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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 Mariners,

Can't go boating because it isn't in the water...can't go snowmobiling without traveling quite far in search of good snow...can't put skirting on my back porch when I can't get to it. What's a person to do? It's time to catch up on my reading pile, I guess. That's what I've been doing, from past issues of Boating Magazine to "HOW TO" videos, to adventures at sea stories. Time goes by remarkably fast, even during these short winter days when you keep busy.

Our board will meet Monday, Feb. 3rd to plan for our next dinner meeting. The response to the video about a local boatbuilder and older cruising couple which was shown at the Village Inn last month was very positive. We will see about doing this type of video again soon, but we are always open to suggestions for guest speakers. Please let me know soon if you have one to offer: epLOURdeme@myfairpoint.net.

In the meantime, dust off those books and magazines, review your project list, take a long walk on a sunny day or enjoy that winter trip that you have planned.

See you all at our next meeting.

Yours in boating,

Cdr Ed Plourde

FEBRUARY 2020

KRPS CALENDAR

February 3, 2020

eBoard Meeting
Steve Hayes' Office
Augusta
7 PM

February 14, 2020

DINNER MEETING
Gardiner Lions Club
6 PM Social 7 PM dinner



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

March 2, 2020

eBoard Meeting
East Coast Mortgage
7 PM

March 13, 2020

DINNER MEETING
Village Inn
6 PM Social 7 PM dinner

DINNER MEETING FEBRUARY 14!

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

THINK SPRING and BOATING!

We (KRSPS) and America's Boating Club will offer some classes in February. ABC 3 Boating will be offered starting Feb. 19th through Community Adult Ed at Cony High School in Augusta. Class will run from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please register online or through Community Adult Ed.

We are offering our SAIL CLASS, beginning Feb. 19th in the Auburn area. The class will be taught by a well-known Sailor and begins at 6:00 pm. Class size is limited so please contact me as soon as possible at (207) 645-3109 or email me at phyjones@myfairpoint.net to register and get more information. Textbooks, handout and a video will be part of this class.

Other classes and seminars are available by request. Call or email me.

ED'S DOCK BOX

by Ed Jones, AP-INI

Did you know----solvents or silicone-based products used for water repellent can cause issues with marine fabrics and vinyl? This type of product can leave a residue. The residue causes the fabrics to “yellow” or turn a dingy brown. In most cases, it causes your fabrics to break down and get brittle. You might want to try losso's Water Repellent, which is water based fluoropolymer and won't promote “yellowing”. If your seat cushions or other fabric coverings have yellowing, use this and you will see the difference right away.



Take care of your Boat-inside and out!

BOATING SAFETY

By Ed Jones, AP-INI

It is that time of year: check your Boat Insurance Policy to make sure you have enough coverage and the right coverage.

There are 3 major types of insurance.

AGREED HULL VALUE: This is most common. You and your insurer will have to agree on a value of your hull to be paid if the boat is total loss.

ACTUAL CASH VALUE: If your boat becomes a total loss, this pays out on the current market value at the time. It probably will have more depreciation. This type of policy is for boaters who are willing to pay more of the costs out-of-pocket.

LIABILITY ONLY: This only pays for damage caused to others, including personal injury and their property damage. It does not cover your boat, injuries, nor any property.

Just a note to you cruisers—Check your policy considering the distance you cruise off shore and into other states and Canada. You probably are not covered.

Once you decide the type, then you have to add equipment, belongings, and all your other gear to the policy.

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

HAVE YOU LOOKED AT FACEBOOK LATELY! WE HAVE BEEN ADVERTISING. CHECK IT OUT AND BE SURE TO "SHARE".



Want Something Different For Your Next Vacation?

Learn the mental skills you need to operate a boat with confidence on fresh or salt water. Our experienced instructors will use interactive teaching methods to help you learn the basics of boat handling. Successful Completion of Course CERTIFICATE Can Be Used To Apply for Insurance Discounts.

Where: Cony High School Adult Ed. Cost: \$75 includes handouts

When: Starting February 19th, from 6 – 8 pm, 6 weeks

More Info: phyjones@myfairpoint.net or 207-645-3109



Register: augusta.maineadulted.org

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.



DINNER MEETING

DATE: February 14

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

WHERE: Gardiner Lions

COST: \$15 BYOB



COME AND BRING A FRIEND

RSVP: HRWOOD@ROADRUNNER.COM or 623-1926 BY FEB. 11