

RAG-POT

*Kennebec River Sail and Power Squadron's monthly newsletter
Unit of the United States Power Squadron*

SUMMER 2011

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

At the last E-board most everyone was asked "are you in yet?" Those who weren't would be soon. And those already in were enjoying the great weather. It's always great to talk about boats, harbors and cruises.

We have a number of members who live well inland and have their boats in a number of coastal harbors. That got the E-board thinking of how many other boaters are in the same boat, per se, and how to reach them about the Power Squadron. So we are going to be putting an updated brochure in many of the harbors and marinas throughout our boating area.

Letting people know who we are and the many classes that we have to offer is a big job. We've been around for a long time but I still get "power squadron, what's that?" The new brochures will answer some of those questions but your own testimony of what the squadron is and what it has done for you may be asked while you're visiting your marina or harbor. Distributing the holders and brochures will be starting soon and any help with this would be greatly appreciated. You can contact Steve McLaughlin our admin. officer at mclaughlin.steve.a@roadrunner.com and he'll send you the materials. Just take them to a boating business or harbor master in your boating area and ask if you can leave them for their other customers.

I hope you have marked your calendar for the July 16th lobster picnic at Gini Fiedler's home in Oakland. I'm sure it will be a fun time and a great kick off for the Downeast cruise. Contact information is in this award winning RagPot, reserve early.

I hope you have a great time on the water this summer, whether fresh or salt and send a story about it to our RagPot editor Steve Hayes at stevehayesmaine@gmail.com

Happy Boating

Bert Glines AP.

KRSPS CALENDAR

Saturday, July 16, 2011

Lobster Picnic

Gini Fiedler's home
338 Willey Point Road
Oakland, Maine 04963

**Annual Cruise,
July 29 to August 6**

Boothbay Harbor to Northeast Harbor and back! See inside for details.

Monday, September 12, 2011

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

Monday, October 3, 2011

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

Friday, October 14, 2011

6 p.m. Social, 7 p.m. Dinner
Dinner at Gardiner Lion's Club
Program to be determined.

PROGRAM HELP REQUESTED!

Our new Administrative Officer, Steve McLaughlin, would deeply appreciate your help in suggesting (or better yet, arranging for) speakers for our dinner meetings. Help is needed for October, November, January, and February. Contact Steve at mclaughlin.steve.a@roadrunner.com with your suggestions.

NEW MEMBER INTERVIEW:

Tim & Lisa Hassam

We gained a number of members this past winter, people who joined in order to participate in our classes. Lisa & Tim were part of Bert's classes, and Bert asked them to share their story with the rest of our members. Lisa's response to his request follows:

Bert,

Rather than answering the questions you provided, I'm going to just tell you how we got started sailing, as I don't really have answers for all of the questions you posed. We're still too new at this to have favorite funny stories and favorite anchorages. (LOL Here is our not-too-amazing, but somewhat amusing story:

Several years ago, Tim and I bought a pair of kayaks, and we started to explore many of the local ponds, lakes, and rivers. Last summer, along with our friend Pete, we decided to paddle the Kennebec from Waterville to the Sidney boat landing. It was a beautiful trip, with abundant wildlife and idyllic twisting turns in the river. We decided that we would further our river "adventure" as soon as we could all coordinate our schedules. A month later, the three of us reconvened at the Sidney landing and paddled to the landing near Fort Western, in Augusta. Again, it was a glorious trip! However, on this second leg of our river trip, we did paddle through some rapids which my little Old Town Casco (10') kayak didn't exactly handle the way I would have liked. At one point, a hydraulic spun my 'yak sideways and caused me a bit of panic. Tim & Pete, having longer kayaks, didn't have any problems paddling through these minor rapids. Since we were having so much fun on the river, I decided that I needed a longer kayak, so we could continue our trek down the Kennebec. I began searching on Craigslist for a used 'yak, but typed "boat" in the search box. Lo and behold! Sailboats started to appear on my monitor, and surprisingly, some of them weren't much more expensive than kayaks! Imagine my surprise!

