

Vessel in Distress Rescued

On June 17/09, four tourists from the USA launched a 15 foot boat at Houston's Beach. They proceeded into the Minas Basin on a rock hunting expedition. After a time their outboard motor stopped working. With an outgoing tide, the winds picking up and their boat taking on water, they found themselves in serious trouble. Using their cell phone they were able to contact the Cdn. Coast Guard who, in turn, sent a call for any boaters in the area who might be able to respond to the distressed vessel. Fortunately, local fisherman, Bobby Vaughan, Capt. of the Tide Bound, was in the area and he immediately began a search. After a time he was able to locate the small boat off Cape Sharp. It was caught in the outgoing tide drifting dangerously close to Cape Split. Bobby was able to get a line on the boat and bring its passengers aboard the Tide Bound. After proceeding to Hall's Harbour, towing the small boat, they waited off shore until the incoming tide allowed them into the harbour at about 5:30 am. Tired and somewhat shaken by their experience, they were welcomed into a local home where they had breakfast. Many thanks to Bobby Vaughan and crew for a happy ending to this potentially disastrous situation.

S. Skerry

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sally Jess on being recognized by the Kings County Caregiver Community Network. Sally was one of seven individual caregivers recognized recently at their annual banquet.

Congratulations to Ryan Houghton, Hall's Harbour, our Capsite Summer Youth Intern (2003). Graduating from Mount Allison, and COGS, Lawrencetown he has accepted a position with C & C Technology, Lafayette, Louisiana, USA in GPS positioning, hydrographic surveying from marine base - coastal zone and offshore sites.

News from the Harbour Authority

May and June are always busy months for the H.A. A new Sluice house has been completed, the floating docks have been overhauled and put in place, and another new garbage bin has been added courtesy of Clean Nova Scotia. Our annual spring dredging has also been completed and additional maintenance items have been contracted out for repair or inspection.

All final details for the museum wharf project are being attended to and a start date has been tentatively set for early August. The H.A. wishes to thank Small Craft Harbour and Public Works Canada personnel for their attendance at our AGM on June 25, along with their exploration of this project details. The replacement of this dilapidated WWII structure has been out principle focus for the past 2 years and we look forward to having a new and completed facility sometime before year end.

For the first time in six years there will not be a dog fishery at Halls Harbour. Fishers are hopeful that market conditions will improve and this industry will reintroduce itself in 2010. Six lobster boats, one long-liner, and the usual compliment of pleasure boaters are now using our harbour and its facilities. The H.A. wishes all fishers and boaters a safe and enjoyable/profitable season.

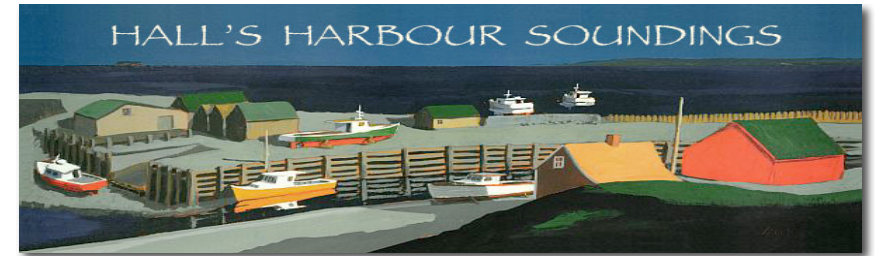
Blair Simpson Chair, HHA

Send submissions to: hallsharbour.cap@xcountry.tv, preferably as an unformatted text file. Deadline for next issue is Sept. 15, 2009. To help defray the costs of publishing our community newsletter, we hope to find persons or group that would like to sponsor a publication of "Soundings" (125). A charitable receipt will be issued. Please phone Richard at 679-0426 for more information. Advertisement space is available - \$40 for four issues (1 year)

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Hall's Harbour Historical Society

This year, the **Red Fish House Museum and Interpretive Centre** will only be open on July 1st for Canada Day celebrations offering fresh coffee, muffins, and cookies for sale.

Since the Museum Wharf is to be undergoing repairs in a few weeks, the HHHS will not be opening the Fish House for the season.

The Schoolhouse/Capsite will be open daily to the public, so be sure to visit us at 3586 Highway 359 (beside the fire hall) to look over our mini-schoolhouse museum, and use the computers which offer free public high-speed internet access. Rumor has it that we have a new supply of good used books for only 25¢ each, so be sure to visit and check out the books. We also have had more pictures and artifacts donated to the HHHS, so hope to see you soon.

