



May, 2011

Dear Fellow SquashBuckler:

What an exciting "2011 - Damariscotta Pumpkinfest & Regatta" we have planned for October 1-10, 2011 in Damariscotta, ME! Our all-volunteer Pumpkin-Posse has been busy creating an imaginative program for the Fifth Annual Damariscotta Pumpkinfest, including the crowd pleasing motorized Giant Pumpkinboat "Regatta" in the harbor, preceded by the legendary PumpkinPaddleboat division and "PumpkinPolo". The Maine Eastern Railroad's Excursion Train (between Brunswick and Rockland) will be stopping in Newcastle as well!

The 2008 motorized regatta was featured on the Discovery Channel's "Wreckreation Nation" program, where the rules were explained as "there are no rules and no fouls, other than that the pumpkin needs to float and needs to go really fast" ! Described as the "extreme sport of gardening", this real-life "jack in the beanstalk" sport brought over 15,000 fans, including Senator Susan Collins and WCSH's Bill Green, to Damariscotta over the years to watch giant gourds powered by "wicked nice motors" ply the waters of the Damariscotta River. For the second year our official media sponsor, Down East Magazine, will be including articles in their September and October issues!

Other family-friendly events include:

- an "officially sanctioned" Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC) Pumpkin Weigh-Off, as well as a Volunteer-Grower's Weigh-Off,
- the first annual "Pumpkin Derby" (think: "soapbox derby") down Main Street,
- the ever-popular Pumpkin "Hurl" (this year featuring a hurl-off between the 2009 world champions and the upstart-challengers from New Hampshire),
- Underwater Pumpkin Carving,
- the world famous 200' Pumpkin Drop onto junked cars,
- a parade down Damariscotta's main street past a bevy of carved and painted giant gourds,

- the scrumptious Pumpkin Dessert Contest, in addition to the raucous and messy Pumpkin Pie Eating contest,
- a YMCA fun-run and obstacle challenge,
- Children's Activities, Skidompha Library Story Hour, and a free pumpkin-movie matinee "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" at Lincoln Theater, and
- the Maine Eastern Railroad's Excursion Train (between Brunswick and Rockland), which will be stopping in Newcastle on Saturday and Sunday.

We hope that you and your family enjoy this entertaining pumpkin program, and that you bring your friends along too. It's a fun time, be a part of it! For information on how to become a member of the Damariscotta Pumpkinfest Pumpkin-Posse and make memories for a lifetime

We encourage you to join the Pumpkin-Posse and support our community festival. Membership categories include:

_____	Pepita (Child – Under 12)	\$10
_____	Munchkin (Teen – Under 18)	\$25
_____	PumpkinHeads (Family)	\$50
_____	Jack-o-Lantern	\$150
_____	Great Pumpkin	\$350
_____	Maxima	\$500
_____	Great Atlantic	\$1,000
_____	First Mate	\$1,500
_____	Admiral	\$2,500

Simply check your preferred level of membership, remit your "dues" to a Damariscotta Pumpkinfest Volunteer, and note your contact details on the following form:

PUMPKIN-POSSE CONTACT

NAME: _____

EMAIL

ADDRESS: _____

MAILING
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE
NUMBER: _____

We look forward to seeing you and your family and friends at the 2011 Damariscotta
Pumpkinfest & Regatta, and encourage you to become official members of the Pumpkin-Posse
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