

Fall 2024/Winter 2025



COMMUNITY

MURRAY HARBOUR & AREA NEWSLETTER

We Will Remember Them

Fourteen trees were planted at the Murray Harbour Community Centre in memory of the area's fallen soldiers from WWI and WWII. This initiative was sparked by a donation of trees by community member Marek Kubat.

There was a fantastic turn-out for the touching ceremony at the Cenotaph, tree dedication and reception. Numerous families were able to take part in planting a tree in remembrance of their ancestors and loved ones. Beautiful stories about each soldier can be found on the Murray Harbour Farmers Market Facebook page.

The trees, which Marek donated from his nursery on the Mill Road, are a mix of yellow birch and red oak, which will be beautiful to enjoy in the coming years. In time, plaques recognizing each soldier will be placed with their tree.



Jill MacKay with daughter Carla MacKay and granddaughter Iris Norman planting a tree for Pte. E. Milton Livingstone (1918-1944)

(Con'd on Pg. 2)

The soldiers commemorated were:

WWI

- Pte. Milton Sharam (1897-1918)
- Lieutenant Kimball F. Keeping (1886-1917)
- Pte. Garnet Buell (1897-1918) -
- Pte. Victor F. Brooks (1898-1919)
- Pte. Clarence Reynolds (1896-1918)
- Pte. Gordon Mackay (1892-1917)

WWII

- Pte. John H. Bell (1904-1944)
- Sgt. George L. Brehaut (1922-1944)
- L/Cpl. H. Maxwell Brooks (1896-1944)
- Pte. Reuben Gosbee (1920-1944)
- Pte. E. Milton Livingstone (1918-1944)
- Pte. George MacKenzie (1920-1944)
- Pte. J. Frank Macleod (1910-1944)
- Pte. Fredrick B. Stewart (1923-1943) □



Glen Gosbee and Reuben Creed (on left), nephews of Pte. Reuben Gosbee (1920-1944)



George MacKenzie, nephew of Pte. George MacKenzie (1920-1944), with his grandchildren Penelope and Jamison Harding.



Message from the Mayor

Terry White

When I reflect on the past year there are many community events and achievements that come to my mind: well-attended family events, seniors events, and the first-ever Mexican Independence Day celebration; significant maintenance projects completed in the Community Centre and a major renovation project started; numerous successful fundraising initiatives; and the creation of a community pantry. In early December, we will be unveiling the Fishermen's Memorial and Heritage Park monuments. It's great to see that these initiatives support and engage different segments of our increasingly diverse community and honour our rich history. Thank you to everyone who makes these great things possible in our community.

Over the summer, the Canada Community Building Fund (former gas-tax program) was renewed for another five-years and the council is inviting your ideas on how to invest these funds at our regular meeting on January 8th at 6 pm. This is your opportunity to tell the Council what you would like to see in Murray Harbour.



We wish everyone a safe and warm holiday season, and I hope to see you at the numerous holiday and winter events taking place in Murray Harbour in the coming months. □

Village Receives Beautification Award



The Community Spirit-People's Choice Award of the Rural Beautification Society is given to communities who demonstrate the most spirit and pride for their community through an online voting process. Thank you to everyone who voted for Murray Harbour! In third place, we received a prize of flower bulbs from Vessey's valued at \$180, which have been planted around the Community Centre and will be a pleasure to see in the spring. The certificate is hanging in the lobby of the Community Centre. □

Ideas, please!

What new infrastructure would you like to see in Murray Harbour?



Residents are invited to share their ideas for future capital and infrastructure investments at the Council's next regular meeting on January 8 at 6 pm. Murray Harbour can receive up to \$100,000 per year over the next five years from the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF). Examples of eligible projects include public transit, community energy systems, disaster mitigation and facilities for culture, tourism, sport, and recreation. More information about the fund can be found on both federal and provincial government websites. If you can't attend on January 8 to present your idea, you can submit it to the office via office@murrayharbour.ca.

Historical Society of Murray Harbour and Area

The Historical Society of Murray Harbour and Area is back! Not only are we back but we are thrilled to announce we have a chapter at the Gillis Lodge, which meets once a month.


Now you may think we sit around drinking tea, eating crumpets and discussing the building of our country (which we do minus the tea and crumpets), but since our first meeting in the spring of 2024, we have discussed topics including horse racing and horses, bootleggers, the Starch Factory, musicians, and the fine art of tipping over outhouses - just to name a few.

