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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

Fellow Water Wanderers:

It's in the water! **Arrivee** was launched May 22nd at Mere Point, and she is floating but shivering!

Bert Glines has returned from North Carolina for the summer and attended our last board meeting. Welcome Back, Bert!

Kennebec River Boating Club will be hosting the April 17-19, 2020 District Conference. More on this later, but mark your calendars. At the conference, the new **AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB-SOUTHEASTERN NEW ENGLAND (ABC-SNE)** will be created by the merger of USPS District 12 and 14. Our District 19 has participated at their conferences in the past and will continue to do so.

The 2019 Tri-District Fall Conference will be held at the Ashworth by the Sea Hotel in Hampton Beach, NH, November 1-3, 2019.

I hope to see many of you on July 20th at our annual Lobster Picnic and look forward to a good turnout for our coastal cruise from August 2-11.

Ed Plourde, AP

Commander

JUNE 2019

KRPS CALENDAR

June 3, 2019

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

July 20, 2019

Lobster picnic
Gini Fiedler's House
338 Willey Point Rd.
Oakland, Maine

1130 eBoard Meeting
1200 Lobster!!

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

We have our Fall Courses for Cony High Community Education scheduled. . To register, go to <http://augusta.maineadulted.org/>

October 22nd & 29th we will instruct “Trailer Your Boat “ from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. “How to Read & Use Nautical Charts” will be offered November 5th and November 12th.

We are in the process of negotiating other courses at 2 new venues.

In the New Year (2020) we will offer **ABC-3** and the possibility of **Sailing**. We will ask for pre-registration before we set the dates and locations. We are looking at the Lewiston area.

If you have an interest in any other course or seminar, PLEASE let me know. The list of available courses is located on the United States Power Squadrons website.



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

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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!

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BOATING SAFETY!

by Ed Jones, AP-INI

North America's Safe Boating Week has ended; but Boating Safely has not. Safe Boating is most important to all boaters. As members of America's Boating Club of Kennebec River, we need to help other boaters to be safe.

Help comes in many forms, such as sharing our knowledge and our experiences, and setting a good example on and off the water. If you see something unsafe, take a minute and approach the boater. Help them understand and show them how to correct the problem.

A proper fitting Life Jacket (PFD) is a must for all boaters. Make sure you have the right PFD for the boater's type and make sure it has USCG approval. Remember there is a Youth size PFD that is excellent for the tall, thin frame of a pre-teen.

Special PFDs are available and should be used for Kayakers, canoeists, paddle boarders and personal watercraft users. Make sure the proper PFD is worn.

Maine and Federal Regulations state that Inflatable PFDs CANNOT be worn by anyone 16 yrs of age and younger. PFDs MUST be worn by 13 yr. olds and younger on coastal and tidal waters. This includes tidal waters like the Kennebec River. In fresh water, regulations state 10 yr olds and younger MUST wear a properly fitting life jacket.

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RECOGNITION PAGE!

OUR OWN BILL WELCH

Everyone knows Bill....he is without a doubt the most faithful attendee at dinner meetings, having missed only a handful during his 25 years with Kennebec River Boating Club. For many years he was in charge of the American and Squadron flags which his unfailingly brought to each gathering. At our Change of Watch in March, Bill was recognized with a plaque showing our club's appreciation. His ready smile and rich stories of boating on the Kennebec are a wonderful addition to any meeting. Presenting the award are our commander, Ed Plourde and District Commander, Chip Meany.





WHO DOESN'T LOVE A PICNIC ON THE LAKE....THAT'S SNOW POND IN OAKLAND, MAINE, ONE OF THE FAMED BELGRADE LAKES?!

When: July 20, 2019 12 noon til whenever

Where: Gini's House 338 Willey Point Rd. Oakland 04963

Cost: First lobster free for members and their households,
all additional "bugs" \$5
Non-members very welcome

What to bring: a salad, dessert or appetizer to share



Don't miss out on our fun gathering!

**Call or email Harold Wood at: 623-1926
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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