

# HARPSWELL ANCHOR™

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## Oyster Hatchery



**Filling the Tank** Karl Eschholz, hatchery manager, poses in the Mitchell Field facility. The oyster hatchery plans to expand in the near future. (MARTY ODLIN PHOTO)

BY SUSAN OLCOTT

“We used to walk our dog here and think, “It’s too bad there isn’t more going on here,” Marty Odlin remembers from previous visits to Mitchell Field. Now, there is. His business, Running Tide Technologies Inc., occupies a garage what was once a part of the Brunswick Naval Air Station’s former fuel depot. This shellfish hatchery is a small operation, but they are producing oyster seed that Odlin hopes to sell to area growers in the future.

Odlin, originally from Portland, came back to Maine after leaving for school and meeting his future wife, both of whom are passionate about making healthy, local foods accessible to more

people. He came from a fishing family and knew he wanted to work on the waterfront, but wasn’t sure exactly the right fit. “Getting into oyster farming and running a hatchery just seemed right – it’s good for the environment, it feeds people and I like how it’s attached to a community. It works for a guy like me with a young family,” he says.

When he started exploring possible locations for a hatchery, Harpswell had everything he was looking for. “Everyone in our company is from Casco Bay, so we knew we wanted to focus our efforts there. We looked at sites up and down the coast and then the Mitchell Field opportunity came up. It was a natural choice. There was water access and

See HATCHERY p. 15

## Made Sweet by the Cold Scallop Fishing in Maine

BY KARA DOUGLAS

Winter on the Gulf of Maine. Three men enter the water, one on purpose and the other two by a twist of fate. They’re after the same thing: a small, muscular body concealed within a larger shell, made sweet by the cold. Each has spent the majority of their lives in service to this.

The Atlantic sea scallop fishery opened to divers for the season in November. Brian Soper, of Cundy’s Harbor, has been diving for scallops for 40 years, hand-harvesting the bivalve from the sea floor.

“We’re very closely regulated,” Soper says, referring to rules around where and when scallop harvesting can occur in

Maine. “I keep a log book that records how much I harvest and have to report that.”

The Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR) is the regulatory body  
See SCALLOPS p. 14



**Winter’s Catch** This Anchor file photo from the turn of the century shows sternman Seth Walker and Captain Ron LaPointe ready their scallop drag for a day of fishing in Harpswell waters. (ROBERT ANDERSON PHOTO)

## Harpswell Seeks to Cope with Sea Level Rise

BY TOM HALL

The threat of rising sea level is forcing Harpswell to respond in several ways that will affect this coastal town’s future.

The town is focusing on imminent problems already surfacing from rising sea levels, such as making low-lying Basin Point Road less vulnerable to King Tides. And Harpswell is scrambling to resist drastic changes proposed by new flood maps that are pending from the federal government.

With 216 miles of coastline in Harpswell alone — one-third of all of Casco Bay, local residents have ample reason to worry how rising sea levels might affect life as we now know it.

“We’ve really started talking to the townspeople in 2015 with the “Sea Level Rise Workshop,” said Mary Ann Nahf,  
See SEA LEVEL p. 12



**Flood Tide** Aerial photo of Potts Point, looking south. New maps show the western shoreline, at right, at risk for flood surges as high as 15 feet above sea level. (TYLER PLUMMER PHOTO)

## Letters to the Editor

### Tree Sale

The Harpswell Scouting Assistance Association will be holding our annual Christmas tree sale again this year at the Scout Hall in Harpswell Center. We will be offering fresh wreaths and trees from 9-4 on December 7. Hope to see you there!  
HSAA

### No CMP Corridor

Currently, the MPUC has granted Central Maine Power approval for the New England Clean Energy Connect project, a 53-mile transmission corridor cutting through Maine's fragile wetlands and some of our most pristine land. Maine's prominent environmental groups agree this will cause irreparable damage to our wilderness. This will not benefit Maine ratepayers (CMP will however receive 5 million per month.) The Massachusetts Attorney General agrees this project will not reduce carbon emissions. Nearly 30 towns along the proposed route have voted to oppose the project.

If 80,000 signatures are collected on this petition by Dec 31, 2019 the NECEC project would have to be voted on, putting its fate into the hands of Maine voters.

This is a grass roots initiative, conducted by concerned citizens who believe Maine residents should have the final say. We only have weeks left to collect 50,000 signatures to send this to a statewide

vote. I am collecting signatures in Harpswell and will be available for small blocks of time at the Harpswell Town Office and the Orrs Island Library (see dates below, and in the ad placed elsewhere in this edition.) If you are interested in signing and are a registered voter in Harpswell I hope to see you at one of these times. Visit NoCMPCorridor.com to learn more.

Lynne McGhee

### Harpswell Town Office

Thursday, Dec 5, 4:00-6:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec 11, 10 am-12 pm

Tuesday, Dec 17, 1-3 pm

### Orrs Island Library

Saturday, Dec 21, 10 am-12 pm

### Ready to Help

Sometimes, we take too much for granted. During the October Nor'easter, our neighborhood was struck by two emergencies. In one case, a generator was struck by a tree and began to leak propane, necessitating expert assessment and resolution. In the other, a serious medical incident prompted the calling of an ambulance to remove a resident, a task made especially difficult by downed trees and live wires.

Our neighborhood was helped by the fire departments from both Orr's & Bailey Islands and Cundy's Harbor. In addition to fire department personnel, I want to thank the brave volunteers from both departments for giving of their time and expertise.

We truly live in a great community! When you're considering donations to worthy causes, please think of our local fire departments.

Courtenay Meade Snellings  
President, Johnson Point Road Association

### Thanks

Our heartfelt thanks to all the businesses, friends and family who contributed to the benefit for me on Friday night.

We are overwhelmed by the support and love from everyone. It means so much on this difficult journey.

Special thanks to Dawn, Kathy and Sheldon.

What a wonderful community.  
Craig and Sandy Davis

### No to Glyphosate

As a long time reader of the Anchor, I was dismayed, to say the least, to read Becky Gallery's article in the Nov. 2019 Harpswell Anchor that she recommends the use of glyphosate as an herbicide. This dangerous chemical should not be used in any circumstances. Much research indicates it is carcinogen. I would urge readers to investigate before taking this advice. Please look at these articles for more information: <http://www.e-solutions.org/environment/glyphosate-causes-cancer/> and...<https://usrtk.org/monsanto-roundup-trial-tracker-index/>  
Tony (JB) Elliott &

## Editor's Corner

We have a manila envelope here at the office. I'm looking at it right now. It is not a full size manila envelope, but half in size. It has never been sealed, the tab is torn about an inch on both sides of the fold, and it is stained with fingerprints from years of handling. It is a special envelope; in my own scribe the word Santa is written on the front.