Feel free to drop by the Community Centre on the THIRD Wednesday of each month at 7 pm or check out our FACEBOOK page. You won't be disappointed and who knows, you may even decide to become a member (or buy a membership for a friend!). ☐

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Don't Miss It!

Official Unveiling of the Fishermen's Memorial Monument

Come be a part of this exciting and historic moment in our community on **Friday, Dec 6 at 5 pm** at the south side of Murray Harbour wharf. There will be a dedication ceremony, a tree lighting, hot chocolate and live entertainment. A great way to kick off Christmas's in the Village 2024! ☐



Christmas in the Villages

It's beginning to look a lot like....

CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGES 2024 and we are PUMPED! This annual event with 8+ venues (including 2 venues under the Murray Harbour Farmers Market umbrella—one at the Murray Harbour Community Centre and one at 10 Mariner Lane) will offer you a selection of products LOCALLY created, LOCALLY owned, or LOCALLY grown. Some venues will feature live entertainment as well as an assortment of refreshments.

Christmas in the Villages will be held on Friday, December 6 from 6 to 9 pm and Saturday, December 7 from 9 am to 2 pm. So circle the date on your calendar, grab some friends, and come make some memories in the beautiful Murray Harbour/Murray River area. ☐



Community School: Connect & Learn



Community School is fast approaching and we are busy putting together a list of classes and instructors. We would love to have your input and have created a three question survey available at

www.murrayharbour.ca and the 'Out and About in Murray Harbour' Facebook page for you to let us know which classes you would be interested in taking or teaching.

Have input but don't want to use the survey? Contact Gary MacKay at 705-677-7511. Your feedback would be appreciated by mid-December. ☐

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LEAVING MRFD, DOWN MAIN ST, TURNING ONTO MCINNIS ST, UP MOORE DR, DOWN BONNELL'S HILL, UP GLADSTONE RD, & ONTO BRIANS ROAD. FROM HERE, HE HOPS ON WITH THE MHFD TO GO DOWN TORONTO RD, THROUGH ABNEY, UP MAIN ST MURRAY HARBOUR, THROUGH GUERNSEY COVE & AROUND BEACH POINT, THEN BACK THROUGH MURRAY HARBOUR, ENDING AT THE MHFD!

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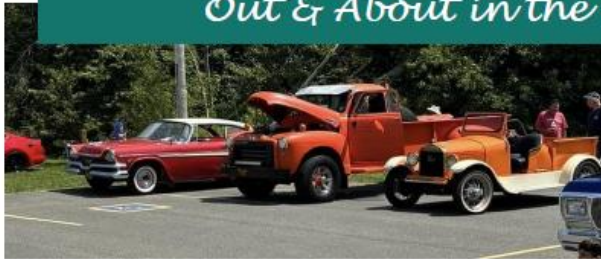
December 7th from 9am-2pm

Participating Locations:

- *10 Mariner Drive
- *The Deck at Ocean Acres
- *The Home Plate Restaurant and Bakery
- *Memorial United Church
- *Murray Harbour Farmers Market at the Murray Harbour
Community Centre
- *Murray River Community Hall
- *Northumberland Arena
- *The Old General Catering House
- *Ruthie's Mini Donuts

**SEE FACEBOOK FOR ALL THE
DETAILS- CHRISTMAS IN THE
VILLAGES-DOWN EAST PEI**

Out & About in the Harbour





**Machon Point
Fisherman's Co-op**

*Merry Christmas
and a Happy
New Year!*



*Nellie's
Landing*



*Thank
you*

See you in June!!

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Happy Holidays!



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Holiday Events

The **Second Annual Christmas Pancake Breakfast** at the Murray River Community Hall, **December 14 from 8 till 10 am** presented by The Old General Catering House. Also join us for our **New Year's Day Levee** at the House from **12 until 2 pm**. ☐

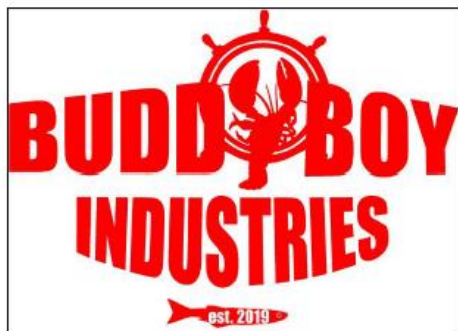
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Get Involved!

