



## Director's Update



Luke Muzzy and John Morrell thank Dick and Christine Brown.

The 2015 Donors Cruise represented a new milestone for the Moosehead Marine Museum (MMM) and the Katahdin. Approximately 190 donors and guests attended the RSVP annual event. This was the first Donors Cruise provided under the new annual giving initiative. This new donation format plus the opportunity to

make a pledge on the new website has been a success. Donations in 2015 are up approximately 25% from this time in 2014. We are also making a concerted effort to better recognize our corporate, merchant and individual donors. For a full list of donors, visit our website at [www.katahdincruises.com](http://www.katahdincruises.com) Thank you!

During the cruise two very important donors were recognized by Luke Muzzy, President of the MMM Board of Directors. Be Hilton accepted a plaque on behalf of her late husband, Louis O. Hilton, in gratitude for a bequest of \$250,000. Donor Richard Brown broke new ground for MMM with his

planned gift of \$100,000. Estate planning and planned giving can become one of the major ingredients in ensuring sustainability and flexibility for the MMM and the Kate's future. The museum is a non-profit organization and your gift(s) are tax deductible.

Speaking for myself and the MMM Board of Directors I would again like to say thank you for your continued support. With your help, the next 100 years of serving the Moosehead Lake Region look very promising.

Liz Cannell

Executive Director

## MMM Safety Initiative

The Board of Directors identified emergency preparedness and safety as a renewed focus of operations for 2015. Here are some activities we've undertaken:

- American Red Cross First Aid/CPR training

- Monthly safety drills
- Safety equipment upgrade—adding AED and Epi-Pen
- Acquisition of a Stokes Litter, backboard and collar

MMM also partnered with Piscataquis County Emergen-

cy Management Agency (PCEMA). We reviewed onboard safety procedures, conducted a live emergency preparedness exercise and did live towing drills with the Maine Warden's Service. Passenger and crew safety are our highest priority.

### Did you know?

THE POSITION OF HONOR ON A SHIP IS THE QUARTERDECK AT THE STERN OF THE SHIP, AND THUS ENSIGNS (FLAGS) ARE TRADITIONALLY FLOWN EITHER FROM AN ENSIGN STAFF AT THE SHIP'S STERN, OR FROM A GAFF RIGGED OVER THE STERN.

THE USUAL RULE THAT NO FLAG SHOULD BE FLOWN HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL FLAG DOES NOT APPLY ON BOARD A SHIP: A FLAG FLOWN AT THE STERN IS ALWAYS IN A SUPERIOR POSITION TO A FLAG FLOWN ELSEWHERE ON THE SHIP, EVEN IF THE LATTER IS HIGHER UP.

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# Moosehead Marine Museum



Bruce Butman narrating a cruise.

WE ESTIMATE THAT FOR EVERY DOLLAR SPENT AT THE MUSEUM ANOTHER \$5 IS SPENT LOCALLY. THIS AMOUNTS TO A \$1.5 MILLION IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY OF THE MOOSEHEAD LAKE REGION.

## Captain Bruce Butman Retires

This summer will mark the final cruise for Captain Bruce Butman, who has worked on the Katahdin for the last 15 years.

Bruce grew up in Cohasset, MA. After decades of visiting Moosehead Lake, he moved to Greenville in 2000 with his wife Georgine.

Bruce is an Air Force veteran and a machinist by trade but when he moved to Greenville he signed on to the Katahdin as a deckhand and engineer.

Soon he was promoted to Captain. Having served in all capacities, he knows every inch of the boat, which enhances his skill at guiding her safely under all conditions. His dedication to the Katahdin leads him to watch over her through the off-season, often stopping to check her condition in the cold winter months.

Passengers take great interest in Bruce's narration of the Sugar Island and Kineo cruises

and he spends hours researching new facts and points of interest, especially for our Head of the Lake cruise. We estimate that he has logged over 1200 cruises, amounting to over 30,000 miles!

Bruce says that his favorite part of his job is landing the boat because every time is different. This Captain's experience and extraordinary skill set have been invaluable to us and he will be missed.

## MMM Receives First Planned Gift

Once called deferred giving, "planned giving" has traditionally been defined as the gift that an individual creates during his or her lifetime that will take effect at or after their passing.

As the Board of Directors paid tribute to a founding benefactor at our annual Donors Cruise, we also had occasion

to celebrate a significant planned gift from donor Richard Brown. Given the opportunity to comment, Dick said, "I see the Katahdin as it passes by our island. It is an important part of the history and economy of this beautiful region and I was happy to be able to contribute to its future."

The MMM Board of Directors sees planned giving as an important strategy for ensuring the sustainability of the organization.

Look for more information on planned giving in our spring newsletter.



A wedding on the fantail of the Katahdin.

## Busy Charter Season

The summer of 2015 was wedding season aboard the Katahdin!

We hosted ten wedding related charters this year. Brides-to-be have multiple options when planning a wedding involving the Katahdin. Some brides have a ceremony elsewhere and

hold their reception aboard the boat. Others choose to have a ceremony on board with a catered reception following. Our staff and crew are happy to accommodate most requests and have even coordinated their efforts to blow the ship's whistle when one groom kissed his bride.