This envelope has a special meaning because at this time each year we bring it out of storage to hold checks dropped off or sent to us by mail for the Harpswell Santa Fund. Checks come in, we slide them into the envelope until it begins to bulge, and then I give Santa's helper, aka. Jodie Wallace, a call, and she drops by to collect them and make a deposit in the Santa Fund bank account.

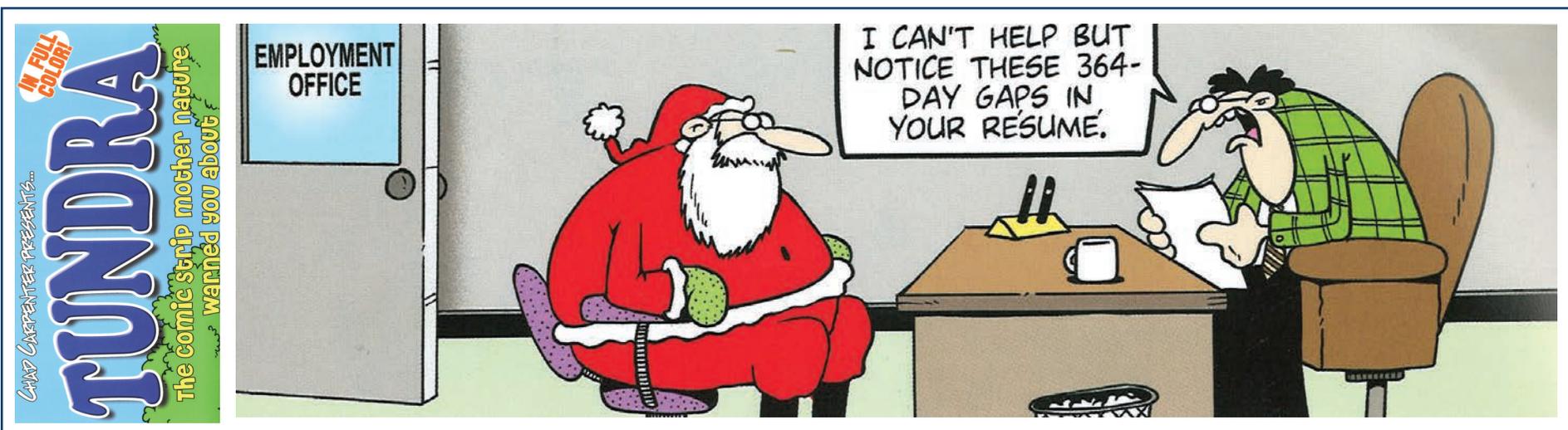
I like seeing Jodie. She is always smiling and happy to do her part, and appreciates the thoughtfulness and giving this envelope has come to behold. And the more the envelope is filled, the more I get to see

Jodie, and the more holiday spirit the Santa Fund can share. The Santa Fund is there for kids, the elderly, and those who may be having a rough spot during this holiday season. So please send us a check, no donation is too small, or drop by the office and I'll let you add your fingerprints to Santa's special envelope. Also check out how you can help on the Harpswell Santa Fund web page.

Thank you for another great year for the Harpswell Anchor. We've managed to keep the doors open, the presses running, and publish news, great human interest stories, important press releases, community calendar events, fun photos and a venue to practice your first amendment rights through your letters to the editor. Thank you all for your support, and send along your information to help us keep the public informed. Happy Holidays, and a great New Year.



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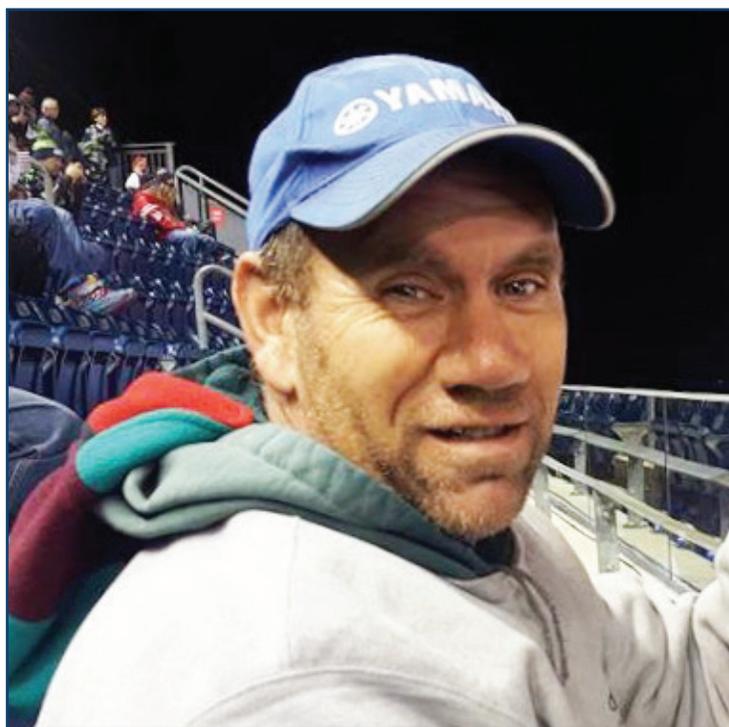
# Community Mourns Loss of Local Fisherman

BY ROBERT "BUTCH" LAWSON

Thirty-four degrees and windy was not unusual for the island in November. The sun made a hearty effort to take off the chill, but this rock would not be warmed that day. Not by the sun. There came to this place on the island a gathering of people who all had something in common and wished to be among others who, like themselves, sought the comfort of a feeling of belonging. Too, they sought to understand the incomprehensible.

A good and hardworking member of the community had died the week before. A young man by my standards with three young sons and a wife left them suddenly and unexpectedly on a Sunday morning. Driving home from his job to rest, he simply died, and was found in his truck in the trees where it came to rest. People die all the time. From my kitchen window I can see the island cemetery and watch the caretakers, grave site visitors, and gatherings of family and friends when it is necessary to lay another soul to rest there. We have seen and attended many of those. But, we have never seen the likes of the crowd assembled on this day, nor has anyone else we have spoken with.

Hundreds of people came



**Remembered** The late James "Jamie" Ramsey, a proud father from Harpswell, spent much of his free time following his sons' sporting events and activities. (GAGNE FAMILY PHOTO)

to this little sacred place that day. Friends, family, neighbors, co-workers came to be with others and hear comforting words that might help them to understand the enormity of this particular loss to his family and the people who knew him. Rows of bundled-up men, women and children in a great circle 8 and

10 people deep surrounded the seated family and the grave site. The P.A. was scarcely needed as all of us wanted to know what was said and we held our breath so we might better hear it. Quickly it was over, but in spite of the weather, there was no hurry to be elsewhere. There was a kind of power that seemed to

hold every one of us in place for a moment. There were nods of recognition among the crowd, mutual understandings of the job now before us, hand shakes and warm, lingering embraces that made for a common experience for all.