Curiosity got the best of me, and before I knew it, I had spent an entire afternoon gawking at sailboats. (Now here's a seemingly unrelated part of the story, but you'll quickly see how it relates!) We had been saving money for about two years, in order to renovate our very outdated kitchen. When Tim came home from work and found my forehead glued to the computer screen, he inquired as to my well being. I looked over my shoulder, with a slightly dazed expression, and asked, "How would you feel about spending our kitchen money on a sailboat?" He quickly replied with his own question. "What kitchen?" My heart leapt as I bounded out of the computer chair and launched myself at him! Having never sailed, I arranged for us to join my brother for some sailing lessons, who has a 22' Catalina on Cobboosecontee. By the end of lesson #1, we were hooked! Our earnest search for a sailboat commenced immediately. Within 3 weeks (July 3rd, 2010, to be exact), we were the proud new owners of a Balboa 20, named "Calliope." We launched and moored her in front of our little home (with a very outdated kitchen) on Messalonskee. Buying that little sailboat was a decision that changed our entire life plan! We have decided to sell our hunting camp in order to purchase a larger sailboat which we can live aboard, preferably in a much warmer climate during the winter months. Obviously, this means that we have a lot of learning to do before we embark on this new life. In searching for courses on-line, we found the Power Squadron was offering a Piloting course through Adult Ed in Augusta. We signed up and joined the Squadron last September. We are looking forward to taking the Advanced Piloting course this fall. In the meantime, we plan to sail the lake (and hopefully the coast with friends who have larger boats) and enjoy this amazing life journey! Our thanks to the USPS, and our Instructor, Bert Glines, for the warm welcome and the many learning opportunities!

Fair Winds,

Tim & Lisa Hassam

Kennebec River Sail & Power Squadron Lobster Picnic

July 16th at the home of Gini Fiedler in Oakland

*The Squadron will hold a Lobster Picnic at the home of Gini Fiedler 338 Willey Road in Oakland on July 16th, starting with a social hour at around 1100. The lobsters will be served around 1200. The Squadron will supply the following: one lobster, butter, one ear of corn, and soft drink for a cost of \$3.00 above the cost the Squadron has to pay for the lobsters. The remainder of the meal (bread, chips, salads, desert, etc) will need to be supplied by you. This will be BYOB site. In order to have the right number of lobsters available, you will need to call Harold Wood at 623-1926 or email at hrwood@roadrunner.com, to place your order by 7:00 p.m. on July 13th. **Rain Date-July 23rd**. From I-95 Exit 27 follow the directions below:*

MAPQUEST.

