

ADMIRALTY & CANOE TRIP COMMITTEES

Admiralty Tort Subject-Matter Jurisdiction



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The U.S. District Court for the Second Circuit released its opinion on June 1, 2016, in *In re Germain*, 2016 U.S. App. LEXIS 9892 (2nd Cir. 2016). The opinion addressed admiralty tort subject-matter jurisdiction and its modern requirement of a “nexus to traditional maritime activities” and “potential to disrupt” maritime commerce. The Court in *In re Germain* held there is admiralty tort jurisdiction and thus a vessel owner may bring a Limitation of Liability action where the vessel owner is sued for injuries a guest-passenger on a recreational vessel sustained while diving off the vessel when it was anchored in a shallow area of navigable waters.

2017 Annual Canoe Trip – Revised Date

The date of the annual canoe trip has been changed to February 24-25, 2017 so mark your calendars. Look for all the details, including a new location and format in next month’s issue of *The SideBar!*

