



## New England Section



New England Section 99s

# Squawk

International Organization of Women Pilots



### Governor's Message

Hello, All -

Winter is a great time to fly - clear, calm air, great visibility - get up there and enjoy the flight! Below are a variety of aviation activities, indoor and outside - for you to enjoy.

**Margot Cheel  
Governor, New England Section  
The Ninety-Nines, Inc.**



**The CT Chapter enjoyed gathering at the home of Nancy Ramseyer in Madison, CT for their annual Holiday Party on Saturday, Jan. 10th.  
(photos submitted by Glenna Blackwell)**











**\* Applications for NE Section Member Scholarship due Jan 31, 2026.  
Info can be found on 99s New England Section site.  
[www.womenpilotsnewengland.org](http://www.womenpilotsnewengland.org)**



**\* Open Positions on the New England Section Board**

**Nominating Committee  
The New England Section 99s**

We would like to invite all of our Section members to consider volunteering to serve as an officer in our upcoming 2026 Elections.

In March, we will email a ballot for open 2-year positions on the Board.

- GOVERNOR
- VICE GOVERNOR
- SECRETARY
- TREASURER
- 2 DIRECTORS

New officers will be installed at our Spring Section Meeting in Rockland, ME on April 26th.

We welcome you to contact any of us for more information on position responsibilities.

Thank you,  
New England Section 99s Nominating Committee

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**Upcoming Events**

**\* Women in Aviation - Virtual Seminar - “Imposter Syndrome” -  
Thurs Jan 22, 7pm.**



<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/launcher/launcher.html?url=%2F%23%2Fmeet%2F22295024848216%3Fp%3DzXv3X2bZBDwYsRVFbs%26anon%3Dtrue&type=meet&deeplinkId=a0fc2bba-f761-4789-b5b1-325dbb2a29ee&directDl=true>

## \* Fly-Ins for all Pilots

**Sunday Soup Day- Wiscasset, Maine. Sunday, January 25, 2026**  
**Wiscasset Municipal Airport (KIWI)**  
**11am-2pm (or until the soup is gone)**

**This cure-for-cabin-fever event is a snow or shine event. Fly-in or Drive-in and bring soup, an appetizer or dessert.**

**Shake off those winter blues and join us, for an afternoon of good food and great "hangar" flying.**

**Lisa at [lisacub503@yanco.com](mailto:lisacub503@yanco.com)**  
**maineaeronautics.org**



## **Alton Bay Winter Carnival - Sunday, February 15, 2026**

**Flying into the only FAA-approved ice runway in the contiguous United States is always a treat (and a challenge!) Add the Winter Carnival, and you have a special event, indeed. Food trucks, ice sculptures, vendors, contest - it's all here!**

<https://altonbusinessassociation.com/alton-bay-winter-carnival/>



## **Girls in Aviation**

**Join the Katahdin Wings Chapter and share your aviation enthusiasm and knowledge.**

**With the help of the [Owl's Head Transportation Museum](#)'s new STEM activity learning area, Katahdin Wings will be hosting a Girls in Aviation Day on [Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.](#) We are inviting 40-50 young ladies in 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade and will be rotating groups of 8 to 10 girls through five stations exploring different aspects of aviation from runway/ATC operations, women in aviation history, preflight, forces of flight and a treasure hunt.**

**Mark your calendar and joins us! Contact Lori Plourd at [piperpilot2003@yahoo.com](mailto:piperpilot2003@yahoo.com) or 207-253-9533 for more information or if you would like to attend.**



**\* [International Board of Directors Meeting](#) - March, 2026  
99s HQ, Oklahoma City**

**While Board members & Governors attend in person, all 99s are welcome on Zoom. Log in details to come.**



\* 99s ENE Spring Luncheon. Saturday, March 21, 2026

**Pappa Razzi Restaurant, Wellesley, MA. Noon-3**

Open to all 99s, friends and family

Meet 99s in a lovely setting, Speaker TBA (always great!)

**ENE Scholarships will be awarded!**



**ACONE's Richard McSpadden  
GA Safety Course**

**March 26, 2026**  
Marriott Burlington, MA

**Darren Pleasance**  
President AOPA

**Mike Ginter**  
Senior Vice President AOPA Air Safety Institute

**Bruce Landsberg**  
Former Vice Chairman NTSB

▪ 5PM Vendor Displays & Social Hour  
▪ 6:15-9PM Program  
▪ Free Entry & Parking  
▪ Raffle Prizes

Register at... [ACONE.org/RMSC](http://ACONE.org/RMSC)

**Always a fun and informative event!**



### **Spring Section Meeting**

Katahdin Wings Chapter will be hosting the 2026 Spring New England Section Meeting on **Saturday & Sunday, April 25 & 26**. It will take place at the **Owl's Head Transportation Museum** ([owlshead.org](http://owlshead.org)), in Owl's Head, Maine, and will include a private tour of the museum's exhibits in the afternoon, followed by dinner and speaker at the museum Saturday evening. Sunday morning, the museum will again be the location for the Section business meeting. More details and hotel information will be

following soon!



### Compass Rose Painting - Nashua Airport, Nashua NH

**Saturday & Sunday June 6 & 7, 2026**

It's fun and very helpful to the airport and to all pilots!

Save the date - details to follow

Organizers: Lori Plourd, Toria Socolosky, and Kelly Short



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