

News From The Age of Sail

By *Oralee O'Byrne*

Greetings from The Age of Sail! What a beautiful summer we had. At the museum this year we saw a nice increase in visitation, about 15% over last year. The majority of our visitors were from within the province but there was a nice sprinkling of visitors from other places some as far away as Australia!

Our fundraisers were well attended and we greatly appreciate the great support we get from the local communities. Every year expenses seem to go up and there is a great need for operational funds. On top of the everyday costs, this year we had some unexpected major repairs to deal with as well like the rebuilding of our front portico. As well the lighthouse is getting a much needed overhaul courtesy of grants from the municipality and buildings at risk. The work will be completed by the time this edition is printed. Tickets for our annual Merchants Christmas basket will soon be on sale and available from our directors or Wheaton's Irving. I know how pressed we all are financially. There are so many wonderful local groups to support and many non-profit as well and we all have to pick and choose what and where we are able to give. Every dollar counts to all of these organizations

including us and the competition is tough for us all. We appreciate every donation we receive whether through the purchase of a raffle ticket, membership fee, attending a function or just a donation and on behalf of our board I say thank you.

Our board, in conjunction with CREDA, is focused on the proposed addition to the center and working hard to make this dream a reality. In the mean time we will be working on some projects over the winter to enhance our archives. I encourage anyone with archival information regarding the Parrsborough shore's history to share it with us. Journals, diaries, letters, photos, ledgers, etc all of it is important clues into what makes this area such an amazing historical place. We are happy for photocopies as well as originals. Contact us on our web site at www.ageofsail-museum.ca.

Just because the center is closed does not mean the work ends, hours of volunteer work are done over the winter in preparation for next season. So as fall progresses and winter sets in I wish everyone a warm and happy winter and I hope we'll "sea" you all soon.

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Curator/Manager at Age of Sail
Museum, Port Greville**

Onslow Belmont Notes

By *Debbie Weatherby*

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and didn't eat too much. Our weather is fast changing isn't it? You never know what it is going to be like. 'Tis the season for the cold and flu and they have started the flu clinics once again.

Belmont Baptist Church services are held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Prayer meeting is held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. They held their bible vacation school for the kids again this year and by the sounds of things the kids had a blast.

Services are held at the Trinity United Church every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. There is also card playing of 45's every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. with lunch and prizes provided. All are welcome to come for an enjoyable evening.

There will be card parties of 45's at the Lower Onslow

Community Centre, 12391 Hwy 2 every Monday night beginning at 7:00 p.m. with a light lunch and prizes. Everyone is welcome and for more information you can contact Grace at 662-2822.

Condolences go out to Alan (Linda) Archibald of Lower Onslow and all the families on the loss of his father Edgar Merton Archibald Sept. 28, 2010; To Shirley (Merv) Ferguson, Belmont and the families on the loss of her sister Mary C. "Meme" Lepper on October 2, 2010.

Hope all the kids out there have a great Halloween and watch out for drivers and please drivers watch out for the trick or treaters. Remembrance Day will soon be here and it is a good time to remember all the people who gave their lives so we could live on.

If anyone wants to include something please contact me at 662-2425.

Tidal Observation Facility Nearing Completion



The rush is on to complete the Tidal Power Interpretive Centre before winter. Workmen are shown shingling the front, while others build the frame for the observation deck. Rafe Construction Ltd., Parrsboro is the general contractor. (Rees Photo)

By *Maurice Rees*

Rafe Construction Ltd., Parrsboro have been working full speed ahead during spring and summer and is now nearing completion of construction of the Tidal Power Observation and Interpretive Facility, which overlooks the technology test site near Black Rock, Minas Passage.

The site has the official name of Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy (FORCE). Those wish to follow the ongoing progress of the entire project are encouraged to visit: www.fundy-force.ca

During a visit to the site in mid-October, outside workers were busy installing shingles, installing windows and starting to construct the base to the observation deck. Inside crews were busy installing electrical wiring, framing up for interior windows. Large bundles of insulation lay waiting for placement.

The approximately 3,500-

square foot FORCE facility will house a visitors centre with interpretive exhibits and a community room. The building is expected to finish construction by November, with interpretive materials constructed and installed over the winter and spring.

There is much more to the site than the visitor centre building. A significant amount of time and expense involved excavating the site for the number ditches, which contain the heavy transmission wires, which will be run along the ocean floor from the demonstration turbines to landfall and then onto the transmission lines to deliver electricity to consumers. Special wiring also leads into the facility to fulfill observation requirements during and beyond the initial testing phases of the turbines.

The building will be open to the public for the summer tourist season in 2011. Although total costs of the Observation Facility have not

been released, FORCE will receive up to \$850,000 from ACOA to assist with construction costs for the facility.

At press time, employment levels at the facility for next summer are not known. It is anticipated full-time staff

will be supplemented with the addition of several college students during the peak summer tourist season. Staffing levels for 2011-2012 will be dependent upon the tourism and research demands.



Rafe Construction Ltd., Site Foreman, multi-tasks providing instructions to a sub-contractor, and checking plans at the Tidal Power Interpretive Centre under construction west of Parrsboro. Another worker scans a recent issue of the Shoreline Journal. Construction of the centre is expected to be completed later in November. Interior displays will be installed over the winter. (Rees Photo)

Shaw's Country Antique Market

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A large crowd attended the only debate in the Cumberland South by-election at the Parrsboro Fire Hall community centre on Wednesday, October 13th. The debate was hosted by Parrsboro Community Radio 99.1. Frank Hartman was debate moderator. (Rees Photo)

Deadline for the December issue of

**The
Shoreline** is November 16
Journal

Parrsboro and District Board of Trade

"Watch For Upcoming Events"

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

November 26TH at 6:30 p.m.

Music starting at 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

December 3RD at 6:00 p.m.

Pictures and treats with SANTA
at the BAND HALL after the parade.

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