The Council and its committees have numerous ways for you to get involved in our great community—everything from one-time events, behind the scenes support, and numerous leadership opportunities. Contact any councillor or speak to Anne at the office to learn more.

Murray Harbour 50/50 Draw

The Harbour Lottery is a fundraiser of the Rural Municipality of Murray Harbour that started in 2021. Anyone wishing to play can get more information at one of three businesses: Winds Four Corners at Peter’s Road, Miller’s Esso in Murray River and L&O Butler’s in Murray Harbour. Many thanks to them for letting us play our lottery from their locations.

Don’t forget to enter every week—there’s nothing like the feeling of having your number drawn when you didn’t play!

Card Play

All are welcome to play cards at the Community Centre on Tuesdays and Fridays at 1:30pm. Cost is \$2. For more information, call Ida MacKenzie at 902-962-2798.

Pickleball

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 - 11 am at the Community Centre.

Inviting all seniors & their spouse's on the Murray Harbour (COA 1VO) mail route to the...

Seniors Christmas Dinner

Murray Harbour Community Centre
Saturday, December 14, 2024
5pm

RSVP on or before Dec. 7th if you are able to attend:
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Council Committee Reports

Finance and Infrastructure Maintenance

Deputy Mayor Gary MacKay

The budgeting process will begin in early 2025. Essential operating costs for our Village accounted for over two-thirds of last year's budget. It is mandatory to submit a budget to the PEI government that at least breaks even, something we have been able to do on a regular basis. To get us to that level it often means a slight increase in taxes, even with the impressive fundraising revenue we take in each year. We'll do everything we can to minimize any negative impact on the taxpayers.

It has been a busy schedule for much needed repairs in and around the Community Centre. Everything from fresh paint to a new chimney, new planters and garbage bins to a new furnace room and handrails on the basement stairways to name a few. We're looking forward to continuing this program in 2025. □

Emergency Management

Pam Oickle

Exciting news! The Rural Municipality of Murray Harbour has secured a grant for significant renovations to the Community Centre to increase accessibility and

improve the services we are able to provide in the event of an emergency. Many thanks to everyone who participated in the focus groups to brainstorm priorities for the Centre.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Community Centre purge will have been completed in preparation for the renovations. A huge thank you to all who came out!

Finally, as the renovations take place, please understand that there may be some disruptions to the booking schedule and we thank you for your patience as we complete this important work. Short-term pain for long-term gain! □



for the Seniors Dinner on Dec. 14!
Please contact Paul White
at 902-969-7434.

Murray Harbour Farmers Market

The Murray Harbour Farmers Market and its vendors thank you for your support in 2024 - our 11th year of operation. We continue to grow both customer and vendor "wise" because of loyalty - us to you and you to us!

Our "Giving Back With Lemonade" initiative raised over \$3000 for charity which is an amazing accomplishment. Never question the impact of our youth - to the Glover Girls, the Hodgson Family, Iris Norman, Ben White-Rose, Paityn Leeco, Tessa Penny, Huxley and Etta-Mae MacDonald, Eloise Baker, Harlow MacLeod, and Markus and Evelyn Edgar.....you have not only made a change in the lives of others, you have made a difference in the lives of everyone you touched through simply offering them a glass of lemonade.

So until we see each other again: be kind, take the time to talk to your neighbour, BUY LOCAL, stay safe and keep those oars in the water! ☐

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The Board of Directors for Cape Bear Lighthouse and Marconi Station Inc. would like to extend holiday greetings to all of our friends and neighbours. A special thank you goes out to all those who visited the lighthouse during the 2024 season and participated in our summer events. It was fun getting together to celebrate and share Cape Bear's story.

Our lantern room is back in place and it looks awesome! We're presently seeking funding opportunities to complete work on the remainder of the lighthouse exterior. The Marconi building, now known as Marconi Hall, has been moved and sits proudly next to the lighthouse. Plans are underway for upgrades that will enable us to utilize this space to its full potential. Stay tuned!

As a non-profit, we are indebted to your support. We are working hard to maintain Cape Bear Lighthouse as a premiere focal point within Eastern PEI.

