



Rockland Yacht Club Newsletter

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From the Commodore:

Check out the events coming up this month!

Tuesday night racing series starts August 2nd and continues until September 13th

Week Cruise starts August 6th. Contact Steve Pierce: steve.pierce@maine.gov or 975-2833

Note: Maine Boats, Home & Harbor Show will be using the club house Friday – Sunday, August 12 – 14. There will be no parking at the club or use of the club during those 3 days.

Children's Cruise: Thursday and Friday, August 18 & 19, Contact Judy Turner: 651-2237

Chance for the grandchildren to get together with other kids for a fun time cruising.

Friday, August 26th, Drop in at the club for a pot luck cook out around 5:00 PM

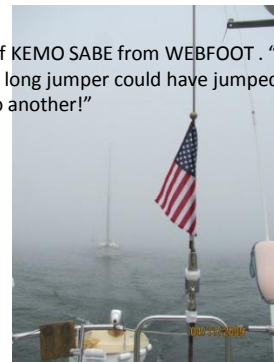
Coming up early in September will be the Labor Day Cruise. Contact Dave Shiverick: 215-6162.

As promised, July proved to be a busy and productive month on the water!

The **Fireworks cruise** began with 12 boats participating. On July 2nd, boats left Rockland on a beautiful calm day which favored the power boats, MARY ALLISON and KARRIE. Eventually, however, the breeze picked up, allowing us sailors a chance for quiet sailing. Bruce and Eleanor Krause graciously hosted us all for cocktails aboard KARRIE, which was much admired by the group! We do love to have the spacious trawlers cruising with us!



View of KEMO SABE from WEBFOOT . "We were so close a long jumper could have jumped from one boat to another!"



July 3rd was overcast, but we now had from 8 – 20 knots of wind! We tacked around Cape Rosier, and sailed close hauled down Eggemoggin "Beat" to Wooden Boat. That evening there was a spur of the moment pot luck dinner in Wooden Boat's large shed. Great food, great company, and lots of fun & laughter! July 4th greeted us with pea soup FOG! Since we anticipated it to clear, we headed for Crotch Island for the fireworks. Well, it did not lift and at times got worse. We must have been quite a sight on lobster boats radars, with seven boats lined up! Then the anchor drills started! One boat caught a pot, and several dragged. After all that, the fireworks were cancelled! But, several had an excellent dinner and fun ashore, although they did take a GPS to be sure they got back to their boats.

Report by Jody Abbott

(See this year's activity book for details)

The 2011 **Rockland-Castine Regatta "Revival Edition"** got underway early Saturday afternoon, July 9th. 25 boats took off from Robinson's Rock after the winds picked up, arriving in Castine gradually from 3:30 PM. The group gathered early at Dennett's Wharf Restaurant for rum, live reggae music, and a fantastic meal for over 100 participants! The fleet returned to the line on Sunday, and raced back to the finish line inside Rockland Harbor. Crews filled the Rockland Yacht Club to capacity for a friendly awards barbecue that capped a great weekend. Special thanks to all RYC members who helped organize this great event.

Congratulations to division winners: Scott Smithwick's KAOS IN RACING, Kitt Watson's TOO ELUCIVE in Cruising, and Tim Allen's GREYHALK in Shorthanded.

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The Camden Yacht Club's Regatta on July 16-17 had many boats heading to the starting line off of Camden Harbor. Two days of round the buoys racing over a beautiful weekend kept the fleet very happy. The RYC contingent brought home some trophies as well! Doug and Colin Pope winning first place in the shorthanded division, with Gust Stringos's BLUEBIRD taking third. Jesse and Heidi's CHAISE LOUNGE driven by Jeff Dinse came first in the Racing C division, and Al Hodsdon's SEA JAB was a close second. Good fun was had by all!

The Ladies Cruise on July 28-29 came off without a hitch with eight member ladies participating. Gayle Elfast was instructor extraordinaire, who started us out with introductions and discussions at the club house in the morning and over lunch. We then headed for WEBFOOT for instruction in engine maintenance.



