



A Prayer for the Fleet

Father Jack O'Hara offers a blessing to the lobster boat *Penelope Ann* during the Maine Sea Coast Mission's annual Seafarer's Memorial and blessing of the fleet that took place June 1 at the Bar Harbor town pier. The Seafarer's Memorial remembers those who have lost their lives at sea. Following a prayer by the Rev. Gary DeLong, executive director of the Maine Sea Coast Mission, state Sen. Dennis Damon (D-Hancock County) read a proclamation from Governor John Baldacci recognizing June 1 as Seafarer's Memorial Day. The Rev. Charles Bradshaw then read the names of local fishermen who had lost their lives at sea and asked for silent prayers for any others lost at sea.