Merry Christmas & Happy 2025! ☐



At the Library

The PEI Library service is a great resource in your community! Our **online catalogue** is your tool to explore our collection of books, DVDs, audiobooks, and online resources. Feel free to pop in and meet Sue, who will be happy to help you get started.

Through the catalogue you can locate items in any PEI public library, place holds, renew your materials, and browse new additions to the collection. If we don't have the book you're looking for, you can **suggest a purchase**. With your library card you can also access our extensive digital collections from home using the **Libby App** and use our public access computers (equipped with **Ancestry.com** and all the **Saltwire publications**) for scanning and printing.

The PEI library service also offers a growing "**collection of things**" to borrow with your card, such as musical instruments and tools, as well as safety, health and wellness resources. With your card you can also access a **free TCAP day pass** in Montague, which is available to borrow at the front desk in Montague library.

Upcoming Programs

Murray Harbour Library

- **Story Time** - Fridays at 10:30 am
- **Rustic Yarn Tree Ornaments** - Saturday, December 7 at 10 am

Murray River Library

- **Story Time** - Wednesdays at 10:30 am
- **Book Club Meet Up** – Tuesday, November 26 at 6 pm
- **Crafternoon Tea** – Tuesday, December 17 at 3 pm to make wood slice Santa ornaments.

For more information, please contact the library at (902) 962-3875, by email at murray_harbour@gov.pe.ca, or check out the PEI Public Library Service Facebook page for additional events and information that may be happening at local libraries. □

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Church Notices

Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church

Pastor Aaron Tardif, 902-962-2200

Sunday Worship: 10 am

'Why the Nativity?' livestream of family-friendly Christmas story: Dec 14, 7 pm

Christmas Caroling: Dec 18, 7 pm; meet at the church at 6:45 pm

Christmas Eve Service: Dec 24, 7 pm

Murray River Baptist Church

Pastor Marie Kenny

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Sunday Worship: 11 am

Christmas Service: Dec 15, 10:45 am

Christmas Eve Service: Dec 24, 7 pm

Memorial United Church

Sunday School: 10:30 am

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Seniors Meals: Monthly

Christmas Craft Fair: Dec 6, 6 - 8 pm & Dec 7, 9 am - 2 pm

Mistletoe Cafe: Dec 7, 11 am - 1 pm

Christmas Eve Service: Dec 24, 7 pm

WellSpring Presbyterian Church

Reverend Roger MacPhee

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Carols & Hot Chocolate: Dec 8, 7 pm

Christmas Eve Service: Dec 24, 7 pm

Murray Harbour Church of Christ

Minister Jason McVicar, 902-962-2714

Sunday School: 10 am

Sunday Worship: 11 am

Kids Club (Grade K-6): Wednesdays at Murray Harbour Baptist, 6 -7:15 pm

Youth Group (Grade 7-12): Thursdays, 6:30 - 8 pm ☐

Murray Harbour Baptist Church

Colby Stewart, 902-962-3347

Sunday School for All Ages: 9:45 am

Sunday Worship: 11am

Adult Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7 pm (Gospel of John)

Kids Klub (Gr. K-6): Wednesdays, 6 - 7:15 pm; Fun, snacks, games, and learning more about God.

Youth Group (Gr. 7-12): Thursdays, 6:30 - 8 pm at Murray Harbour Church of Christ

Evening of Christian Christmas Music: Dec 1, 7-9 pm; Singing, fellowship, and finger food.

Christmas Eve Service: Dec 24, 6 pm

The Friendly Circle

Our Friendly Circle Club [age 50+] meets the first Thursday of the month with the next meeting taking place January 2 at noon. We have a catered entrée and members are welcome to bring salads, desserts, breads, etc. to share if they would like. This is a time to socialize and there is a brief program each time we meet. In January, Margaret Brady will tell us and show us her felting hobby that produces mushrooms, birds, etc.

Project Nectar is a new initiative that aims to engage seniors in nature and with others in our communities. So far we've made good use of a new, dedicated portion of the Murray Harbour Community Garden—planting, tending, and harvesting—caring for a pollinator habitat, organizing workshops and a field trip, with more planned for 2025. These events are open to everyone so keep an eye out for more Project Nectar events coming soon. Hope to see you there, young and old! To learn more or become a member, contact Larry Siebrands at larrysiebrands@yahoo.com □

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SPECIAL INSERT

Submissions for the Fishermen's Memorial



Photo by Somerset Gardens Inc.