Slowly, the gathering made its way on foot, by car and truck to the hall where friends of the family had prepared a reception of food, drink and warmth for all who would come. Neighbors nearby opened their yards and driveways for parking. Friends who had not seen one another for years were together again. Family squabbles were put aside, children played outside and the hugs- always there were hugs-warmed souls that the sun could not that day.

Jamie Ramsay could not know in life how many people his kindness touched. They came by the hundreds from the Neck, the Islands, the Harbor as well as surrounding towns. Fellow fishermen, sailors, farmers, trades people, friends and casual acquaintances all gathered on a cold Bailey Island day to bid him peace and his family comfort. It was as uplifting a display as ever I have experienced. When the core of Harpswell gathers in a place as it did on this day, it is something to behold.

Godspeed, Jamie. ☩



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2	Mon	3:05	8.4	3:10	9.0	8:56	1.4	9:36	0.6	6:53	4:06	☾
3	Tue	3:58	8.2	4:05	8.6	9:52	1.7	10:28	0.9	6:54	4:06	☾
4	Wed	4:52	8.2	5:02	8.3	10:50	1.8	11:20	1.1	6:55	4:06	☾
5	Thu	5:44	8.2	5:59	8.2	11:48	1.7			6:56	4:06	☾
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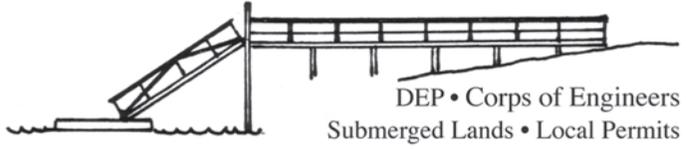


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## The Razor Clam Grant: Orvid Vinch Woos the Maiden Lady

BY DAVE HACKETT

*If you live in our town, you have quite likely met some local characters, and quite possibly you may be one yourself. The following comes from a book called Fried Fog written by John A. Ullman in 1990.*

The selectmen chuckled when they gave Orbed Vinch a shellfish grant.

Shellfish grants were not unknown in Eastham. Usually they were sought by those living close to the shore. The practice was to gather quahogs or soft-shell clams from everywhere and plant them in the grant for later harvesting.

What was unusual was Orbed's well known contempt for quahogs and soft-shelled clams, for sea clams and mussels. For Orbed, only razor clams were fit for human consumption and that is all that he gathered or kept.

What Orbed Vinch asked for and got, to the amusement of the selectmen, was a razor clam grant.

It might be noted that they interviewed in the parking lot of the town hall, not in their office. Orbed was known to have had a bath just the year before, when he fell into salt pond and took a long time scrambling out. This was estimated to have been the fourth in eleven years, and the experienced residents of the town tended to wave to Orbed while driving by.

And, as Farley Strange, the chairman of the board, said to the other two, "It's easier to air out a parking lot."

So Orbed got his razor clam grant, the selectmen got their chuckle, and Orbed set out his campaign.

What Orbed had set his on heart was marriage the woman known in Eastham as The Maiden Lady. Her age was neither known or calculated, her aspect was bilious, but her baked beans were legendary and her savory sauce for bluefish was a gourmet's delight. Orbed lusted for cooking, caring nothing for pulchritude as the common man views pulchritude.

But The Maiden Lady (Christened Vernal Springley) would have none of Orbed in his existing condition.

"When you can show you've taken a shower every day for a week, come back and we'll talk about it," she said.

This brought Orbed Vinch to a sharp halt. It called for some sober thought. On one hand, baked beans and savory sauce: on the other, showers every day for a week. In his mind one was irresistible and the other unthinkable.

He thought about it all winter, and well into spring, absent-mindedly changing his clothes in April (he took off his rubber boots



**Bygone Bivalve** A razor clam shell found along the shores of Harpswell is now on display at the Harpswell Historical Museum. (ROBERT ANDERSON PHOTO)

and put on sneakers), and working himself up to another change (sheepskin jacket to threadbare sweater) in June.

And then, by the merest chance, he passed the open window of The Maiden Lady's kitchen and was caught up in a wafted aroma of cinnamon custard. That did it.

He went to town hall, was followed out to the parking lot, said, "I want a razor clam grant off Bea's River," and got it before the wind had a chance to shift.

That week he staked out a 400 hundred square in the inshore flats, 20 feet by 20 feet, in an area no one would be expected to rake for littlenecks. He prowled the flats gathering razor clams, and set them in the sand, foot down, in holes he made with the butt end of a quahog rake. He watched them

Up out of the sand squirted the jets of two hundred razor clams. Orbed turned this way and that way and once, tentatively, rubbed some of the water around the back of his neck.

"There," he called out "Tomorrow at nine and the next day at ten, and Thursday it'll be a week. You going to marry me?"

"You going to keep it up, after?" she asked.

"Wasn't in the deal," Orbed protested.

In fact, they never did get married.

Orbed took his razor clam shower the second day, while The Maiden Lady watched: the third day, while she and about a dozen residents who had heard about it watched, the fourth day to the amazement of half the town, and the fifth day in a slight drizzle of rain.

But on the sixth day the razor clam squirts were seen to have dwindled to a couple dozen half-hearted jets, and on the seventh they rested.

It turned out, of course, that the water that lavished Orbed worked back into the sand around the razor clams. It took six days to kill them all. †

work their way down out of sight, stomped off to the home of The Maiden Lady.

"Pick you up in the rig at eight tomorrow morning," he said.

"Where we going?"

"Bea's River"

"What's there"

"Me taking a shower"

"This I will watch with some interest. But I shall get there myself. I'm not riding in any rig with you."

And at eight the next morning, as the ground fog lifted, The Maiden Lady saw Orbed Vinch, clad only in a pair of greyish shorts, stride out to his razor clam grant and stomp his feet.

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# 1 December 2019 Community Calendar

## December 2, 7-9PM

Come one, come all! A non-denominational group "Connected" invites widowers, widows, divorced and singles 55 and over. We will meet in St. Charles Borromeo Church hall, 132 McKeen Street, Brunswick. Light refreshments will be served. Connected is not a dating service but a place to mingle and meet new friends. FMI call 207-725-1266 or 207-725-8386.

## December 4, 2-3:30PM

Harpowell Invasive Plant Partnership (HIPP) monthly meeting held at Harpswell Heritage Land Trust, 153 Harpswell Neck Rd. Show your Harpswell Pride: Volunteer your ideas to plan the restoration of our town's native habitats. FMI go to: <https://hhltmaine.org/hipp/> or email: [hipp.maine@gmail.com](mailto:hipp.maine@gmail.com).

## December 5, 9AM-3PM

The Mid Coast Hospital Auxiliary Holiday Bazaar. Mid Coast Hospital Café, 123 Medical Center Drive, Brunswick. All proceeds from the event benefit essential hospital projects. FMI call Judith Kelsh at 207-373-6056 or email [jkesh@midcoasthealth.com](mailto:jkesh@midcoasthealth.com).