Trip to 338 Willey Point Rd

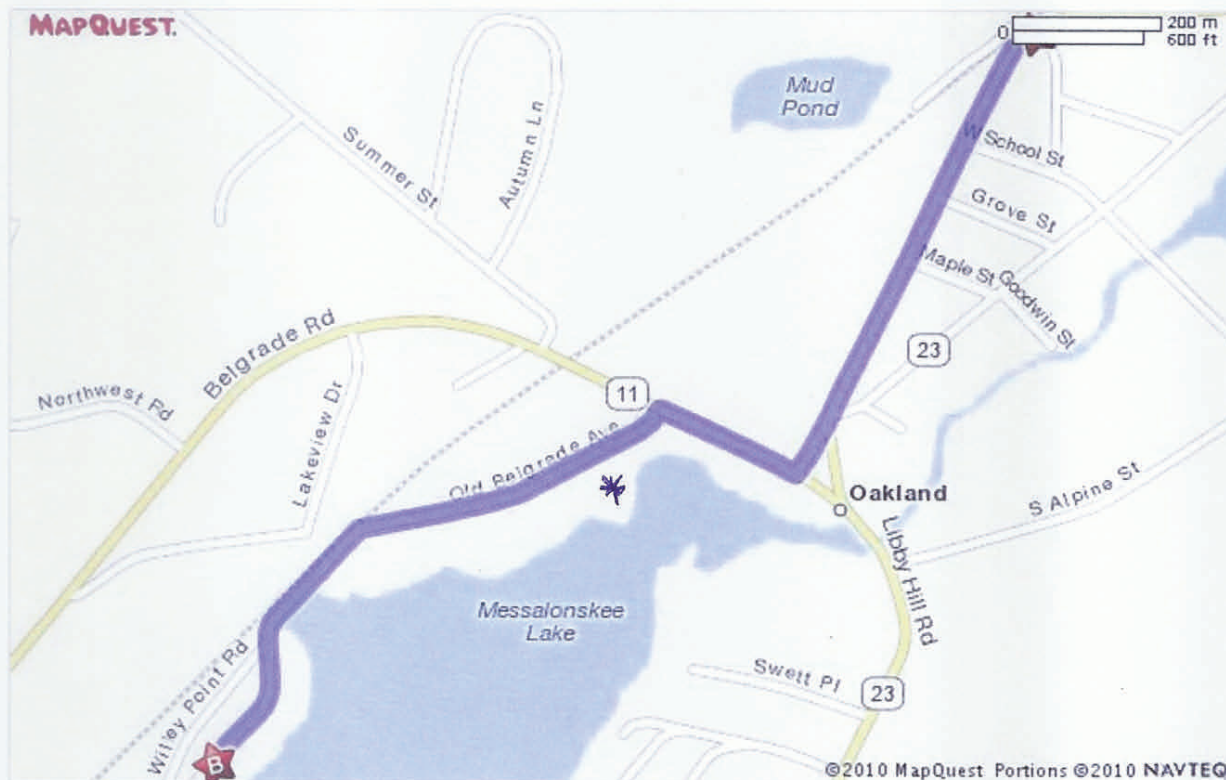
Oakland, ME 04963-4612

1.24 miles - about 3 minutes

Notes

* Shows location of public boat landing for trailer boats. "B" is Gini Fiedler's house. From Exit 127 on I-95 follow route 11 through downtown Oakland and start this map at the beginning of Church St. (right after Buddies IGA).

Route Map [Hide](#)



THE UNFOND MEMORIES OF A FORMER SAILING INSTRUCTOR

A former sailing student of mine from out-of-state purchased a 30' ketch and had it delivered to Maine. He wanted an experienced sailor with him as he developed more confidence in sailing it. I was glad to oblige.

First we sailed to Cooks restaurant's wharf at Bailey's Island to pick up his spouse. Being the gallant guy that I am, I jumped down on the wharf and held the boat snug to the wharf for her with the stern dock line. After she got aboard, I followed. I neglected to bring the stern line aboard and coil it up neatly. However, by the time we left the cove the boat's screw did it for me.

Sailboats are designed to sail. So we sailed across the sound to Harpswell Harbor and picked up a mooring. The boat's owner made two attempts to cut the stern line off the prop shaft without success. The water, being Maine water, convinced him that it was too cold to try again.

Their son was at the Orr's Island Yacht Club learning to sail in their junior sailing program. The wind had picked up to about 20 knots. I thought about sailing over to the Yacht club and along the dock to pick up the boy. Then I thought about sailing an unfamiliar boat without power through the anchorage to the dock in 20 knots of wind and decided I didn't have the confidence to carry it off successfully.

The owner arranged for a friend to pick up his son and I decided we should sail back to Potts Harbor where we could pick up a mooring and hire a diver to clear the prop.

As we started to sail out of the southern end of the harbor off the sandy beach I learned that it wasn't all sand as we bumped and stumbled on to some ledges. The only ones in that part of the harbor!!

I believe "You ain't been around until you've been aground." However, I was not interested in introducing my student to that belief this soon.

A good Samaritan apparently noticed our predicament, backed his pickup to the sand beach, unloaded his dinghy, rowed out to his boat with a couple of high powered outboards attached to the stern and towed us off the ledges.

OK – Now all we had to do was get back to Pott's Harbor and get the stern line cutoff the screw. It was now late in the afternoon and the wind was dying down. When we reached the slalom (Back door to Pott's Harbor) I thought we might have to anchor there for the night. However, we caught a light breeze off Haskell Island by the red nun buoy and managed to make it to the mooring. Since the dock boy had already left for the day, I sailed by the dock and asked one of my power boat friends if he could come out and get us in the dock boat which he agreed to do.