Have a Happy & Safe Summer.



Soundings is in memory of the former Hall's Harbour Post Office, which is still located just across the road from the Neville Gallery. PW Neville was the last postmaster here, retiring in 1963 after 41 years service. Many memories of meeting friends and neighbours while stopping to pick up the daily mail and newspaper.

CALENDAR

Fundy View Hall

July 1st Celebrations – FVCC will be having a soup and biscuit lunch from 11:30 – 1:30pm - \$4.00. A Silent Auction will be ongoing from 11:30 – 6pm The annual Chicken BBQ from 4-6pm \$10 Adults \$5 for Children.

Card Games

Every Tues 7:30pm starting July 7th at the FVCC hall. Prizes and refreshments.

AGM

The annual General Mtg of HHFVCC will be held on Aug 21 at 7:30pm

Save this Date!

Stan Carew and the Magpies are returning!! Sept 13, 3pm at the hall. Tickets are \$18.

Bean Supper

The Annual Bean Supper and Christmas Tree Lighting will be held Dec 6th with John Sands entertaining.

Lilacs

Do you like lilacs and their scent?



In the 1950's there were a number of lilac bushes growing in the Hall's Harbour area where there once were farm houses. There was a large bush across from the West Hall's Harbour Baptist Church where for several years I picked a bunch for the Sunday service. These bushes of "wild" lilacs were always the traditional purple or "lilac" colour. Some people also had white lilacs. Today there are many hybrids of lilacs with new colours like pale yellow, pink, and dark burgundy.

The common lilac developed in eastern Europe and several varieties come from Asia. The lilac is hardy and needs a period of cold weather to develop well. Thus it grew well around early settlers homes and could easily be grown from seed or roots and required little care.

Lilacs in Hall's Harbour are usually later than in the Valley reaching their peak here about two weeks after those in the valley are passed.

I always enjoy coming across these abandoned lilac bushes on the back roads of the Harbour area. They make me think of the family that once lived in a home there gaining a meager living from farming, forestry and fishing.

Once my mother mentioned that she would like to have lilacs at her funeral. My brother, Peter, told her that she would have to die "in season" since lilacs are only available in late May and early June.

Richard Parker

The Hall's Harbour Community Development Spring Activities Report

The HHCD has been very active this spring. The HHCD thanks everyone involved in the following for their help and continuing care of their community.

A new Hall's Harbour Brochure has been created by the HHCD. With the help of the funding partners of MEDAC from the Municipality of Kings, Destination Southwest Nova and our business partners we now have 30,000 copies available for and in circulation.

The Eco Trails System is being revamped and with generous assistance from the Municipality Of Kings Recreation Dept. and local help we will have a new and vastly improved trail system to use in the very near future. Work will be ongoing during the summer but the trails will be open for use.

A letter determining interest in The Lighthouse Wharf was sent to Small Craft Harbours and the Harbour Authority of Hall's Harbour. This process is being assessed by the groups involved.

The HHCD has advertised for a Summer Ambassador and hiring is expected to be completed shortly. The binoculars are up and all signs have been erected. The East Beach has been swept and is being maintained daily. Flowers have been planted in the various community boxes.

Andy Walker has stepped down as Chair. Helen Lightfoot and David Lacey are sharing the Chair-co Chair activities currently until the AGM when a permanent executive will be sworn in. Richard Parker and Grace Steele are sharing the secretarial duties. Fred Houghton is Treasurer.

The Hall's Harbour Day Committee has been very active and partnering with the other organizations in the Harbour has come up with the following full slate of events for July 1st.

Hall's Harbour Community Activities July 1st 2009

7:00 am – 10:00 am
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
10:30 am - 5:00 pm
11:00 am
11:00 am -3:00 pm
11:30- 1:30 pm
11:30-6:30 pm
12:00
1:00 pm - 3:00pm
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
2:30 pm
3:00 pm
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
9:45 pm

Pancake Breakfast at the Hall's Harbour Fire Hall
Coffee and Muffins at the Fish House Museum
Quilt Show at the West Side Baptist Church
Children's Parade assembles at the Cove Road
Hot Dogs and Sausages on the Wharf
Soup and Biscuit will be served at Fundy View
Silent Auction Fundy View
Children's Magic Show at the Fire Hall followed by activities for the children
Music on Wharf with Local Musicians!
Chip Bingo! At Hall's Harbour Fire Hall
Flag Raising and the Blessing of the Fleet
Ceremonial Cutting of the Canada Day Cake on the wharf
Chicken Barbecue at the Fundy View
FIREWORKS!