



THE KATAHDIN SEXTANT

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MMM Needs Help Funding Major Deck Project

October at MMM is a bitter-sweet time. We are wrapping up another successful cruising season and reflecting on the pleasure of meeting new visitors and old friends. At the same time, we must say goodbye (for now) to crew members and put the Kate to bed for winter.

This year the Katahdin's winter rest will be delayed for eight weeks while she undergoes repairs to her second deck. In the 1990's the upper deck, which had been removed to accommodate log booms, was again extended the full length of the boat. Since that time, water from rain and snow has slowly made its way beneath the fiberglass cover, rotting deck planks and supports around the wheelhouse and on the Kate's bow.

After a thorough bidding process, MMM selected Boothbay Harbor Shipyard to repair the decking and replace the fiberglass cover. We expect the project to be completed in December at a cost of just under \$100,000.

MMM is seeking donor support for this unbudgeted expense to keep this lovely lady of Moosehead Lake in cruising condition at 103 years of age.

The 2017 cruising season featured a number of new initiatives designed to expand our outreach to visitors and the community. Educational projects included hosting interns from Greenville High School and Maine Maritime Academy and offering hands-on learning activities to children ages 10 and under through our First Mates Club.

We experimented with some new cruise formats, offering brunch cruises every other Sunday and hiring bands to play music of different genres on our Rock & Roll cruises.

Finally, we put together a series of speakers to give presentations aboard the Katahdin. Included in the series were Sumner McKane's documentary *In The Blood* and our own Rocky Rockwell's *The Last Log Drive*.

During the solar eclipse, Dr. Peter Herrman gave a talk on the boat and offered visitors an opportunity to view the eclipse through a specialized telescope.

With your support we hope to continue offering new experiences to visitors.

Our donors are like family and it grieves us to part with those who have passed on. This summer we lost Reid Pepin, Ron Nicholas and Helene Johnson. We have ordered a memorial plaque for the Katahdin, where we can honor those who have given so much to the enterprise.

The *Sunken Steamboats of Moosehead Lake* documentary is proceeding according to plan, with four oral interviews and a couple of dives in the can. And we are planning a second phase of our catalog project to research and cross-reference items that have been inventoried. Have a great winter and we look forward to seeing you all next year!

Liz McKeil, Executive Director

Did you know?

MUSEUM CONSERVATION IS THE PRESERVATION, REPAIR AND PREVENTION OF DETERIORATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL, HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL SITES AND ARTIFACTS. IT INVOLVES PROTECTING ITEMS FROM THREATS SUCH AS HUMIDITY, LIGHT AND POLLUTANTS.

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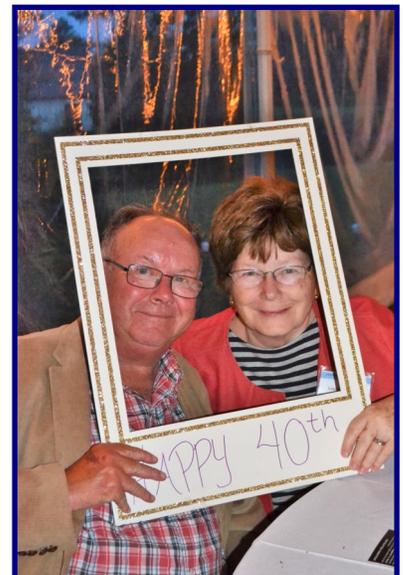
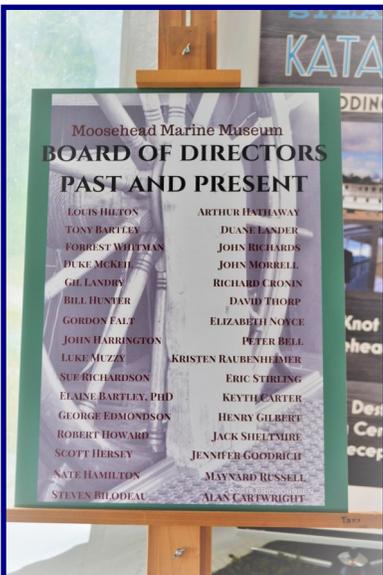
Moosehead Marine Museum