Our charters are not limited to wedding parties. This summer we have hosted our donors, the Moosehead Lake Yacht Club, and the Order of the Eastern Star. Nonprofit rates are available for organizations seeking to hold fundraisers aboard the boat. For more information, call the museum at 207-695-2716.

## Business Donor Profile—Jack’s Air Service

Jack’s Air Service has been a donor to Moosehead Marine Museum since our inception. Located at 30 Hofbauer Drive, just a quarter mile north of the Katahdin’s berth, Jack offers air excursions of up to an hour and ten minutes in length as well as an air charter service and cabin rentals.

Jack started his air service in 1971. He had been flying for local companies while seeking a full time position

with the major airlines. A friend suggested he start his own company and that’s what he did. Shortly thereafter he was hired by Delta Airlines. During the summers he would fly his float planes around Moosehead Lake. At times he employed other pilots as the business grew. Today Jack is retired from Delta but he continues to fly floats simply for the love of doing it.

Asked what motivated his

long term support for the museum and the Katahdin, Jack replied that he thinks it’s a great project. “I used to fly for Scott Paper and I was elated when Lou Hilton and others decided to restore the Kate.” In fact, many of the museum’s photos of log drives were taken from one of Jack’s planes!

For more information on Jack’s Air Service, visit [www.jacksairservice.com](http://www.jacksairservice.com).



## MMM Volunteers Contribute 600 Hours

The Moosehead Marine Museum benefits from the effort of a crew of loyal volunteers who give their time throughout the summer.

You can find them tending to the Katahdin Ship’s Store, greeting guests in the museum, or assisting with ticket sales. On average our volunteers contribute 40 hours per

week to the operation. That translates to a monetary value of approximately \$4,500 over the course of a season—no small contribution!

Our volunteer coordinator, Elizabeth Peltier, takes care of logistics and often stands in for people who are unable to make a scheduled day. We are very fortunate to be able to rely on her expertise.

Here is a list of our volunteers—if you see them, please thank them.

Elizabeth Peltier  
Margaret Pecoraro  
Kay Johnson  
Edna Welch  
Ken Drinkwater  
Ardean Thornton  
Jill Grant  
Bea Abele  
Bev Walker  
Erin Abele  
Keegan Cannell

THIS YEAR WE WELCOMED OVER 7200 GUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. 56% OF PASSENGERS COME FROM THE NEW ENGLAND STATES.

## MLYC Volunteers Tend Museum Gardens

Moosehead Marine Museum has enjoyed a long partnership with the Moosehead Lake Yacht Club. MLYC members are honored donors, cruising annually aboard the Kate and holding their annual lobster feed at 12 Lily Bay Road.

This year a large group of members volunteered to maintain our perennial gardens. Every Thursday our intrepid gardeners have weeded, transplanted, mulched and perspired—all in the cause of keeping the museum grounds beautiful.



MMM Perennial Garden

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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.*

### **Vision**

- *Maintain the Katahdin while ensuring an ongoing commitment to historical integrity.*
- *Continue as a “must see” tourist attraction that is a vital economic engine for our community*
- *Increase the Museum’s revenue stream while protecting the Kate from excessive wear and tear.*
- *Build strong staff and board leadership to earn a reputation for being a well-run organization.*
- *Maximize community and volunteer resources and develop partnerships that result in further increasing the educational and historical experience we provide.*
- *Raise and put aside funds for ongoing maintenance and a permanent endowment.*

## We're on the Web!

[www.katahdincruises.com](http://www.katahdincruises.com)

## Camden National and Bangor Savings Partner for Boy Scout Cruise



Joe DiAngelo, Connor DiAngelo,  
Noah Pratt and Jonathan Pratt

Each year the local Boy Scout troop participates in “Camporee”, a weekend during which scouts participate in leadership development, community service and recreational activities. The Penquis Scout District’s 2015 Camporee attracted over 300 scouts to Lily Bay State Park from September 25—27.

Local scout leader, Joe DiAngelo, approached MMM early this summer with a request to host a one-hour cruise as their concluding activity. We were eager to work with the Boy Scouts to offer this cruise. It provided us with an excellent opportunity to reach out

to young people and expose them to the history and beauty of the area. We support the values of community service and leadership that the Boy Scouts seek to impart.

Knowing that events of this scope can be costly, we were hesitant to add to the group’s expenses. The board suggested reaching out to Bangor Savings Bank and Camden National Bank with the idea of creating a unique community partnership that sets an example of how organizations can join to support important projects. Both banks responded with donations of \$500.00. In addition, Bangor Savings Bank

and Camden National Bank employees volunteered to assist with the cruise, handing out life jackets and helping the galley staff.

The morning of the cruise proved warm and sunny. 212 scouts, troop leaders, and family members came aboard and were treated to a continental breakfast while they cruised to Moose Island and back.

Moosehead Marine Museum appreciates the commitment shown by Camden National Bank and Bangor Savings Bank to providing opportunities to our youth.