

# MAINEBREEZE

Maine Wind and Ocean Energy News Update  
Covering Industry, Policy and R&D Issues



## The Maine Ocean & Wind Industry Initiative

The Maine Ocean and Wind Industry Initiative represents companies expertise within the Maine ocean and wind energy supply chain, works proactively to promote the expertise of member companies, and provides solutions to local, national, and international market participants.



## 9th Annual Maine Wind Blade Challenge!

Wind Blade Challenge is a competition and a hands-on learning opportunity that allows Maine High School students to design, build, and test their very own scale model wind blade using composite materials.

The challenge exists to engage students in STEM based learning opportunities and to expose them to job prospects in Maine's growing advanced manufacturing and renewable energy industries.

Students who compete will be provided with all the necessary materials and will have the chance to win a *paid* internship with the University of Maine's Advanced Structures and Composites Center, should they decide to attend the University of Maine at Orono.

## Call for Support!

We are also seeking sponsors, donors, and judges for this year's competition! Sponsors and donors will be represented at the event and have the opportunity to attend and share their expertise with students.

[Register here](#) or contact Heather at [hleonas@mainewindindustry.com](mailto:hleonas@mainewindindustry.com)



- **Maine Green Power is a voluntary program sponsored by the Maine Public Utilities Commission that allows businesses and residents to support Maine-made renewable energy on their electricity bills. It enables a business to reduce its environmental impact in a meaningful and visible way without making a significant financial commitment.**

If your business is seeking to increase the sustainability of its operations, this program offers one simple way to do so. It helps you to match your electricity needs with clean, local power and then tell that story to your customers.

Because Maine Green Power is NOT an electricity supplier, there is no need to

change suppliers in order to participate.

If everyone in Maine joined Maine Green Power for as many kWhs as they needed, our portion of the grid would be powered by locally-produced renewable energy sources such as hydro and biomass.

You can learn more about how the program works as well as some of the marketing benefits for participating businesses and see a list of those businesses, all on the Maine Green Power business page:

<http://megreenpower.com/commercial/>

For further information, you may also contact Kay Mann, Associate Community Outreach Coordinator for the Maine Green Power program directly at 207.613.0697 or [kmann@3degreesinc.com](mailto:kmann@3degreesinc.com)

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**AWEA Wind Power on Capitol Hill  
February 15-16, 2017. Washington D.C.**

AWEA Wind Power on Capitol Hill is a rare opportunity for AWEA members and others who want to help advance wind energy to participate in advocacy training and then put that training to work to educate legislators and their staff on the wind industry's top policy initiatives at both the state and federal level.

Has wind power helped improve your livelihood or community? Please join us. If you are an AWEA member, a supplier for wind projects, a leaseholder, or community member - we need your voices!

**Register today!** Be sure to check out our discounted rates for veterans, landowners, AWEA members and more!

For questions about Wind Power on Capitol Hill 2017, please contact Nancy Sopko at [nsopko@awea.org](mailto:nsopko@awea.org).

[More info here](#)

## . INDUSTRY NEWS .

### **Some Monhegan Island Residents Ask Developers to Move Offshore Wind Project**

- One group of residents claims it had no idea that what began as a small pilot project by the Maine Aqua Ventus partners was going to evolve into the two massive floating structures.

### **LS Power to buy 132-MW wind park in Maine plus gas assets**

- In particular, the power generation and distribution company will acquire the Kibby wind farm in the state of Maine along with three natural gas facilities exceeding 3.8 GW of combined capacity...

### **AWEA ready to work with President-elect Trump to strengthen U.S. economy**

- An unstoppable shift to a cleaner energy economy is underway, and the fundamentals of wind energy in America are strong.

### **AWEA Reports Third Quarter Progress for U.S. Wind Projects in 2016**

- The American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) announced last Thursday that the industry installed 895 megawatts (MW) during the third quarter of 2016, which brings the year-to-date installations to 1,725 MW.

### **Developers hit brakes on massive wind project in Aroostook County**

- Developers of one of the largest wind projects ever planned in Maine pulled their request for a state permit, after struggling to connect to the grid and find buyers for their power

## . EVENTS .



**AWEA WINDPOWER @ Capitol Hill**  
**February 15 & 16, 2017**  
**Washington, D.C.**

**REGISTRATION & INFO**

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**9TH ANNUAL MAINE WIND BLADE CHALLENGE**  
**May 19, 2017**  
**Orono, ME**

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**AWEA WINDPOWER 2017**  
**May 22-25, 2017**  
**Anaheim, CA**

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