

Age of Sail to Celebrate 20 Years

By Oralee O'Byrne

On August 2 at 2pm the Age of Sail Museum in Port Greville will celebrate 20 years of operation.

The start of The Age of Sail Museum began long before the museum itself was ever a thought. It started in 1989 with a group The Greville Bay Recreation and Development Association and the suggestion of a museum to honour the local heritage of lumbering and shipbuilding. At this time the group was managing a small picnic park with a doubtful future. The idea of a



The old Cochrane Hall at its former location before being de-engineered and moved to its present location to serve as the main museum.



In 2012, the wind and wave building was completed to house many artifacts and displays shows the museum complex in the background.



On July 27, 1994, the museum opened unofficially, with the official opening happening in 1995. The above picture was taken at the opening in 1994.



In 20 years the Age of Sail Heritage Centre and Museum have become an identifiable landmark as seen from the river.



Family and friends held a surprise Birthday party for Kathy Corbett a long time resident of Bass River, who now resides at Four Seasons Manor in Oxford. Kathy is shown receiving a Municipality of Colchester birthday certificate which was presented by District 10 councillor, Tom Taggart. It was a pleasure to have Kathy back in the community where she has been missed. (Submitted)

museum took off.

In 1992 the opportunity to obtain the old Methodist Church/Cochrane hall came and the dirty work began. After months of prep, stripping walls and ceilings and then taking apart the building by crane and moving it to the lot of its new home. The majority of the next year was spent raising funds and on Dec 18, 1993 construction began! By June 1994 construction was complete and the interior set to put together. The unofficial opening took place July 27, 1994. The following year saw the official opening.

In 1996 a memorial stone for those lost at sea was dedicated. In 1997 The Porthole Tearoom & gift shop was officially opened and in 1998 the Port Greville Lighthouse was returned by the coastguard to take up permanent resident at the site. In 2000 the Blacksmith shop was reconstructed from an original shop owned by Havelock McCully with a band saw shed attached.

In 2010 a boatshed was built on site and then in 2012 the new Wind and Wave building housing displays, a common meeting room and the research and archive space was opened along with a beautiful wharf walkway and kiosk overlooking the tidal river. An addition was built onto the café and gift shop in 2013 to enlarge and enhance the gift area so souvenir's and local crafts can be showcased From humble beginnings to a tourist destination, The Age of Sail Museum Complex is something we can all be proud of as we celebrate 20 years!

Guests at the celebration will include The Honourable Diane Whalen, Minister of Finance, Scott Armstrong Cumberland, Colchester, Musquodobit MP, Jaimie Baillie Cumberland South MLA, Kieth Hunter Cumberland County Municipality Warden as well as friends and supporters of the museum and its society. Music will be provided by the Parrsboro Elastic Band and refreshments served.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join in the celebration.

MacCaull Villa Notes

By Hazel Hill

Apology to the readers, that I missed the last couple of issues.

Faith Baptist Church members were here Wednesday, July 16th for Bible study. We always enjoy groups and individuals coming to visit with us.

Kevin Fields celebrated his birthday this month and we wish him many happy returns. Our sympathy goes to the family of the late Helen MacLachlan. We also extend our sympathy

to Barb Kennedy, Kentville, on the passing of her sister, Ella. The Kennedy family lived here for many years and were well known in the area.

Recent visitors to me have been my son, Carlton and Thelma, Colleen and Shane from Winnipeg, and Nance Akerman. We are sorry to hear Art Muise is on the sick list. We wish him a speedy recovery at home.

On Thursday, July 17th Bernice Kaulback and her daughter, Linda, went to the Double C for supper. Not much news around here on these hot summer days, but we like to have the Villa represented in each issue of the Shoreline.

Bass River Fire Department News

By Peter Christensen

Muggy, very hot and windy, a perfect day to just watch the woods dry out. And this means a better vigil on how we use fire and things that make sparks. Just chatted with a friend who lost his cabin to fire and because the woods are so dry his neighbor lost a shed because of how quickly the fire spread. Summer is a nice time of the year, but we need to be aware of how quick the land changes.

Now just the other day as I went over the bridge in Bass River, I noticed the level of water was flowing fairly well. And I was thinking of the Annual Wooden Boat Race, which will be held on Aug 9 at 2 pm at the Heritage Day festivities.

Along with the ever fun Boat Race, there will be great food venues as well as antique cars, loads of interesting articles of interest to be had, Fire Trucks and, oh did I mention the food??

And the best thing will be seeing all the folks you have not seen all year.

Well just got back from a medical call, it is now two am, and still muggy, but that is why we train all the time on medical procedures, so at any time of the day we can respond to help and comfort those who need medical attention.

Training continues on a weekly basis, and we are near getting some new gear for firefighting.

Now while I am on the subject of Monday night training, last Monday evening training was postponed for a well concealed surprise party for my retirement. A special thank you to all who attended and a loving thanks to my daughter Danielle for the efforts. And to my son Josh for

making his world famous chocolate chip cookies. It was a great get together and I was surprised and humbled to see the Minister of Education in attendance, who presented me with a certificate from the province. Very honored, my dad and mother would have been proud. As was I.

I hope with all this warm weather, we are not being lulled into the feeling that this summer will last much longer. For those with wood on the winter list, we should be getting it cut, split and dry for the cold winter ahead. A good supply of dry wood will help

lessen the possible threat of a flue fire during the winter. Or sometimes the chimney has been neglected and not checked for openness in the flue, then when the first good fire is started in that stove and the flue begins to heat up, well those blockages will soon begin to flame up, like heart burn only worst. So please check your flues and inside pipes before your first heartburn turns into a real burn.

Fireman Pete sayin, see you at the Hall, and keep your pipes clean.

See you at Heritage Days for the Boat Race, and all the great times a coming soon.

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Visit Bass River Museum's Heritage Day

Saturday, August 9, 2014 • Beginning at 10am, RAIN OR SHINE!

There will be lots to see, do, and eat (steamed local clams will be available)!

You won't want to miss it!

Contact us at: bassrivermuseumsocial@gmail.com

Lots of new events this year, including:

- ▷ Plowing Contest
- ▷ Quilt Show
- ▷ Tour of the Island Cemetery
- ▷ Buy/Swap/Sell Dominion Chair Furniture and Other Antiques
- ▷ And Many More!

- 10:00 am – Heritage Day begins
- 11:00 am – cross cut saw demonstration
- 12:00 pm – live fiddle music
- 1:00 pm – cake auction
- 1:30 pm – kettle boil competition
- 2:00 pm – Fireman's boat race
- 2:30 pm – wood auction (wood delivered locally)
- 3:00 pm – tour of the Island Cemetery



ONGOING DURING THE EVENT: BBQ and steamed clams available, bake sale, Chinese auction, sketch artist, textile display at the Riverside United Church, antique cars, and much, much more.

Look forward to seeing you there!!