MMM Celebrates 40th Anniversary

100 of MMM's good friends put on their fancy duds and joined us for a gala celebration on August 5. Guests were greeted by costumed characters as they boarded the Katahdin to enjoy an hour-long wine and cheese reception. Afterward they were invited to partake in a three course seated dinner under a lavishly decorated tent on the waterfront behind the museum. Jeri Ann Gilbert was kind enough to share husband Henry's birthday cake with everyone and we finished up the evening dancing to the tunes of the excellent Maine Street R & B Revue. Have a look through our picture gallery and see if you recognize anyone!



MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:
MAINE STREET R & B REVUE
JEFF'S CATERING
FLORAL DESIGN: NORTHPOINT GARDENS
EVENT DESIGN: RACHEL HOWELL
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Moosehead Marine Museum

MMM Board Member Profile—Jennifer Goodrich



DO YOU KNOW THE ORIGIN OF THE TERM “AS THE CROW FLIES”?

BRITISH COASTAL VESSELS CUSTOMARILY CARRIED A CAGE OF CROWS. CROWS DETEST LARGE EXPANSES OF WATER AND HEAD STRAIGHT TOWARDS THE NEAREST LAND IF RELEASED AT SEA. THE LOOKOUT PERCH ON SAILING VESSELS THUS BECAME KNOWN AS THE CROW'S NEST.



MMM’s Board of Directors welcomed Jennifer Goodrich in February of 2016. Jen grew up in Madawaska, Maine. She attended Thomas College, earning a Bachelor’s degree in accounting and an MBA

Jen spent two years in public accounting. Later she spent seven years at Inland Hospital as an Accountant and Accounting Manager.

In 2011, Jen relocated to

Greenville to take on the role of the VP of Finance at Charles A. Dean Memorial Hospital. At C.A. Dean, Jen oversees financial operations, the hospital’s revenue cycle, and its physician practices

Jen has been an employee of EMHS for 14 years. During that time she has earned the designation of Certified Medical Practice Executive

Away from the office she is

the proud mom of a 9 year old girl and two rescued dogs. Jen says she loves her job, gardening, skiing, fishing, and traveling.

Currently Jen sits on the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors and has been influential in improving MMM’s policies and accounting practices. She has helped the Executive Director and Bookkeeper prepare for MMM’s annual audit.

Maine Maritime Academy Internship

This summer MMM welcomed Derrick Tisdale, a senior at Maine Maritime Academy, as an intern aboard the Katahdin.

Derrick hails from Harpswell and has had a lifelong love of boats. He enjoys classic jazz music and could often be seen smoking a pipe in his off

time—quite a Renaissance man at the ripe old age of 23!

Derrick’s time aboard the Kate included training as a Deckhand and Engineer. He could often be seen polishing the brass fixtures of the boat during a quiet moment on a cruise. He also spent quite a bit of time behind

the wheel, landing the boat neatly on several occasions.

Derrick returned during the fall for the Head of the Lake cruise and was warmly welcomed. When he completes his last semester of school he hopes to captain tugboats along the coast of Maine.

MMM Partners with Kellys Landing for Brunch Cruises

Since its inception MMM has had a close reciprocal relationship with the Moosehead Lake Yacht Club. MLYC hosts its annual Commodore’s Cruise aboard the Katahdin and many of MLYC’s mem-

bers support MMM’s annual giving program.

This year the membership of MLYC voted to invite MMM’s Executive Director to serve as an honorary member, affording MMM an opportunity to

participate in a number of social and community activities throughout the summer.

We value the opportunity to spend time learning from our supporters about their interests and opinions.

Business Donor Profile— Varney Agency

In 1980, Bill Varney opened Varney Agency operating from a single desk in his auto parts warehouse representing one company. During the past three decades, Varney Agency has grown to 23 locations, several added through acquisition and many as a result of organic growth.

