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

JANUARY 2019

KRPS CALENDAR

Commander's Message

Fellow Boaters and ex-boaters:

Has anyone taken their ice boat out for a run lately; you know...those small sleek boats with racing skates and sails? They are amazing to watch and touchy, too. It takes great skill to keep them from flipping, but it's nice to know that they won't sink!

Did you know that there are snowmobiles so powerful that they can travel over water (after head start) until they run out of fuel or running surface? I bet every one of you wants one of those!

That's about as exciting as this Commander's Message will get this month. Everyone is busy with family activities and travel this time of year and I am no exception.

There are very few boating club issues in January. One is the pending renewal of our CD which will assuredly earn a bit more interest this year due to higher rates that are available.

Second, we had a good turnout at the Christmas dinner meeting in Gardiner, where we presented our traditional Christmas donation of \$50 to the Lions' Club and thanked them for a great job of accommodating us throughout the year.

Finally, we are discussing offering introduction materials about USPS to potential new members, delineating what we are and what benefits we have to offer, both locally and nationally.

I remind you that our next dinner meeting is January 11 at the Village Inn-see page 4 for details.

Yours in boating. ED PLOURDE

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

February 4, 2019

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

February 8, 2019

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

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Education Corner

by Lt/C Phyllis Jones AP-IN

After our vehicle accident in December, Ed and I are recuperating and it is going to be a long road ahead. We appreciate all the cards, calls and emails. Thank you! It has meant a lot to us.

Our Spring Course Schedule as it stands now:

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.



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.

FROM THE LOG OF *MARY ALLISON*

The **REVERSING FALLS** of Saint John, New Brunswick



A unique phenomenon created by the collision of the Bay of Fundy and the Saint John River. At low tide the river empties into the bay causing a series of rapids and whirlpools. As tides rise they slow the river current for a brief period called slack tide. The Bay's tides continue to rise, gradually reversing the flow of the river; rapids form again, peaking at high tide. A 8.5-metre (28-foot) tide cycle is roughly 12.5 hours.

July 17, 2001-*Mary Allison* (Bill and Gini Fiedler) and *Bally Bone* (Bob and Ursula Withrow) arrived at St. Andrew, NB after a foggy start from Lubec. The visibility scaled up after we got to Eastport and we enjoyed the scenery as we avoided hazards to navigation in unfamiliar waters. At St. Andrew, we rented a mooring from the Warfinger (harbor master) for two nights and did a little walking in town.

July 18-*Mary Allison's* macerator pump and gray water pump developed problems—both clogged. In town, Bill and Bob found a used pump for the gray water box at the Dive Shop and Bill was able to adapt it to fit. Fortunately, the macerator pump was still functional after it was cleaned out. Later in the day, we toured the Kingsbrae Garden and explored the historical Algonquin Hotel.

July 19-Watching the tide, we set off for Dipper Cove on a sunny morning with some fog and dead calm seas. Near East Quoddy Head (Campobello), we searched unsuccessfully for whales, but did see many dolphins, some puffins and a few seals. As the wind picked up, *Bally Bone's* sailed filled, and Bob and Ursula were pleased to sail for 20 miles. Dipper Cove was filled with fishing boats bringing in dogfish to fill a reefer trailer bound for Boston. At the time they were getting 25 cents a pound for their catch! We picked up an empty mooring and rafted up.

July 20-At 6:20 am, we set off for Saint John to time our passage through the Reversing Falls. *Bally Bone* had left at 5 to arrive at the same time and we easily motored through at the perfect time of slack tide. A few miles up river is the Kennebecasis Yacht Club, a very nice place with showers, fuel and water, and we were able to secure two moorings for the night. We took a taxi into Saint John where we walked some of the historic walking tour and enjoyed beer and nachos on Market Wharf. Our taxi took us to an overlook where we could see the waterfalls that had taken the place of the nice calm waters of the river that we had experienced at slack water. It's nothing short of amazing! For the next seven days, we explored the nooks and crannies of the Saint John River, enjoying the chance to swim in warm, fresh water right off the boat. What a wonderful trip it was!

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WWW.USPS.ORG/KENNEBECRIVER

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

January Dinner

WHERE: THE VILLAGE INN
165 HIGH ST, AUBURN

WHEN: JANUARY 11, 2019
6 PM SOCIAL HOUR
7 PM DINNER

COST: \$25



SPEAKER SCOTT BELLEW FROM PETTIT PAINTS



Mr. Bellem is the Northeast Regional Sales Representative for Pettit Paints. He has been in the Marine Industry, in some form, since he was a teen and has 30 years in management to his credit. His focus will be about new and improved products and he will be ready for questions about his company's offerings.

Be sure to make your reservations with Harold Wood:

hrwood@roadrunner.com or 623-1926

by Tuesday, Jan. 8, 7 pm.