## December 5, NOON

Lunch with Friends, free and

open to all Harpswell residents. Presented by Harpswell Aging at Home at the Great Island Church of the Nazarene, 806 Harpswell Islands Road, Harpswell. To volunteer to cook a dish or help set up, call Surrey at 833-0092 or email [surreysh@comcast.net](mailto:surreysh@comcast.net) or call Cheryl Dunning at 207-522-3575 or email [cadunning48@gmail.com](mailto:cadunning48@gmail.com).

## December 5, 7PM

In the fifth edition of our "Let's Taste in December" series, Melinda Richter, owner of the Island Candy Company, will help us make hand-made truffles. Come join us to celebrate a tasty December! Orr's Island Library, 1699 Harpswell Islands Rd (Rte 24), Orr's Island. FMI call Dan at 207-833-6050 or email [dawlilee@yahoo.com](mailto:dawlilee@yahoo.com).

## December 7, 9AM-3PM

Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon to benefit Cundy's Harbor Volunteer Fire Auxiliary. There will be around 20 local crafters selling all kinds of great and unique items. Cundy's Harbor Community Hall, 837 Cundy's Harbor Rd, Harpswell. FMI email [mare6m@gmail.com](mailto:mare6m@gmail.com).

## December 7, 9AM-4PM

Tree and Wreath Sale to bene-

fit the Harpswell Scouting Assistance Association. Harpswell Scout Hall, Harpswell Center.

## December 7, 10-11:30AM

All ages are invited to come to a free lantern making workshop at Harpswell Heritage Land Trust, 153 Harpswell Neck Road. Advance registration is requested. FMI and to register, call 207-837-9613, email [outreach@hhltmaine.org](mailto:outreach@hhltmaine.org) or visit [www.hhltmaine.org](http://www.hhltmaine.org). Free paper lantern making kits will also be available at the Cundy's Harbor Holiday Craft Fair.

## December 7, 2PM

Holiday Concert to Benefit Harpswell Aging at Home, free will offering (suggested donation is \$10). Social Hall/Fellowship Hall, Elijah Kellogg Church, 917 Harpswell Neck Road, Harpswell. Musicians from the Harpswell Concert Band, including the Gentle Winds Flute Trio, Clarinotes Clarinet Ensemble and Harpswell Sound Brass Quintet, will be performing Christmas and seasonal-themed music. All proceeds from the concert will benefit Harpswell Aging at Home.

## December 7, 5:30PM

The Harpswell Garden Club Tree Lighting Ceremony. Join us for carols, cocoa and cookies to

celebrate the season. Centennial Hall, 928 Harpswell Neck Rd, Harpswell Historic Park. FMI call Becky at 207-833-6159.

## December 8, NOON-2PM

Spaghetti luncheon, bake sale and silent auction to benefit the Cressey family. American Legion Post 20, 1 Columbus Drive, Brunswick. FMI visit [facebook.com/events/578219922749927](http://facebook.com/events/578219922749927).

## December 9, 4-7PM

Holiday/Book Signing Party, to benefit Harpswell Aging at Home and Harpswell Heritage Land Trust. Jerry Klepner and Bill Snelings will sign copies of their pictorial book, "Harpowell: Sea and Land Through the Lens," and will give presentations at 4:30pm and 6:15pm about what drew them to create their work. All proceeds from sales of the \$19.98 book, beyond the cost of production, will be donated equally to Harpswell Aging at Home and Harpswell Heritage Land Trust. Harpswell Heritage Land Trust, 153 Harpswell Neck Road, Harpswell.

## December 12, NOON

Lunch with Friends, free and open to all Harpswell residents. Presented by Harpswell Aging at Home at the Merriconeag Grange Hall, 529 Harpswell Neck Road,

Harpowell. To volunteer to cook a dish or help set up, call Anne Taft at 207-725-5716 or email [dtaft48@comcast.net](mailto:dtaft48@comcast.net).

## December 12, 6-8PM

Harpowell Business Association Holiday Meeting. Cook's Lobster House, 68 Garrison Cove, Bailey Island. Bring a friend! New businesses welcome. FMI call Dick Moseley at 207-833-2399.

## December 19, 10-11:30AM

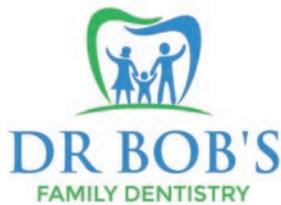
MCHPP Food Mobile. Harpswell Town Office, 263 Mountain Rd. Please arrive no more than 30 minutes before the start time. Please bring your own box or bag. You do not need to be a MCHPP food pantry client to attend. All are welcome, no questions asked.

## December 19, NOON

Lunch with Friends, free and open to all Harpswell residents. Presented by Harpswell Aging at Home at the Cundy's Harbor Community Hall, 837 Cundy's Harbor Road, Harpswell. To volunteer to cook a dish or help set up, call Surrey at 207-833-0092 or email [surreysh@comcast.net](mailto:surreysh@comcast.net) or call Meriel Longley at 207-837-1803 or email [mare6m@gmail.com](mailto:mare6m@gmail.com).

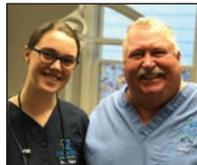


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# Need Home Repairs For the Winter? Harpswell Aging at Home Has You Covered

According to homeowners helped by Harpswell Aging at Home's home repairs program, it's clear the service is making a big difference in their lives.

"For the first time, my heating bill is down to half of what it has been, thanks to all the insulation your team installed in my home," said one homeowner. "Because of that, I've been able to even set aside a little bit of money to cover unexpected expenses."

Another joked they were eager for winter to come so they can "enjoy the snow that doesn't come in the back porch storm door and the breezes that don't blow through the front door and the door to the patio."

Those are just two of the more than 75 people who've had their lives changed for the better — at no cost to them — because they reached out to the home repairs team to help make their homes safer, warmer and drier.

Labor for these projects is provided by HAH's team of more than 20 volunteers. Funding for materials, and occasionally needed subcontracted work, comes from HAH's partners, Habitat for Humanity 7 Rivers Maine and the Town of Harpswell, currently supplemented

by a \$32,000-plus Cumberland County Community Development Block Grant.

With a single tool trailer, it's been difficult for the team to work on more than one project at a time. But now, with a recent \$4,000 grant from the Simmons Foundation, the team has two trailers. This will allow volunteers to work on follow-up projects — additional work requested by homeowners who have previously been helped by the program. Many homeowners who take advantage of the program discover different items that need to be addressed as time progresses, and the Home Repairs team is very willing to return for follow-up repairs.

