



The Sunbeam crew arriving in Northeast Harbor after the boat's homecoming from its routine major refit. L-R: Douglas Cornman, Jillian, Mike Johnson, Sharon Daley, Storey King.

Sunbeam Homecoming

NORTHEAST HARBOR, ME -- The weather was perfect for a Downeast Maine homecoming: chilly, soggy, and foggy, with intermittent rain.

Starting around 4:15 pm, *Sunbeam* Island Outreach Director & Chaplain Douglas Cornman hosted a [Facebook Live event](#) that began with a video tour of the newly renovated boat, video of the boat parade, and shout-outs to several Mission faithful who joined via Facebook from as near as MDI and other MSM service islands and as far as Florida, Tennessee, and Ohio. The Facebook Live event continued ashore from the Northeast Harbor pier.

A couple dozen brave souls welcomed the *Sunbeam* and crew into port and

cheered a flawless docking by Capt. Johnson and crew. Nearly all stayed for approximately a half hour to listen to brief remarks by MSM President John Zavodny, Douglas Cornman, Captain Michael Johnson, and MSM Board Chair Daniel McKay.

Zavodny welcomed Mission dignitaries and diehards. Cornman recited Henry van Dyke's poem *Little Ship Sunbeam* written for the *Sunbeam's* 1995 christening. Douglas blessed the boat and her service. Capt. Mike thanked the Front Street Shipyard re-fitters, and Board Chair McKay thanked donors and staff who made the refit a reality.

Douglas Cornman said, "Stepping on board the *Sunbeam* and seeing my crew mates again brought tears of joy to my eyes. I am so excited to be reunited with her and am really looking forward to reintroducing her to the islands. I am thankful to the boats who escorted her home, and to all the folks who braved the fog and rain to meet us at the dock. What an expression of love and support."

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Island Outreach Director & Chaplain Douglas Cornman passes a Christmas present to a happy young Maine islander for Christmas 2019.

Christmas Program 2020

CHERRYFIELD, ME -- Spreading Christmas cheer is one of the Mission's oldest traditions, beginning over 100 years ago with Mission gifts to island residents and lighthouse keepers.

We invite you this year to help us put presents under trees for individuals and families who can't do it alone. Covid-19's stretched family budgets make shopping more difficult. You can give gifts online which will be shipped directly to the Mission through the [Mission's Amazon Christmas List](#). Or you can download and use our 2020 traditional [Christmas Wish List](#). Those of you mailing gifts or gift cards should mail to these addresses, to the attention of the Christmas Program:

UPS Delivery: *39 Weald Bethel Lane, Cherryfield, ME 04622*

US Postal Service Delivery: *PO Box 428, Cherryfield, ME 04622*

We welcome Christmas Program [online donations](#) or checks. Please mail checks to the attention of the Christmas Program, Maine Seacoast Mission, PO Box 600, Northeast Harbor, ME 04662. More questions? Email [Ms. Christmas](#) or call 207-598-1467.

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Honoring Mission Scholars - October 15th

BAR HARBOR, ME -- The President's Scholarship Celebration continues a popular Mission event honoring our newest scholarship recipients. This year's virtual event will take place on October 15th from 6:00-7:15 pm. In addition to celebrating our 2020 Mission Scholars, we will take the opportunity to inaugurate our Mission Guide and Mission Trailblazer awards.

Special thanks to our Celebration sponsors: First National Bank and Bar Harbor Bank & Trust (*Platinum*); Eaton Peabody and Billings Diesel and Marine, Inc.

(Bronze); and Brookings-Smith Funeral Home and Deighan Wealth Advisors (Copper).

Those of you interested in joining the online Celebration should please contact Anna Silver at 207.801.6011 or by [email](#).

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EdGE Senior Site Coordinator Suzy James and Schoodic Point.

Mission People & Places - Suzy James

CHERRYFIELD, ME -- EdGE Senior Site Coordinator Suzy James just celebrated her 15th anniversary with the Mission. So, we asked Suzy to help us launch a new project. We want Mission friends to better know the fabulous Mission people who make our programs/services possible. We're also asking our colleagues to name a special Maine place.

"I am proud to be a Mission team member," said Suzy. EdGE Interim Director Isaac Marnik said Suzy "keeps the EdGE program going at the Rose Gaffney School in Machias. She's providing indispensable assistance every day."

Suzy's favorite Maine place? Schoodic Point in Acadia National Park; described as one of the best places to view pounding surf during rough seas [and] stunning views of Cadillac Mountain.

"Schoodic is so special to me," Suzy said. "My sister Stanya took me there for the first time about 40 years ago. It has been my peaceful place ever since; one of the most beautiful places on earth! If you go there with a heavy heart, you will soon feel like singing," she said.

Thank you, Suzy, for your incredible commitment to Washington County kids and for being part of EdGE.

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EdGE Tennis Tournament a Great Success

SOUTHWEST HARBOR, ME -- We appreciate the creativity of our 16th Annual EdGE Tennis Tournament chairs, the support of our sponsors, and the cooperation of our players to play hard, play fair, and play safe - as the EdGE motto says! The Causeway Club hosted the tournament and we all enjoyed the beautiful setting and the mild weather.

The Dead River team edged out Machias Savings for first place in the morning round of play. The afternoon flight was very competitive and the teams from Small Animal Clinic rose to the top. The final round between Dead River (runner-up) and Small Animal Clinic (champion) was fun to watch. Congratulations to all and thank you for supporting the work of EdGE! We couldn't do it without our sponsors:

Lead Sponsor - Bar Harbor Bank & Trust

Team Sponsors - Dead River Company; John Williams Boat Company; R.H. Foster Energy, LLC; Small Animal Clinic, and Machias Savings Bank.

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EdGE Site Coordinator Everett Carroll teaching yoga to elementary school kids.

EdGE Afterschool 2020 - Moving Parts

CHERRYFIELD, ME -- On September 15, Mission Interim Director of EdGE Isaac Marnik announced the opening of EdGE afterschool program registrations. "For schools able to offer a modified EdGE program this Fall, we will closely align EdGE with each school's protocols and procedures," he said.

Today EdGE afterschool programming is modified and in progress in six Washington County elementary schools. Isaac describes EdGE programming 2020 as "lots of moving parts and changing daily." Our EdGE site coordinators stay flexible and adapt.

Here's where we are as of this writing.

The six EdGE elementary schools are Rose M. Gaffney; Jonesport/Beals; Milbridge; Harrington; D.W. Merritt, and Cherryfield. Their school weeks have variety in scheduling with a mix of in school and remote learning. Rose M. Gaffney and Cherryfield are two schools with in school classes five days a week and no remote learning. EdGE Site Coordinators help during the school day. Active afterschool programs vary from none (Gaffney, Jonesport/Beals) to the regular four day afterschool schedule (Cherryfield).

Thank you to our school partners for offering EdGE to students amidst "lots of moving parts." Thanks also to our EdGE Site Coordinators for your grace in going with the flow.

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