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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

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**JANUARY 2020**

### KRPS CALENDAR

**January 6, 2020**

eBoard Meeting  
East Coast Mortgage  
Center Street, Auburn  
7 PM

**January 10, 2020**

**DINNER MEETING**  
Village Inn  
Auburn  
6 PM Social 7 PM dinner

**February 3, 2020**

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

**February 14, 2020**

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

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

***DINNER MEETING JANUARY 10!***

## 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 Corner

by Lt/C Phyllis Jones, AP SEO

**HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYBODY! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT IS 2020?**

We have an Instructor who is ready to teach a Sailing Course this winter in the Auburn area. Space is limited, so I must hear from you as soon as possible. It takes longer to get the books and materials ordered for the students. Contact me right away PLEASE! Maybe you know someone that would like to take the course...**Nonmembers are welcome.**

ABC 3 Boating Course will be taught on Wednesday starting February 26, 2020. Classes are at 6:00-8:00 pm at Cony High Adult Ed in Augusta. Contact the school to register or go on line to Community Adult Ed at Augusta. If you have questions about the course, please contact me at 207-645-3109 or [phyjones@myfairpoint.net](mailto:phyjones@myfairpoint.net).

Howard Ellis is planning an ABC 3 Course in early Spring in the Gardiner area.

Details are not available at this time.

# ED'S DOCK BOX

by Ed Jones, AP-INI



Have your boat lights become dull? Clean the lenses with lens cleaner, Buy the cleaning kit or use WD-40 and a soft cloth. You might need to clean them more than once, but it is worth it. You can do this on your car as well. You may opt to buy LED bulbs for your lights. They are a little more expensive but—**WOW! What a difference!**

**Are you planning to install new flooring or carpet in your boat? There are many new products available. Check them out. Most are easy to install and feel great under your feet. I have many samples to show you if you are interested. I do not sell the products.**

## ME-MA-RI-CT-NY-SEACOAST-SOUND SIGNALS

The Coast Guard has completed the installation of Mariner Radio Activated Sound Signal (MRASS) devices at 82 lighthouses across the Northeast. The Coast Guard began updating the sound signal devices in 2015 and will complete the final two installations this spring. The purpose of the modernization was to replace the less reliable and less efficient VM-100 fog detectors with a Coast Guard-designed, radio-controlled system. The process also eliminated several 24/7 continuously sounding horns. Mariners needing foghorn assistance must now activate the sound signal by using a marine VHF-FM radio. The MRASS device will allow mariners to energize the sound signal, on demand, by keying a standard VHF-FM radio five times consecutively on VHF channel 83A. The sound signal will then sound for 45-60 minutes following each activation. The MRASS is an efficient and economical part of the Nation's aid to navigation system that provides a sound signal precisely when the mariner requires it. All changes have been announced via Broadcast Notice to Mariners and in the Local Notice to Mariners at: <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lnmMain>. For each change there was a chart correction issued for each lighthouses sound signal that has been converted it added (MRASS) beside the information for the horn.

## 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)

## Boating Jokes Time!

Q: What do you call waiting 5 hours to catch a fish?

A: Quick!

"I finally snapped," the man said. "Last night while I was going over the bills, I discovered how much money my wife squanders and I hit the roof." "What did you do?" asked his friend. "I stormed into the bedroom and gave her a lecture on economy and thrift." "Did it help?" "I'll say. Tomorrow we're selling my boat and sailing equipment."

Q: How many boaters does it take to change a light bulb?

A: None, because the right size bulb isn't on board, the local marine-supply store doesn't carry that brand, and the mail-order house has them on back-order.



# Mark your 2020 Calendar now—the SPRING CONFERENCE is April 17-18.

Thank you to three members, who have already volunteered to make the centerpieces for the banquet tables.

Debra Tucker, Elaine Bell and Julie Mecham –you deserve our appreciation!!

**WE NEED EVERYONE TO PITCH IN FOR THIS EVENT.**



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## ***DINNER MEETING***

**DATE:** January 10

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

**WHERE:** The Village Inn  
Auburn

**COST:** \$25



## **COME AND BRING A FRIEND**

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