

## Masting Ceremony Held December 12<sup>TH</sup>



An 80 foot crane helped set the masts for the Katie Belle on December 3rd, which then floated in Parrsboro Harbour. This photographer was up early to catch her at sunrise.

(Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

**By Lawrence R. Nicoll**

It's been over 40 years since Parrsboro wharf was used to mast a ship. Late this fall, the Katie Belle rewrote recent history, when it arrived late October, a couple of days after its launch in Stewiacke. It was masted in early December. Now the rigging work will continue.

One of the attractions of Parrsboro for masting is ships sit on the ocean floor at low tide, making the job easier. Parrsboro's tides mean that work on the outside of the hull during low tide can proceed without the need to take the schooner out of the water. December 3rd was an

exciting day in Parrsboro when the Katie Belle masts were stepped with the help of an 80 foot crane already on site. There is still a lot of rigging work to be done, currently the plan is to leave in the new year before the ice arrives.

On Saturday, December 12th Parrsboro was abuzz with many activities. The "Katie Belle Masting Ceremony" held at the Fundy Geological Museum was attended by over 100 people started at 2:00 pm with greetings from Mayor Lois Smith. Other dignitaries participating in the event were: Roger Marsters, Curator of Marine

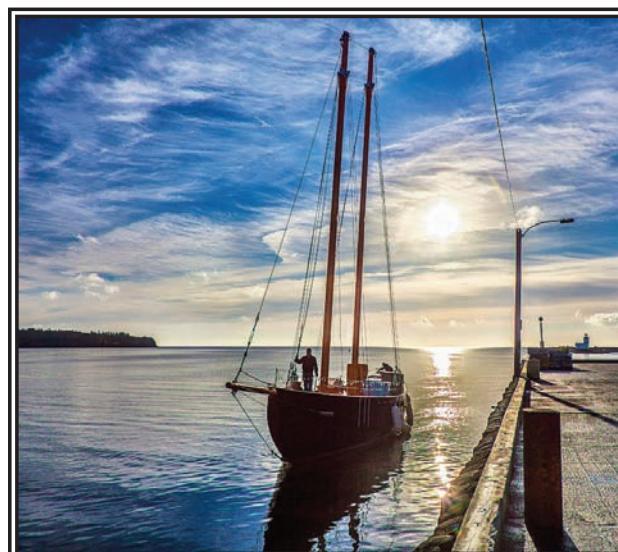
Stewiacke; Cumberland Geological Society; Fundy Geological Museum / Nova Scotia Museum; Parrsborough Shore Historical Society / Ottawa House; Parrsboro Board of Trade and Town of Parrsboro.

Katie Belle Builders, Evan & Nick Densmore, Cameron Shipyards were warmly welcomed and participated in a Q&A. Closing remarks were provided by Deborah Poole, Manager Lawrence House Museum, Maitland.

The masting ceremony was organized and sponsored by: Cameron Shipyards,

Historym Nova Scotia Museum who make the introductions; a presentation was made by Capt. Conrad Byers, PSHS & Ottawa House Historian.

Other community activities keeping people in Parrsboro busy on December 12 included: Parrsboro Legion Christmas Sale; Fundy Birders Meeting; Wreath Workshop at Fundy Geological Museum plus, Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser for Parrsboro Welcomes Refugees which was held 4:30pm-8:00pm, at Black Rock Bistro.



On December 7th the masted Katie Belle was moved back to the original side of the Parrsboro Wharf. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

## Is Your Cottage Secured for Winter?

**Submitted by Cpl Marc Rose**

As cottage season comes to a close, Nova Scotia RCMP would like to remind cottage owners to take the necessary steps to prevent their vacation property from becoming a target of a crime. Many break and enters are committed as crimes of opportunity, and criminals often see a vacant cottage as an easy target.

In order to guard your cottage against crime, the RCMP suggests adhering to the following tips: Remove all valuables from your cottage (including firearms); Lock / secure all windows and doors; Close all curtains and drapes; Ensure all out buildings

(garage/shed) are secured; Don't leave tools and items outside that could be used to break into your cottage; Ensure that your cottage is visited on a regular basis; If possible, ensure adequate lighting is present and Consider using motion sensors or timers for outdoor lights.

Additionally, cottage owners are encouraged to install an alarm system and provide the alarm company with a contact name and number of someone who lives nearby. Cottage owners can also consider forming a 'cottage watch' program with other cottage owners and take turns checking on each other's properties throughout the winter.

"By providing your contact information to a friend or known acquaintance who resides in the area year-round, you can ask to be updated should something happen to your cottage throughout the winter" says Nova Scotia RCMP spokesperson Cpl. Greg Church. "Also, the more secure you make your cottage,

the more difficult you make it for criminals to break in."

Finally, there are steps communities can take to help police investigate when thefts occur at cottages.

Providing investigators with the right piece of information can be as simple as noticing

something unusual and making a phone call. A vehicle description, a license plate number, and description of the driver can do more than steer police in the right direction, as it can lead to the recovery of stolen property and charges against those responsible.



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40 or more children arrived for the fun, and a great roar and clapping as the lights came on during the annual Parrsboro Christmas Tree Lighting festivities. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Friday Nov. 13th was far from unlucky as the children of Parrsboro were treated to cookies and hot chocolate and a draw to see who got to turn on the Christmas Tree. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

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