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Damariscotta, Maine, Pumpkinfest and Regatta



October 5-14, 2013, Damariscotta, Maine, will host its seventh annual Pumpkinfest and Regatta. The festival features events ranging from the Atlantic Giant Pumpkin weigh-off to parades, pumpkin catapults, pie eating and dessert making contests, hunts, and more. The highlight is the Pumpkin Regatta, in which participants race giant hollowed-out pumpkins on the Damariscotta River.

The festival kicks off with the pumpkin weigh-in October 5-6, with \$10,000 in prizes. Giant pumpkins are then delivered to Main Street, where local artists turn them into works of art.

The weekend of October 12-14 is when most activities occur. A parade, pumpkin drop, hunt, hurl and derby, are just a few activities. Live music and street performances and kids activities will take place throughout the weekend.

On October 14, Pumpkinfest culminates with the Regatta, giant pumpkins powered by paddle or motor, racing to take home the cherished “golden gourd” trophy.

Pumpkinfest & Regatta is a 501(C)3 organization whose mission is to promote education regarding the specific agricultural science required to grow giant pumpkins. For details, visit www.damariscottapumpkinfest.com or www.facebook.com/damariscottapumpkinfest.com. Pumpkinfest is pleased to again have *Down East Magazine* as the official magazine sponsor for the festival.