northern Casco Bay with all its inlets and gunkholes.

In early October, I will be crewing on a 66 foot yacht from Falmouth ME to Florida in early October (picture below). This will be my first very long distance travel out of Maine. I hope there aren't too many heads to clean!

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the October dinner meeting in Gardiner. In the meantime get outside and don't complain about the heat; you know what the almanac is predicting.

September 10, 2018

Exec. Board Meeting
Steve Hayes' Office
One Weston Ct.
Augusta
7 pm

October 1, 2018

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

October 12, 2018

DINNER MEETING
Gardiner Lions' Club
Rt. 201 Gardiner
Social Hour 6 PM
Dinner 7 PM



Ed Plourde, AP
Commander



CELEBRATE FALL WITH YOUR FRIENDS-OCT. 12

OCTOBER 26, 27, 28

FALL CONFERENCE

DISTRICTS 12, 14 AND 19



Spend a weekend on Cape Cod and meet new friends

Call the DoubleTree in Hyannis for your room reservation: \$125 per night (501)778-1700

Main Agenda Items (All Day Saturday)

- Morning Seminar Speaker
 - o Bill Biewenga
 - o World Sailor with more than 40 Atlantic Crossings and two Pacific Crossings accomplished
 - o Has accumulated over 400,000 sea miles in his career
 - o Set four world speed records including San Francisco to Boston by way of Cape Horn on Great American II
 - o Author published in *Blue Water Sailing*
 - o Founded Weather Window, a weather consulting firm specializing in high accuracy weather forecasting for sports events
 - o Bill and his wife Laurie live in Wellfleet
 - o Will teach his class on *Weather for Sailors* that he developed and taught at places like Annapolis and the New York Yacht Club
- Luncheon Speaker
 - o Tim Gigl - Historian of the Whydah Museum
 - o Biography to be sent later
- Afternoon Seminar Speaker
 - o Bob Sweet
 - o Member of the Buzzard's Bay Squadron and past National Educational Officer
 - o Bob will teach his class on Small Boat Handling that he has presented to Power Squadrons and Yacht Clubs across the country
- Dinner Speaker
 - o Martin Sandler
 - o 7x Emmy Award winner
 - o 2x Pulitzer Prize nominee
 - o Author of more than 80 books
 - o *The Whydah: A Pirate Ship Feared, Wrecked, And Found* is his most recent book
 - o Past professor of Smith College & University of Massachusetts Amherst
 - o Martin currently lives on Cape Cod
- Hospitality Room
 - o Friday – District 19
 - o Saturday – District 12
- Other Meetings

- o District Council Meetings
- o Chief Representative Message
- o Available Friday, Saturday, or Sunday
- o Organized Group Tour on Friday and Sunday
- o counted Ticket for Power Squadron members: \$12.50
- o Island Tour
- o Cruise to/from Island
- o Restaurants

Visitor/Spouse Opportunities (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

- Whydah Pirate Museum
 - o open everyday from 10am to 5 pm
- Nantucket Day Trip
 - o Whaling Museum
 - o Art Galleries
 - o Shopping
- Martha's Vineyard Day Trip
 - o Island Tour
 - o Shopping
 - o Restaurants
 - o Oak Bluff Campground Gingerbread Cottages
- Provincetown
 - o Restaurants
 - o Art Galleries
 - o Shopping
 - o Pilgrim Monument
- Hyannis
 - o John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum
 - o Shopping
 - o Restaurants
 - o Cape Cod Beer Tour/Tasting
- Chatham
 - o Shopping
 - o Restaurants

LYNN AND JULIE ARE GOING FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS -AND HOSTING THE HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR HAPPY HOUR ON FRIDAY!

BOATING SAFETY

By Lt. Ed Jones, AP-INC

There have been a lot of boating accidents this season. The accidents and incidents mostly could have been avoided. Only a few were wearing a life jacket and managed to survive.

Our boating season is rapidly coming to an end. Now is the time to take a good look at your PFD's and do an inspection and inventory, including sizes. Make sure all your PFD's are clean and in good repair. Check the straps and buckles. Make sure you can read the label and only have approved on board. I have seen new PFDs by Stern on boats that are not USCG approved. They were purchased at Marden's. Make sure a good deal is really a GOOD DEAL!

If you have inflatable PFD's, they need to be checked every season. Manually Blow the vest up to check for any leaks. Deflate and check again after storage. If you pull the cord, you will have to replace the cartridge.

Check all the Off Shore PFD's. Make sure you use this type when boating off shore.

Be Safe out there and Wear your Jacket. It could save your life!

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Your eBoard has discussed changing our "public" name to ***Kennebec River Boating Club***. Over the years, we have been misunderstood by many in the public because they don't relate anything like boating to our "Power Squadron" name. We will still have our legal name as Kennebec River Sail and Power Squadron and remain a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, denoting that relationship on all documents in smaller print. However, the new name will more accurately describe our boating purpose and can be used on our Facebook and web pages, so we will show up when an internet search for boating organizations is conducted.

A change of this kind requires a vote of the Squadron's general membership. That vote will be conducted at the October Dinner Meeting at the Gardiner Lions Club on October 12. Be sure to come and voice any concerns....make your vote count.

Education Department

by Lt/C Phyllis Jones AP-IN

We are offering the following classes for Fall 2018:

September 19th How to Read a Nautical Chart @ Cony High Adult Ed

October 2nd Seamanship (Updated Version) Cony Adult Ed.

**October TBA Piloting and/or Advanced Piloting in Lewiston/Auburn area
Please call me ASAP, to reserve your seat, as space is limited .**

October TBA ABC 3 Farmington Area

**Don't put off signing up for classes. Do it Now. Please contact
me at H-207-645-3109 or email-phyjones@myfairpoint.net.**



ED'S DOCK BOX

Ed Jones, AP-INC

I tried a NEW Product and I am impressed with the outcome. The product is called Barnacle Buster. If you have to flush out your Boat's Cooling System, this is a product for you.

This is a liquid to put into your cooling system. You let it set as per the directions. It will eat muscles, snails and barnacles. Follow the directions---using more or leaving it to set too long can cause a problem. When you start the motor(s) up, you will not believe what comes out.

There are 2 types of Barnacle Buster. There is a concentrate and a pre-mix. Check out the video on their site. This product is available on line at Hamilton's and at other Marine stores.

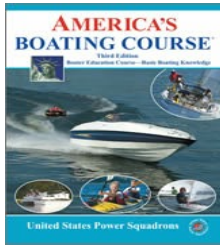
I will use this product again when I get ready to pull the boat in October. You can also spray it on your hull to rid the hull of barnacles and those pesky zebra- mussels. No scraping or very little in spots.

Cruise 2018



And a GOOD time was had by all!!

BRING YOUR BOAT AND COME WITH US NEXT SUMMER-IT'S A BLAST!



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GREATER AUDIENCE. BE A PROUD
MEMBER. SHARE THE WORD AND
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October Dinner Meeting

**WHERE: GARDINER LIONS CLUB
BEHIND THE ARMORY ON 201**

**WHEN: OCTOBER 12, 2018
6 PM SOCIAL HOUR
7 PM DINNER**

COST: \$15 BYOB



Come and vote on your club's name!

RSVP: Harold Wood hrwood@roadrunner.com 623-1926 by Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 7 pm