

Symposium #13: The Year of the Tall Ships

This June 24, 2017 marks our 13th Summer Symposium. These annual events are designed to review the ongoing work of the Association over the past year and to discuss plans to continue to develop our working waterfront.

The completion of the fundraising effort in 2016, supported by many of our members, led to the successful restoration of the exterior of the Battery Point Lighthouse in late summer. Billy LeBlanc Painting Co. did a first-rate job in repairing the wall shingles and the window structure and applying the best marine paint to the entire building. Work as needed will continue this Fall, led by the Heritage Carpentry Program of Nova Scotia Community College.

A major structural upgrade and re-decking of the Zwicker Wharf was completed in 2016. The wharf has 300 feet of floating docks for recreational vessels, and the dinghy docks were expanded last summer. The Business Plan for re-purposing the Zwicker Building is making its way through the channels of the new Provincial Government.

The Shipyard complex is home to a new schooner build under the direction of David Westergard. The warehouse on Burma Road has a new heating system and is now the home of two marine-related woodworking firms. This past winter they have supplied their skills to both the Polar Prince and Bluenose II.

A working group of mooring field users continues to meet to help re-organise the mooring field in the harbour in order to expand the capacity to moor visiting and resident boats.

Waterfront Development and LWAI annually update and publish a Mariners Guide to Lunenburg and its waterfront. This resource document will assist mariner-visitors in finding the services they require as they arrive at our waterfront.

Current tenants on the Lunenburg Waterfront properties include:

Blue Rocks Timber Framers marine rigging & timber frames for buildings
 Clearwater Seafoods Inc. seafood company fleet operations centre
 Covey Island Boatworks custom yacht builders
 Dawson Moreland Associates The Dory Shops and boatyard
 Echo Bay Marine yacht maintenance and storage
 Lunenburg Boat Locker ship's chandlery, marine repair, visitor moorings
 Lunenburg Fish Company seafood brokers
 Lunenburg Furniture Company residential, commercial, and marine woodworking
 Nova Scotia Sea School educational sailing expeditions for young people
 Ocean Gear Inc. vessel maintenance & repair, commercial fishing gear manufacture
 Paul Baskett Woodworking marine interiors and woodworking
 Sobey's Foodland grocery market
 Westergard & Sons master boatbuilders of traditional schooners
 Windward Isle Sailing Ship Co. home of the *Picton Castle*, rigging and sail training

Finally, waterfront activity to watch for this Summer includes:

- ❖ Folk Harbour Festival, August 10 to 13, 2017 on the waterfront, and at other venues in Lunenburg
- ❖ RDV 2017 Tall Ships Regatta, August 10 to 12
- ❖ The wharf at Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic is now open to the public
- ❖ The renewed Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic offers new exhibits of Lunenburg's fishing history