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## 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

#### Fellow Boaters and ex-boaters:

**Baby it's cold outside! Good thing we're not out sunning on the boat deck. I'll be on the deck of an ocean liner the second week of February, and I can promise you, it won't be as cold as it is here.**

**Wish you could all join me, but then again, maybe not.**

**Scheduled change-of-watch dates in our district if you are interested in attending; Charles Meany will be presiding again this year.**

**Amoskeag 02 Mar, Kennebec 08 Mar, Lake 26 APR, Penobscot 09 MAR, Portsmouth 30 Mar, Wawenock 23 MAR**

**From Alan Wentworth, Chair of USPS Educational Fund...**

**At the end of the 2018 Educational Fund year, donations by 163 squadrons added \$11333.00 to the Educational Fund.**

**Kennebec River Squadron donated \$61 of a \$61 target for 100%; achieving Honor Roll status and bringing your total participation to 15 years.**

**Much thanks to Kennebec River Squadron for participating in the Educational Fund Honor Roll program.**

**USPS headquarters is encouraging local squadron members to participate at the National level. All a member needs to do is complete this form**

**<https://www.usps.org/index.php/committees/general/10500>**

**See you all at the dinner-meeting on Feb 8 in Gardiner.**

*Ed Plourde, AP*

### FEBRUARY 2019

### KRPS CALENDAR

#### February 4, 2019

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

#### February 8, 2019

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

#### March 4, 2019

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

#### March 8, 2019

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

**OUR HISTORY - FEB. 8 WITH FUN BOATING STORIES**

# 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 27<sup>th</sup>      Emergencies on Board @ Augusta, 6:00-8:00**

**Mar 5<sup>th</sup>        America's Boating 3 @ Augusta, 6:00-8:00**

**Mar 13<sup>th</sup>      America's Boating 3.....Spruce Mt. 5:30-6:30**

**April 10<sup>th</sup>     America's Boating 3    Gardiner Adult Ed**

**April 24<sup>th</sup>    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](mailto: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](http://USPS.org). If you see one that interests you, please contact me asap.**

# Roger “Buckie” Lord



Buckie attended our November dinner meeting where he received his plaque for 50 years of membership in our club. On January 12, 2019, he passed away at the age of 84. We will miss you, Buckie!

## **DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE:**

The Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron is looking forward to being your host for the 2019 Spring Conference. The Conference will be held at the Ramada Inn in Bangor on the following dates:

Friday, April 12 Registration

Saturday April 13 Meetings and Presentation followed by Dinner

Sunday April 14 Checkout

**Think about attending this event—meet people from other squadrons and gather new ideas to make your club more fun and insure its continuing vitality! Call Ed Plourde for more information at: 207-312-2883 .**

## **Do it Yourself Tip for Sailboaters** by Ed Jones, Safety Officer

**Are you planning to run new wiring inside your mast?? Here are a few tips:**

- **determine if your mast has a messenger(runner or lead) line rigged inside for pulling wire through. If there isn't one, install one. Some sailboats have conduit to pull wires.**

- **Make sure your "messenger" is several feet longer than twice the height of mast. I recommend using a high quality braided nylon line of at least 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch in diameter.**

- **I prefer to begin by lowering down the wire because it is heavier and less flexible than rope. If wire gets hung up, try jiggling it up and down. You could use a long steel fish tape (snake). Patience is the KEY!!!**

- **Use a coat hanger to fish the end out at the bottom. Tie on messenger and pull it up. Long slim needle-nose pliers maybe a great tool for the task.**

- **Use quality tape to secure wire in the middle of messenger. (3M Scotch Super 3 tape is really good). Make at least 6 wraps over the wire, overlapping slightly.**

- **Make a union between wire runner as seamless as possible.**

- **Have your helper at the top pull slowly. If blockage occurs, the person at bottom should pull down a little.**

- **You may use liquid dish soap on the joints for lubrication and try again.**

- **When done, secure the runner at the top and cover with electrical tape.**

- **Coil and secure at the bottom.**

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**Bert and Carol Glines are snowbirds now! Their  
Winter address is: 5 Court 7 Northwest Dr.  
Carolina Shores, NC 28467**

## **LOOK FOR US ON FACEBOOK!**

**Check it out under Kennebec River Boating Club. It's your page..personalize it by adding comments or send pictures to Gini Fiedler or Harvey Bell to add to the page. You are the face of our club – show your enthusiasm!**

**TAKE A LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE:**

**WWW.USPS.ORG/KENNEBECRIVER**

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



# **February Dinner**

**WHERE: GARDINER LIONS CLUB**

**WHEN: FEBRUARY 8, 2019  
6 PM SOCIAL HOUR  
7 PM DINNER**

**COST: \$15**

**Come prepared to share a favorite boating story—one from your Power Squadron experiences or one you shared with other friends and family! We love to hear others' tales of adventures!**

*Be sure to make your reservations with Harold Wood:*

*hrwood@roadrunner.com or 623-1926 by Tuesday, Feb. 5, 7 pm.*