

Joan Kennedy at the Hall – Dec 5TH

By Jacqueline Wilson

Joan Kennedy will be returning to "The Hall" (44 King St. in Parrsboro) on Saturday, December 5th to release her latest CD "My Roots". Most of the album was recorded at the Hall when she performed earlier in the year, and the Hall figures prominently in the album artwork. This special CD release party at The Hall starts at 6pm and, for \$10 per ticket, will include a meet and greet with Joan, a short informal concert, and an opportunity to hear and buy the CD.

This is a tremendous honour for all of us at "The Hall" to be chosen the concert venue. Joan has recorded 6 albums with MCA and Koch International and has toured throughout Canada, USA and Europe, starred in a 2-season TV series and was 2nd only to Garth Brooks in the 1990's as Canadian Country Music Radio's most played Artist. She has been the recipient of several awards.



Joan Kennedy has chosen Parrsboro to release her new CD, "My Roots". She will be appearing at the Parrsboro Band Hall on December 5th. (Submitted)

Tickets are being sold at the following locations in Parrsboro: Sweet Brier Boutique, Harrisons Home Hardware and Ken's Grocery.

Tickets available on-line at our website too: www.the-hall.ca. You must be 19 years of age or older to attend as a

bar will be available. This wonderful concert is sponsored by the Parrsboro Band Association.

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model hung in the boatshed and became the basis for the design of the final schooner.

By 2011 Evan and Nick began the hull frames and in January 2012 the first rib was installed. Their part time work now became full time taking more than 3 years until launch day. With the help of many friends and family the work continued at a steady pace. They made the 1500 lb rudder at a local machine shop. When the masts, 70 and 60 feet long, and spars were delivered from Montreal they created the equipment to turn the square shapes into masts. The masts, made from BC Douglas fir, had been laminated for strength.

For two young men, Nick 21 and Evan 23 at the time, the tenacity to stick to a project this time consuming and difficult until completion is incredible. Their grandfather, Dan Densmore who was often on-site and offering valuable insight and opinion, crafted the wheel for the boat.

Although he passed away before the launch, he must have been so proud to see the Gaff Rigged Schooner growing under the hands of his grandsons, and to know it was named Katie Belle, after his mother.

Even though they come from a family whose history is steeped in woodworking, it still leaves a lot to learn in order to build a schooner, but they met the task. The Katie Belle weighs 65 tonnes and has a composite hull with eastern spruce and local red oak for the wood and cement in her keel.

Interior finishing work has been ongoing in Parrsboro awaiting the week of Nov. 23rd when mast installation will be undertaken. They hope to leave for southern waters for the sea trials. The Katie Belle may see the tourism trade forming a big part of its future. This is an ongoing inspiring story from two young men keeping a Nova Scotia local tradition alive.



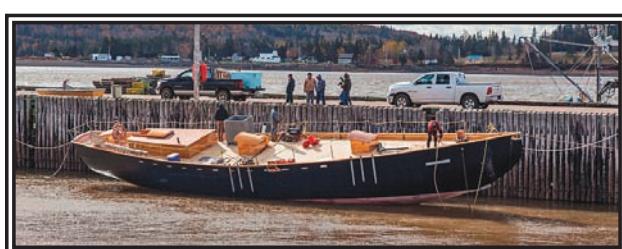
Within hours of arriving in Parrsboro an extremely high tide, driven by strong winds, almost covered the Parrsboro Wharf causing concern vessels tied to the wharf might flip over onto the deck. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



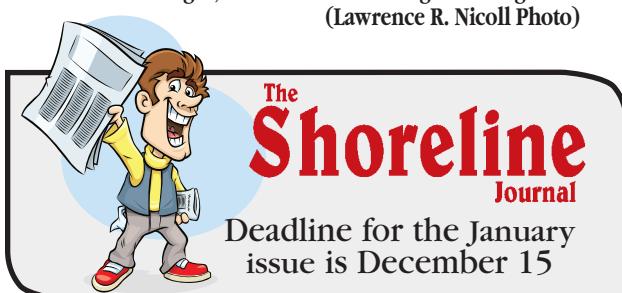
Once the storm subsided and the tide went out, the Katie Belle flipped over on its side, while the two cousins who built the boat were aboard sleeping. No one was hurt and no damage resulted. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Another view of the Katie Belle laying on its side at the bottom of Parrsboro Harbour. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Water can be seen starting to surround the Katie Belle. When the tide rose to its height, the Katie Belle was again sitting dockside. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



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