Since the start of the program three-and-a-half years ago, according to Steve Ingram, chairperson of HAH's Home Repairs Committee, the repair team has completed 80 new and 25 follow-on projects. Examples of the types of work they do include: Installing storm windows and other energy saving measures, constructing wheelchair ramps, and installing grab bars, handrails and other safety features.

"A new project typically takes a team of 12-16 volunteers one or two work days to complete,"



**Renovations** Dave Taft, left, and Bob Gaudreau work on outfitting a second tool trailer that will be used by Harpswell Aging at Home's home repairs program. The men were customizing the trailer, paid for with a \$4,000 grant from the Simmons Foundation, so it could be put into use for home repairs projects. (PETER LIEBERWIRTH PHOTO)

Ingram said. "Follow-on projects are usually smaller projects and may take a team of 4-6 a half to a full day of work."

The team only has work scheduled through mid-December, so now is a good time to contact them.

Financial eligibility for peo-

ple taking part in the program is tied to a total gross annual income of less than 80% of the Cumberland County Average Median Income. For a single homeowner that is \$41,450.

Harpswell seniors should contact Linda Strickland at the Harpswell Town Office at (207)

833-5771; she can provide information and confirm eligibility.

Harpswell Aging at Home is a community organization helping older adults address the challenges of aging at home. For more information visit our website at hah.community and like us on Facebook. ☞

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# Harpswell Community School Launches Newspaper Club

BY ELLIE DOUGLAS  
HCS Fifth Grade Student

At Harpswell Community School a new writing unit has inspired some students to make a school newspaper. According to Jacoby Halpren, the creator of the newspaper club, "I've had a lot of ideas over my life like this one, but I definitely wasn't expecting it to take off."

The newspaper club is made up of fifth graders. According to fifth grader Amelia DeRosa, "there are about ten of us - six boys and five girls - and we meet every Monday or Tuesday."

Students meet to write articles and plan the layout during their recess time on those days. The club is advised by Leann Nash, an Ed Tech at the school.

For the first issue there will be nine articles and two fun activities.

The articles will be about the school band, the most recent snow storm, the book buddy program, the two recent storms,



**Correspondents** Staff writers Dominic Forgrave and William Agius investigate news reporting of interest to their classmates and the school community. (ABIGAIL SVENSON PHOTO)

fifth grade lunch workers, cross-county running season, Mt. Ararat sports, the Marines

coming to the school and the Look For The Good Project. The fun activities will be a word

search and a comic strip.

According to fifth grader William Agius, who is writing

the Look For The Good article, "The Project is a two-week gratitude and kindness campaign where both students and staff have the opportunity to appreciate and look for the good in others."

This program was inspired by a humpback whale rescue in December of 2005 off the coast of California. The 50-foot humpback whale was entangled in 1,200 pounds of crab trap lines and a 3,000-pound anchor hug from her tail. She was distressed and was quickly drowning but divers were able to cut the ropes and set her free. After the divers saved her, she expressed gratitude by nudging them all in the chest, which inspired the project founder, Anne Kubitsky, to create the program.

The first edition of the newspaper, called HCS times, is expected to be released the Monday before Thanksgiving. Students plan to produce a paper monthly for the rest of the school year. &

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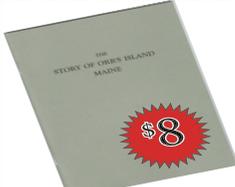
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### Harpswell's Mingo Club Offers Funds for Education!

High School Seniors who are residents of Harpswell and need funds for post-secondary education, training or licensing fees are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 grant.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

## 25 Ways to Spread Holiday Cheer

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Winston S. Churchill

1. Pay it forward: Buy a cup of coffee for the person behind you in line
2. Volunteer at the food bank
3. Shovel snow for an elderly neighbor
4. Drop off homemade cookies to the fire station
5. Connect: Give someone a hug
6. Donate to Toys for Tots or the Harpswell Santa Fund
7. Speak up: Compliment a stranger
8. Offer to buy groceries for someone in need
9. Send a care package to a friend
10. Donate blood. One pint can save three lives
11. Post something nice on a friend's social media
12. Help walk a dog or pet the cats at the animal shelter (call first!)
13. Let someone with just a few items go in front of you in line
14. Donate needed items to a women's shelter
15. Reach out: Call, write, email, text or FaceTime an old friend
16. Invite someone over for dinner or coffee
17. Leave a generous tip
18. Offer to watch a neighbor's pet if they will be out of town
19. Write a positive review for a local business
20. When you travel, pay the toll for the car behind you
21. Play Secret Santa for a child or family in need
22. Show extra kindness to harried parents
23. Smile at a cashier
24. Sincerely thank service workers & first responders in the community
25. Email a friend a photo of a shared memory

*Happy holidays from all of us  
at the Anchor*

### Needhams: A Traditional Maine Treat

#### Ingredients:

- 1 2-pound bag confectioners sugar
- 3/4 cup unseasoned (no butter, milk, etc.) mashed potato, warm
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted, plus more for pan
- 1 14-ounce bag sweetened flaked coconut
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 ounces unsweetened chocolate
- 1 12-ounce bag semisweet chocolate chips

#### Instructions:

Butter a rimmed 15½x10 ½-inch jellyroll pan and set aside. (A 9x13-inch pan works too, but the needhams will be thicker.)

In a large bowl or the bowl of a standing mixer, add the sugar, potato, melted butter, coconut, vanilla, and salt. Mix on low speed (mixture will be very dry at first) until a thick paste forms; then increase the speed for 30 seconds or until all of the sugar is completely incorporated.

Transfer the mixture to the prepared pan, and press down evenly. Let the mixture set and firm up at room temperature, about 1 hour. Then cut into small, even squares.

Melt the chocolate and the chips in a double boiler until smooth; then remove from the heat and add the shortening, stirring vigorously until shiny. Now place one coconut/potato square onto the tines of a fork and lower into the chocolate until coated; lift it and let the excess chocolate drip back into the pot.

Transfer the square to a sheet of parchment to harden, about 1 hour. Repeat with the remaining squares. Store in an airtight container.

### Joke Corner:

**Q. What did the snowman have for breakfast?**  
**A. Frosted Snowflakes**

**Q. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?**  
**A. Frostbite**

**Q. What's it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum?**  
**A. A meltdown**



# OBI Fire Department Recognizes Community Volunteers



Christine Donovan-Hall



Paul Kittle and OBIFD President Bob Garver



Cindy Bessmer and OBIFD Board Member Al LeGrow



Bob Perry and Bob Garver

BY DOUG WARREN

Four important members of the Orr's and Bailey Islands Fire Department community were honored during the department's annual "Recognition Dinner" held on Nov. 2 at the Orr's Island Schoolhouse.

