



RAG-POT



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

For Boaters, By Boaters™

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

Fellow Seafarers:

The district conference in April was well attended and had terrific speakers. John McMillan gave a super presentation on how he trains Maine Maritime cadets to survive at sea. He even brought a discontinued life raft that he inflated at poolside...really cool to see. Brian Marcaurelle gave a history of the Maine Island Trail to preserve nature and recreational access to our islands. The partnership between land owners and MITA spanning the entire coast of Maine is a remarkable accomplishment. Madeline Woods of the Shaw Institute in Blue Hill talked about plastics, and as non-organics, they do not break down; they just get smaller and contaminate the waters that all living things ingest. Finally Steven Callahan told his story about how he survived aboard a life raft for 76 days, the second longest survival...simply fascinating. Our club (squadron) also took home some USPS recognition awards for our newsletter and website.

At our meeting in April, we had a super delicious ham dinner at the Lions' Club and I even had dessert, which I don't always do.

I sure hope summer is not canceled this year. Our weather has not been the greatest for bottom painting or cleaning our boats. We've had 16 days with rain in April with more to come. Enough is enough!

Our next board meeting is May 6. THE board has been planning for the annual lobster dinner and the August Cruise. You'll be reading more in the *Ragpot*.

Enjoy the summer and **STAY SAFE!**

Ed Plourde, AP
Commander

MAY 2019

KRPS CALENDAR

May 6, 2019

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

June 3, 2019

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

July, date pending

Lobster picnic

August 2-11

ANNUAL CRUISE
Penobscot Bay
See page 5 for details



SUMMER CRUISE AUGUST 2-11

Education Corner

by Lt/C Phyllis Jones AP-IN

The last ABC 3 Course has been successfully completed. This course was held at Augusta Adult Education.

The Seamanship Course that was started before our accident has now been successfully completed and all test results have been corrected and graded by National. Congratulations to all the students and Thank You for your understanding.

We did have to cancel 2 ABC3 Courses and a Seminar on Using a Chart.

These were canceled due to the lack of registrations. We will attempt classes in the fall. One class was canceled because within 12 miles the same certified course was offered for \$10.

Reminder to ALL BOATERS:.....It is very important that you and your crew complete a First Aid and CPR Course. Some of you may just need a recertification. Please don't put it off... do it before boating season.

If you cannot locate a course, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.



TO ALL OF YOU----SEE YOU ON THE WATER----SOON!

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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!

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BOATING SAFETY!

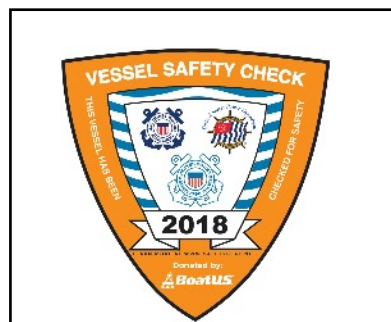
by Ed Jones, AP-INI

It is that time of year again! Northern America's Safe Boating Week is May 18th through May 24th, 2019. The goal of National Safe Boating Week is to educate the public about the importance of Safe Boating Practices and Wearing Life Jackets while on the water.

No matter what your age or swimming ability, wearing a properly fitting life jacket could make the difference between life or death. Remember, our waters are very cold all year. Some lakes here are still frozen.

Another way you can help Kennebec River Boating Club, is to support our Vessel Safety Check Program. Our Vessel Safety Examiners are: Hobie Ellis, Gary Bain, Phyllis Jones, and Ed Jones. Please email or call them to set up your VSC (Vessel Safety Check). It only takes a few minutes and is FREE. The VSC can be scheduled to fit your convenience.

Boating Safety Slogan is: WEAR IT!



OUR MEMBERS GET AROUND!



A photo of the “Stars and Stripe” one of the America’s Cup ships from years past racing with the Canadian entry ship off the coast of St. Maarten with our own Dot Campbell as crew. Dot was the time keeper. This photo was taken by a friend using a 50 mm lens.

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ED'S DOCK BOX

By Ed Jones, AP/INC

1. Some boaters use a fabric guard to protect and repel water on their boat enclosures and storage covers. There are new products with better coverage, better pricing and easier to apply. Check out the boating sections at your Marine Store, hardware stores or the box stores close to you. You may save a bundle.
2. Trim Tabs: Remember if the drive is trimmed up, the bow will come down. If the drive is trimmed down the bow will come up. This seems to confuse a lot of boaters and students.
3. Do you know what should be checked on any steering system, annually for maintenance? Remove the hydraulic hoses and replace with new. Check for leaks in hydraulic lines and fittings. Check for corrosion and/or binding. Top off fluids and bleed any excess air. Lube any grease fittings.

REMINDER: ALL BOATERS OF ALL AGES SHOULD WEAR LIFE JACKETS WHEN BOATING!

Annual Cruise

Fri Aug 2nd Christmas Cove **JOIN US BY CAR FOR THE KICKOFF DINNER!**

Sat Aug 3rd Tenants Harbor or Port Clyde - Moorings

Sun Aug 4th Carver Cove - Anchor

Mon Aug 5th Bucks Harbor – Reservations for moorings needed
207-326-8839

Tue Aug 6th Mackerel Cove - Anchor

Wed Aug 7th Northeast Harbor or Southwest Harbor - Moorings

Thu Aug 8th Northeast Harbor or Southwest Harbor - Moorings

Fri Aug 9th Camp Bold & Devil Islands - Anchor

Sat Aug 10th Dix Island - Anchor

Sun Aug 11th Home Port



A cruise with Boating Club friends

Come boat with us in August

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