



THE ANCHOR

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Are you ready for St. Patrick's Day?

There's plenty to do if you're looking to celebrate St. Patrick's Day this year. You can hunt for a leprechaun and hope he leads you to his pot of gold, stay home and watch "The Quiet Man" or dress in green from head to toe and wear an obnoxious "Kiss Me, I'm Irish!" button to work (and land in the HR department after insisting people do just that).

Or, if you're like us, you'll enjoy these community offerings:

On Saturday, March 12, Christ Church, 6 Dane St, Kennebunk will present their sixth annual **St. Patrick's Concert** and Supper. The concert begins at 4 p.m., and the supper follows at 5:30 p.m. Christ church Music Director "Maestro" Warren King has gathered some of the finest musicians and singers in the area to perform a varied program of nostalgic Irish music for your entertainment, and there will be ample



opportunities to sing along! Master Chef Ron Breton will prepare a delicious buffet supper of build-your-own corned beef sandwiches, with freshly cooked and hand-carved corned beef, a selection of condiments, sauerkraut, coleslaw, and home-made potato salad, as well as beverages and themed desserts. This event has drawn more attendance every year, so reservations are recommended.

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LAUNCH! A Maritime Festival set for June 17-19

The Kennebunks will kick off summer with the first LAUNCH! A Maritime Festival, which gets under way on Friday, June 17.

LAUNCH! will highlight the community's love of the sea through various anchor events and activities: from a Clam Jam at the Seafood Center of Maine with homemade clam cakes and ice cream, buoy decorating and a bouncy house for kids; to a "Chopped" style chef competition and chowder cook-off and local food truck gathering; to an authentic Lobster Bake with red and white checked tablecloths at the Pilot House, overlooking the Kennebunk River; to a River Lights boat parade and a VIP "Rock the Boat" adults-only shipboard after-party.

Throughout the three-day festival, visitors can also enjoy historic walking tours with costumed interpreters from the Brick Store Museum and White Columns, brewery tours and tastings at the Shipyard Brewing Company, the Sailors&Sirens 5K, a craft fair on the river green and more. Sunday morning, the festival will conclude with a resurrection of the traditional Blessing of the Fleet.

It will be an "all hands on deck" weekend with area hotels featuring nautically-themed packages, restaurants preparing their finest seafood delights, and local shops and boutiques showcasing unique and creative crafts and gifts.

FMI: launchfestme.com.



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For both events together, the suggested donation is \$16, or \$12 for students and seniors, no charge for children under 12. If you choose to attend just one event, the concert only is \$12, or \$8 for seniors and students, and the supper only is \$8 or \$5 for students and seniors, children under 12 free for either. For more information, visit christchurchkennebunk.org.

On Wednesday, March 16, the Chamber's **After Hours** will be held at Weirs Buick GMC on Route 1 in Arundel, and if

you don't come, you will be GREEN with envy! That's because we'll be celebrating St. Patrick's Day a day early beginning at 5, with special food by Winks (it will be either Irish or green!), drinks and music. Come along for the chance to socialize, win great door prizes and hang out with the cool kids. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members and includes



food and two drinks. All are welcome!

On St. Patrick's Day itself, March 17, Duffy's is going ALL OUT. A special **corned beef and cabbage boiled dinner** will be available for lunch or dinner, and additional dinner offerings include Guinness beef stew and Reubens, with Jamesons, Guinness, and Smithwicks just some of what's available from the bar.

The **Guinness Girls** arrive at 5, along with **bagpipers**, and at 7 p.m. the **Leprechaun Look-Alike Contest** kicks off, with the winner taking home a pair of Red Sox tickets.