

Dory Mates

Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic
Winter 2012



**Did you know. . .
The Museum is still Open!**

Winter Hours
Monday-Friday
9:30-4:00 (closed holidays)
until 12:00pm December 24, 2012

School/Tour Groups are welcomed year-round
with advanced booking

Administrative offices can be reached by
appointment only

Winter Events Calendar

Movie Wednesdays
Beginning Wednesday, November 14

Every Wednesday at **10:00am** during the winter, grab a seat in the Ice House Theatre and enjoy films from our collection about the fishery and local history.

Lighting of the Vessels
Friday, Nov. 23, 3:30pm-5pm

Come to the museum's wharf to watch the waterfront light-up for Christmas! There will be caroling, apple cider and the Salt Store Gift Shop will open for some holiday shopping!!



Santa Claus Parade
Saturday, Nov. 24, 3pm

Here come the Belsnicklers!!!! Look for us in disguise as we bring back this old Lunenburg County tradition, and help spread Christmas cheer throughout the town of Lunenburg. Can you guess our secret identities? The Salt Store Gift Shop will also open, so you can do some shopping while you're in the Christmas Spirit!



**Not sure what to get the
Old Salt on your Christmas list?**

We've got Winter Tilley Hats!

**Browse our recently restocked book
selection including: Bobby Lou Gray's,
Lunenburg Letters, and Glo McNeill's,
*Cooking with Glo***

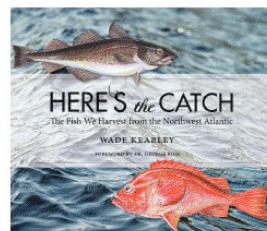
**Don't miss handmade crafts from local
artisans and our own talented Heritage
Interpreters**

**Open for Holiday Shopping
Monday-Friday**

**9:30-4:00
until 12:00pm Dec. 24th**

Wish List Participant

**There is something here for everyone,
Old Salt or Landlubber!**



New Book Release

The Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic proudly recommends author Wade Kearley's *Here's the Catch: the Fish we Harvest from the Northwest Atlantic*. This brilliantly illustrated book celebrating 52 fish species that live in the waters of the Northwest Atlantic Ocean is available for a limited time at the Salt Store Gift Shop! Get your copy today!

Remembering *HMS Bounty*

With the tragic loss of *HMS Bounty* on October 29th, 2012, off Cape Hatteras, feeling so many sentiments of sadness, loss and despair, we wanted to share with you our happy memories, reflecting on the last trip Capt. Robin Walbridge and his crew made back home to Lunenburg.

When *Bounty* personnel informed us she would be coming to Lunenburg following the Tall Ships Nova Scotia 2012 Festival we were beyond thrilled. Staff shared their own memories of *Bounty* including childhood visits to the shipyard to see her under construction, the excitement experienced on launch day and the honking of car horns, blowing of dory horns and ringing of church bells in 1986 as a community effort to welcome *Bounty* back home to her historic birthplace for the first time.

Before they were set to drop anchor in Lunenburg August 1st, 2012, *Bounty's* operators called and inquired about hosting a reunion, a special get-together for those who helped with the construction of *Bounty*, and those who sailed on her maiden voyage to Tahiti. Upon first ask, we were glad to accommodate this request, but nervous about attendance. Most of the craftsmen involved with the build were no longer here with us. Curator Ralph Getson began a guest list, and could only think

of two, maybe 3 people. He made a few calls, there were a few call-outs on local radio and we went ahead with the preparations, with some apprehension.

Around 9:30am August 3, 2012, to our great surprise, retired marine blacksmith Vernon Walters arrived onsite followed by 45+ builders, outfitters, original crew and their families. This unexpected turnout reinforced *Bounty's* lasting legacy in this town. After all these years so many people still felt connected to this special ship. It was remarkable to see these men, many requiring walking aids, not let that stop them from getting aboard the ship. With the aid of *Bounty's* crew, they walked up the gangway with

