



# Dory Mates



Fall 2015

Hello Dory Mates,

We are back! My name is Devyn Kaizer and I am the research assistant at the Fisheries Museum. I am so excited to be writing this issue of Dory Mates! We have not published an issue for quite a while, and there is so much to talk about, so let's get started!

In this issue we will be covering:

- The status of our building
- First Fishers and interpretation renewal
- A reflection on the 2015 season
- A happy retirement
- A message from the General Manager

Happy reading,

Devyn



## *West Wing Restabilization Project*

As many of you know, in the fall of 2013 we began to deconstruct the western wing of the museum. This was done in order to properly restabilize and preserve the historic building in which we call home. But what happened next? Many of you were left wondering...



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## *Lunenburg's Birthday Weekend*

On June 7th, 2015 the town of Lunenburg celebrated 262 years! There were talks to have the usual events, such as a birthday cake at the local school and a barbeque at the park, but this year we wanted to do something more. As a result, the idea to celebrate Lunenburg with an entire weekend was born from a sticky note left on a bulletin board.



On June 5, 6, and 7 2015, we celebrated Lunenburg's 262nd Birthday in style! The weekend was aimed at both residents and visitors to discover the things that make Lunenburg so unique. Many of the local businesses participated by offering free and discounted items, tours, activities, presentations and restaurant offerings.



The three day event was a major collaboration between the local businesses, societies and volunteers. It was an event that made one proud to be from a community that can put in such a collaborative effort to promote our culture.

As part of the celebrations we held our annual open house, officially opened the museum wharf to the public, had a ceremony to recommission the *Sorca* and hosted a presentation on the Sargasso Sea by Senator Wilfred Moore, just to name a few!



## #LunenburgCelebrates



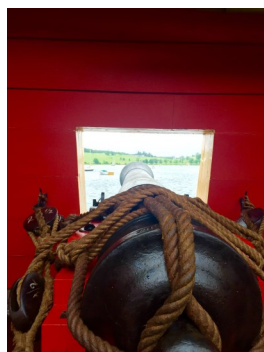


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## *Special Guests*

The 2015 season was one of the busiest seasons our waterfront has seen in years. During July and August we hosted some of the 'largest' events that our town has ever seen; with events taking place every weekend. Thanks to our wonderful staff and volunteers each event was a complete success!



### *L'Hermione*

On July 18th, we welcomed the largest visitor ever to Lunenburg. Her name was *L'Hermione*. Standing at 185 feet, with a length of 216 feet, she was quite a sight to see enter the Lunenburg Harbour. Due to her size, planning her visit was no easy task! Her visit was successful due to the dedication of many wonderful staff members and volunteers, ranging from our employees to the Consulate General of France.



*L'Hermione* is a replica of Marquis de Lafayette's 18th century frigate that carried him to America in 1780; helping to win the American-French victory at Yorktown in 1781.

The construction of the replica *L'Hermione* took place over 20 years. She was rebuilt as authentically as possible by many volunteers as well as a few skilled shipwrights. She was built at Rochefort, France and her design promotes the traditional shipbuilding heritage of the Poitou-Charentes region.



Thank-you Stelia North America for bringing her here!