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THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE By: Samuel Robbins, a Deer Isle-Stonington High School Student Class of 2026

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Through the Eyes of an EMSP Student

Eastern Maine Skippers Program has a profound impact on students at Deer Isle-Stonington High School. The program stretches along the Downeast coast from the Fox Islands to Jonesport-Beals, but I like to think that our branch stands out from the rest on account of the devotion from both the students and our phenomenal leaders Mr. and Mrs. Larsen. EMSP is looked forward to by all its participants. It provides an excellent opportunity for students who excel in school to dive into a subject where they can gain useful knowledge. This class encourages students to embrace their heritage, community, and family roots. Students can use many of these skills for a meaningful career in our community.

Long time teachers at Deer Isle-Stonington High School, the Larsen's embody a passion for education and show a real work ethic. While now retired, they only work a few hours a week in the building. They have and continue to spend countless hours after the bell has rung to supply their students with an education that is meaningful and valuable to them individually. I value the little time I spend in this class, as much as the time I spend in all my classes together. Students explore marine electrical, designing new fisheries, fiberglassing, public speaking, traditional rigging, modern regulations and more! They even get the opportunity to make lasting friendships with students from other cohort schools. Some of the student projects include improved foul weather gear, life saving devices (now used around Penobscot Bay), or even experimenting with cooking untraditional seafood into dishes that could take hold in the culinary industry. EMSP not only caters to students who plan to pursue careers in the fisheries but also to anyone who plans to find a lifestyle that involves the sea!

Do you have a question about the Eastern Maine Skippers Program or fisheries? Send it to info@coastalfisheries.org or call 207.367.2708. Learn more about MCCF by visiting us at www.coastalfisheries.org.

FISHERIES LOG

Prices to Harvesters in Stonington as of 12/30/2024

Lobster (hard): \$6.90/lb. Lobster (shedder) \$6.50/lb.

Bait (pogies): \$90/box Fuel (diesel): \$3.10/gal

Oceanographic Buoy I-01

44°6'10"N 68°6'44"W – Frenchboro Top Temperature (1 meter): 44.46°F 6.92°C Bottom Temperature (50 meters): 44.03°F 7.01°C

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