

Bass River Fire Brigade News



Becky Platnauer and Peter Christensen were busy selling tickets in front of Dominion Factory Store for the Bass River Fire Brigades annual wooden boat race. All 144 tickets were sold. (Submitted)

By Peter Christensen

Well that was way to fast. If you are wondering what the heck I am chatting about, I will tell you. The Annual Wooden Boat race, held last Sunday at two p.m. The river was not roaring, but was flowing with considerable action on that afternoon in Bass River. The wooden boats all one hundred and forty-four of them were gently dropped into the river by our very own Ken Knight, with our videographer Becky Platnauer taking pictures for the event.

And I was attired in one of our new survival suits for water rescues, an amazing piece of equipment, it keeps

the water out while letting you float and they have a little strobe light and a whistle. As the boats floated down to the old foot bridge, I realized, heh I should join them, I had to run the river, but never got wet, at least not from the river, but I believe I lost five pounds on Sunday.

As the boats drifted in the water, well some did drift, into rocks, little pools of still water, and heavy grasses and branches, all part of the race, but as fate would have it, a few did cross the finish line.

In first place with a time of four minutes and fifty-four seconds, was a young lady from Fall River who, as she

bought her boat ticket, held it up and shouted to the world, well at least Becky and I, we were selling the boats, that this was the winner !! Well she was right, I just had a thought, maybe because she was from Fall River, that she practiced on her river before her boat came to Bass River.

In second place was a young gentle man from Truro, who also has a cottage in Shady Nook, his time for his boat was four minutes and fifty seconds. Coming in third place with a time of four minutes and forty-eight seconds was a young lady from Lewis Lane, a very close finish for sure.

Thank you to all who bought wooden boats and the folks who braved the nice sunny weather to come and watch from the foot bridge as the boats came down the river. And for keeping an eye on the big orange banana walking down the river, well at least I got to show the folks how those suits worked.

A heartfelt thanks to Becky, Brady and Ken for all the help on the boat race assignment.

Now I guess the brigade has to gear up for our next event, which will be our back to school dance on Sept 07 at the hall. The band this dance

will be Gravity, from Truro,, should be a great time, because as the ads on television say now, that back to school is the happiest time of the year. So a dance just after going back to school should be just as happy.

Training this week will be fun. We get to use the Jaws of Life on a little Honda, which by the way was donated by Becky and her husband Shawn. Thanks folks.

A good night to practice on cars, considering the summer traffic that flows through our fair village. It was amazing to meet all the different folks from all over the country and the world, while sitting outside at the Dominion Chair store, selling boat tickets. I met folks from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, oh yes and Ontario. Those Ontario folks sure can have fun, and I did not meet any strangers after they left. And I also met some folks from England as well. Amazing how the world travels through our province.

Well the days are getting shorter, so I hope everyone is preparing for the winter, remember to clean those pipes and flues, stay prepared and safer.

See you at the next dance on Sept 7 at the hall.

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District 10 Councillor Tom Taggart, Bruce Cox and Ken Knight (right to left) gave Angelica Platnauer a hard time over who would have the winning boat in the Bass River Fire Brigade's Wooden Boat Race on Augusts 11th. (Harrington Photo)



Bass River Fire Brigade's Becky Platnauer, Ken Knight and Peter Christensen were setting up for the 9th Annual Wooden Boat Race on August 11th. The money raised will help purchase a "Marine Six" water rescue unit. (Harrington Photo)

Hearts Of Granite Loyal Souls

(A Peace-Keepers Prayer)

*A Walk Amongst The Headstones
Reading One Here And There.
I Hear Their Cries And Moans,
"Are You Really Here To Care".*

For We Were Once Amongst You.

*Our Names Are Clearly Marked Here
From Our Birth To When We Died.
Do You Think It Was Without Fear?
For When It Happened We Had Cried*

For We Were Once Amongst You.

*Please Remember Us As You Pray
For We Too Had Been Amongst You.
Please Remember That Eleventh Day.
Please Promise To Remember Us To*

For We Were Once Amongst You.

*God Bless And Thank-You.
Thomas A. Marshall (Ex-Navy)*

PHOTO FEATURE

Parrsboro Lion's Old Home Week

Lawrence R. Nicoll Photos

Hinchey's Rides once again provided entertainment for the young and young at heart for Parrsboro Lion's Old Home Week July 10-12th. The pace was fast and furious and for the first time in recent memory every day was sunny and dry. Shown above is Hinchey's new ride, "Wipeout".

The Parrsboro Lion's Club sponsored annual Old Home Week escaped even the slightest of rain drops or foul weathers. Hinchey's Rides were shot as long exposures, as long as 30 seconds so people become a dreamy blurr if seen at all.

It takes a lot of food to feed a happy crowd attending July 1st celebration in Parrsboro. Most other Canada Day celebrations around the province got rained out, but not Parrsboro. This volunteer firefighter has mastered how to cook onion rings.

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