Maine Seacoast Mission is committed to working with people’s strengths and honoring the capacity of individuals to choose their own course in life.

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Mission Stories of Outer Islands & Coastal Downeast Maine Towns

Sunbeam Refit Update
Lose a Shower, Gain a Freezer

BELFAST, ME — Thank you, Captain Michael Johnson for keeping us up-to-speed, through words and photos, of progress on the Sunbeam refit:

“The shower on the Sunbeam upper level, used only by me, is being removed. Two showers on a smallish boat are not necessary. This area will be repurposed into a closet with an upright freezer so Jillian, the Sunbeam Steward, will not have to leave the main deck for anything other than sleep. The blue tape shows the general outline of the freezer. This new configuration will also improve traffic flow in the forward hallway.”

Full Story & Pics

Come Visit Us at the Maine Boat & Home Show
August 9 - 11, Tent G - Booth 102
BAR HARBOR, ME - The Maine Seacoast Mission's *Sunbeam V* crew looks forward to attending the [Maine Boat & Home Show](https://www.maineboatshome.com), August 9 - 11, in Rockland, ME.

Please come visit us at the Mission booth in Tent G - Booth 102 all three show days. It's always great to greet old friends and to make new ones.

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**Registration Still Open**

**16th Annual Sunbeam Award Gala**

**Thursday, August 15, 2019**

BAR HARBOR, ME — The Mission’s [Annual Sunbeam Award Gala](https://www.maineboatshome.com) 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 Hospital Behavioral Health Center, our partners in providing mental health services to our island communities; and Bryan Colket and the [All Hands on Deck Committee](https://www.maineboatshome.com) members who raised the funds needed so that our mighty boat, *Sunbeam V*, can continue to support island services for decades to come.

Our [16th Annual Sunbeam Award Gala](https://www.maineboatshome.com) is Thursday, August 15, 2019, 5:30 pm at the Bar...
Strong Month of Amazing Housing Rehabilitation Volunteers

CHERRYFIELD, ME — Housing Rehabilitation Program Manager Scott Shaw wrote on July 16, “For some very appreciative homeowners, forty-three volunteers from Ohio and thirteen volunteers from South Portland roofed three homes, built two sets of stairs, installed windows and doors, and started skirting a trailer.”

At the end of last month, Scott Shaw sent words/photos of “another great week of weather and amazing volunteers” from Congregational Church of Laconia, NH and United Church of Christ Congregational of Boxborough, MA.

Shaw's photos show these volunteers working to protect Maine coastal area homes, inside and outside, from extreme windy, cold, and damp winters.

Success: Mission's College Exploration-Engagement Retreat
BAR HARBOR, ME — This photo is from our initial CEECoast College Exploration and Engagement retreat. The Mission hosted the retreat from June 30 to July 2 at College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, ME.

A dozen wonderful sophomores from Sumner and Narraguagus High Schools were selected to participate in this college readiness program, which offers mentoring and support, as students transition to and through college.

Christina Griffith, who is the Mission’s Program Director for New Education Initiatives, former Mission scholarship recipient Tristan Alley, and Briana West, the Mission’s EdGE Journey Coordinator, served as retreat facilitators. Mr. Alley recently graduated Husson University.

BAR HARBOR, ME — On July 16 the Mission’s Island Health Services hosted a lobstermen’s health issues event at Matinicus school. Island Health Services Director Sharon Daley, RN said in a brief email, “Had a wonderful trip…and…a great turnout.”

Dr. Kerry Lavigne, a dermatologist from Camden, ME, traveled to Matinicus with her family and Sharon Daley aboard the “Robin R” water taxi. Dr. Lavigne volunteered to do skin cancer screenings, and to share information about skin cancer prevention and protection.

Lani Carlson of University of Maine Cooperative Extension’s Maine AgrAbility chatted with lobstermen about work place safety, occupational health and adaptive support for
15th Annual Open Tennis Tournament - Silent Auction to Benefit EdGE

BAR HARBOR, ME -- Rain date Sunday, September 8, 2019. For info about playing or sponsorship opportunities, email Anna Silver at or call her at 207-801-6011.

The Maine Seacoast Mission’s EdGE program helps Downeast Maine youth succeed in school and life. EdGE’s after-school, in-school, and summer programs provide activities supporting academic skills and performance. Youth learn to work in groups, develop social skills, and build character—all while having fun.