



RAG-POT



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

Fellow Mariners:

It's a hot one! So far we are having a rather pleasant summer, weather wise anyway. The August cruise is still on although there will be an abbreviated showing of boaters this year. You will see the proposed route on the last page of this Ragpot. Right now we have scheduled a gathering for dinner Friday evening at 6:30 on July 31 at Coveside Restaurant in Christmas Cove, South Bristol.

I zoomed the District 19 bridge meeting Monday evening. The USPS Fall Governance Conference scheduled for Sept 8-13 in Raleigh, NC has been canceled. We have a tentative calendar of district events which includes another jab at having the spring conference at the Lewiston Ramada April 9-10, 2021. This of course is assuming that the Ramada will be back in full swing by then. So stand by.

I have spent more time at my camp in Wayne. Great to be near, at, or on the water when summer heat is on. Coast Guard district 1 is not allowing anyone 65 or older to perform vessel safety inspections this year. Your boat can be checked by others, but current stickers cannot be handed out under the circumstances.

I cannot say "see you on the water" unless you happen to be on Wilson Pond where I am staying. We are all eager to socialize again and I just hope that everyone is well and being prudent during this pandemic **Cdr Ed Plourde AP**

JULY-AUGUST 2020

KRPS CALENDAR

July 31-August 8, 2020

Annual Cruise

All are welcome....bring your meals and good spirits and explore Penobscot Bay with friends.

We have 4-5 boats so far and of course will follow appropriate Covid-19 guidelines in force at that time.



Education Corner

By Phyllis Jones, AP

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Our courses have been canceled because of the COVID 19 and the closing of all schools, Adult & Community Adult Ed and public buildings.

We are trying to be positive and are planning courses and seminars for Mid Fall and Winter. There are many new courses available or that have been revised. If you took a course years ago, you might want a new refresher. Let me know if any course or seminar peaks your interest.

We have two new members taking the Sail Course, mostly on their own, but they know assistance is a call away. They will study the text during the fall.

Be Well! Be Safe! Wearing your Mask shows you Care!



A message from National.....

COVID-19 continues to challenge us as we all desire a return to 'normal' with ourselves, our families, our communities, and our squadrons. We must, however, proceed to 'hunker down' (hurricane preparation lingo) for a while. All is not lost; there are things you can do to not just entertain yourself during this downtime, but to educate yourself. For instance, take a look at our online offerings:

America's Boating Channel – view all of the YouTube videos:

<https://americasboatingchannel.com/>

Become a Vessel Safety Examiner! Study the manual and take the exam online:

<https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/12000/12900>

Member Benefits – have you looked at all of them recently? You can be saving \$\$\$:

<https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/14000/1450001/benefits-alphabetical>

From P/D/C George Apgar

Currently Secretary of District 19:

It is with great sadness that I tell you that Past District Education Officer and Past SEO of Wawenock Squadron, John "Ed" Knapp died on Sunday July 5th, at his home. Ed was a friend and neighbor as well as a colleague in USPS. An obituary can be found in the Lincoln County News, July 15th edition. Funeral arrangements are being taken care of by the Strong-Hancock Home in Damariscotta..



PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We have 2 new members who wish to take classes and are joining our Squadron. They own a sailboat in the Rockland area.

They are **James and Melanie Carlson**. He was a member in Massachusetts many years ago.

If you meet them on the water in their boat, **Bess**, be sure to welcome them aboard!

Your club's summer cruise



OUR FIRST NIGHT OUT IS A SHORESIDE DINNER AT COVESIDE RESTAURANT (UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT) IN CHRISTMAS COVE, SOUTH BRISTOL.. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME—COME BY CAR AND SHARE THE SOCIAL TIME. 6:30 JULY 31ST

LET HAROLD WOOD KNOW THAT YOU INTEND TO JOIN OUR FUN LOVING CROWD. IT IS YOUR BEST OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE FUN WITH FRIENDS ON YOUR BOAT AND THEIRS. WE SHARE AN EVENING SOCIAL HOUR DAILY!



Fri July 31st	Moor @ Christmas Cove
Sat Aug 1st	Moor @ Tenants Harbor
Sun Aug 2nd	Anchor/Moor @ Long Cove South of West Entrance to Fox Island Thorofare
Mon Aug 3rd	Anchor @ Camp Bold & Devil Islands (Stonington)
Tues Aug 4th	Moor @ Bucks Harbor
Wed Aug 5th	Moor/Anchor @ Castine Harbor
Thurs Aug 6th	Moor/Anchor @ Cradle Cove or Warren Island
Fri Aug 7th	Moor @ Camden
Sat Aug 8th	Head for home port

Itinerary subject to change by the weather and those who attend

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