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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

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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, bit I think the <u>Farmer's Almanac</u> 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.



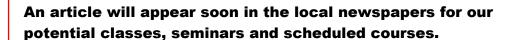




Education Department Report

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!



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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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

13:00 to 16:00 Tour the USS Albacore Submarine. 600 Market St., Portsmouth, MA 603-436-3680 1 November, Friday 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 Denise Filios, D2 Team Leader DB2000 Support	"What's the latest in Marine Electronics" AIS versus or with Radar? P/V/C Bob Sweet, SN
0945 to 0955	Break	
1005 to 1105	Propane on Board Do's and Don'ts for safe Cooking & Heating on board	Tow Salvage-Vessel Recovery "Myths and Misconceptions" 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

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