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

Commander's Message

Fellow Mariners:

There's nothing like a week's cruise to make you remember what summer was like. Weather in south Florida and the Caribbean was simply delightful at around 80 and sunny every day...not always the case.

My stops were San Juan, Turks & Caicos, and St.Maarten. Return home was much less enjoyable with an evening low of 2 degrees. Before accepting my new reality, I put on the electric blanket, closed my eyes, and pretended to still be on my trip, but that didn't last very long!

Our Change of Watch is at the next dinner-meeting at the Village Inn in Auburn on March 8. This is always a special event; I encourage you to be there. D/C Chip Meany will swear in the new bridge, we will have an award presentation, and you will hear from a very interesting guest speaker. Pay special attention to the new menu selections and ordering procedure designed to expedite the serving process. Read more about this on pages 6 and 7.

On April 12-14 is our District 19 conference at the Bangor Ramada. I will be there on Saturday the 13th and for the meeting of commanders early Sunday morning. If you've never been to a district conference, this one is close by, informative, and an opportunity to voice your concerns. See additional information on the ensuing pages of this newsletter.

Looking forward to see you all at Village Inn on March 8.

Ed Plourde, Commander

MARCH 2019

KRPS CALENDAR

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

April 1, 2019

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

April 12, 2019

DINNER MEETING

Rt. 201 Gardiner
Social Hour 6 PM
Dinner 7 PM

COMMODORE LAURENCE V. WADE, MERCHANT CAPTAIN- MAR. 8

Education Corner

by Lt/C Phyllis Jones AP-IN

Spring courses & Seminars are up and running. We are hopeful this will be a successful season. We are entertaining a new venue in hopes to attract new students from the Jay, Livermore Falls, and outer areas.

We have had some Educational hurdles this year but, we will move ahead. USPS National warehouse has NO dividers nor any plotters in stock. They are on back order from Weems & Plath, which will not have them available until the end of May. We need KRSPS members to help us. If you should have any of these items not in use or stocked, would you PLEASE bring them to our next meeting so we can share with students? We have three ABC 3 Courses scheduled this spring.

I have had one member tell me he is interested in becoming an Instructor. I would like to have a training class either now or in the fall. I am looking for others to become Instructors. Let me know ASAP.

Anyone interested in becoming a Vessel Safety Examiner (VSE)?? It is really fun and rewarding. You get to meet other great boaters and to share boating knowledge. You can do it on your own time, and in your area. Ed or I will talk to you anytime about VSE. Please let me know if you are interested.



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(207)645-3109**

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!

Welcome!

The Penobscot Bay Sail and Power Squadron is very pleased to welcome District 19 to Bangor for the Spring Conference. Making your visit a comfortable, enjoyable, and informative one has been a priority for the past several months.

We have a great committee that is committed to assisting you and answering questions that may arise - restaurants, shopping, hotel amenities etc. You can distinguish the committee members by looking for the ribbon that each will be wearing.

About The Conference

We selected "Our Shared Gulf of Maine" as a theme because it is a treasure not just for boating and recreation but also for its wild beauty and importance for the sustenance of life. As Mainers, we feel it is critically important that the Gulf be protected and respected.

Thank you for coming to Bangor. We hope you have a great time!

Conference Planning Committee

Conference Chair: Cdr Tom Welgoss

Program: P/C Wesley Hedlund, Lt Al Holzwarth, Lt/C Joyce Hedlund and Lt Carl Huntley

Welcome and Sign-in: Peg Seneca, Beth D'Avanzo and Joan Welgoss

Hospitality: Peggy and Roger Marks

Treasurer: Lt/C Skip House

50-50 Raffle and Silent Auction: Lt Larry

PROGRAM

Friday, April 12

1500-1730	Conference check-in	Hotel Lobby
1700-1800	Social - Hosted by D19 Dinner on your own	Captain's

Saturday, April 13

0800-0900	Conference check-in	Hotel Lobby
0900-1000	<u>Welcome</u> PBSPS Cdr Carl Huntley D19 D/Cdr Chip Meany	Kennebec
1000-1030	Coffee Break	Penobscot
1030-1145	John McMillan, Instructor, Maine Maritime Academy "Ocean Safety"	Kennebec
1200-1245	Buffet Lunch	Penobscot
1245-1400	Luncheon Speaker Steve Callahan, Author "Adrift: 76 Days Lost at Sea"	Penobscot
1400-1430	Break	Kennebec
1430-1530	Brian Marcaurrelle, Program Director, Maine Island Trail Association "Islands of the Gulf of Maine"	Kennebec
1530-1700	District 19 Business Meeting and Change of Watch D/Cdr Chip Meany	Kennebec
1700- 1800	Break and Social (Cash Bar)	Ball Room
1800-2000	Banquet	Ball Room
	Keynote Speaker: Madelyn Woods, Shaw Institute, "Micro plastics in the Gulf of Maine"	
2000	Post-Banquet Social hosted by PBSPS	Captain's

Sunday, April 14

0800-0900	Squadron Commanders Meeting D19 XCO Bill Wood	Captain's
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Registration

Conference

Conference fee is \$70pp. Fee Includes buffet lunch, dinner, gratuities & tax. Guests attending dinner only: \$30pp.

