



GREAT JOB SQUASHBUCKLERS !!

Thank you all for your part in making the 2015 Damariscotta Pumpkinfest & Regatta the best one yet !

50% DISCOUNT ON 2015 MERCHANDISE !

A limited supply of 2015 T-shirts and hoodies remains available at half-price!

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'service desk' for your Pumpkinfest t-shirt or hoodie, or email:

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The state of Maine's largest Giant Pumpkin Weigh-off (sponsored by Sysco - Northern New England), awarded first prize in the GPC category to a 1727.5# behemoth -the state's largest ever giant pumpkin-grown by Edwin Pierpont. First prize among the volunteer growers was earned by a 790.5 monster grown by Jennifer Libby.

The hour-long Giant Pumpkin Parade (sponsored by Sullivan's Tires) was truly memorable, with multiple bands/a horsedrawn stagecoach/giant puppets/antique vehicles/the state of Maine's record holding 1727.5# giant pumpkin/the Guinness World Record Holder for paddling a pumpkin/and many local participants in decorated floats & vehicles.

This year's highly competitive Regatta (sponsored by Colby & Gale/Phillips Power Products), featured paddleboats, a relay race & motorboats, and was an amazing event!! The Regatta Live-Feed into the Lincoln Theater, organized by LCTV and LT, was flawless, and provided comfortable seating & panoramic views of the event to the lucky seat-holders. Event MCs included Bobby Ives, Don Carrigan, Larry Sidelinger, and Robert Skoglund AKA: The Humble Farmer, who kept the crowd entertained and amused in-between heats.

The popular Pumpkin Derby (sponsored by The First, N.A. and Newcastle Chrysler Dodge Jeep) attracted 90+ contestants this year. The KidsZone (sponsored by Tidewater Telecom) featured two "bounce houses". The messy and raucous Pie Eating Contest (co-sponsored by Hannaford Supermarket & Pharmacy/Valley View Orchard Pies/Seawicks Candle Co.) included two dozen enthusiastic contestants rocking to the Nikki Hunt Band.

The 300 pumpkins hidden for the Pumpkin Hunt (co-sponsored by Mid-Coast Energy Systems/Clark Farms) were discovered in record time. The 223' Pumpkin Drop (co-sponsored by Renys - A Maine Adventure/Quality Crane Services) dropped several giant pumpkins onto two cars AND into a swimming pool, and was a real crowd pleasing event. Skidompha's Story Hour delighted dozens of youngsters, while the InfoZone (sponsored by Rising Tide Community Market) was crowded with local non-profits taking the opportunity to educate visitors about their good works.

The Dessert Contest (co-sponsored by Phelps Architects/King Arthur Flour) was predictably delicious, with yummy treats sold after judging. A continuous program of "Buskers" entertained for three days on Theater Street. The kid's free matinee, "ParaNorman" was followed by a performance by NYC-based magician, Kent Axell, (sponsored by Property Care Plus), and was a big hit at the Lincoln Theater.

Pumpkin and Hay Bale Artists (each sponsored by a local business) created over seventy five imaginative works of art, from tigers to totes, which continue to delight photographers & visitors to Damariscotta/Newcastle. Deployment volunteers contributed flatbed-trailers & forklifts, and worked alongside pallet-wrapping teams, to create a fantasy of Atlantic Giant Pumpkins along Main Street.

Thank you all, and we hope to see you again over Columbus Day Weekend, 2016 (October 8-10, 2016) !