Last spring, the Municipal Council asked community members to send in their ideas for a fishing-related verse that could become part of a Fishermen's Memorial Monument they've been developing. We received a great response and have permission to share the following submissions with you. We hope you enjoy reading these as much as we did! Thank you to all who participated.

The first poem, by Frieda Billard, was selected from the submissions by a committee to become a permanent part of the Fishermen's Memorial Monument and will be officially unveiled along with a new monument on **December 6 at 5 pm** at the south side of the wharf.



Photo by Gary MacKay

In Murray Harbour

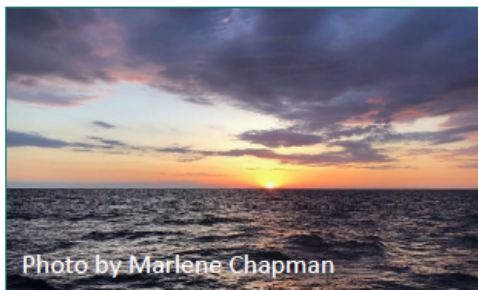
Written and submitted by Frieda Billard

In Murray Harbour where the sea meets the land
A fishing village strong, where dreams expand.
With weathered wharves and boats that glide
It's been the backbone, where hopes reside.
From dawn till dusk, the fishers toil
In the rhythm of the waves, they find their spoil.
Oh, Murray Harbour, with your salty air
You've witnessed triumphs, and moments rare.
Your waters teem with life's abundant flow
A lifeline to the village, where dreams grow.
Through storms and tides, you stand so true
A beacon of resilience, for all to view.
In every wave that kisses your shore
Lies the spirit of a community, forevermore.
In Murray Harbour, steadfast and bold
Is testament to the stories untold. □

Untitled

Written and submitted by Ronnda Singer

In Murray Harbour, where the ocean
breeze blows,
Fishermen from PEI, with stories that
truly glow.
They work the waters, with passion and
might,
Bringing life to the harbor, from morning
till night.
Their boats set sail, with nets and traps
cast wide,
In search of the treasures that the sea
does hide.
With every catch, their spirits soar,
For Murray Harbour, they'll always adore.
They brave the waves, the wind, and the
rain,
Their hard work and dedication never
wane.
Through thick and thin, they stand tall,
For Murray Harbour, they give it their all.
Their skills and knowledge, honed
through the years,
Make the bonds of their community
strong and clear.
To Murray Harbour, they are a vital part,
Their presence etched deeply in every
heart.
So let's raise a toast to these fishermen
bold,
For their contributions, worth more than
gold.



In Murray Harbour, they're cherished and
esteemed,
The backbone of a place where dreams
are redeemed. □

Metamorphosis

Written and submitted by Bradley Saia

My feet are cold, the fish still unsold
The waves around me are falling, you are
calling
You have been crying
I have been lying
My feet are cold, I am too old!
It is hard for me to accept all of the love
that you have in the Hold
My feet are cold, the tide is strong
If I stop rowing now, I will be gone
Your touch is warm, your eyes are bright
You tether my boat with a hurricane's
might
A young pink butterfly soon will sing
The only cost is a ring
Summers warm ocean of love, will surely
overcome, the cold undone □

Untitled

Written and submitted by Ronnda Singer

In Murray Harbour, where the lobster
boats roam,
Generations of fishermen have called it
home.
With weathered hands and hearts full of
pride,
They sail the seas, their legacy a tide.
From father to son, the knowledge is
passed,
A tradition of fishing that forever will last.
Through storms and calm, they brave the
waves,
Their determination, the community
saves.
They mend their traps, with care and
precision,
A testament to their unwavering
dedication.
Their hard work and toil, day after day,
Ensures the bounty of lobsters comes
their way.
With each haul, the harbor comes alive,
The community rejoices, as their spirits
thrive.
The taste of fresh lobster, a local delight,
Made possible by these fishermen, day
and night.
They are the heartbeat of Murray
Harbour's soul,
Their presence, a testament to the
community's goal.

Through thick and thin, they stand tall,
Their love for the sea, echoing in us all.
So let's raise a cheer for these fishermen
true,
For their commitment and passion,
through and through.
In Murray Harbour, they're cherished and
adored,
The backbone of a community,
forevermore. □

Song of the Soul

*Written and submitted by Marlene
Chapman*

The whoosh of the water
against the hull
is a sound of embrace
that speaks to your soul.

