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*Mission Stories of Outer Islands & Coastal Downeast Maine Towns*

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## What to Expect When Sunbeam V Returns to Service



*The Sunbeam V mid-refit celebration in October 2019 at [Front Street Shipyard](#), Belfast, ME.*

BAR HARBOR, ME -- Here are highlights of what we expect when our mighty vessel, *Sunbeam V*, is back in service:

- Modernized navigational suite including automatic identification (tracking) system (AIS), a more powerful radar, and better chart plotter functions.
- Quieter and more fuel-efficient generators.
- Sound attenuation technologies on engine room bulkhead to further reduce noise

- transfer.
- Upgraded galley with full cooking exhaust capabilities and new appliances.
  - New ventilation system to deliver fresh air to lower cabin areas in warm weather.
  - Low draw LED lighting throughout the boat with adjustable warmth and brightness.
  - Rigid bottom inflatable tender to allow safer launching in adverse weather. The *Sunbeam V*'s tender is a boat used for transporting people or supplies to and from shore or another ship.
  - More extensive dry and cold food storage - all on main level for better access.
  - Engineered heating system for better distribution of heat and unlimited hot water.

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## To Those Who Helped Make Our 2019 Christmas Program a Success - Thank You



CHERRYFIELD, ME — From gift givers, to donors, to volunteers; to those who spread word of our [Christmas Program](#) Wish List on social media, and by word-of-mouth -- thank you.

The Christmas Program delivered an average eleven presents each to 1,400 people on Maine unbridged islands and in Downeast Washington and Hancock Counties.

Thank you for your help in making that happen.

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## Downeast Downeast Campus Community Highlights: 2019–2020



*A few of our many talented, creative, hardworking volunteers with  
our Housing Rehabilitation Program*

CHERRYFIELD, ME -- We asked Mission Director of Service Programs Wendy Harrington for her short list of 2019 highlights among the Downeast Campus programs and activities, as well as, what we can look for at the Downeast Campus in year 2020.

#### 2019 Highlights

- Completed Downeast Campus Strategic Plan.
- Launched the [Downeast Maine Tiny House Project](#).
- Launched the Good Neighbor Fund – a financial assistance program for [EdGE](#) Families – and began working with families to advance their goals.
- Continued to advance our programs combating childhood hunger through EdGE schools, Farm Share, weekend backpack program, and summer meals.

#### 2020 Vision

- Continue Housing Rehabilitation and weatherization work with Downeast Community Partners and explore new opportunities with them to further address housing issues.
- Complete initial Downeast Maine Tiny House project.
- Build on the strengths of established programs to offer more integrated support for EdGE families and others, using a multi-generational approach and a Family Food Center model of coordinating resources to advance positive change.

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## EdGE Now



*EdGE after-school program students visited nursing home residents to spread Holiday cheer*

CHERRYFIELD, ME -- Happy New Year. The [Downeast Community Campus](#) ice rink has been constructed in the EdGE parking lot and will soon have [EdGE](#) after-school program students ice skating on it daily.

This winter, the EdGE building will again be open Saturdays to the community for family ice skating and other winter activities. The first Saturday opening is January 11th. Ice skates and helmets are available. More information will be available on the [EdGE Facebook](#) page. We look forward to a winter of great activities.

Honorable mention for 2019: In December, students from various EdGE afterschool programs visited area nursing homes to spread some Holiday cheer. The students and nursing home residents had a great time singing and playing games together.

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