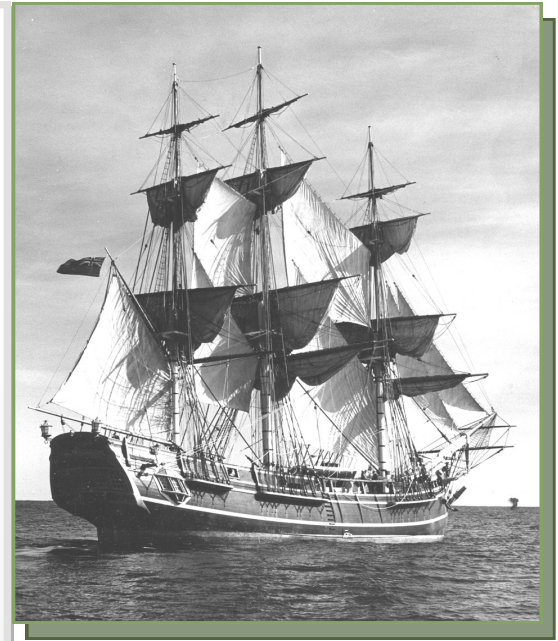
great gusto, carrying scrapbooks that followed *Bounty's* career, and old pin mauls and adzes they used 52 years ago at the shipyard. They were eager to inspect the "old girl" and, with lit-up faces, shared their own stories and personal memories of *Bounty*. Ralph Getson prepared a scrapbook with *Bounty* images from the museum's collection, and these men were able to identify old friends and offer detailed descriptions as if it all took place yesterday. The whole experience was heart-warming. To see men and women, young and old, come together in celebration of this special ship.

It is with great sadness and sorrow that we share this news of the fate of our beloved *Bounty*. She was lost but never forgotten, remaining deeply embedded in history and hearts of Lunenburg. We send our deepest sympathies to the families and loved ones of Capt. Walbridge and Claudene Christian. We wish to send out our gratitude to the heroes of the United States Coast Guard who entered this vicious storm to rescue the 14 surviving crew members. Although we consider ourselves blessed to have had *Bounty* visit with us during the summer of 2012 we were sorry to see her disappear across the horizon and we will forever feel a longing for *Bounty* to round the Battery one last time.



Did you Know? *HMS Bounty* Facts

- MGM Studios commissioned Smith & Rhuland to build *Bounty* in 1960 for the Marlon Brando version of "Mutiny on the Bounty"
- Built from original ship's drawings which, 200 years later, were still on file in British admiralty archives
- Cost was \$750 000 to build
- Keel laid March 3, 1960. Launched August 27th, 1960
- Because weeks of cold, wet weather were expected, it was decided to build *Bounty* in a large boat shed
- Charlie Hebb used 10 000 square yards of canvas to make her 18 sails
- Alfred Dauphinee, Nova Scotia's famed block-maker, carved 285 pieces of rockhard lignum vitae for *Bounty*
- Vernon Walters, marine blacksmith, made her 600lb swivel truss
- Retired shipyard veterans Gideon Wentzell (73), Howard Falkenham (71) and Dan McIsaac were called upon to return to their trade to share their experience building big craft and lead the younger men
- The Shipyard employed a total of 120 men working in two shifts in order to meet the deadline.
- Using adzes and broad axes builders cut 3 masts 60-80 feet high from timbers 27 inches square. These masts were then sanded by hand
- Ribs and keel were fashioned from U.S. imported oak
- Most of the timber was from United States and British Columbia; a combination of Douglas fir, spruce, oak and birch
- 400 000 board feet of wood were used to complete the construction (enough for four average sized houses)
- To make the rigging look authentic, the riggers carefully spliced heavy cable and covered it with pine-tarred burlap and hemp.
- Crowd of 10 000 attended launch ceremony
- Christened by Mrs. Fred Rhuland with a bottle of water from Tahiti



SPECIFICATIONS

Rig: Full rigged ship
 Sparred length: 180'
 LOD: 120'
 Draft: 13'
 Beam: 30'
 Rig Height: 115'
 Sails: 10 000 square feet
 Tons: 400 gross tons

"Truly a community effort, the building of this new *Bounty* could have been accomplished in few other places except Lunenburg. Can anyone recall a town of nearly 3000 people offering all skills necessary to construct such a craft from keel to topmast without outside aid?" - J.Keith Young



Summer Memories by the Sea, 2012



How fortunate we were when Nova Scotia Tall Ships 2012 paraded 8 vessels to our historic port of Lunenburg! On July 25 and 26 more than 5000 visitors walked our wharf to see *Amistad*, *Pride of Baltimore II*, *Lynx*, *Unicorn*, *USS Providence*, *Roseway*, *Larinda* and *Harvey Gamage*. There was music, magic, muskets and mermaids. Aerial acrobats and adventures aboard— Fun for the whole family!