So peaceful and quiet
departing before dawn
brings witness each day
to the birth of the sun.
So many rewards
gives the fisher's vocation.
So many hazards
and some lives taken.

If it gets in your blood,
the song of the sea,
peace you will know
and at home you will always be. □

Setting Day in Murray Harbour

Written and submitted by Laverne MacInnis

Any day now, my neighbour will haul his
boat to the harbour.

Any day now you'll hear the thump of
traps on the wharf.

Any day now you'll see the folks in their
fishing gear.

Any day now the Harbourview will open
for another year.

Our village comes alive with its own signs
of spring.

We don't wait for the robins or the
flowers to bloom.

We know we can say goodbye to the
winter and snow.

When we see signs of the fisher folk
ready to go!

This is a day woven into the village fibre
Of many who live here like an old
sweater.

And they wouldn't want it to be any other
way.

They don't think it can get any better!

This day happened long before we
remember.

It's a day our fathers and grandfathers
Hand made their wooden boats and
traps.

A day before radar and any fancy maps.

THE DAY arrives and even before the sun
rises,
All the boats are in the harbour loaded to
the brim.

Families and friends gather at the wharf,
Waiting for all the fishers to shove off.
There's laughter, there's joy, there's great
hope.

For a bountiful lobster season about to
begin.

Maybe even a chaplain to say brief
prayer,

Asking God's mercy on every seafarer.

Slowly, the boats all in a straight line,
Begin to slip out of the harbour,
Majestically gliding on the glass-like
water.

A shiver runs through the crowd without
an utter.

They know this sea only too well.
The ocean is bountiful and beautiful.
But she's greedy too; sometimes she
claims.

A few years ago, she claimed four, one
only nineteen.

As we celebrate and rejoice another
Setting Day,
We will not truly celebrate and relax until
The sea returns ALL of our own on that
Even more joyful LANDING DAY! ☐

Untitled

Written and submitted by Heather Pollard

Look! See the vision, just across the way!
An old weathered salt from a long ago
day.

In dories and schooners, he spent his life,
Doing his best for his children and wife.

He fought the weather, tides, and more.
Always thankful he made it back to shore.

Look! Off to the east, toward the sun,
Folks continuing the family tradition.

Now with vessels of fiberglass and steel,
Computers and electronics all around the
wheel.

The job is still hard and takes its toll,
But fishing is something that gets in your
soul!

Look! Off in the future, the dream of a
child,
To sail, to fish, to live on the waters wild!

Smell the salt air, feel the ocean breeze.
When it gets in your blood, it never
leaves! ☐

Water Lets You In

Written by Book of Fears

Submitted by Gary MacKay

Young man goes out looking
For the diamond in the sea
Old man rows his boat to shore
And falls on twisted knees

And you'll drown before
The water lets you in
You'll drown before
The water lets you in

The feeling that I fear the most
Is the one that follows me
All across the starry coast
From sea to dying sea
It says

You'll drown before
The water lets you in
You'll drown before
The water lets you in

I think the thing I've wanted most
Was just never meant to be
A thousand waves, a thousand ghosts
Their sorrows follow me

And you'll drown before
The water lets you in
You'll drown before
The water lets you in

