



2026

Yachtsmen Weekend Itinerary

AUGUST 5-8 | THE YACHTSMEN CUP RETURNS



This year, we're bringing back the true spirit of the Yachtsmen Cup. Once awarded for sporting events and the Harbor Lights Dock Decorating Contest, the competition is returning to its full tradition after years focused solely on decorating.

During Yachtsmen Week, participants can earn points for their dock by competing in mahjong, pickleball, golf and trap shooting, all while playing for individual prizes. Those points will be added to each dock's Harbor Lights score over Labor Day weekend.

The dock (or non-docked group) with the highest combined total claims the Yachtsmen Cup and the bragging rights that come with it. So gather your team and join the fun, as this beloved tradition returns, celebrating camaraderie, competition and club spirit.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 | A TOUCH OF COASTAL ELEGANCE



Our Yachtsmen Week begins with an unforgettable evening of lakeside elegance and coastal charm. Guests will enjoy cocktails on the lawn, followed by a plated dinner, along CIC's scenic lakefront boardwalk. A single grand table, seating eighty guests, will be set beneath soft lighting, styled in a classic blue-and-white palette with fresh florals and candlelight. As the sun sets, an acoustic guitar will provide the perfect backdrop for a relaxed, sophisticated evening. Guests are encouraged to dress in elegant, coastal summer attire. Straw hats also are welcomed for a touch of charm.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 | SPORTING EVENTS AWARDS LUNCHEON



Enjoy a luncheon in the Harbour Room, starting at Noon, as we recognize this year's participants and announce our event winners. It's the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow members, celebrate the competition and collect your participation gift. Whether you competed or cheered from the sidelines, we encourage everyone to attend and be part of the celebration.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 | A SPLASH OF COASTAL HUMOR



Enjoy a lighthearted evening on the CIC Harbor, where great drinks, delicious food and plenty of laughs await! Join your fellow Yachtsmen for cocktails and a potluck dinner before our playful take on The Match Game sets sail. Our flag officers, along with a surprise guest, will take the spotlight, as the evening's "celebrity" panelists. Expect laughter, friendly competition and plenty of nautical mischief as contestants from the crowd try to match wits and words with our seafaring stars!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 | COMMODORE'S BALL: THE MAINE EVENT



Join Commodore Paula R Chesser for a refined Downeast Maine celebration at the 2026 Commodore's Ball, where the region's natural beauty shapes an experience both grand and inviting. Champagne glasses rise in gentle toasts, and delicacies honoring Maine's heritage set the tone for an evening of connection.

The ballroom exudes maritime elegance, with nautical motifs, flickering candlelight and the sparkle of glassware and linens, a true reflection of East Coast yachting style. Guests move from laughter to conversation, as music and the glowing dance floor carry the celebration late into the night.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 | COMMODORE'S REVIEW BOAT PARADE



Sign up to have your boat in the annual review to salute Commodore Paula R Chesser. We would love to see all dock captains and as many dock mates as possible supporting their fellow flag officers aboard GEMINI. So gather your boating friends and show Paula how much you appreciate her leadership and volunteerism over the last four years! The parade starts at 11:30 a.m. Boats will be called in order of dock by the harbormaster.