

News from the Beach



July 30, 2012

KBIA views

It doesn't get much better than this! Now in Week 6, we have had some pretty exceptional weather all summer long -- with some pretty amazing storms thrown in to mix it up.

It's also been an exceptional summer at KBIA, where amazing experiences happen every day! A 12-pound lobster ... top honors for our race team ... an amazing first-ever art show ... read all about

these stories below.

Just last week we passed a milestone in KBIA history: our 300th member family! As of today, the tally stands at 314 ... and we still have two action-packed weeks ahead! Read all about some of the activities we have coming up this week, and please share the news with a friend! Let's really make this a summer to remember!

Raising the sail

Thanks to your generosity, we have collected some \$31,000 to put toward our Playground Fund. Donations have come in big and smaller figures (a recent \$5,000 check was a nice surprise, just as were the proceeds from a recent girls' lemonade stand), and we appreciate the community that has come together to support this project. Everyone seems to have a fond memory of the playground,

and their donations will ensure generations to come will share similar stories. We love hearing about the toddler who learned to walk there, just as we love flying through the air on the swings ourselves. We will replace the playground when we raise the necessary \$105,000 to replace the equipment. To learn more about our project, or to make a donation, please visit www.kbia.net.



'Fantastic day on the water'

Let's hear it for the KBIA sailing team! Last week our sailors placed first in both the team and individual categories at the Orrs Bailey Yacht Club race. "We had a fantastic day on the water!" said Waterfront Director Nils.

The KBIA sailing team also took first place in both the 420s and the Opti categories. Teammates include Aidan Wood, Marguerite Montagner, Quin O'Hara, Connor O'Hara and Clara Archer.

Taking top honors in the individual 420s sailors category were Joe Ricca and Madeleine Montagner; Aidan Wood placed second in the individual Opti division.



The racing team competes at regional regattas every Wednesday, and this week the team will additionally compete in Biddeford Pool on Tuesday; the team will travel to Portland on Wednesday.

"The kids are pumped and ready to race (Tuesday)," said Nils.

Record-size 'critter'

Last Thursday was a record-breaking day for the Critter Cruise crew at KBIA. As part of the usual trap checks, Captain Todd and Counselor Corey pulled in the largest lobster we have aboard the Sea Dog II. Captain Todd estimated this bugger weighed some 12 pounds ... too big to bring in for dinner!



This week at KBIA

Tween Night:
6 to 8 PM Tuesday
Summit Adventures, Portland. \$24.

Movie Night:
7 to 9 PM Wednesday
"Ratatouille"
at Smith House, \$7.

Teen Night:
7 to 10 PM Thursday
TBA, Portland. \$24.

Please pre-register for all events at the office so we may accurately order tickets for teens and tickets/transportation for tweens; families may pay at the door for Movie Night.

Reid Sacco Family Regatta

held in The Cove, Lord's Point

Sunday, August 5

Registration \$20 donation per sailor to benefit the Reid Sacco Memorial Foundation

Skipper Meeting 12:30 PM

Start 1 PM

Please register in the KBIA office

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open to the community!

Cove Swim

open to the community!

Saturday, August 4

Check-in 12 PM

**Start 1 PM (200-yard kids swim)
1:20 PM (1-mile swim)**

Register online: www.active.com

Adult Registration \$20 (before Aug. 3) \$25 day of race

200-Yard Swims (for children under 14) \$10 (before Aug. 3) \$15 day of race

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Art Show & Sale a success

KBIA's new white tent made for a perfect seaside setting for last weekend's "Paint the Beach" art show and sale, a joint effort between KBIA and Heartwood College of Art. Renown regional artists sold 24 paintings, earning KBIA and Heartwood more than \$2,000 each. With familiar scenes like this one at Mother's Beach, and other paintings depicting local landmarks and water colors, the art will provide lasting memories for all seasons.

