

Machiasport Business Listing

Brochure available at Town Office

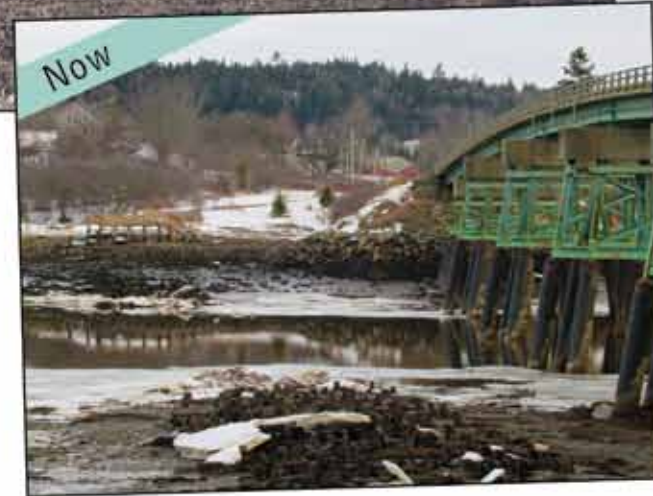
Accounting Services & Tax Preparation- Jack La Pointe	Northlander Fabrication- Manufacturing & Welding- Rick & Mercy Lauze
Bay Shore Steel Detailing	“One of a Kind” Lawn Care- Jeff Chick
BBS Lobster Trap - Blair West	Pete’s Trash Pickup-Peter Sprague
Beach Road Lobster Company, Inc. - Gary Smith	Point of Maine Farm- Kathy & David Garcelon
Betty Jean Wilcox Studio	Port Road Recycling- David Rasco
Blue Lobster Gallery- Jane Harnedy	Rivendown Farm Cottage-Beverly & Hugh Taylor
Bruce Smith Logging-Bruce Smith	Salt Island Builders- Residential Construction
Cakes By Kirby- Kirby Murphy	Sign Carver - Gold Leaf & Sign Carving- Jim Wells
Captain Cates Bed & Breakfast-Rick & Mary Bury	Superior Shellfish-Douglas Wood
Cecil Smelts- David Garcelon	TRAPCO- Brian Leighton
CKNorton’s Novelty- Clifford Norton	The Hospice Education Institute
CNW Seafood -Cecil Wood	Wilcox Bows- Stim Wilcox
Coppersmith Carpentry & Roofing- Russell Wright	Wild Wind Farm- David & Rhonda Craven
Cooke Acquaculture, Inc. True North	Wood Brothers Mechanic Services- Gene & Kevin Wood
Dave’s Small Engine Repair- David Nielsen	Woodworking Carpentry- Jason Strongin
Doc’s Gunsmithing- Robert W. Holloway	
Downeast Correctional Facility	
Garcia Tile & Stone- Joe Garcia	
General Contractor/Carpenter- Eric Leighton	
Gerald L. Wood & Son LLC- Gerald & David Wood	Resident whose business is located in Machias
Harbor Lighthouses Solar	Bella Vita/Salon & Spa- Michele Wood
Harry’s Garage- Harry Crocker	Harbor Homes of Maine- Wesley Graham
Jaws, III. Seafood- John Polk	Life Insurance & Investing/ Northwestern Mutual Life-Susan West
J.R Wood Corporation –John Wood	J.L. Huntley, Inc. -Jeff Huntley
Look Brothers Septic & Plumbing- East Side-Gary S. & Dwight F. Look	Machias Bay Antiques & Fine Arts-Ray Foster
Machias Bay Seafood (Clam Factory)	The Hair Loft- Jennifer Smith
Micmac Farm Guest Houses-Anthony & Bonnie Dunn	



Anniversary of Machiasport, Maine

Machiasport Pride, Then and Now

A 600 foot toll-bridge connected the Town with East Machias



The mouth of the Machias River divides the town of Machiasport into two parts.

www.machiasport.org

Celebration Events

January

17th~250th Logo Contest Winner Selected

February

14th~Machiasport Business Directory - First Edition Released

March

24th~Palm Sunday Breakfast at the First Congregational Church

31st~Sunrise Easter Services at Machiasport Local Churches

April

13th~Free Corn Beef/Cabbage Supper-First Congregational Church

Town Web Site Launched

250th Brochure Printed & Mailed

New Town Signs Erected

Town Bulletin Boards Refurbished

Town Maps Posted on Town Bulletin Boards

Historical Society First Meeting - TBA

May

Penobscot Museum Exhibit-FOB

Community Clean Up Month Contact *Town Office for details.*

18th~Community/School Dinner

Lobster Buoy Showcase Unveiled

FOB 50th School Celebration-TBA

Time Capsule Placement-TBA

June

5th~Historical Society Appraisal Day

11th~Voting for Elected Town Officials

15th~Machias 250th Parade 9 a.m.

