

Island Living During the Maine Winter

The Sunbeam is a welcome sight in any harbor, but during the winter months, these visits become even more important. On Matinicus, often considered the most remote of Maine's islands due to its geographic distance from the mainland, the population can swell into the hundreds in the summer, but the winters are especially isolating, with around 15 people living on the island year-round.

Phil Davies moved with his wife and son to the island five years ago. He shares that logistically living on the island in winter...

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Application for Scholarships and Davis Maine Scholarships Open



For the students who have received a scholarship from the Mission, it can often be life-changing. Bishmita Dahal, who graduated from the University of Maine at Machias, shares, "I do not know how I would have gotten through college without the help of the Mission." Her scholarship allowed her to focus on her studies and not worry about paying for college. She was able to graduate without debt and is now planning on applying to a Physician Assistant degree program.

The Mission is now accepting applications for the Davis Maine Scholarship and Mission Scholarships through Wednesday, April 15. The Davis Maine Scholarship is a ...

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At the Maine Fisherman's Forum

*From the Desk of Sunbeam Captain
Michael T. Johnson*

The Maine Fishermen's Forum is the perfect amalgam of the many groups that form the life we all love on the Coast of Maine. The diversity of the exhibits is astonishing, ranging from the fishermen themselves with all their associated suppliers, to the Maine Marine Patrol, and multiple environmentally minded organizations. I cannot even begin to scratch the surface; this is a big conference hall with financial institutions and safety related groups (who would have expected that Harvard has a booth?) filling out the rest.

What makes this event special to me is the comity. It would be easy to assume that...

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Leadership Through Hands-On Learning



Juniors in the Mission's Journey program are receiving a hands-on experience in job exploration and event planning through their participation in the Washington County Youth Leadership Challenge (WCYLC). WCYLC, which is facilitated by Rural Aspirations with support from Healthy Acadia, gives students a chance to identify a community need, design ways to address the need, and then create and implement a project around their design.

The project is student-led and directed with adult mentors providing facilitation, support, and guidance. The Journey students discussed...

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