Oh horrible, oh horrible day ☐

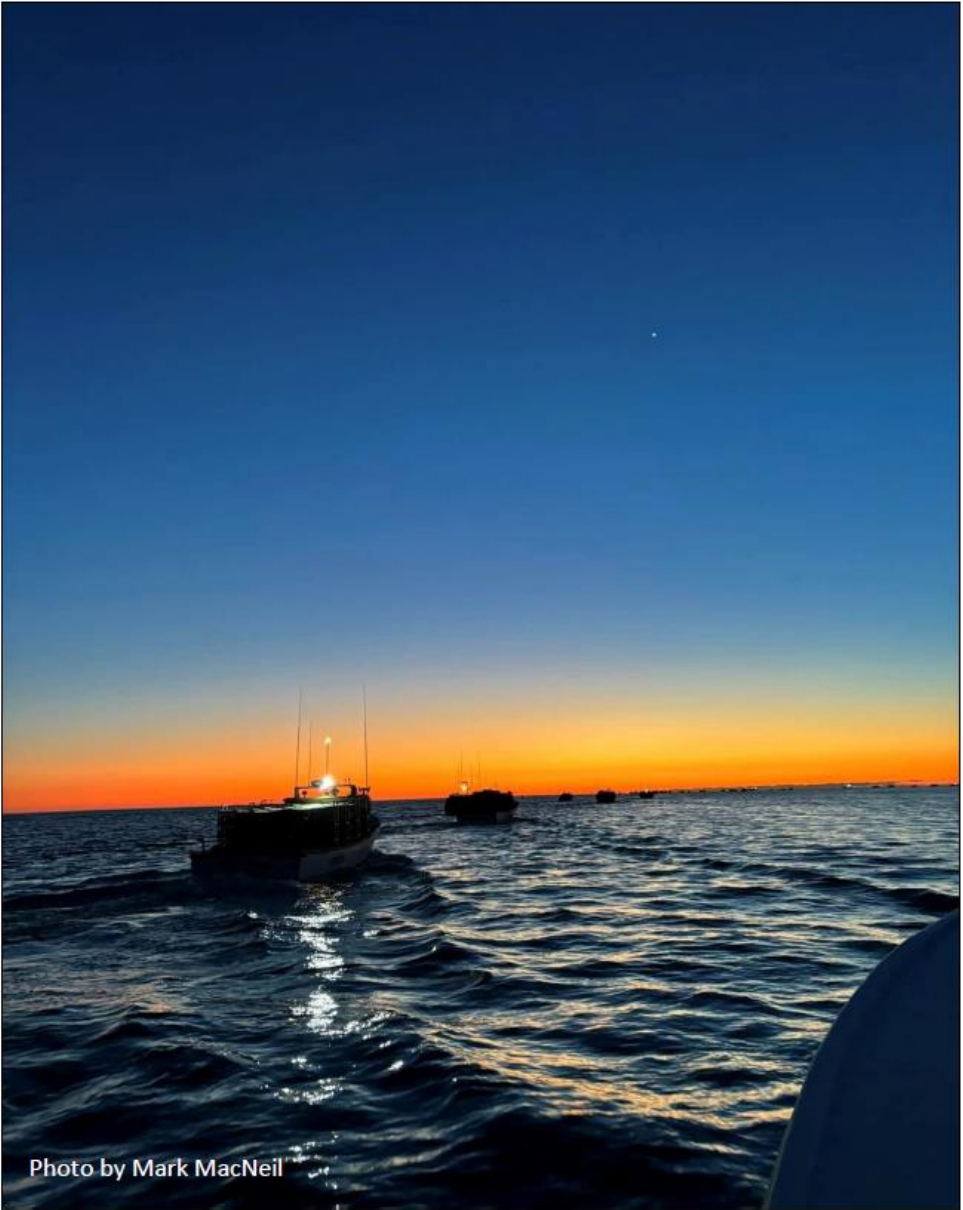


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Sea-Fever (1st verse)

Written by John Masefield

Submitted by Emily MacKay

I must go down to the seas again, to the
lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to
steer her by;
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song
and the white sail's shaking,
And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a
grey dawn breaking. □

Fisherman's Blessing

Written by Dean Burry

Submitted by Megan Drane

May the hand of God be on your tiller,
May the winds of God be in your sail,
Through the tossing torrent,
Let his courage lift you up
And guide you to the shelter of the shore.
May your nets be filled with the spirit,
May you find your passage through the
fog.
Through the darkest shadows
There's a shining ray of light
To guide you to the shelter of the shore. □



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Untitled

Written and submitted by Ronnda Singer

In Murray Harbour, where the waves
crash and roar,
There's a special group of women, strong
to the core.
With grit and determination, they take to
the sea,
Breaking barriers, showing what they can
be.
In their weathered boots and oil gear,
They cast their traps, without a trace of
fear.
With every catch, their spirits soar high,
For these women fishermen, the limit is
the sky.
They navigate the waters, skillfully and
bold,
Their stories of resilience, forever to be
told.
Through storms and swells, they
persevere,
Their presence in Murray Harbour is so
crystal clear.
With hands calloused and hearts full of
might,
They embrace the challenges, day and
night.
Their passion for fishing, an unwavering
flame,
These women from Murray Harbour,
they've earned their fame.

