

Island Ad-Vantages

THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

October 22, 2020 – Grace Morey is heading to Memphis. Readers may recall that Grace was crowned Miss Maine Teen USA 2020 after winning the pageant that was held in Portland earlier this year. Now Grace gets to join winners from across the United States for a chance to become Miss Teen USA. I recently met Grace and was very impressed with her intelligence, attitude and commitment to sustainability of our community and the planet. She is currently a senior at Deer Isle-Stonington High School completing one more credit to graduate while simultaneously taking online classes at the University of Maine as an early admission freshman. During her sophomore and junior years in high school, Grace participated in the Eastern Maine Skippers Program (EMSP). The EMSP is sponsored and coordinated by the Maine Center for Coastal fisheries and includes nine high schools in eastern Maine. Many of the Skippers students are fishermen, and some of them, like Grace, continue their academic education after they graduate from high school. The EMSP includes a project-based learning component and the project that Grace created was called “Sustainability Starts with ME”. She worked to increase awareness of the importance of sustainable behaviors such as recycling and reduction of waste using this clever moniker that says we’re all in this together. She is also a member of the Maine Youth Climate Coalition.

You have the opportunity to support Grace in the upcoming Miss Teen USA pageant through a voting mechanism. Essentially it’s a chance for all contestants to become a finalist as a “people’s choice” in addition to the competition based on her appearance, intelligence and talent. The voting process allows for everyone to vote once for free and then, for a donation, you can allocate more votes. A portion of the funds that come from this voting are given to a charity of the contestant’s choice. Grace has chosen the Eastern Maine Skippers Program as her charity of choice. We at MCCF are very proud of her success, and we wish her the best of luck in this competition and we hope to work with her as she continues to embrace sustainability for our communities. To vote for Grace, you need to download the Miss Teen USA app onto your electronic device and follow the instructions to vote for the Maine delegate.

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Prices to Harvesters in Stonington

Lobsters (shedders): \$3.85/lb.

Bait (herring): \$82/bu.

Fuel (diesel): \$2.09/gal.