Today, Varney Agency's locations are conveniently located across the state of Maine and Florida. With a commitment to excellence, Varney Agency employees are driven toward protecting what is important to their customers. Local, knowledgeable and friendly insurance profession-

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als are the core of this family owned and operated business, now three generations strong in leadership.

MMM appreciates Varney Agency's support.

MMM Receives Grants for Sunken Steamboats Project

MMM received \$10,000 grants from the Libra Foundation and the Fisher Charitable Foundation to support production of a historical documentary film about steamboat wrecks in Moosehead Lake.

The centerpiece of MMM's collection is the 1914 steamboat Katahdin. It is the only remaining steamboat of a fleet of 50 or more that once plied the waters of the state's largest lake.

There is little documented about the fate of the other steamboats. We know the Katahdin I caught fire while underway and was run aground near Sandbar Island as a life saving measure, whereas the Twilight sank

during overwintering at Steamboat Point. Anecdotal reports indicate that many of the steamboats, such as the Kineo, were burned to the waterline and sunk once they reached the end of their useful lives.

MMM is partnering with Ryan Robbins, the film's Director and founder of Moosehead Lake Divers to identify and capture video of the sunken remains of at least three known wrecks. The documentary, titled **Sunken Steamboats of Moosehead Lake**, will tell the story of steamboat history on Moosehead Lake, combining underwater footage of steamboat remains with historic still images and video oral history interviews.

An earlier grant from Weyerhaeuser funded production of the oral history phase. The project's goal is to research, document, and share information about the lake's steamboating past.

Oral history interview production continued over the summer and the first filmed dive occurred over Labor Day weekend..

"It's exciting to see the amount of interest from the community," said Robbins. "The steamboats were the backbone of transportation for over 100 years on Moosehead Lake...and with every interview we learn just a little more about the story."

For more information visit

CONGRATULATIONS TO HOLLY HERSEY, WINNER OF THE FIRST KATAHDIN PHOTO CONTEST! HOLLY WILL RECEIVE TWO FREE CRUISE TICKETS AND HER PHOTOGRAPH WILL BE USED FOR THIS YEAR'S MMM CHRISTMAS CARD.



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Our mission: *To preserve and operate the Katahdin as a “living museum” for the benefit of our community, region, and future generations.*

Targeted Giving

Did you know that you can specify how your donation should be used? Donors may choose to designate funds for a purpose such as a capital project or to purchase a specific item. Below is a suggested “wish list” of items that could be funded through targeted giving:

- Katahdin Decking Project—\$100,000
- Sunken Steamboats of Moosehead Lake—\$25,000
- Museum Conservation—\$15,000
- Maine Maritime Intern—\$5,000
- Museum display case—\$3,730
- First Mate’s Club educational programming—\$3,500
- High School Intern—\$2,500
- Galley Upgrades—\$2,500

MMM Celebrates 40 Years at “Night at the Museum” Gala

On August 5, 100 guests joined the MMM Board of Directors for “A Night at the Museum”, a gala celebrating forty years of operation.

Guests enjoyed wine and hors d’oeuvres on the Katahdin, followed by a three course dinner. Jeri Gilbert was kind enough to share Henry’s birthday cake with our guests and later they danced the night away to the music of the Maine Street R & B Revue. The band was so impressive

that we plan to bring them back for a Rock & Roll cruise during the 2018 season!

As John Morrell aptly pointed out during his comments after dinner, a boat is a hole in the water, surrounded by wood, into which one pours money. Our donors have been generous with both their money and time over the years. As we move into our next decade of operation, we have embarked on some new projects designed to enhance the muse-

um’s ability to share the Moosehead Lake region’s rich marine history and to expand our footprint in the community. Above is a list of those projects in case you did not have the opportunity to see our display.

I invite you to join in advancing the legacy of our founders. As always, any amount you choose to contribute is tax deductible and very much appreciated.