Gayle Elfast, Maryjane Shiverick, Barbara Klapprodt, Elaine dresser, Kathy McKay, Melissa Evers, Front row: Toni Vander Veer, and Linda Souers



Gayle and Mj

Gayle, Elaine, Kathy and Melissa then headed to KOAN to prepare for the trip to Perry's Creek, arriving just in time for happy hour and a social dinner on WEBFOOT. The following morning we again gathered on WEBFOOT for coffee & muffins, and some extended practice in knot tying. With higher winds forecasted for Friday, reefed the main sails, and had a pleasant sail back to Rockland. It, indeed, was a wonderful group of ladies, which included three new members this summer! Welcome to the club! A huge Thank You to Gayle for combining a wonderful time with some very worthwhile learning!

The Western Penobscot Bay Rendezvous on July 30th, was changed at the last minute, as there was a lack of communication in the Camden Yacht Club and Rockport Boat Club, hence an insufficient number of people signed up for the dinner at the Camden club. However, the Paper Cub Regatta went on as planned in the morning, with good winds. 10 boats participated in the race, and three others joined the lunch rafting in Pulpit Harbor. The day was so delightfully warm (hot), that Jesse and Heidi and their 2 crew swam from their raft over to the big raft, and were provided respite by SEA MONKEY. Best Rockland finish was WEBFOOT, which took a third place.

The last event of the month was the **Red Jacket Regatta**, on Sunday, put on by The Apprenticeshop for youth sailing clubs. This has become a big event in Rockland for youth from 10 different clubs along the coast of Maine. There were A and B groups for both the 420's and the Opti's. The wind started out between 4 and 5 knots, then piped up to 12 to 15 knots providing some challenge for the racers. **Rick and July Palm on ALTAIR** from RYC provided the committee boat. They reported they had a really fun time doing it. Thanks to Julie and Rick!

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New Member Profiles:, written by Sarah Moore



Karen and Jim Simpson

Karen and Jim Simpson have been sailing out of Rockland for about 20 years, first on an old Sabre 28, and for the last 10 years on "Surprise", a Sam Crocker wooden ketch, designed in 1933, and built in 1995. Fortunately they have retired from regular jobs to devote springs to painting, varnishing and general boat maintenance. They usually cruise Penobscot Bay and East, and love getting way down East to Roque Island and Cutler. This winter Jim and Karen sailed to the Antarctic Peninsula on the barque "Europa", a 150 foot Dutch sailing ship. Their son Eric served as the ship's engineer. It was definitely the trip of a lifetime, with penguins, whales, many treks ashore, and a Force 10 gale off Cape Horn. It gives new perspective to the sailing experience. Jim and Karen like to get out sailing as much as possible all summer, while managing to keep the gardens weeded at home in Hallowell. Maine

"Jim and Lolly Mitchell live in Camden, above the Snow Bowl. They sail "Elf", a 24' gaff rigged, double ended sloop. Jim grew up around Philadelphia and attended Haverford School until he joined the Army Air corps in WWII. He went to college at the Stevens Institute of Technology, and was graduated in 1950 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, then went on to MIT for post graduate work. Lolly grew up in Kansas City. She attended Stanford for her undergraduate degree, then went on to Harvard/Radcliffe for her graduate work. Jim and Lolly started, and ran a vineyard and winery in Rhode Island that earned notoriety for reaching the 25 and 35 year marks. They have two daughters, two granddaughters, and two great grand children. Jim began sailing at the age of ten, and built a 16' boat by the age of 16. While on assignment in Korea, he built a small schooner. Jim enjoys writing, photography and house design, while Lolly enjoys spending time in the garden and playing tennis. Currently Jim writes and teaches at Coastal Senior College.,



Jim and Lolly Mitchell

Sarah and Drew live in Hallowell and sail "Intuition", a 25' Cape Dory. Drew has been sailing for three years, and has been teaching Sarah for two. Drew grew up in Aurora IL, just outside of Chicago, and Sarah grew up in Denver. They have been bouncing around the country the last five years, from Colorado, to Pennsylvania, to Utah, then on to Maine (where they were introduced to sailing), having fun following computer contracts. Drew grew up racing dirt bikes and motocross, but upon moving to Maine, discovered a love for sailing, and has taken up a new form of racing. Sarah is a student at the University of Maine, Farmington and will be graduating in 2011. Drew is a software developer, helping the State of Maine rewrite it's Vehicle Services System. Drew and Sarah enjoy outdoor activities of all kinds, including camping, hiking, motorcycles, and outdoor festivals.



Sarah and Drew Moore