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

Fellow Mariners:

It's getting cold fast. Maybe I'm just getting more sensitive to cold, but I think the Farmer's Almanac may be right in predicting a longer, colder winter. **Arivee** is on the hard, but still needs to be winterized. I wish I could just snap my fingers and it would be done.

The Tri-District Fall Conference is set for November 1-3 at Ashworth-by-the-Sea in Hampton Beach, NH. The agenda appears on page 4, and registration can be done online at: www.USPS.org/d12/ConfReg Check out the agenda...it looks pretty interesting.

You probably are already aware that Kennebec River will host the District 19 Spring Conference on April 17-19, 2020 at the Ramada in Lewiston. Please mark your calendars and lend a hand to insure a successful event.

See you all at the Gardiner Lions' for our first dinner meeting this fall on October 11.

Yours in boating,
Ed Plourde, AP
Commander

OCTOBER 2019

KRPS CALENDAR

October 7, 2019

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

October 11, 2019

DINNER MEETING
Gardiner Lions Club
Rt. 201 Gardiner
6 PM Social 7 PM dinner

November 1-3

FALL CONFERENCE
Multi-District
Ashworth-by-the-Sea
Hampton Beach, NH

November 4, 2019

eBoard Meeting
East Coast Mortgage
Center Street, Auburn
7 PM

November 8, 2019

DINNER MEETING
Village Inn
Auburn
6 PM Social 7 PM dinner

DINNER MEETING OCTOBER 11!

DINNER MEETING VENUES

FOR YEARS, IT HAS BEEN OUR PRACTICE TO HAVE OUR MEETINGS IN TWO LOCATIONS TO ACCOMMODATE OUR MEMBERS FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF KENNEBEC VALLEY AND WEST. MOST RECENTLY, WE ARE MEETING AT THE GARDINER LIONS CLUB AND THE VILLAGE INN IN AUBURN.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SUGGESTIONS FOR OTHER LOCATIONS THAT CAN OFFER US A FRIDAY 6-9 PM DINNER FOR UNDER \$30 INCLUDING TAX AND TIP.

CALL GINI: 465-3961 OR EMAIL AT GFIEDLER46@GMAIL.COM IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS.



Education Department Report

by Lt/C Phyllis Jones, AP SEO



Congratulations are in order for Captain Ed Jones. He has had another Safety Tip published in this month's *ENSIGN*: See Page 17 of the Fall issue!

An article will appear soon in the local newspapers for our potential classes, seminars and scheduled courses.

Is anyone interested in becoming an Instructor??? We need your help educating the public. You do not have to commit to 6-8 weeks. You could start with a Seminar of your choice, which runs 2-2 ½ hrs. Please let me know.

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DOCK BOX

by Ed Jones, AP-INI

1. As you get your boat unloaded and ready for Winter



Storage, DON'T Forget your Tool Box and Tools. If there is rust or grime on them, Clean them up. Do they need to be oiled or greased? Now is the time. If they are not taken care of, they won't work when you need them the most.

- 2. A lot of Boaters clean and coat their boats with a good layer of wax before wrapping it for winter. That's right, they leave the wax on for protection. It is your decision, some swear it is best and some not so much. The choice is yours!**



VOLUNTEERS?

Lots of times, we feel as though we would love to help out our boating club, but don't have the time to make a commitment long term. Now we have the perfect opportunity.....a one time contribution to our organization. What is this OPPORTUNITY? We are hosting the District 19 spring conference on April 17-19 and we will need to plan an activity for family members who are not attending boating related seminars. I am thinking, an outing in the community of Lewiston or Auburn for an hour or so on Saturday, the 18th. Sign up to be a planner....call or email Gini at gfiedler46@gmail.com or 465-3961.

New England Multi-District Fall Conference



1 – 3 November 2019

Ashworth-By-The-Sea, Hampden Beach, NH

1 November, Friday 13:00 to 16:00 Tour the USS Albacore Submarine. 600 Market St., Portsmouth, MA 603-436-3680
Link to www.ussalbacore.org/ for directions. \$8.00 pp Pay at the Museum

2 November, Saturday

Time

Ball Room

0800 to 0845

Registration & General Assembly and Opening Remarks

Seminars & Guest Speakers

Hampden Room

Exeter Room

0845 to 0945

DB2000 Installation & Use

“What’s the latest in Marine Electronics”

Denise Filios, D2

AIS versus or with Radar?

Team Leader DB2000 Support

P/V/C Bob Sweet, SN

0945 to 0955

Break

1005 to 1105

Propane on Board

Tow Salvage-Vessel Recovery

Do’s and Don’ts for safe

“ Myths and Misconceptions”

Cooking & Heating on board

Captain Bruce White, SeaTow

1105 to 1115

Break

1115 to 1215

DB2000 Merit Mark Submissions

Denise Filios, D2

Team Leader DB2000 Support

1215 to 1330

Rose Room: Buffet Lunch Served in the Rose Room, Seating in the Breakers Restaurant – South Side Fireplace. **Entertainment by “Bert & I”**

1330 to 1430

Ball Room: Guest Speaker: Peter Shelley of the Conservation Law Foundation

“Living with a rising ocean and frequent big storms: Navigating a sea of “what-ifs”

1430 to 1530

Ball Room: National Representative Carl Filios National IT Chair to present the Chief Commander’s Message. Awards and Recognition of 50 Year Members

1530 to 1700

District Conference Meetings for D12, 14, 19 in Hampden, Exeter, Rose Rooms

1700 to 1800

Joint Social/Cocktail Hour **Rose Room**

1800 to 1900

Free Time

1900 to 2130

Dinner in the Ball Room, entertainment by **Castlebay Maritime & Celtic music**

Sunday, November 3

0930 to 1100

Brunch in the Ballroom

GET CREATIVE!!

Don't you just love to create an imaginative center piece for the dinner table? In April, we will need approximately eight creations to grace the tables for dinner at the Spring Conference.

The centerpieces might be floral, include tiny lights, have a boating motif—just think of all the options and let the mood guide you. If you would like this to be your contribution to the effort for a successful Spring Conference, contact Gini (gfiedler46@gmail.com)

WE NEED EVERYONE TO PITCH IN FOR THIS EVENT.



DINNER MEETING

COME SEE YOUR FRIENDS AND SHARE YOUR SUMMER STORIES!

DATE: October 11

**TIME: 6 PM Social Hour
7 PM Dinner**

**WHERE: Gardiner Lions' Club
Rt. 201 Gardiner, behind
the Armory**

COST: \$15 BYOB



**A SHORT,
HUMOROUS SAFETY
VIDEO WILL BE
INCLUDED IN THE
PROGRAM!**

COME AND BRING A FRIEND

RSVP: HRWOOD@ROADRUNNER.COM or 623-1926 BY OCT. 8