Special thanks to our staff, volunteers, sponsors and of course Theodore who pulled boat loads of kids all day long!



Raina the Halifax Mermaid



Kings Orange Rangers



Premier Darrel Dexter
greeting visitors



Theodore, Aubrey and Howard



Aerial acrobatics aboard *Amistad*



Larinda



Damara Mossman, Queen of the Sea

South Shore Exhibition Parade

This year's float was a special tribute to the Fisheries Exhibition's "Queen of the Sea" pageant. We had many smiles, claps and comments from those in the audience that remember this special event.



Baa Baa to Yarn

Our annual wool symposium hosted by our Ice House Spinners was another great success! Visitors were led through the process of washing, dyeing, carding, and spinning. And if that wasn't enough, then they could then try knitting or rug hooking!



Card of Thanks



Thank you Ice House Spinners

If you have ever had the pleasure of going upstairs to the third floor of the Fisheries Museum, I'm sure it was a memorable visit if the Ice House Spinners were there to greet you. Sharon Orpin and her exceptional group of spinners have a passion for the fiber arts and a true talent of interpreting this craft to our visitors. They volunteer with us at least two days a week through our summer season, and never miss a special event. In fact, they



even host "Baa Baa to Yarn" a special event that takes visitors through the entire process of turning fleece into wool. Spinning is not their only gift, they also skilled knitters and rug hookers. Most recently they added a restored barn frame loom and now they can demonstrate how to weave in their exhibit, too.

Visitors are always fascinated to watch these ladies at work, and learn the mechanics of the spinning wheel.

Thank you Ice House Spinners (and Richard) for your time and dedication to our museum. You truly go above and beyond your

call of duty and we appreciate it.



Thom and Nathaniel aboard *Maud R.M.* the morning of the relaunch



The horns were a blowin'! Museum staff welcoming *Bluenose II* to her berth in style!

Bluenose II Relaunch

Welcome back Old Girl!

Congratulations to the Lunenburg Shipyard Alliance and everyone involved in getting this beautiful schooner back in the water!



The entire day of events provided by the province was outstanding! From a moving launch ceremony, to the phenomenal line-up of performers at the evening concert, the rain didn't hold anyone back! And to top it off, what a brilliant display of Fireworks, as the Bridgewater Fireman's Band played the Rankin Family's, "Rise Again."

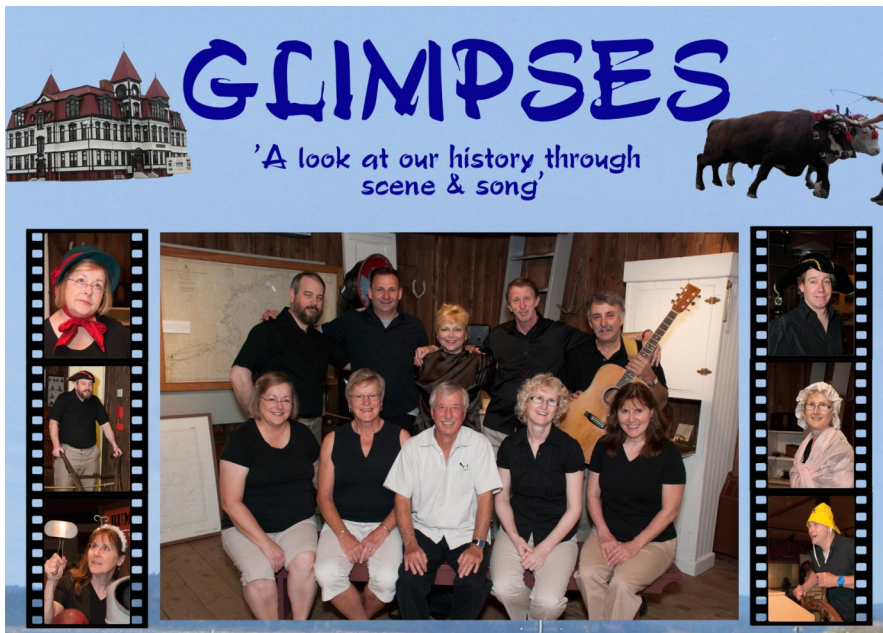
It was a memorable day for Lunenburg, our province and our nation. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the province of Nova Scotia for letting us be a part of this historic celebration. We look forward to having her back beside us at her berth for the 2013 season.