Close to 100 people were in attendance for the heartfelt ceremony, during which Christine Donovan-Hall, Paul Kittle, Cindy Bessmer and Bob Perry were presented with plaques for "extraordinary ser-

vice" by Bob Garver, president of the OBIFD Board of Directors and Board Member Al LeGrow.

Following are excerpts from Garver's comments about each award recipient:

**Christine Donovan-Hall:** Christine joined the department three years ago and immediately made her presence known. During these three years, Christine has participated on the Scholarship Committee, the Events Committee, the Fundraising

Committee, the Finance Committee and the Outreach Committee. All while serving as our secretary and as a member of the Executive Committee.

Most notably, Christine took the reins overseeing the Yard Sale and Auction, an incredibly challenging undertaking, and has done a superb job. This year, she also oversaw the return of our Art Auction and again excelled. Christine is a dynamo. Somehow, she manages to approach all this with a cheerful outlook. Remarkable.

**Paul Kittle:** Just about everyone I've spoken to about Paul make some reference to the Energizer Bunny. I mean, who completes their

Firefighter 1 & 2 training at age 69? After a lifetime of serving his country, Paul brought his passion, energy and enthusiasm to OBIFD and has become one of our most steadfast and reliable firefighter/EMT responders. Paul is only one of two OBIFD responders who serves in both capacities.

Paul gives his all to anything that moves OBIFD forward and makes us better. Whether it be restocking ambulance supplies, providing input for new equipment, building maintenance or assisting with volunteer recruitment efforts, Paul can be counted on to roll up his sleeves and lend a hand. We are grateful to have him.

**Cindy Bessmer:** Cindy has been

a dedicated and reliable EMT responder for more than 25 years, while also supporting the department with the auction, open houses and other events. Despite working full-time, Cindy is never too tired to answer the call late evenings, early mornings and on weekends. Her thoughtful, calming demeanor in her interactions with patients reduces their anxiety during the stress of experiencing what is often their worst day ever.

I know that on occasion, Cindy has even returned to the home of the person she had just responded to in order to clean up so that they or their family would not have to deal with that upon their return. Extraordinary. Those moments really capture her incredibly caring nature. Cindy is one of the kindest and finest people I know, and she exemplifies our department's motto – "Neighbors helping neighbors."

**Bob Perry:** Bob started out as a member of the Bailey Island Fire Department at 12 or 13 years of age, nearly 50 years ago. Two years later, he also became a member of the Orr's Island Fire Department. This was before they merged into what we now know as the OBIFD. To give you some context, Bob was driving fire trucks before he could legally drive a car. Bob held positions as fire captain and assistant fire chief over the years. He was known as skilled pump operator, but his real passion was running into burning buildings as an interior firefighter trained to save life and property.

Bob has always been a hands-on guy, but never seeks the limelight. He will work behind the scenes without you ever knowing he was there or what he did. You just knew that someone did a good deed without the expectation of acknowledgement. Bob Perry is one of the true unsung heroes who sets the standard for what it means to quietly serve your community. When I asked Bob about serving in our department, he simply described it as "the ultimate." We feel the same way about you, Bob.

Also honored with service pins were board members Steve and Margaret Broughall, Brenda Ruotolo, Betsy Leland, Aaron Fuchs, Ron Hutchins, Bill Snellings, Bart Beattie, Perian Haslam, Bob Garver and Mary Morgan. Responders receiving service pins included Thomas Coffill, Perry and Bethany Davis, Terry Gray, Cindy Bessmer, Cathy Piffath and Ed Levine. ☺

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# Kellogg Church Christmas Festivities

Please join us at Elijah Kellogg Church to celebrate the wonder of Christmas!

Kicking off the festivities is Music Sunday on Dec. 15 from 10 to 11 a.m. Led by Music Director Sue Luce, it will feature the Elijah Kellogg Choir, with Liz Cromwell, pianist, and instrumentalists Louise Huntington on viola, Kate Gray on violin and Wendy Gockel on flute. This service will continue to inspire long after it ends.

On the following Sunday, Dec. 22, from 10 to 11 a.m., you're in for a treat during our annual Christmas pageant. This year, watch the line between the audience and actors disappear as you and your neighbors become part of the telling of the Nativity narrative, reminding us all of the roles we play in God's story.

As we draw closer and closer to the excitement of Christmas morning, we will gather on Christmas Eve to reflect on the

more subtle joys of the holiday. Two services are planned: Lessons and Carols from 7 to 8 p.m., and a Candlelight Service at 11:30 p.m.

We hope to see you during this special season. Throughout the year, services are held on Sundays at 10 a.m., and all are invited and welcome to attend. Elijah Kellogg Church is located at 917 Harpswell Neck Road, Harpswell. For more information, call 833-6026 or visit [elijahkelloggchurch.org](http://elijahkelloggchurch.org).

## Harpswell Santa Fund Needs Your Support

The Harpswell Santa Fund arranges for the distribution of clothing, toys and home heating fuel with the help of local volunteers and works in conjunction with Toys for Tots, which is run by the United States Marines. The Santa Fund provides for 50 local families, including 90 children, with donations from community members and organizations. For more information on how to participate, please visit The Harpswell Santa Fund website at [www.harpswellsanta.org](http://www.harpswellsanta.org).

### In Memory: Elna R. Hunter

Elna (Ellie) R. (Pfau) Hunter of Harpswell, Maine peacefully departed this world to be with her lord on November 14, 2019. She is predeceased by her beloved husband, Alan Hunter, Sr. and her son Russell C. Hunter. Her survivors include three sons, Alan, Jr. (Susan) of Midlothian, VA, Douglas S. (Andrea) of Southwick, MA and Robert C. (Anne) of Henniker NH, her daughter in law Debra (West Hartford, CT), 11 grandchildren, and 22 great children and numerous other relatives and friends.

Ellie was a longtime resident of Harpswell, Maine and a proud member of Elijah Kellogg Church in Harpswell. A memorial service will be held on Friday, November 22 at 10:00 AM at the Elijah Kellogg Church in Harpswell. Interment and a graveside service will take place at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Hartford, CT on Saturday, November 23 at 11:30 AM.

Arrangements are by Stetson's Funeral Home, 12 Federal St., Brunswick, Maine 04011. Memorial condolences may be expressed at [stetsonfuneralhome.com](http://stetsonfuneralhome.com).

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# Sea Level

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chairwoman of the Harpswell Conservation Commission.

In 2017, with a grant from the Maine Coastal Program, the town studied Basin Point Road to get an estimate of what the cost might be to mitigate both 3-foot and 6-foot rises in sea level.

Town Administrator Kristi Eiane said a Town Climate Resiliency Task Force was formed to use the Maine Coastal Program's Resiliency Checklist to assess the town's other infrastructure vulnerabilities. A grant from the Island Institute's Shore-Up Maine Technical Assistance program provided nearly \$10,000 to help study future climate change impacts.

