



## Holbrook Community Foundation

### News and Events at Holbrook's Wharf Spring 2016

#### The Commercial Wharf at Holbrook's

Holbrook Wharf's commercial bays, moorings and dock space are filled to capacity for the summer. The following fishing related businesses will be at Holbrook's for the upcoming season:

**Fat Tuna** buys blue fin tuna from Harpswell area tuna boats. The tuna are then packed and shipped to Japan, Canada and across the US.

**Pesce Inc.** builds and sells their unique brand of lobster traps. The brothers also land lobsters that are trucked to buyers outside of Harpswell.

**Source Seaweed** will once again be off-loading bags of seaweed at Holbrook's Wharf. The seaweed then is trucked to Source's Brunswick plant for processing.

**Hawkes Lobster**, our next door neighbors, temporarily leased storage space from Holbrook's while rebuilding their lobster wharf. And Holbrook's has rented one of its moorings to a commercial tuna fisherman.

#### Pumpout Station

In 2012 the town of Harpswell and Holbrook's Community Foundation collaborated to fund a self service pump-out station in Cundy's Harbor. It doesn't look elegant, but it will help reduce overboard discharge.

The untreated sewage from two recreational boaters in one weekend puts the same amount of bacterial pollution into the water as does the treated sewage of 10,000 people.

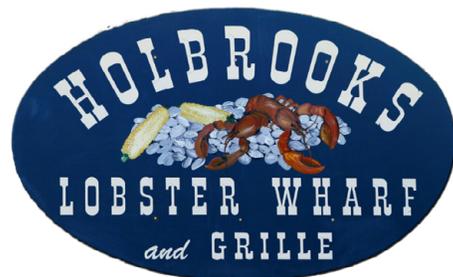
Please help us keep our harbor clean. There is no fixed charge, but a donation is always welcome.

#### Water Matters

Holbrook's has faced many challenges this past year regarding water quality. Mussels were clogging the original reverse osmosis system and a new well site was initiated in order to bypass the intake pump submerged in the harbor. Unfortunately, the water in the new well had such high concentrations of iron and manganese that the RO system became ineffective.

HCF was unable to resolve the water issue before the busy summer season of 2015. To supply water for the store, snack bar and Holbrook-Trufant house, a 2000 gallon water storage tank was temporarily installed and water was hauled to the site throughout the summer and fall.

The good news is, as of December 2015, the RO system is up and running once again. A larger intake pump was installed on one of the public floats. With the pump no longer submerged, some of the infiltration problems are eliminated. In addition, dual water intake lines are now in place. If the connected line becomes clogged with mussels, the auxiliary line will be used while the primary line is cleaned.



#### Summer Events

**Memorial Day Weekend opening** of Holbrook's Lobster Wharf and Grill (207-729-9050) and Holbrook General Store (207-725-0022) 9am-7pm.

**August 6th - Cundy's Harbor Day** with Lobster Crate Races and Dinghy Races at 2pm.

**September 5th - Labor Day Breakfast on the Wharf** from 7:30-10am.



## Holbrook Education Initiative with Harpswell Coastal Academy

*Voices of the Working Waterfront: A Harpswell Stories Project*, has been a year long, hands-on learning experience for high school students at Harpswell Coastal Academy that explores the changing dynamics of coastal Maine's fishing economy. Using Cundy's Harbor and Holbrook's Wharf as primary classrooms, and the people of Harpswell as teachers, HCA has studied both the history and present-day reality of this place and its people.

In the fall, students conducted historical inquiry projects based on a Cundy's Harbor-related artifact to gain an appreciation for the rich local history of this community.

Over the winter, another group of students conducted oral history interviews with a dozen Harpswellians living and/or working in Cundy's Harbor.

Finally, this spring, a third group of students is producing a short documentary film constructed from the historical understanding established in the fall, the oral history footage gathered in the winter, and interview footage shot this spring. The film represents a rich, multi-dimensional understanding of Cundy's Harbor and the community. It also represents thousands of student work hours, and enormous growth and skill-building that will directly move students closer to high school graduation. Our hope is that this body of work will be a treasured archive, accessible to the world, serving the mission of the Holbrook Community Foundation, and the people of Harpswell whose shared stories have made it possible. Come see the film on July 14th at 6pm at the Community Hall.



## Holbrook Education Initiative with Harpswell Community School and HHLT

In the past year, the Holbrook Education Initiative has enabled every grade level at Harpswell Community School to participate in an outdoor environmental education program with a focus on Harpswell's natural environment and marine resources. These programs, offered by Julia McLeod of Harpswell Heritage Land Trust (HHLT), include in-class and outdoor lessons at the school and local field trips. One of the most engaging projects has



been with Atlantic Salmon. In 2015 and 2016, the third grade raised Atlantic Salmon from eggs to fry, in an aquarium in the classroom. They released the fish into a tributary of the Androscoggin River. This project provides an in-depth learning experience about habitats, life cycles, migration and the importance of clean water. Topics at other grade levels include: animal survival needs, adaptations, habitats, biodiversity, interdependence, life cycles,

phenology, geology and matter and energy.

In addition each fall and spring, students in all grade levels participate in an after-school program called "Explore Nature." This program gives students an opportunity to engage in games, hands-on exploration, science study and nature-inspired art. It is free to families. In 2016, the Explore Nature program for grades 3-5 allows students to get involved with real citizen science through helping the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife with a Great Blue Heron monitoring project.

The Holbrook Education Initiative also supports four weeks of Nature Day Camp, engaging more than 70 young people with Harpswell's natural resources. Nature Day Camp combines fun, creativity and hands-on exploration to create a memorable learning experience and inspire the next generation of environmental stewards.

The Holbrook Community Foundation was formed in 2006 as a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the Holbrook working waterfront, supporting commercial fishing in Harpswell, and providing opportunities for education about our marine environment for the benefit of the local community. This is being done with generous donations and hard work by people like YOU. **Thank you.**

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