For more information on the *Bluenose II* restoration [click here](#) and enjoy the newly released official *Bluenose II* website.

Thank you "Glimpses"

Back by popular demand, "Glimpses" recently wrapped up their fifth successful season of productions in our Ice House Theatre. This year a special donation of \$1000 was given by the theatre troupe to our museum with gratitude and thanks for our support of the show. A second donation of \$500 was given to the South Shore Chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your kindness, and we are happy to continue supporting such an entertaining, educational and engaging production. "Glimpses", a hilarious history lesson through scene and song comes highly recommended and is suitable for all ages. Please contact us for more information on the 2013 production season.



The Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic wish to thank the following for their generous support:

Leah Abramson
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Marblehead Dory and Schooner Museum
Dusty Miller
Garry D. Shutlak
St. Mary's River Association
Ginny Zinck

Message from the President

We are delighted to have been part of many successes this past season as both the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic & *Bluenose II* welcomed thousands of visitors to our community and interpreted our wonderful heritage. It was certainly a summer season to remember beginning with Tall Ships Nova Scotia 2012 and ending with the historic relaunch of *Bluenose II*. We were also quite fortunate to welcome 8 cruise ships to our port as well. It was encouraging to see such interest and focus on our culture and its seafaring stories. As much as it sparked interest in visitors, it certainly renewed our passion and pride as a community. It also worked to renew and further strengthen the commitment of our Board to ensure that both operations are an integral part of this Province & Community for the future. We look forward to embracing the opportunities of both operations for the upcoming year and give thanks for the wonderful support of our partners, sponsors, staff and volunteers for this past season. On behalf of the Board of the Lunenburg Marine Museum Society I wish you a very Merry Christmas and smooth sailing into the New Year.

Andreas Josenhans
President
Lunenburg Marine Museum Society



FISHERMEN & SCIENTISTS RESEARCH SOCIETY

We would like to share the news about our new relationship that has been forged between the museum and the Fishermen & Scientist Research Society, FSRS. The museum first learned about the FSRS through their annual conference. We attended the conference for the first time in 2009 and were really impressed with the scope of the presentations. Museum visitors are always curious about what is going on today in the fisheries and the FSRS covers so much relevant material and current statistics that we can share with our visitors. It was at the last annual conference that some fantastic research project posters were donated to the museum and are now on display in the museum's lobster lore area. In return, FSRS were thrilled to have a place for their posters displayed for the public to view. Our recent relationship has expanded with Hilda Russell becoming the chairperson of the FSRS Communication Committee. The cross promotion opportunities are excellent and more importantly we value the museum's relationship with both scientist and fishermen. To learn more about this society be sure to check out their website, www.fsrs.ns.ca, and read their on-line Hook, Line and Thinker newsletter.

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berth for a few days. Definitely an exciting summer that brought our waterfront alive and showcased what can be achieved when we work together. We have been truly blessed with the support to help make these things happen. The level of sponsorship support from our Town, especially Adams & Knickle, was incredible and we cannot thank you all enough. Our volunteers have been so dedicated, loyal and supportive for all of our events and programming. Our staff has gone above and beyond all summer and I cannot thank you enough for your efforts. You manage to do so every year. I am very proud of all you have accomplished. Overall, this past season was a fine example of many things that the Christmas season represents—pride in tradition, the spirit of giving and the celebration of life well lived. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with hope, health, laughter and the comfort of family and friends.

Sincerely,
Angela Saunders

We are pleased to announce that we have received an award of excellence this year for a 4.5 star rating on Trip Advisor. We are very proud of the exceptional traveller ratings we have received and we value this positive customer feedback. [Check it out!](#)

Manager's Message

What an exciting year this has been! We are so pleased to have had the opportunity to partner with our Town, our Board of Trade and many others in town and beyond to host several events this past season. To top it all, we wrapped up our full interpretive season with a grand finale of having BLUE-NOSE II back in the water and at her home

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OF EXCELLENCE

2012

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Special Christmas Promotion

25% off Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic Season Passes

25% Off Dory Mate Memberships

Plus a free Family Day Pass for the 2012 Season when you become a Dory Mate!— What a Great Gift Idea!



**You are cordially invited to become a DORY MATE of the
FISHERIES MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC**

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Season Pass to the Museum
- 10% discount at the Salt Store Gift Shop
- Membership in the Lunenburg Marine Museum Society

- Museum Webletter 'Dory Mates'
- Invitation to Exclusive Events

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