



Maine Seacoast Mission

Lighting the Way by Land and Sea

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Mission Stories of Outer Islands & Coastal Downeast Maine Towns

Charlie Harrington Retiring After 17 Years as EdGE Director



Charlie Harrington speaking with well-wishers at EdGE's 15th Anniversary Celebration

CHERRYFIELD, ME -- Please join us in celebrating the many contributions of Charlie Harrington as he retires after 17 years as Director of the Maine Seacoast Mission's EdGE Program.

Under Charlie's leadership, EdGE has grown to include in-school and after-school programs, the Marion Kane Leadership program, EdGE summer camps, and the EdGE Journey program. Students challenge themselves, engage with their communities and the outdoors, and explore college and career options. The after-school program offers academic support, and in-school programs include peer mentoring for students beginning high school.

[Click here](#) to learn more about EdGE here.

[Click here](#) to send Charlie your personal note and/or to make an EdGE donation in his honor.

For more information please contact Anna Silver by [email](#) or call (207) 801-6011

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Christened *Moonbeam*, New Mission Boat Carries On Work Among ME Island Communities



Sunbeam V crew aboard Moonbeam being lowered to the water after christening.

STONINGTON, ME -- With the *Sunbeam V* out of the water for a routine major refit until Christmas time 2019, the Mission had to find a way for the *Sunbeam* crew to travel among the islands without the *Sunbeam*. After researching, locating, and inspecting several boats, *Sunbeam* Engineer Storey King identified a 34-foot wooden Downeast Cruiser to serve as six-month transportation. Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 12:30 pm, the Sunbeam crew, Mission staff, and others gathered at Billings Boat Yard in Stonington, ME to christen the new Mission boat,

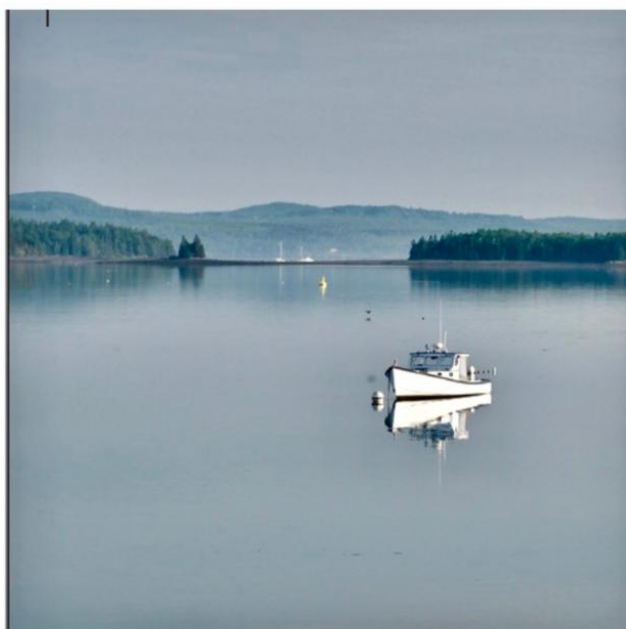
“It’s really important for the Seacoast Mission to maintain our presence on the islands. The *Moonbeam* is more than just a way of getting our crew to the islands, it’s our way of living our commitment to the health and well-being of these vital communities, as we have been doing for over 100 years,” said Mission President John Zavodny.

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Island Reader Vol. 13 - Summer 2019 Available Soon

The Island Reader

Anthology of Maine
Island artists & writers



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ALL ISLAND EDITION

BAR HARBOR, ME -- For the first time in its history, *The Island Reader* contains creative work from every unbridged island supporting a year-round population. This year’s theme

is *All Islands*. The editors worked really hard to solicit as many submissions as possible, so every island would be represented.

Islanders did not disappoint. *Island Reader 2019* is twice the size of previous editions and represents the creativity of Islesford, Great Cranberry, Frenchboro, Swan's Island, Isle au Haut, Eagle Island, Matinicus, Monhegan, Vinalhaven, North Haven, Islesboro, Cliff Island, Chebeague, Peaks Island, Great Diamond and Long Island. I cannot wait to get it into people's hands, so that they can enjoy some fabulous summer reading from our beautiful islands.

Stay tuned for ordering details. // *Island Outreach Director Douglas Cornman*

Save the Date

16th Annual Sunbeam Award Gala, 8/15/19



BAR HARBOR, ME — The Seacoast Mission's *Annual Sunbeam Award Gala* is our centerpiece fundraising event, built around recognizing those who embody the ideals of community.

We are very excited to honor this year's Sunbeam Awardees: Dr. Diehl Snyder and the MDI Behavioral Health Center, our partners in providing mental health services to our island communities; and Bryan Colket and the volunteer *Sunbeam* refit committee, who raised the funds needed so that our mighty boat can continue to support island services for decades to come.

Our *16th Annual Sunbeam Award Gala* is Thursday, August 15, 2019, 5:30 pm at the Bar Harbor Club, Bar Harbor, ME. Details and online registration coming soon.

For more information [email](#) or call Anna Silver at 207-288-5097.

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Visit seacoastmission.org/bgr and get involved today.

BAR HARBOR, ME -- Maine Seacoast Mission's fiscal year ends June 30th. There are many ways [you can help us](#) with our work.

While we are proud of our 114-year history, our focus is on our work today and tomorrow: Helping feed a struggling family, sharing laughter at our weekly free community dinners, checking an island lobsterman's blood pressure; giving a child courage to tackle our ropes course, or helping a student be first in their family to attend and graduate college.

Spreading word of our work through your social media helps. We are active on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [YouTube](#). Also, we encourage you to stay current by subscribing to our [free monthly newsletter](#).

Please know we grateful for your support and honored to be stewards of your gifts.

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