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

DECEMBER 2018

KRPS CALENDAR

Commander's Message

Fellow Mariners,

What a terrific turnout we had at our new location for our November 9th meeting. We still have a few kinks to work out regarding logistics and my forgetting to make introductions, but by my observation, most seemed to be pleased with the Village Inn in Auburn.

In Maine we had much to be grateful for at Thanksgiving; despite the cold we had no major fires, no big storms, no power outages, no terrorism.

Please remember that our Christmas dinner meeting is at the Lions Club in Gardiner on December 14. This is always a fun event. We just ask that you bring a small gift for the Chinese (or whatever it's now called) auction. Item value around \$15 is suggested, but you can go as high as you want; just point those out to me.

District 19 is already starting to plan for the spring conference at the Bangor Ramada on April 12-14. Hope to see some of you there if only for the day on Saturday. You'll be hearing more about this later, of course.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas social!

Truly yours,
Ed Plourde, AP
Commander

December 3, 2018

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

December 14, 2018

HOLIDAY PARTY
Gardiner Lions' Club
Rt. 201 Gardiner
Social Hour 6 PM
Dinner 7 PM

January 7, 2019

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

January 11, 2019

DINNER MEETING
The Village Inn
165 High St. Auburn
Social Hour 6 PM
Dinner 7 PM

HOLIDAY PARTY & APPETIZER COOK-OFF DEC. 14!

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Look for us on Facebook!

Check it out under **Kennebec River Sail & Power Squadron**. It's your page..personalize it by adding comments or pictures. You are the face of our boating club...show your enthusiasm!

And while you are on your computer

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.USPS.ORG/KENNEBECRIVER

P/C LYNN MECHAM & JULIE MECHAM
WORKED HARD TO DESIGN IT FOR YOU!



SAFETY

By Ed Jones, AP-INC



Are you aware of the new guide lines that pertain to CO (carbon monoxide) monitors? Most of us have CO monitors on our boats and in our homes. If you don't, please add them to your Christmas list.

If you already have CO detectors, did you know they are only good for 7 years from the manufacturing date. They also need to be checked and batteries changed like your smoke detectors. If you have a CO monitor on board and are in salt water, PLEASE check them more often. We usually have precious cargo aboard (Grandchildren), so we check ours each trip.

Did you also know that most areas require CO monitors in rental units? Something to think about! It may SAVE A LIFE!



Well it's coming up to that all important time of the year. You know....with all the hustle, bustle and preparations. What will be your theme this year and how many to make, hot or cold?

Yup, the **APPETIZER COOK OFF** is just around the corner. This year, any appetizer that you would like to make is open for judging.

So start trying out recipes and bring your selection to the Holiday Dinner at the Gardiner Lions' Club on December 14^h.

We had a delicious time last year and the tradition continues! We will miss Bert Glines' contributions, but we muddle on!

APPETIZERS

NO APPETIZER TO BRING.....

**It's OK, just bring your
appetite and pick your
favorite from the many
delicious offerings!**



Education Corner

by Lt/C Phyllis Jones AP-IN

I have been really busy trying to pull together our Spring Course Schedule. We have a new venue to try at Spruce Mt. Community Education. Spruce Mt. is the combination of Livermore, Livermore Falls and Jay school areas. They were excited to try new courses. We are constantly exploring new areas for teaching.

Our lineup of courses to be offered:

Feb 27th Emergencies on Board @ Augusta, 6:00-8:00

Mar 5th America's Boating 3 @ Augusta, 6:00-8:00

Mar 13th America's Boating 3 Spruce Mt. 5:30-6:30

April 10th America's Boating 3 Gardiner Adult Ed

April 24th How to Read & Use Nautical Charts @ Augusta

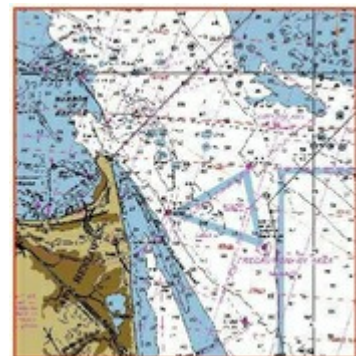
If there is any interest from any of our members, we would like to have an Instructor Course and a Vessel Examiners' Course. We need new members for these positions as we have lost some Instructors and VSEs. Please contact me as soon as possible so we can continue to offer courses and perform vessel safety checks on others' boats.

I can be reached at phyjones@myfairpoint.net or call 645-3109. Please leave a message if I don't answer and I will call you back.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!



Do you have an interest in any other Course, Elective, or Seminar? Check out the possibilities at USPS.org. If you see one that interests you, please contact me asap.



HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER DINNER

Gardiner Lions Club (Route 201 behind the Armory)

Friday, December 14, 2018

6 pm social hour and appetizers

7 pm dinner

BYOB \$15



BRING A WRAPPED, GENDER NEUTRAL GIFT FOR EACH ATTENDEE FOR OUR FUN YANKEE SWAP (\$15)

Be sure to make your reservations with Harold Wood:

hrwood@roadrunner.com or 623-1926 by

Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 7 pm