19th~Old Fashioned Children’s Games –UMM

21st ~Machias Fireworks

24th~Annual Town Meeting - 6 p.m.

July

13th~Bucks Harbor Baptist Church Music & Historical Presentations - 5:00 p.m.

27th~Historical Society Annual Open House

27th~FOB Cannon Reclaimed- TBA

August

Historical Society Annual Lobster Lunch

Bucks Harbor Regatta - Port & Starboard Club of Bucks Harbor

Larrabee Baptist Church – Bible School - TBA

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Celebration Fireworks in Bucks Harbor - Weekend of the Machias

Blueberry Festival

September

Community Cleanup Month-Contact Town Office for how to participate and volunteer

October

31st~A “Haunting Halloween” Event

November

Machiasport Veterans honored at FOB School

Christmas Fair at FOB

December

Bucks Harbor Tree Lighting- Debbie Neilsen

Christmas Eve Services at Machiasport, Larrabee, Bucks Harbor Churches

Christmas Party at Historical Society

Please Note: This is a tentative schedule. Visit www.machiasport.org for details and updates.

The 250th Committee is a dedicated group of volunteers who are planning a series of events from January through December, to celebrate the Settlement of the town. They meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Municipal Complex. The Public is encouraged to attend the meetings and share ideas.

History of Machiasport

Incorporated 1826 • Settled in 1763

Machiasport, once part of the town of Machias, attracted the attention of explorers and traders as a valuable port at an early date. Before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth there were French and English trading posts on Cross Island (in neighboring Cutler) as well as Birch Point (Clarks Point). Evidence of the Native American settlement is also found along the shoreline. The settlement occurred after extensive fires in western Maine in the 1760s forced families to seek out hay and timberlands. Grass flats (marsh grass) were a favorite of the livestock and attractive to the early settlers. Captain Thomas Buck of Plymouth, Massachusetts, is said to have carried the first settlers in 1763. Machiasport was separated from Machias and incorporated as the Town of Machiasport 1826.

President James Monroe ordered The Libby Island Light Station built in 1822.



Student Logo Contest

The Machiasport 250th Celebration Committee sponsored a Logo Contest for area elementary students. Thirteen year-old Amber Sprague, a student at Fort O'Brien School, submitted the winning logo design. The judges selected Amber's Logo as they thought that it best represented the committee's Motto Machiasport Pride, Then and Now. Amber's Logo depicted historic buildings, the ocean and Machiasport Pride as a Historical Jewel. The celebration committee meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Town Municipal Complex. The Public is welcome to attend.



Recycle bags with the logo are on sale at the Municipal Complex and Fort O'Brien School.

Machiasport Village



By 1800 the Port Village was connected to East Machias by a 600 foot toll-bridge. A 2-foot wooden railroad, one of the first in the state came from Whitneyville to Machiasport through the woods toward the "Dike by the Clam Factory." The Tiger & Lion engines hauled lumber to Machiasport to put on ships. The Port Village included two sardine factories, boat house, store, Gates House, Cooper House, Liberty Hall, post office, fire station, schoolhouse, and the First Congregational Church. Wooden sidewalks can be seen in the many postcards of the day.



Today the Port Village remains a picture-perfect village and still includes the Gates House (Historical Society), Cooper House, Liberty Hall, and First Congregational Church. Several town buildings have been added including the town garage, Fort O'Brien School and the Municipal Complex, which includes the town office, fire station, post office, and Veterans Memorial.

Images Courtesy of:
Alicia Sprowl, John Penrod, Penobscot Marine Museum, and community residents.

Larrabee



The Larrabee's and Pettigrew's settled in Larrabee Cove. Many settlers came down the river from Machias. The settlers worked the long days, usually in one of the many water-dependent businesses including the sardine factories, and a smokehouse located at Indian Cove. The smokehouse employed residents from the other four Districts. Clarks Point was a popular residential area. Larrabee also had its own schoolhouse. The Larrabee Baptist Church was built between 1874 and 1880.