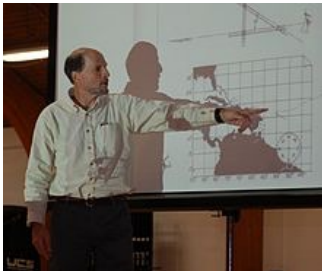
Mail check by March 31, payable to Penobscot Bay Sail & Power Squadron to squadron Treasurer: Louis House, 219 Washington St., Brewer ME 04412-1325. **Enclose meal preference form with payment.**

Guest Speakers

John McMillan

Adjunct Faculty in Ocean Survival, Maine Maritime Academy

“Ocean Safety”



Steve Callahan

Author, “Adrift: 76 Days Lost at Sea”

Steve holds a university degree in Philosophy. A naval architect by training, he has designed and built boats, taught design, lived aboard, raced, and cruised boats of all kinds. Since the 1980s, he has also written widely for the yachting press worldwide, has been a contributing editor to Sail and Sailor magazines, senior editor of Cruising World. His book “**Adrift**” was on the NY Times best seller list for 4,878 days. Steve consulted in making of the movie “**Life of Pi**”.

Brian Marcaurrelle

Program Director, Maine Island Trail Association

“The Maine Island Trail”



The Maine Island Trail is a 375-mile water trail for small boaters extending from the New Hampshire border to Canada. America’s first recreational water trail, it connects over 200 wild islands and mainland sites open for day use or overnight camping. Site owners allow access to their properties trusting that MITA members and other users will be responsible stewards during their visits

Brian has a Masters in Environmental Management from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and a BA in biology and environmental studies from Bowdoin College.



Madelyn Woods

Marine Research Coordinator, Shaw Institute

“Micro Plastics in the Gulf of Maine”

The Shaw Institute is a nonprofit scientific research organization based in Maine and New York City. Founded in 1990 by Dr. Susan Shaw (as the Marine & Environmental Research Institute), its primary mission is to discover and expose the effects of toxic chemical exposure and climate change on human and ecological health, and to engage in strategic partnerships to improve life on the planet. A major focus of the Shaw Institute’s research is the study of micro plastics in the ocean that choke marine life, pollute the water, and ultimately threaten the future of our oceans.

District 19 Spring Conference

Hosted by
Penobscot Bay Sail & Power Squadron
“Our Shared Gulf of Maine”

April 12-14 Ramada Inn, Bangor ME



District 19 Spring Conference Registration and Meal



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Squadron
"Our Shared Gulf of

Registration Fee: \$70 per person

\$30 per person attending April 13 Banquet ONLY

Meal Preference for April 13 Banquet Dinner:

Name: _____
_____ Chicken Cordon Bleu _____ Prime Rib
_____ Haddock Au Gratin

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Indicate any dietary restrictions or needs:

Contact Information:

Email Address _____ Telephone Number: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

[Hotel Reservations must be made directly with the Ramada Inn

ED'S DOCK BOX

by Ed Jones, AP-INC

Spring is just around the corner, so they say. As I look out the window, the snow is piling up and wind is howling.

Today is a good day to jot down all the projects for your boat this spring. Write down the project and the supplies and tools you will need for each project. Plan ahead. As we get older---a list is a great tool to accomplish the tasks.

Spring is coming----Just not today!

The Village Inn Restaurant

High Street - Auburn

& Captain Don's Loft



782-7796

Welcomes



Kennebec River



Squadron

Fresh Broiled Haddock

Sauteed Beef Tips *with onions*

****Chicken Parmesan**

***Fried Haddock Plate**

***Fried Shrimp Plate**

all meals served with a small salad, dinner roll & baked potato except

**served with french fries / **served over pasta*

For a vegetarian option try:

****Vegetable Stir-Fry**

*broccoli, carrots, mushrooms, onions & colored peppers sauteed
in teriyaki sauce and served over rice*

Self Serve Beverage / Dessert Table:

Beverages: coffee, water, ice tea, lemons

Dessert: Assorted petite dessert bars

Full Service CASH BAR also available



Check us out on facebook or explore our website: www.villageinnmaine.com



Our dinner speaker, Commodore Laurence V. Wade is graduate of Maine Maritime Academy and a retired merchant sea captain, accustomed to navigating the world on an oil tanker. His experiences are rich and on occasion, humorous. When encountering one of our boats, he might consider us speed bumps!

Fortunately, we are all careful to stay out of the way of oil tankers.



March Dinner

AND CHANGE OF WATCH

**WHERE: THE VILLAGE INN
HIGH ST. AUBURN**

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

COST: \$25



BE PREPARED TO TELL HAROLD YOUR MENU CHOICE-SEE P. 6

**FOR YOUR RESERVATION CONTACT HAROLD WOOD BEFORE 7 PM
ON TUESDAY MARCH 5! HRWOOD@ROADRUNNER.COM
(207)623-1926**