



Rockland Yacht Club Newsletter

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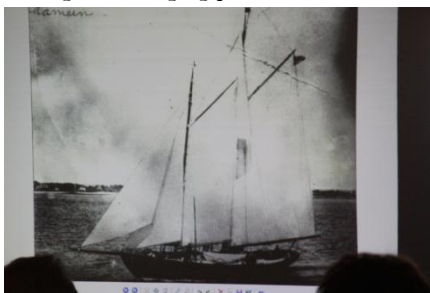
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From the Commodore:

Our November meeting was a big success with over 34 people attending. Captain Neal Parker's slide show presentation, showing how he found his Alden designed schooner, WINDAMEEN, stuck in the mud in Connecticut, with no rigging and rotting timbers. The task of moving it to where he could initiate work on it, was major, then finding the funds to start work was another hurdle! Over a period of three years, it gradually took shape, with Neal scrounging for funds and using every scrap he could find. The day he took on his first passengers, the paint was still wet! But, she proved her worth, as she was not only beautiful and seaworthy, but fast and won many races. Neal sold her when his daughter wished him to be home more often, but he still sails his 34 foot ketch with his daughter as crew. Those who attended the Lobster Picnic had the joy of hearing his 9 year old daughter's singing performance!



Mark December 11th on your calendar for the Holiday Party!

There will be cocktails at 5 with a cash bar. Dinner at 6, followed by presentations, fun, and a Yankee Swap. You should have received by e-mail, details and a sign up sheet with meal choice, to send in with your check for \$34. Your guests will be \$38., as the club contributes some for members. If you have lost the e-mail, do let me know and I will re-send it., or check the website: rocklandyc.org.

Come for an evening of fun and camaraderie! At the November Meeting we had 10 new members, with lots of mingling with long term members, so lets see if we can beat that number!

Progress is happening at the club house. Jon Kuhl has been at work leveling the floor in preparation for the carpeting. Before that goes down, work will begin on the fire place restoration. The stairway has been painted, so it looks pretty spiffy!

We have two new member families: Mary Ann and Chris Basso who live in Hudson NH, and have moored in Rockport for two years. They have a Pearson 33 named CYRANO. Their son and daughter in law were new members this year, from Merrimac NH. Bruce and Eleanor Krause live in Annapolis and have spent time on their boat here in Rockland. They have a Grand Banks 36 named KERRIE. WELCOME to you both! We look forward to seeing you this coming summer at the club and for some cruising!.

OFFICER PROFILES

Some facts you might not know about your Officers

Maryjane Shiverick:

I was Born in New Hampshire and grew up in Winchester MA. I attended Ohio Wesleyan, then took a graduate year at the University of Wisconsin in Physical Therapy. My thoughts were to settle down in New England after I saw a different section of the country. Amazing how one's wishes come to fruition! While home on vacation my senior year, I attended a friend's party, which Dave also attended. He needed a date for New Year's, and the rest is history! We lived near Pittsfield, MA for over 40 years, where I developed the Physical Therapy Program in the Pittsfield Schools. In 1994, we built a summer home in the Belgrade Lakes here in Maine, and moved the boat from Westerly RI, to Spruce Head. We moved to Bethel, ME in 2003

Al Hodsdon:

Al grew up in the famous town of Rumford, ME. Back during WW II his dad was a sea scout troop leader in York. As a teenager, he and his dad built a 14 foot sailboat. Al attended UMO and has a BS in mechanical engineering and a master's in environmental engineering. His very talented daughter, Canbra graduated from Rhode School of Design, and is now doing graduate work at Tufts in Fine Arts. The program is associated with the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Al is a member of Tau Beta Pi, an engineering honorary society, and a non scholastic honor group, Senior Skulls. In 2004 he was given a Life Time Achievement Award, in the Francis Crowe Society. SEA JAB in their second boat. The first one provided the cash to start their business 37 years ago. How can that be, when he's only 39? He likes antique cars and traveling.

Doug and Beth Pope::

Doug, as a child lived all over the country, moving about once a year. He became interested in sailing at summer camp. He went to SUNY, and studied Liberal Arts and Architecture. Outside of sailing, Doug likes antique tractors and power boats!, NASCAR, and hockey. Doug received many awards when he raced in the Bermuda 1,2 race a few years ago. His son raced the second leg with him, and they won firsts in many categories.

Beth, as a child, lived on Long Island, NY, and grew up sailing on Clearwater lake in Maine. She studied Accounting at Cayuga Community College in Auburn NY (upstate NY) and worked as a banker for 10 years before going back to school at SUNY at Geneseo, NY to study Special Education. She received a Master's in Educational Leadership at the U of M in 2009, and now works in Special Education. Outside of sailing, Beth enjoys gardening, watching Maine Black Bears hockey, being with her family and spending time on Clearwater Lake.

Doug and Beth moved to Maine in 1992 as they had many family members here, and Doug wanted to start his own sail loft. They have two boys. Tristan is working in construction, and raced with them most Tuesday nights.. Colen is in his 4th year at SUNY Geneseo, majoring in computer Science and Fine Arts (sculpture). He was head instructor in the Rockland sailing program the past two summers.

Gary Cran:

Gary grew up in Cleveland, Ohio After he graduated from high school, his dad was sent to Rockland, ME to start up a new printing plant, and Gary went to UMO to study chemical engineering and papermaking, and was in the Army ROTC. After serving in the army corps of engineers, he spent 35 years in the recycled paperboard industry starting as a project engineer and ending as a senior vp in charge of the mill division. He lived in places all over the US, but their three kids did most of their schooling in the L A area of California. In 1997, he moved back home to Maine to retire, because it had an ocean.! His sailing interest was spurred by watching "Adventures in Paradise" on black & white TV in the 50's, with a cool sound track of the bow wave, along with a scene of the boat heeled over under full sail. He still loves to go up on the bow in a nice breeze to get that feeling! When the boat comes out of the water, he gravitates to the frozen water, watching U Maine hockey and some of his 6 grand kids play hockey. He also volunteers in a variety of organizations.