After the early hours of fishing, when the
sun begins to rise,
These remarkable women, with love in
their eyes,
They return to their homes, with a heart
full of grace,
To tend to their children, in a warm and
nurturing embrace.
With tired bodies and weary souls, they
find strength anew,
Balancing their roles, as fishermen and
mothers, through and through.
Their dedication knows no bounds, as
they navigate the day,
Providing for their families in their own
extraordinary way.
In Murray Harbour, their legacy shines
bright,
As these women fishermen, with all their
might,
They inspire us all, with their unwavering
devotion,
To follow our dreams and create our own
ocean.
So let's raise a cheer for these trailblazers
true,
For breaking barriers and doing what they
do.
In Murray Harbour, they're revered and
admired,
The women fishermen, their spirits never
tired. □

Untitled

Written and submitted by Amanda Miller

Many a sunrise this Ole salt has seen,
Reflecting off the water, breathtaking and
serene.

Sailing out to the grounds on the sea of
blue,

Parting the waters, his bow plows on
through.

Glancing at his compass he keeps her
straight as can be,

Looking all around, turning his wheel
constantly.

He hauls through his gear as the day
passes by,

The bright yellow sun shines high in the
sky.

With all the traps hauled, he heads back
to shore,

Weighs in his catch, just like the day
before.

Thankful for a beautiful, warm, flat calm
day,

They are few and far between, within the
month of May.

The sea is not always calm, caring and
flat,

Some have set sail, but never made it
back.

But that's the chance he takes every day
he heads out,

Battling the sea, as his boat rocks about.
No other job he would ever rather do,

Just like his Father did before him, and his
Grandfather too.

The heart of this place, fishing will always
be,

Boats on the horizon, a pleasant sight to
see.

A wealth of knowledge and wisdom, he
has gained over the years,

Down the straight and narrow path,
onward he steers.

His body worked and weathered, younger
than he looks,

Soon to pass down his love, his career
soon in the books.

When the day finally comes, and his
fishing days are done,

He'll untie what once was his, and
proudly wave to his son.

He stands on the wharf and watches, till
the boat disappears,

Reminiscing of days gone by, he tries to
fight the tears.

Many a sunrise this young salt will see,
Aboard his Father's love, carrying on the
legacy. □

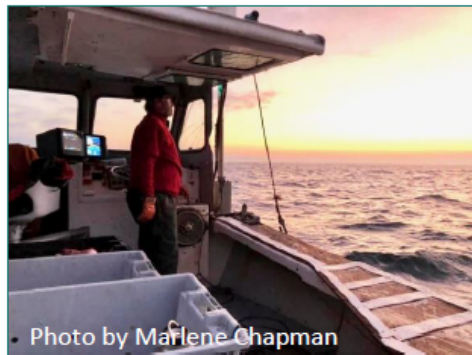


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Requiem

Written by Robert Louis Stevenson

Submitted by Derek Squirell

Under the wide and starry sky
Dig the grave and let me lie.
Glad did I live and gladly die,
And I laid me down with a will.
This be the verse you grave for me;
"Here he lies where he longed to be,
Home is the sailor, home from sea,
And the hunter home from the hill." □

Untitled

*Written and submitted by James
MacKinnon*

On a cold spring morning on a boat
bound for nowhere, I met up with an old
cork and we were both too cold to sleep.
And as we took turns a staring out the
port hole at the darkness he began to
speak.

He said, Son I spent a lifetime hauling up
the traps, knowing what to throw away
and knowing what to keep by the way I
held my gauge.

I can see by your face that you're all out
of markets and for a taste of your tea, I
will give you some advice.

You got to know how to gauge them,
know how to band them, and know how
to sail away. □

Untitled

Written and submitted by Ronnda Singer

Once a lad from Fenelon Falls,
Embarked on daring seafaring calls.
He left his home, with dreams in sight,
To be a hired hand on a lobster boat, day
and night.

In Murray Harbour, he found his place,
Amongst the crew with weathered face.
He learned the ropes, the knots, and
more,

As they set sail to the ocean's roar.
With each wave that crashed and spray
that flew,
He worked with passion, his spirit grew.
From hauling traps to mending lines,
He embraced the life, where adventure
intertwines.

From Fenelon Falls to Murray's shore,
He found a life he couldn't ignore.
A boy turned hired hand, strong and true,
Living his dream, on the ocean blue. □



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