



Readin' Both Pages

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The Music Came Back!

You asked us to bring back the music this summer, and we had a great time doing it!

We started the season with **Gabriel Donohue**, **Colleen Raney**, and **Deb Shebish**—the first concert in our new Wing On Wing boat house. Under the tent and along the shores of Rockland Harbor, we hosted summer concerts with the likes of **Julia Lane** and **Fred Gosbee** of **Castlebay**, premiering their new book, *Bygone Ballads of Maine—Songs of Ships & Sailors*; **Baywinds North**; and **Breakers Jazz**. Every week (all year round!) our **FREE Sunday Music Jam** is open to all and fills the museum with a variety of musical styles, voices, and instruments (call 207-701-7627 for info). And we wrapped up the concert season with a special concert by Maine music legend, **Gordon Bok**, filling the Boathouse with over 150 guests who came from all over the country just to see him. A member of our SPSM Advisory Council and former board member,



Gordon is one of Maine's premier musical voices, telling the stories of our maritime heritage. A writer, sculptor, artist, singer, and songwriter, he paints a picture

with his words and music as clearly and colorfully as he does with the paints on his palette and with all the depth and texture of his carvings

Our Sailing Programs Grew

You asked us for more time on the water, and boy—did we have fun doing that!

Our third year of **SKFF (Sail Kids For Free)**, our free youth sailing program saw nearly 150 kids out in Rockland Harbor in our Opti fleet. We even ran a couple of extra sessions at the re-



quest of parents—one group wanted to spend time focusing on capsizing and righting their boats, and another group of 5-7 year olds wanted to give sailing a try after seeing older brothers and sisters enjoying the program.



We're proud to say that SKFF was a resounding success, once again! **And special thanks to all of you who chipped in an extra donation or two to make sure these kids had the chance to sail FOR FREE!**

Also expanding significantly this year were **adult sailing lessons**, **classroom navigation lessons**, and **charters aboard classic vessels like *Meriwether* a Herreshoff 12-1/2 or *Persistence*, a Friendship Sloop.**

We've been putting all of the boats to bed for the season, but we're already making plans for 2023. Hope to see you then!

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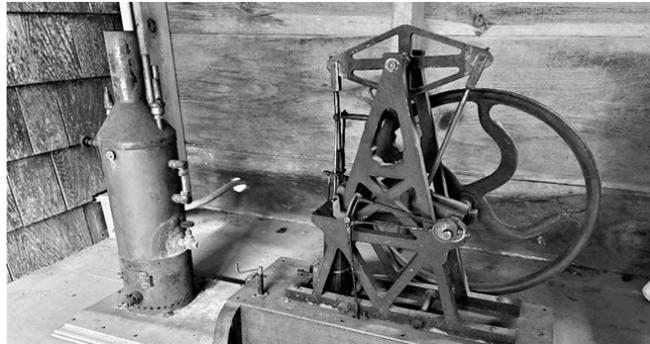
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Here we go again: Almost every day, something unusual comes through the door

The latest is this cunning little steam engine—still dusty from the creator's workbench — a homemade boiler and 3-tone whistle.



A steam engine is one of the most efficient of the power sources. A little engine that has the look of a boy's toy would run a full-sized automobile back in 1900. Now there are steam engines 1/ 20th the size of a human hair and steam engines that power the largest ships. They can run on virtually any fuel from wood to hydrogen and power everything from automobiles to airplanes. What makes it cumbersome is the doggone boiler. Such engines will give instant power and lots of it. Steam engines deliver a wide range of RPM and do it very quietly with seeming little effort. Through a small pipe it will deliver race winning speed to a Stanley steam car's drive wheel. The downside is the enormous boiler, heat source and weight of the water it must lug around, not to speak of the time it consumes while on the fire waiting for the pot to boil. But when steam was discovered, it was tried in every contrivance. Not just cars but bicycles, scooters, airplanes, dirigibles, outboards, even helicopters and just about every machine requiring power.

Captain Jim Sharp



The Dream of Steam



New to the Museum Board



We are thrilled to announce the addition of Dave Doub (left) and Perry Lowe (right) to our board of directors. We look forward to adding their expertise, enthusiasm, and energy to SPSM!

Living in Camden, ME, Dave brings life-long sailing experience, advanced degrees in Engineering and Business Administration, and a passion for our mission. Perry brings a long history of time in the Midcoast, a successful business and academic career, many years of teaching marketing and entrepreneurial business approaches at Bentley college, and seemingly boundless energy.

Visit the “Museum” tab on our website for more information on all of our board and staff.

A new Vision & Mission, and a Plan for the Future

We are often asked, “What’s next for the museum? What does your future look like?” So we took this year to reflect on our past and envision our future. The end result is a new Strategic Plan which will be released later this year.

We surveyed our members and our community, and we listened to our staff, our Board, and our Advisory Council who all gave generously of their time, their advice, their opinions, and their wisdom.

Our plan outlines our goals for the museum, our waterfront, and our educational programming; and it articulates a new vision and mission for the organization:

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Summer: A Season of Collaborating on the Water

We all know that sailing small boats is good for kids, providing a wealth of experiences. It builds self-confidence and maturity, helps forge friendships, and it encourages a close relationship with the natural world.

This season the Mid Coast Sailing Center was proud to partner with area schools to expose a wider audience to these benefits of sailing.

- RSU 13/21st Century Summer Camp worked with us to offer two afternoons of sailing to Rockland Middle School students.
- The 12th grade class from the Ecology Learning Center in Unity joined us on their first ever outdoor orientation trip for a day of Opti Sailing.
- And our SKFF (Sail Kids For Free) kids were fortunate to spend a morning sailing with a group of students on a two week course with the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School. This collaboration focused on building positive relationships over a wide age range as our younger sailors paired up with older HIOBS students to adventure together around Rockland harbor. It was a delight to witness the sharing, the laughs and the genuine connections that the SKFF kids made with their HIOBS friends.

We welcome future partnerships with other schools and programs—in summer on the water or in our classroom during the off season months!



Don't forget to check out our website for more information on:

- **Event and meeting rental space** in the museum, our Wing On Wing boathouse, and (seasonally) under the tent or on our pier on the shore of Rockland Harbor
- **For Sale:** Boats and nautical equipment (and even a Model A Roadster!)
- **Upcoming talks, concerts, classes, and events** (yes, they are year round!)
Coming soon—Captains' Quarters
- **Classic Charter Club**—want to sail but don't have a boat? We'll be premiering this program in 2023—join the club and gain access to boats of all shapes and sizes!
- **Signing up for our monthly newsletter** so you'll be sure to see what's happening at the museum and on the water.
- **Online giving opportunities** to join the museum or support our many programs

www.SailPowerSteamMuseum.org

A new Vision, Mission, and Strategic Plan for SPSM

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A Special Thank You

In the fall of 2021, Capt. Bob and Kathy Pratt generously donated their vessel, *Morning In Maine* to the museum in the hopes that she would continue to sail the waters of Rockland and Penobscot Bay, introducing the wonders of sailing to visitors and residents alike while also benefiting the museum. After a diligent search, we found Capt. Tyler Waterson (or did he find us??). Tyler took the helm firmly in hand this past spring, getting *Morning in Maine* ready for a new season. With a background in hospitality, a deep interest in the marine environment, and a love of sailing, he “hit the ground running” (to use a landlubber’s phrase). Tyler has had a fabulous season. We want to thank Capt Bob and Kathy Pratt for their support and generosity, Capt. Tyler for his dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm, and the many passengers that joined him this summer, making this a fabulous first season. Check out Tyler’s website or social media so you can join him onboard Morning In Maine in 2023.

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