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

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

November 1, 2015

Can you believe it is fall, with all of its brilliant colors and brisk temperatures? If we haven't finished putting our boats away, we should be scurrying about! *Mary Allison* is snug in storage, with memories of a wonderful August cruise tucked away. As many as eight KRSPS boats participated this summer, and we had a wonderful time.

September found us gathered for our annual lobster picnic, with a record crowd and delicious offerings supplied by our many good cooks. As a result, we've been inspired to schedule an "appetizer cook off" for our December dinner meeting where each of us may bring entries to show off our skills (see more on page 3).

This month's dinner meeting will be a wonderful evening of comradery plus an interesting program. Join me in rejuvenating our squadron by adding your ideas and your presence!

KRSPS Calendar

Monday, November 2, 2015

Exec. Board Meeting
Hayes Law Offices
One Weston Court, Augusta

Friday, November 13, 2015

6 pm Social, 7 pm Dinner
Rolandau's Restaurant
Auburn, Maine

Monday, December 7, 2015

Exec. Board Meeting
East Coast Mortgage
316 Center St. Auburn

Friday, December 11, 2015

6 pm Social, 7 pm Dinner
Gardiner Lion's Club
Rt. 201, Gardiner, ME

January 4, 2016

Exec. Board Meeting
Hayes Law Offices
One Weston Ct. Augusta

January 8, 2016

6 pm Social, 7 pm Dinner
Rolandau's Restaurant
Auburn, ME

COME TO THE DINNER ON NOVEMBER 13th!



**Port Clyde
shore dinner
during the
cruise**



And
fun
on
board!



**AUGUST
CRUISE
2015**



APPETIZER COOK-OFF

During the annual Downeast Cruise this year, a number of evenings were spent having appetizers on various boats. There is nothing like an appetizer, a cool beverage and friends on the water to top off your day! At one of the evening get-togethers, Gary Bain came up with the notion that an appetizer cook-off would be a great thing. I think he just wants to sample a lot of appetizers. Anyway, do you have an appetizer that you have prepared while on the water (or off)...one that you would like to enter into the 1st annual KRSPS Appetizer Cook-Off? Below are the basic rules and judging parameters. I hope you will join us as a participant, but if not, then as a taster/judge.

- Cook Off is scheduled for the Dec. 11 Christmas Party at the Gardiner Lion's Club
- You may enter any appetizer that can be prepared while out on the water on a boat
- You may make it at home and keep it warm using a crock pot (if usually served hot) or you may cook it there on a hot plate or in a toaster oven (110V appliance that you provide)
- You may enter multiple appetizers, but they will be judged individually (If you have two entries and each receives four votes and another participant has one entry which gets six votes, the one that gets 6 votes wins, even though your total was 8.)
- You will need to prepare 30 or more, depending on the number of attendees that evening
- Appetizers will be presented for judging from 1820 until 1845

Judging: Everyone attending will be given a ticket stub to deposit into a cup labeled with the preparer's name and dish which he/she determines to be the favorite. At 1900, just before we head down to dinner, the ticket stubs will be tallied and the highest number of tickets in a cup wins. Trophy presentation will be after dinner before the gift exchange.

I hope you will join us in the cook-off.

Bert Glines

SAFETY CHANGES: Carbon Monoxide Detection

The American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) has changed its requirements for Carbon Monoxide (CO) detection systems. The new rules are effective immediately; however boat builders have one year to incorporate them into new boats for ABYC compliance.

It is now required that every boat with a cabin MUST have a carbon monoxide detector. CO detectors have been a requirement on boats with enclosed accommodation compartments for a long time. There was always an exception for diesel and outboards. The council theorized that diesel produced less CO in their exhaust than gasoline engines. Outboard exhausts are outside the boat.

That exception has been removed, making CO detectors a requirement on ALL boats with enclosed accommodations regardless of propulsion type. You may ask “WHY?” There have been CO poisonings, some resulting in fatalities, in raft-ups and slip situations where exhaust from a neighboring boat was pulled into an open hatch of a boat not required to carry CO detectors.

The ABYC defines “enclosed accommodations” as one continuous space, surrounded by permanent structure, that contains the following: 1. Designated sleeping accommodations, 2. Galley area with sink, and 3. a head compartment.

If your boat doesn't fall under the above definition but there is an enclosed area you spend time in, it is recommended that you install a CO detector.

Think about it!! A CO detector costs much less than a funeral—Ed Jones

ED'S DOCK BOX

As you prepare to close up your boat this season, check out your covers, seats, zippers, carpets and all snaps and hardware. Make sure all are in good working order. Make your list and get them repaired.

Mildew on your canvas and your deck? Put white vinegar in a spray bottle and spray over the area; let it set for an hour or more then rinse it away. The vinegar will kill mold and mildew spores. This will also work on curtains and bathroom walls.

Water hose spring a leak? Plug the hole with a toothpick and finish your job.

Greasy, dirty grill? Make cleaning a snap. Rub it with a half onion and let it set 15-20 minutes, then clean the grill as usual. It will come sparkling clean.

CONGRATULATIONS

2015 is a milestone year for several of our members who have shown commitment and interest in boating safety through 25 years of service:

Thom Hoffman

Malcolm Small

Erin Small

Harold Wood

Claire Dupuis

John Towne

Gini Fiedler

DINNER MEETING

ROLANDEAU'S RESTAURANT

775 WASHINGTON ST. N, AUBURN, ME

**SPEAKER: LT/C ZACHARY BENDER
CAPTAIN OF "THUNDER BAY"
USCG ICE BREAKER**

**PHOTOS FROM KENNEBEC RIVER
ICE BREAKING INCLUDED**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2015
SOCIAL HOUR 6-7
DINNER AT 7
\$20**



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