

HydiDrive making waves

Limo company launches water taxi service

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KENNEBUNKPORT — HydiDrive will be soon be travelling by wave.

The full service limousine company, located in Southern Maine since 2011, has expanded to a fleet of seven passenger Suburban SUVs, a Mercedes sedan, a seven passenger golf cart and the use of a vintage Rolls Royce.

On May 2, owner Hydi Dixon plans to launch yet another mode of transportation to her line up — the HydiWave Water Taxi Service.

Dixon said she came up with the idea of adding a water taxi service to her repertoire while at a restaurant in Ogunquit last summer. She overheard another patron say they would love to visit the Bush family compound in Kennebunkport but said "there's too much traffic."

Knowing traffic is heavy and of the success of water taxis in Portland and Boston, Mass., Dixon came up with her next addition.

"I thought this was a unique way to combine transportation convenience with a scenic trip along the beautiful Maine coast," she said.

The Water Taxi, a 26-foot Boston Whaler will provide a shuttle service from Kennebunkport to Ogunquit during summer months, weather permitting. It will be driven by a licensed captain and docked at the Kennebunkport Marina.

Since parking will not be available at the Marina for the water taxi, to and from shuttle service will be provided. Reservations must be made in advance.

Since starting her business in 2011, Dixon said it has evolved naturally. It all started as she was talking to a friend whose daughter was getting married and ended up arranging to help with transportation for the wedding and helped with a lot of other little details.

"I knew other people needed that kind of help and so my business was born," Dixon said.

Since then, Dixon has accumulated a fleet that offers a variety for customers to choose from to suit their individual needs, and has also added drivers as the business has grown.

HydiDrive services include private transportation for individuals, door to airport terminal transportation service to Logan International, Manchester, and Portland International airports, sightseeing tours and wedding packages that cover rehearsal dinners, pre-wedding festivities, and the wedding day itself.

For information and updates on the HydiWave Water Taxi Service, or HydiDrive, visit www.hydidrive.com or call 251-6611. There is also a HydiDrive Mobile app available for your cell phone.