"We see this as a way to really drill down, and see that it's more than roads — it's looking at what additional things you have to plan for, as we have more and more storms," Nahf said.

At stake is preserving access and egress to more than 100 homes along Basin Point Road, as well as businesses like Erica's Seafood and the Dolphin Restaurant and Marina.

Before the town began the now-completed process of demolishing the defunct U.S. Navy Fuel Depot pier at what is now Mitchell Field, it had to seek fi-

nancing via a bond issue.

A bond-rating agency asked town officials on what steps they planned to prepare for the effects of climate change. That got the attention of town officials,

"We're starting to engage on the issue, even earlier than the state of Maine is, in some areas," Eiane said. "You could be paying for it out of your federal pocket if the town allows a lot of development in these flood areas."

Nahf and Eiane said sea level rise could have broad impact on non-coastal areas, affecting drinking water supply and other infrastructure systems.

"It is in the town's best interest to be forward thinking," said Selectwoman Jane Covey.

## New flood maps

Town officials are now fighting an uphill battle with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which has proposed much-higher flood insurance rate maps for Harpswell and the Maine coast. FEMA's revised maps propose as much as a 50 percent increase in the "base flood elevation," or the height above mean sea level where flooding might occur. Properties at or below the designated base flood elevation are required to pay for flood insurance, if they have a federally insured mortgage.

As a result, many coastal property owners in Harpswell will likely be required to buy flood insurance or see sharp increases



**Flood Plain** FEMA's pending flood elevation map for Potts Point, lower left, and Estes Beach, show low-lying coastal property at higher risk of flooding.

in their existing flood insurance costs, when pending changes to flood zone maps take effect.

FEMA's "Revised Preliminary" maps, issued in April 2017, show sharply higher flood elevations that would dramatically raise National Flood Insurance Policy premiums.

In October 2018, Harpswell appealed FEMA's proposed changes and submitted its own alternative set of flood zone maps.

"We want accuracy, because we don't want to unnecessarily cause people to have to purchase expensive insurance policies," Eiane said.

Harpswell paid Ransom Consulting in Portland \$98,000 for its share of the study used to prepare its rebuttal to FEMA. Other coastal communities shared in the overall cost of the study, including Portland, Old Orchard Beach, Kittery, Wells, Biddeford and Kennebunkport.

However, the agency on August 30 rejected Ransom's study, citing a technical error in its computations. Ransom Consulting quickly submitted a correction to FEMA, and Maine's congressional

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**continued from previous page** delegation has asked FEMA to accept that correction via a Scientific Resolution Panel.

Despite the town's best efforts, FEMA notified Harpswell in early November that it would not incorporate the corrections into FEMA's pending flood insurance rate maps. Instead, it suggested that Harpswell seek a Letter of Map Revision, which FEMA said it would consider before issuing its final flood map changes.

In the meantime, the town is still using the FEMA maps from 1985, the last time flood zone elevations were changed. Legally, Harpswell is only allowed to use the 1985 flood maps.

"We think the Harpswell study is essentially more accurate," Eiane said. But with FEMA showing reluctance to look at the corrected study, "We don't know where we stand," she said.

Harpswell's newer proposed flood zone maps offer a much more detailed analysis, but like FEMA's, they reflect the harsh reality of rising sea levels.

Some coastal property owners

hoping for relief from flood insurance costs may be disappointed. Harpswell's proposed flood maps have elevations that are as high or even higher than what FEMA is proposing in some places.

For example, the western shoreline of Potts Point, near the Town Dock, has since 1985 had a current "Base Flood Elevation" of 10 feet above mean sea level, i.e., the midpoint between high and low tide. Both the proposed FEMA revision and Harpswell's counterproposal show a new base flood elevation of 15 feet — 50 percent higher — for that same area.

Moreover, the Potts Point shoreline, currently coded "AE" for risk of higher tides, will get a more ominous "VE" coding that also includes the risk of "wave damage" to property.

However scary that sounds, Ransom Consulting engineer Nathan Dill, the author of Harpswell's proposed flood zone maps, puts it into perspective.

"What 'VE 15' means is that's the elevation that water could splash up to, in a 1 percent chance of a flood event," Dill said. "It

doesn't necessarily mean that your property will flood."

Dill called FEMA's methodology in preparing flood maps "crudely conservative" and he said the proposed FEMA elevation changes do not include the underlying hydrology analysis incorporated in Harpswell's flood maps. For example much of Harpswell's shoreline is steep, which helps mitigate potential flood damage.

"FEMA likes to err on the side of overestimating the risk, rather than underestimating it," Dill said.

The Harpswell study took all the tide data for the last 50 years, and uses 24 detailed "transects" or cross-sections of flood-vulnera-

ble areas such as Potts Point, Stover's Cove, Lookout Point, Bailey Island and Cundy's Harbor.

Dill said the study shows that the median sea level datum point for the waters around Harpswell is now 9 inches higher than it was in 1985, and in the 34 years since the last FEMA map update, there haven't been any major flooding events in Harpswell.

Since 1978, there have been 32 flood insurance claims filed in Harpswell, with a total payout of just \$68,866.

The town's study does not include a timeline for how gradually sea levels or flood risks may rise.

For some, the picture painted by the proposed flood maps seems at odds with observed pat-

terns in nature.

"I'm having a hard time marrying up maps based on history as opposed to modeling," Nahf said. "The two approaches just seem at odds with each other."

One Potts Point couple has put their waterfront house up for sale, citing the rising cost of flood insurance. They are paying about \$5,000 annually for flood insurance now, and were told that would double to more than \$10,000 a year under the proposed flood map changes.

"We just don't see how that is sustainable for us, going forward," they said. ☺

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## Scallops

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that oversees management of the scallop fishery. DMR determines which areas should be closed to harvesting, how many licenses should be issued and what the allowable catch should be.

“Between the New Hampshire border and Penobscot Bay there are only about 10 of us divers,” Soper says.

Nationwide, less than one percent of the domestic scallop harvest is diver caught. Maine is the last remaining state to commercially harvest scallops this way in marketable numbers, making Maine diver scallops a highly prized entity.

Diver scallops are largely considered to be the freshest and most ecologically harvested.

According to Soper, “They come up clean and get sold that day. There’s no extra grit kicked up by machinery.”

When he dives, Soper harvests an average of 50 pounds of meat per day, or the equivalent of a five gallon bucket.

Scallops are harvested both by diving and by dragging. The diver season is runs a few weeks longer than the dragging season, which is further divided into

day-boats and large commercial vessels.

Day boats, which make up most of the Maine scallop fishing fleet, are licensed to fish within three miles of shore. They harvest no more than 135 pounds of scallop meat per day. Like divers, these fishermen sell their catch within hours.

In comparison, larger, off-shore commercial fishing vessels may harvest thousands of pounds of scallop meat in a single trip, fishing primarily in federal waters. Their scallops are stored on ice for the duration of the trip, which may last a week or more.

