



HIGH TIDE

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Hurray for the Red, White and Blue – Celebrating July 4th

What a glorious day and night! Higgins beach couldn't have been more festive on the 4th of July – by day, the streets were filled with people donning their red, white, and blue; which was also the theme of the parade this year. By night – fireworks filled our special seaside community.

On this day we were brought back in time, with *Paul Revere's Ride*; reminded today: *We Persist*; enjoy *Made in Maine*; all the while knowing, per the *Gryzwald's 4th of July Vacation*, this special beach community celebrates an awesome *Higgins Beach Birthday Bash* – each year, from *Brides at the Beach*, to *Pearl Street Patriotic Pop Truck*; heck, ask the *All American Boy* or check in with *Team Rick*; *Tropical Parade of Fools* may bring you to *Margaritaville* for a moment; lest we not forget our heritage – it's great to be *Born in the USA* – and Higgins Beach is the place to be in the summer. For more, see page 4.



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Beach Raking

Join the 6AM Seaweed raking crew
Thursday mornings! Beach raking
dates:

July 27th; August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th.
We love our beach rakers!

Beach Yoga

7:30AM Yoga on the beach. Meet
at the foot of Champion Bring your
mat or towel, and water. All levels

welcome!
Tuesdays: 7/25, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29, 9/5
Fridays: 8/4 Note: if it rains, no yoga!

Monday Bridge

All are welcome! Join a bridge game
every Monday at 1pm at the
clubhouse through mid -September.

All skills are welcome. You don't
need a partner. FMI call David
Haskell: 885-9958

Wednesday Dinners!

Why cook when you can have dinner
cooked for you at the clubhouse with
Higgins Beach family and friends!

Don't miss out! Space is limited, so
pull out your calendar and call either
Glynnis Chabot – 883-3925 or John
Veltri – 883-3585 for tickets.

Dinner begins at 6pm and tickets are
required.

All meals are \$15/person, except for

the Lobster Bake, which is
\$20/person. Here's what's cooking:

July 26th – Prime Rib

August 2nd – Lobster Bake

August 9th – Chicken Marsala

**August 16th – Moe's BBQ Smoked
Turkey & Ribs**

**August 23rd – Haddock Dinner
with Crabmeat**

Wednesday Donut Breakfast - \$2/Person

Enjoy donuts at 9AM at the
Clubhouse. Please bring your own
mug. Stop by and enjoy a donut,
juice or coffee with family and

neighbors! \$2/person. HBA
merchandise is available for sale at
donuts.

Family Friendly Sand Sculpture Photo Exhibit

Now through August 20,
photograph your sand sculptures
and submit to

HigBeachMaine@gmail.com. Include a
title and name of artists. Photo will be
displayed on Hbamaine.com!

Don Campbell Concert July 25th 7pm

Relax and kick back on the lawn of
the clubhouse for an evening of

musical enjoyment. Bring your lawn
chair and bug spray!

HBA Craft Fair Aug 11 & 12th

Craft Fair at the Clubhouse on
Friday 9AM – 4PM & Saturday
9AM – 3pm. Featuring many local
arts and crafts and home baked

goods. Bakers are wanted! FMI
please call Faye Blaise: 885-5087
or Maura Gwyer: 883-2475

Donning the wreck of Howard M Middleton

by Harry Moody, 22 Champion St.

Visitors to Higgins Beach leave with many fond memories including those of the picturesque shipwreck of the Howard M Middleton. Located on the sandbar at the north end of the beach, it's ancient timbers recall a time when nearly all passengers and goods bound for- or leaving Maine moved by ship. And when the moon rises, bright orange slowly fading to pale yellow over Richmond Island, the reflection on the tidal pools that form around wreck rivals the beauty of anything on Maine's rugged coast.

Those few of us lucky enough to have lived all our days, man and boy, in this little village in the corner of Scarborough can tell you what an important place the wreck has been in our lives, and I am no exception. As children, we played pirates among the ribs of the once beautiful ship, and the warm pools left by the retreating tides were a favorite place to build sand castles. We collected sea glass and sand dollars, once abundant on this part of the beach. You can still find pieces of coal now and then, part of the cargo carried by the Middleton.

In the years that followed, this place became even more important to me, as I had found the love of my life and each night we would walk the beach and share our dreams. And every night, for several weeks, intentionally pausing beside the old ship wreck, I would ask her "IF I asked you to marry me, would you say yes?" and she would smile and answer, "You'll have to ask me to find out." Eventually, I summoned the courage and on cold damp evening I asked her "Will you marry me?" And she responded without thinking, "You'll have to ask me to find out." Flustered but undeterred I said, "I AM ASKING" and happily she said yes, several times among the tears and kisses that followed. But that is not the end of the story.

