



# LAUNCH! sets sail for fifth year

What better way to kick off the start of the summer than in coastal Maine with **LAUNCH! A Maritime Festival**, June 16-20, now in its fifth year in the Kennebunks.

LAUNCH! A Maritime Festival celebrates the Kennebunk region's rich seafaring history with events for all ages at locations throughout Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Arundel. (Check out [launchfestme.com](http://launchfestme.com) for the full schedule.)

LAUNCH! is adding new events this year, including Claws for a Cause, where diners can go to more than 15 participating restaurants on the Lobster Roll Trail of the Kennebunks on June 19, with \$2 from the sale of each lobster roll going to the Maine Lobstermen's Association.

"As a fishing community, we wanted to highlight the good work of the Maine Lobstermen's Association at our events this year, and encourage people to donate to their support," said Laura Dolce, executive director of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Arundel Chamber of Commerce, the team behind LAUNCH!

Other highlights include:

**Sailors & Sirens 5K** a beachside run where participants are encouraged to wear nautical-themed costumes

**Castaway Cove for Kids** on the Village Green, right in the heart of Kennebunkport, featuring buoy decorating, touch tanks and bouncy obstacle courses.

**RELAUNCH with Portside**, a nautical-themed cocktail party benefitting Ben's Fight.

**River Lights Boat Parade**, where boats bedecked in lights carrying costumed passengers and accompanied by fun music make their way down the Kennebunk River after dark, as hundreds of spectators cheer from shore. A traditional **Blessing of the Fleet** in beautiful Cape Porpoise village, wishing captains and crew a safe and bountiful season.

Throughout the five-day festival, visitors can also enjoy historic walking tours with

costumed interpreters, a Wednesday night After Hours at White Columns, a fabulous candle and wine event with Sea Love Candles and Maine+Vine and a special Art Trail of the Kennebunks.

For more information, check out [GoKennebunks.com](http://GoKennebunks.com) or look for LAUNCHFEST-ME on Facebook.



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# Claws for a Cause

Buy a lobster roll at a participating Lobster Roll Trail of the Kennebunks business on June 19 and \$2 for each lobster roll sold will be donated to the Maine Lobstermen's Association

WHEN? Saturday, June 19, all day

WHERE? At these generous, participating restaurants:

Alisson's  
The Boathouse  
Captain's Landing at the Burleigh  
The Clam Shack  
The Colony  
Duffy's  
Federal Jack's  
H.B. Provisions  
Hurricane  
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