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Seacoast Mission Chooses Front Street Shipyard for *Sunbeam V* Refit



*Sunbeam V Captain Michael Johnson explains the refit in this short video.
Click this image to see Capt. Johnson's video.*

BAR HARBOR, ME — The Maine Seacoast Mission has decided on Front Street Shipyard of Belfast, ME to complete the midlife refurbishment of the Mission's 74-foot boat, *Sunbeam V*. Captain Michael Johnson expects the boat will be at Front Street Shipyard next month for the routine refit.

Capt. Mike Johnson said, "The *Sunbeam's* last trip ends April 25th. Then there's a week to ten day decommissioning period for the boat in Northeast Harbor. In early May the boat will go down to Front Street Shipyard and have an additional decommissioning. Some of Front Street Shipyard's work can be done while the boat's in the water. It's probably going to be hauled, taken out of the water in mid-May," Capt. Johnson said.

Capt. Johnson said in a YouTube video explaining the *Sunbeam* refit, "The thesis of the refit work is basically to gain access to the below deck areas. Steel boats rust from the inside out. A lot of those areas are difficult to access.

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Mission Scholarship Deadline is May 1, 2019



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to hear Program Director Terri Rodick's short video message.

BAR HARBOR, ME -- Maine Seacoast Mission Program Director Terri Rodick reminds high school students and their families the deadline for Mission Scholarships is May 1, 2019.

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Mass. General Neurologist Offers Support to Sunbeam's Telemedicine Work



Mission Health Director Sharon Daley, RN (second from left) with Dr. Anand Viswanathan and his research team at Massachusetts General Hospital.

BAR HARBOR, ME — “Monday, April 15, I spent an amazing day at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) thanks to Anand Viswanathan, MD, PhD,” said the Mission’s Island Health Director Sharon Daley, RN.

Director Daley’s was somewhat of a full-circle visit. In May 2018, at the invitation of then-

Mission President Scott Planting, Dr. Anand spent three days accompanying Sharon aboard the *Sunbeam V* for her regular telemedicine run.

Dr. Anand, a Neurologist, is a member of the Massachusetts Alzheimer's Disease Research Center and is a staff neurologist in both the Stroke Service and Memory Disorders Unit. He also works with patients in remote areas, such as northern Maine, via telemedicine. His work, and the *Sunbeam's* island work, are a natural fit.

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Sigma Kappa Student's Mission Coat Drive Becomes a Family Affair



L-R – Donnie Berkoski (Julia's uncle), Patricia Tuttle (Julia's aunt), Diana White (Julia's aunt), David Berkoski (Julia's dad), Alan Berkoski (Julia's brother.)

CHERRYFIELD, ME — Julia Berkoski and her family are continuing a century old partnership between Sigma Kappa and Maine Seacoast Mission. The Berkoski family is pictured here with just some of the coats they delivered recently to Maine Seacoast Mission. Julia Berkoski is a student at West Georgia State College and a member of the Sigma Kappa Sorority at the school. She organized a coat drive for the Mission.

Julia sent the coats to her dad David Berkoski. He added more coats from a coat drive he did at his workplace.

Then David, his son and extended family drove from the Boston area to Cherryfield to deliver hundreds of coats on Saturday, March 31.

We are very happy to have so many coats to help keep our neighbors warm next winter.

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Maine Islands Have Figured Out How to Do Elder Care

BAR HARBOR, ME -- Thank you, *Down East* magazine, and contributing editor Jesse Ellison for your excellent [May 2019](#) piece, *No Elder an Island*. The Mission's Island Health Director, Sharon Daley, RN, is a pioneer in Maine unbridged island adult family care homes. Among Director Daley's work with island communities aboard the *Sunbeam*, she also hosts the Mission's annual [Elder Care Conference](#) made up of many people mentioned in Ms. Ellison's story:



No Elder an Island

FOR MANY SENIORS ON MAINE'S ISLANDS, THE PROSPECT OF SETTLING INTO A MAINLAND CARE HOME IS DISQUIETING. THE ALTERNATIVE REQUIRES A WHOLE COMMUNITY'S INVESTMENT.

BY JESSE ELLISON

On the day she moved out of the North Haven home where she'd lived since 1952, Harriet Pendleton woke at 3 a.m. It was early January, among the quietest times of year for the island's 350 or so year-round residents, and a day that Pendleton had been alternately dreading and looking forward to. She wasn't moving far, just a mile or so up the street, but the move carried with it an existential weight. Pendleton, who turned 90 last August, was to be the first resident

of a brand-new eldercare facility called Southern Harbor House.

For Pendleton and her family, the nonprofit adult family care home for AFCH, the state's term for a small, residential care facility) opened just in time. Shortly before Christmas, her adult children found themselves in a situation familiar to many: Pendleton, whose husband died in 1965, wanted to stay in the house she lived in with her adult son, but she'd recently fallen and been taken by ambulance and ferry to a mainland hospital. She was released, but her family worried she'd fall again. More

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[Sharon] Daley argues, there's something to be said for the islands' scaled-down, community-driven approach. "I feel like the islands have figured out how to do eldercare, and the rest of the country needs to follow," she says.

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Save the Date 16th Annual Sunbeam Award Gala, 8/15/19



The Bar Harbor Club during the 15th Annual Sunbeam Award Gala

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.

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