Like many husbands, I struggle to find presents, especially anniversary presents for my wife. And like many husbands I have taken the cowards way out: gift cards. Over the last few years I have given her gift cards to Cross Jewelers in Portland and realizing she had not used any of them, I literally dragged her across Congress Street and up the stairs to Cross. The store was featuring a special, limited edition collection of nautical jewelry and the display include several old photos of wreck of the Howard M Middleton. The jeweler was instantly delighted that we recognized the old wreck. It seems many years ago a great storm had struck Higgins Beach, the same storm that had swept the old Silver Sands Hotel out to sea, and a piece of the wreck had broken off. As luck would have it, the very jeweler we were speaking to, had, as a young man, rented a cottage at the beach and saved this curious relic as a souvenir. And these many years later, he had designed a line of jewelry, each piece incorporating a bit of the ancient wood. I'm happy to report my dear wife, Shirley, proudly wears the bracelet and pendant on many occasions and especially on our anniversary.

Reminders and tips:

- All scheduled events are held at the clubhouse (except for beach raking!)
- Make your reservations; Dinners sell out quickly! \$15/adult, (\$20 Lobster)
- The clubhouse is available May 14th – October 10th (excluding HBA events). Members wishing to hold a private event should call Sue Naiden: 239-6421



Rules of the beach:

Piping Plover Protection:

The eastern end of Higgins Beach (down by the Spurwink River) is owned by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife. Please note that this property has been roped off with "No Trespassing" signs to protect our nesting and roosting endangered Piping Plovers. Beach walkers are asked to respect the roped off area and be advised that department biologists and volunteer monitors will be easily identifiable to answer any questions may have.

IMPORTANT

From April 1 – Labor Day, Dogs are prohibited from trespassing on the eastern end of the beach beyond Champion Street.

Dogs on the Beach:

From Champion Street to the west end of Higgins Beach the following rules apply:

Dawn – 9AM: Dogs are allowed OFF LEASH under voice and sight control.

9AM – 5PM: Dogs are prohibited.

5PM – Dusk: Dogs are allowed ON LEASH.

Dusk – Dawn: Dogs are prohibited

42ND Annual Golf Tournament

The 42nd Annual Higgins Beach International Golf Tournament started by Bo Martin offers up fun competition based on the average net score of Canadian versus US players as well as the overall individual low net.

There is a 20-player maximum. Name, phone #, Golf index or Handicap is needed. If you would like to play, call or e-mail Tom Murphy – 207-883-2246, tmurphy04074@aol.com.

July 27th - 10:30 AM: Nonesuch River, Scarborough

August 3rd - 10:30AM: Dunegrass Golf Club, Old Orchard Beach

Aug 10th -10:30AM: Valhala, Cumberland.



HBA 4th of July Parade Results

Individual

First Place – Paul Revere’s Ride – Andrew Skillings
 Second Place – Made in Maine – Mia and Lucy Richards
 Third Place – All American Boy – Kenyon Smith

Group

First Place – We Persist – Kitsie Caxton and Alison Eckert; Susan Sarvey and Nancy Bils; Patty Weidler and Anne Spellman; Julia Huttel and Fred Kemp
 Second Place – Born in the USE – Shannon and Ryan Collins; Julia Stanton; Beth, Paige and Owen Doane; Laura and Amanda Doherty-Caser; Hilda Michaud and Tracy Gorham; Nicole Albert
 Third Place – Pearl Street Patriotic Pop Truck – Larry Langmore; Katie, Emma and Chrissy Roy; Laura and Elise Beer

Float

First Place – Tropical Paradow of Fools –Kendall, Grace, Sarah, Chelsa, Max, Robby, John and Ryan Egazarian; Bobby and John Kendall
 Second Place – Margaritaville – Kai, Alyssa and Mark Rossetti
 Third Place – Gryzwald’s 4th of July Vacation – Terry, Doris, Brooks and Brent Skillings; Jill Hobart and Friends; Dan and Breezy Keiman; Dan Chaplick

Judge's Choice

First Place – Higgins Birthday Bash – Grace and Christine Miller, Gretchen Smith, Dan Purdy
 Second Place – Brides at the Beach – Bingley, Finn, Julianne, Abby, Meave, Ross, Tom Mewlissa, Heather, David, Janice, Dede, Stephanie and Luke
 Third Place – Team Rick – Gavin, Lisa, Cate, Joe and Rick Griffin

Thank you!

Have you ever wondered who brings you your High Tide?

Sue Naiden, HBA Secretary loves it every year when Higgins Beach residents say “yes” when she asks: “Will you deliver the High Tide again this year?”

Special thanks to Linda Daisley, Kathy Mercier, Jack Mitchell, John Meader, Deborah Doherty, Marcia Babyak, Janice Drinan, Carol Monterio, Carol Turner, Tom and Sharon Murphy and Thomas Vachon.

“To all, your help is very much appreciated!” ~ Sue Naiden

News stories, announcements, photos are always welcome! All material is subject to edit due to timeliness and space. Deadline for material is the 10th of each month (June – September).

Send content via e-mail to: kvachon59@gmail.com. Please put HIGH TIDE in the subject line. Thank you!