

# *Moosehead Marine Museum*

## **Media Fact Sheet**

Katahdin Cruises & Moosehead Marine Museum

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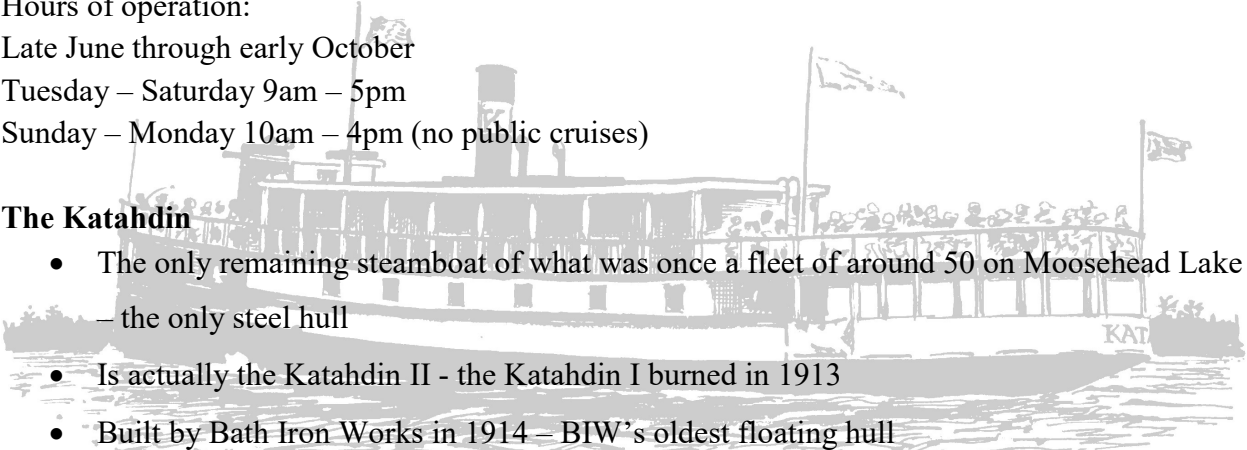
Hours of operation:

Late June through early October

Tuesday – Saturday 9am – 5pm

Sunday – Monday 10am – 4pm (no public cruises)

### **The Katahdin**

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- The only remaining steamboat of what was once a fleet of around 50 on Moosehead Lake – the only steel hull
  - Is actually the Katahdin II - the Katahdin I burned in 1913
  - Built by Bath Iron Works in 1914 – BIW’s oldest floating hull
  - 115 feet long, 28 feet wide and weighs 220 tons; draws 7 ½ feet of water
  - Has only one propeller (referred to as a “single screw”)
  - Converted from steam to diesel engines in 1922
  - Affectionately known by locals as “The Kate”
  - Carried people, supplies, and mail up and down Moosehead Lake until the late 1930’s
  - Sold to Hollingsworth-Whitney (Scott Paper’s predecessor) in the late 1930’s
  - Towed up to 6000 cord of wood
  - Participated in the "Last Log Drive" in the United States 1975 and was then abandoned at Shipyard Point
  - Acquired by the Moosehead Marine Museum in 1977
  - On the National Register of Historic Places

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- Carries a total of around 7500 passengers each year

## **Moosehead Marine Museum**

- Nonprofit 501(c)(3) incorporated in 1976
- Mission: To preserve and operate the Katahdin as a “living museum” for the benefit of our community, region, and future generations.
- Operated by a volunteer Board of Directors; 2 full time year-round staff & up to 19 seasonal staff plus two dozen volunteers
- Funded through a combination of operational revenue, donor support and grant funding
- Houses a collection of approximately 2,000 photographs, objects and artifacts related to Moosehead’s steamboating and lumbering heyday
- Houses a gift shop
- Handicapped accessible restrooms

## **Cruises**

- 3 hour Sugar Island cruises depart Tuesday – Saturday at 12:30pm
- 4 ½ hour Kineo cruises depart occasionally on Wednesdays at 11:00am
- Special evening cruises available – check the website for a schedule
- Children 10 and under must wear life preservers, which are provided on board
- Wheelhouse and engine room tours available
- Full galley serves snacks and sandwiches
- Ticket includes museum admission
- Katahdin’s lower deck is handicapped accessible however restrooms have high thresholds and some people may require assistance -it is recommended to use the shoreside restrooms prior to boarding

## **Fundraising for Upcoming Projects – Estimated Total is \$2 million over 5 – 7 years**

- Engine repower – fall of 2019 \$400,000
- Upper Deck Replacement and hull painting – 2020 through 2025 \$1,250,000
- Electrical Upgrades - TBA

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