The diver which I tried to pay for without success because the owner had already paid him, removed the line from the screw and informed us that there was no damage to the boat other than the paint on the keel being a little scratched.

Prior to this fiasco, I had provided his spouse some sailing lessons. Steve asked how much they were and I told him the amount.

He gave me a check for three times the amount I requested, which I didn't realize until after I had arrived home.

So not only was I embarrassed by running him aground but in addition, I was even more embarrassed for being paid for it in triplicate!! But I can stand a lot of embarrassment when it involves money.

Capt'n Bob

E-BOARD MINUTES JUNE 6, 2011 EAST COAST MORTGAGE

Attendance: Bert Glines, Gary Bain, Bob Sawyer, Steve McLaughlin, Virginia Fiedler, Harold Wood, John Horton, Steve McLaughlin, Thom Hoffman, Gini Fiedler.

Commander –Bert Glines

Discussed “selling squadron materials to non members resolution” decided to continue as we are and to revisit in a year.

July lobster picnic contact is Harold, he will contact Steve Hayes with lobster numbers.

Test for those taking the boating course on-line will be administered by Gini.

Bert will contact squadron commanders in our brochure distribution areas so they don't think we are encroaching in their area

Secretary's Report-Wanda Sprague

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Treasurer's Report-Thom Hoffman

Thom is set to purchase 7, \$ 50.00 Hamilton marine gift certificates for Downeast cruise.

We continue to be solvent.

Executive Officer – Steve Hayes (absent)

FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Congratulations are in order to our recent course graduates:

Piloting: Lisa Hassam, Timothy Hassam, James Tansey, and William Thompson

Advanced Piloting: Edward Jones, Phyllis Jones, Edouard Plourde, Gerald Gosselin, Stephen Hayes, Robert Kelley and Jane Lincoln

A special thanks and recognition goes to our instructors:

Piloting: Commander Bert Glines AP

Advanced Piloting:: P/C Lynn Mecham AP & P/D/C Gary Bain JN

Education Officer – Virginia Fiedler

Gary will contact Auburn adult ed for fall boating class.

Ed Plourde is going to be doing some advertising for Paul Dupuis's up coming boating class.

Administrative Officer – Steve McLaughlin

Steve has identified 10 boat dealers in the Kennebec River valley and 8 along the coast for brochure distribution.

Old Business

Bert will order 3 XL VSE shirts.

New business

Advertise lobster picnic 2 more times, 1st in RagPot, 2nd around the 10th

MSV to adjourn





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TEST YOUR NAUTICAL KNOWLEDGE

Which vessel is the stand-on vessel when two vessels crossing in fog are NOT in sight of one another?

- ◇ The vessel which has the other on her own starboard side
- ◇ The vessel which has the other on her own port side
- ◇ The one which hears the other's fog signal first
- ◇ Neither vessel is the stand-on vessel.

Answer to Quiz: Neither vessel is the stand-on vessel

KRSPS 2011 SUMMER CRUISE SCHEDULE JULY 29 THRU AUGUST 6TH

Fri July 29 th	Rendezvous in Boothbay Harbor
Sat July 30 th	Rendezvous in Tenants Harbor
Sun July 31 st	Rendezvous in Cradle Cove or at Warren Island
Mon Aug 1 st	Rendezvous @ Wooden Boat School or Mackerel Cove Swan's Island
Tues Aug 2 nd	Rendezvous in Northeast Harbor
Wed Aug 3 rd	Rendezvous in South West Harbor or Somes Sound Harbor
Thur Aug 4 th	Rendezvous @ Crotch Island (S. of Deer Island Thorofare and N. of Merchant Row)(dinghy to Stonington)
Fri Aug 5 th	Rendezvous in Carver Cove @ East end of Fox Island Thorofare on Vinalhaven Island
Sat Aug 6 th	Rendezvous in Rockland Harbor (Maine Lobster Festival!) or other points south

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