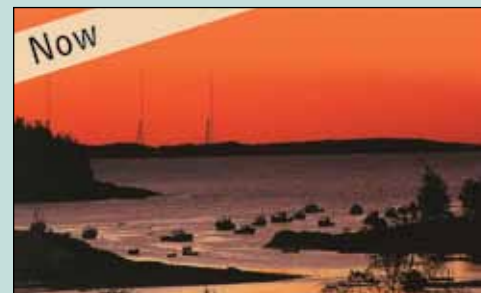


Many residents of Larrabee are fishermen who work at local businesses or travel out of town to their workplace. Today the schoolhouse and smokehouse are gone. The Larrabee Baptist Church has a new addition and many repairs to ensure that it remains as the central landmark in Larrabee for many years to come. The belfry was renovated by local craftsmen in 2012.

Bucks Harbor



Bucks Harbor was probably named for Captain Thomas Buck of Plymouth, Massachusetts, who carried the first settlers to Machias in 1763. The families of Colbeth, Libby, Sanborn and Woods were early settlers of Bucks Harbor. The Harbor prospered as an open-water port year round, and included a Sardine Canning Company and Smokehouse. Clamming and fishing also employed the settlers. The District Villiage included a Grange Hall, store, post office, schoolhouse # 4, and the Bucks Harbor Baptist Church. The footbridge from Bucks Harbor to Smalls Point was a popular shortcut to and from the Harbor and Indian Cove.

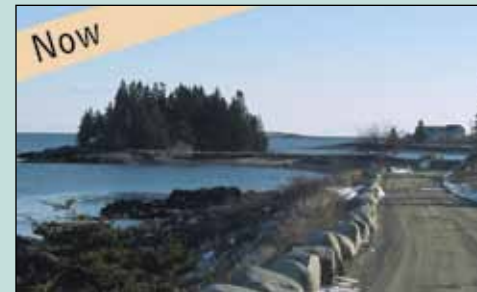


Several businesses including Cooke's Aquaculture, BBS Lobster Trap Company and Beach Lobster Company continue the water-dependent tradition. Lobster fishermen work independently fishing as many as 800 traps, and they sell their lobsters to local wholesalers. Clamming continues to be a vital industry. Today the public can access the water at the Bucks Harbor Public Pier, Finn Beach, and the Public Boat Landing. The former Bucks Harbor Air Force Station is home to the Downeast Correctional Facility and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) landmark remains.

Starboard

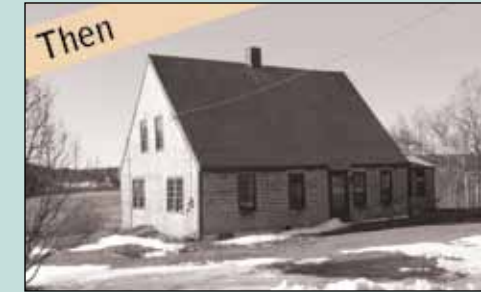


Starboard Village, located at the end of the Peninsula of Machiasport, served as a point of access for the many island settlers off the coast. The Ingalls family was one of the early settlers. Weirs were located on many of its beautiful beaches. Wharfs served as an access point to the mainland. Jasper Beach, in Howard Cove housed a weir. Starboard also had a Baptist Church, store, fire house and a schoolhouse. Libby Island Light Station was ordered built in 1822 by President James Monroe.



The weirs are gone but; there are several licensed sites for finfish and Cooke's Aquaculture pens are located off Stone Island, Ingalls Island, and Cross Island. Jasper Beach is now a Town Park and visitors enjoy the salt water marsh, many lagoons and searching for jasper stones. A Fire House and the Starboard Schoolhouse remain as historic buildings, however the Starboard Baptist Church burned on April 1, 1930.

East Side



The Munson's, Crocker's, and Libby's were some of the early settlers. Landmarks include a schoolhouse, wharf, smokehouse in Cottage Cove, a sawmill at Pot Head and, a small store at the Narrows. Residents could row across the river to work in the factories or go to the store or post office and community activities held at Liberty Hall. The Crocker Family house, built between 1790 and 1800 had three capes and a dug well.



Today one travels to the East Side in their vehicles to enjoy the many coves and to visit family and friends. Machiasport clam diggers can dig on both sides of the river. The Point of Flats near "Clam Rock" remains a popular clam flat. The "East Siders" still travel to the "Village Port" to do town business at the town office, post office, to attend Town Meetings and to vote. The Crocker House and Boat House still remain as do two other federal design houses including the Beverly & Hugh Taylor home built by the Munson family in the 1800's. The Baptist Church, built in 1807 was torn down in 2000. The bell and monument pictured above stand as a reminder of the past.