There are three scallop fishing zones in Maine near-shore waters, each of which has specific areas that are periodically closed to harvesting to allow the stock to rebuild. Scallop harvesting is limited to specific days each week.

Limited access areas, which include some areas around Harpswell’s Gun Point and Basin Point, are only open to harvesting on occasional days throughout the season.

According to Ron Lapointe, who began diving for scallops in 1977 and has since moved on to day-boat harvesting, the closure of strategic areas of the fishery and recent catch limits have

helped the resource to rebound in recent years.

“Twenty years ago the fishing was poor,” he says.

It was around that time – February 19, 1997 to be exact – that Lapointe was fishing for scallops off Basin Point when his boat went down.

“The hoisting line broke and the drag fell, which laid my boat sideways,” he explains. A wave came up and just rolled it.”

Lapointe’s tender, who worked on board the boat with him, was thrown from the deck into the water as Lapointe tried to right his vessel. As the boat rolled, the wheelhouse flooded, trapping Lapointe inside and underwater.

“I tried to get one last breath of air, but there was none,” he says. “It was my diving career that saved my life. That and my wife. We weren’t married yet, but I thought of her and knew that I wasn’t ready to die.”

Lapointe swam downward, against all inclination not to, toward the wheelhouse doors, which he pushed open against the weight of water. Dressed heavily in winter fishing gear, he

was too waterlogged to swim to the surface so he climbed hand over hand – no breath – until his head broke above the water.

“I came up bleeding and puking, but I came up,” he recalls.

Lapointe and his tender hauled themselves into the 50 dollar inflatable life raft he had purchased on a whim shortly before. Hypothermia set in immediately. There was no one on the water nearby.

When the two men reached shore, it was because Lapointe’s tender decided to swim them there. Going overboard a second time, he dragged the life raft behind him, eventually helping Lapointe out and to a nearby home.

“Scalloping might be one of the most dangerous of the fishing occupations,” says Lapointe, who also fishes for lobster. “It took me about ten years to be able to talk about this without breaking down. I had just put a new engine in that boat. It was financially devastating. And sometimes all it would take was for the wind to blow the right way or for the boat to roll just a little and I’d be flooded with anxiety. Do you know how hard it is to go

to work every day when you feel like that?”

“I kept doing it because I love my family. This is how I make a living that helps support them,” Lapointe pauses. “It took a lot of love and respect to get me back out there.”

These days, Lapointe says he’s more safety conscious—not because he was ignoring the matter before but because he knows from experience that “it can happen to me and it did. The things we don’t want to imagine can happen to us.”

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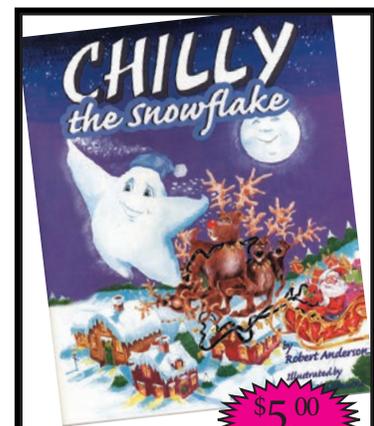
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# Hatchery

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room to grow in the future, and we love the community,” he says. “Working with the people here has been a great experience. We’ve had nothing but positive interactions. Everyone has been so helpful and kind along the way.” Running Tide secured a lease from the town of Harpswell in December of 2018 and the ball was rolling.

The task ahead of them was not easy, however. They started out with an old garage with a dirt floor, lots of broken windows and non-functioning plumbing. “It was a massive renovation,” says Odlin. “There was an enormous amount of cleaning and then we had to replace every window and all the plumbing.” That was all before they could start to set up the hatchery equipment. “We weren’t sure if we were going to be able to hatch oysters in our first season, but we did it.” After seven months, they’d gone from a dirt floor to baby oysters. And, they were even able to get those oysters out into the water for the summer growing

season. In addition to the hatchery, Running Tide has three small lease sites in Casco Bay where they can grow out their oysters – one in Middle Bay, one off Goose Island and another off Cousins Island.

“It was a little late, but we were really excited just to get them out there,” says Odlin. “You only have a few months when you can get them in the water or you’ve missed your season and an opportunity to learn. You learn so much every season.” Once the oysters are out in the water, they can measure how well those tiny hatchlings survive and grow. “We take a ton of data on the oysters we produce,” he says. This includes environmental data like temperature, salinity, and nutrients. They can compare these factors between sites and see what conditions are best for the oysters. “It’s like any farmer – you collect data to make your business better.”

They produced enough oysters to eat a few this season, but most of them were brought back to the hatchery for experiments as well as for broodstock for the next season. “It’s a feedback loop that integrates our operations,” says Odlin. “All the data we collect makes the business better.”

This time of year, inside the converted garage, tanks are bubbling cool seawater over tiny oysters. Each tank is a little bit different – different design, temperature, or a different number of oysters – all to figure out the best way to grow these baby shellfish. These oysters are only about 2mm long and a few weeks old. In the next room, ceiling-high tanks of multicolored algae stand in rows, lit up in green and yellow hues. These are the food for the oysters – and another variable they are testing. Which types do they like best? How much do they need? Is there a combination that works best? The final room is one of the most critical – this is the broodstock room where they keep the oysters they use for their seed. This room is fully quarantined to make sure nothing is introduced into Casco Bay from broodstock that comes from other locations.

Next to the small building, they are working on a new structure that will be built on the concrete slab outside. The town of Harpswell approved the plans for this building in October. Here, they’ll grow more food for the oysters as well as have more room to grow

the oysters to a bit larger size. “We hope to get them from quinoa to chickpea here,” says Odlin. They’re also working on the permits they need to sell their seed to other growers. And, next year, they hope to have some edible oysters to sell too.

As for what’s next, he says he looks at things one step at a time. “We don’t dare project too far ahead. So much has to go right. We’ve been fortunate so far – fingers crossed we can keep it going. Someday it might be nice to have an office, so we could sit at a desk, though,” he says sitting on top of one of two lab stools perched at a small counter. They’re also considering other options like overwintering oysters for local growers and trying to grow other shellfish species like quahogs.

Right now, Running Tide has eight full-time and 4 part-time staff members. “We have a great team,” says Odlin. “I love that whatever comes up, we can solve it.” They will be adding a couple of new team members as they grow. “We welcome people to stop by and have a look around if they’re interested in working with us – or just learning about what we’re

up to,” he says. There will also be opportunities for summer internships at the hatchery for local students that are interested in getting involved.

With the dock going in this summer, Mitchell Field is taking on a new shape and Running Tide is happy to be a part of it. Odlin says, “Now I get to bring my kids here to swim and I work right in the same community. ☺

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