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

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## Fellow Mariners:

I am all done with getting my boat and camp ready for winter. The only thing left is the disposal of the ton of leaves that are still falling on my front lawn and most of them don't belong to me.

This weekend is the District Conference in Hampton, NH. I will be there until Sunday afternoon. One big proposed change is that there will be only one district conference each year. I expect that the vote will result in its passage, but the date of that annual conference has not been decided yet.

We have added a choice of prime rib to the menu for our dinner meeting at the Village Inn in Auburn. The new chef comes from Rolondeau's restaurant, so the quality of the prime rib should be similar to that which we experienced in the past. The bridge is discussing bringing instructional videos in lieu of speakers at future meeting, so stay tuned.

We are in the process of adapting a new member guide from the materials that the Portsmouth squadron is using. This will be a great tool to let new members know what our organization does and how it functions.

Please mark your calendars for the Tri-District Spring Conference to be held April 4-5 at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston. I hope to see you all at The Village Inn on November 8.....it has been too long since we last got together.

Yours in Boating, Ed Plourde

**NOVEMBER 2019**

## KRPS CALENDAR

**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

**December 2, 2019**

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

**October 11, 2019**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Gardiner Lions Club  
Rt. 201 Gardiner  
6 PM Social 7 PM dinner

# **DINNER MEETING NOVEMBER 8!**

## 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



**We are well on our way through teaching America' Boating Courses and Seminars for Fall.**

**As of November 12<sup>th</sup>, we need to submit all the classes we will offer for Spring 2020. Anyone have a seminar or course they would like?**

**Please let me know asap.**

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# ***SAFETY IS OUR BUSINESS!***

by Ed Jones, AP-INI

**Are you thinking of buying new foul weather gear and/or new life jackets?**

**Did you put them on your Christmas List???**

**You should know that the USCG urges you to buy colors that can be seen easily. If you are in the water, you will want to be located as soon as possible. The best color for daytime is International Orange; in dim light the best color is Yellow. At night your PFD and foul weather gear should have reflective tape strips or patches, a strobe light attached or a small water proof flashlight attached. This increases your chance of being located as quickly as possible. Maine waters are very cold, even in summer.**



## **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 find a speaker to present the program for Saturday night's dinner. It would be more universally appealing if it is about a general topic, not directly related to boating. Have you attended an entertaining program that you could recommend?...call or email Gini at [gfiedler46@gmail.com](mailto:gfiedler46@gmail.com) or 465-3961.

# 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.**



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## DINNER MEETING

COME SEE YOUR FRIENDS AND SHARE YOUR SUMMER STORIES!

**DATE: November 8**

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

**WHERE: The Village Inn  
Auburn**

**COST: \$25**



**COME AND BRING A FRIEND**

**RSVP: HRWOOD@ROADRUNNER.COM or 623-1926 BY NOV. 5**

## **MOORING FOR SALE in ROCKLAND HARBOR**

The location is just off the southern fairway, about 4 moorings out from Harold Wood's. All mooring equipment has been inspected annually and, by last report, is in excellent condition. Looking for \$1,100. Negotiable.

Email Larry Irwin: [jli72212@gmail.com](mailto:jli72212@gmail.com)



## Holiday Fun!

**DO YOU REMEMBER LAST YEAR'S HOLIDAY GATHERING?**

**OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY INCLUDES AN APPETIZER COOK OFF. BRING YOUR FAVORITE SELECTION AND ENTER THE LOW KEY, GOOD NATURED COMPETITION ON DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>.**

**OUR TRADITION CONTINUES—BE A PART OF THE FESTIVITIES!**

**NO APPETIZER TO BRING.....**

**It's OK, just bring your**

**appetite and pick your**

**favorite from the many**

**delicious offerings!**

