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M-2 next project for Covey Island Boatworks



ROBERT HIRTLE PHOTO

Covey Island Boatworks recently held an open house at its new Kraut Point yard, enabling the public to get a first glimpse of its work in progress, the 58-foot schooner M-2.

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RIVERPORT — Frank Blair may have lost his prized 62-foot fusion schooner Maggie B in a devastating fire that destroyed Covey Island Boatworks' Petite Riviere shipyard last August.

He did not, however, lose his faith in the talents of company president John Steele and the team of knowledgeable craftsmen who built her.

The Nigel Irens-designed vessel was launched in Lunenburg on a snowy January day in 2006, and left a few weeks later for Bermuda before embarking on a 38,400-mile, around-the-world voyage that eventually brought her back to her birthplace in the spring of 2008.

The vessel was undergoing a refit at the Covey Island yard last summer when the fire broke out, destroying both the Maggie B and the yard's main building.

Despite the enormity of their loss, Mr. Steele and his company managed to overcome the shock of the tragedy and set about to re-establish the business, eventually relocating their boat-building operation to alternate quarters at Kraut Point near Riverport this past winter.

It wasn't long before work began on the first hull to be constructed at the new premises, one which has both a familiar designer in Mr. Irens and a familiar owner in Mr. Blair.

"It's a boat called M-2, a 58-foot schooner, unlike any other schooner that I've seen," Mr. Steele said. "Two free-standing masts with what's called America's Cup-style rig and sail plan."

The vessel is being built out of composite wood and epoxy, and is made from material that was recycled from a building that was demolished in New York City.

"It was a block from the World Trade Center and had to be torn down because of damage," he explains. "The building stood for 136 years, and the trees were pretty big trees at that time, so [it's] pretty good wood."

Mr. Steele said while Mr. Blair had Maggie B built specifically to do a circumnavigation of the world, "for this one he has other plans."

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG

re CHANGE IN MEETING START TIMES

The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg has changed its starting time for Council and Committee of the Whole meetings. Council meetings, held the second Tuesday of every month, and Committee of the Whole meetings, held the first and third Thursday of every month, will now commence at 9:00 a.m. Public input will be received at the beginning of each meeting. Please take note of this change in meeting time.

Tammy S. Wilson, MURP, MCIP
Chief Administrative Officer

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
In the matter of the Municipal Government Act and the Municipality of the District of Chester

TAKE NOTICE THAT, on 11 June 2009, Chester Municipal Council gave notice of its intention to amend the Secondary Planning Strategy and the Land Use By-law for the Chester Village Area by (1) removing the architectural controls from the existing highway commercial development from the Windjammer Restaurant north to Collicut's Building Supplies and (2) inserting a new provision allowing Council to consider new commercial development in the neighbouring residential area by development agreement. The affected area is shown on the sketch below:

A PUBLIC HEARING on this proposal will be held by Council at the Chester Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, 21 July 2009, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the Hearing is to receive spoken or written presentations from the public on the proposed amendment.

A Public Information meeting will be held by staff at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 15 July at the Chester Municipal Council Chambers to provide an opportunity for any interested person to obtain information and to discuss the proposal.

Copies of the proposed amendments together with related reports including more detailed maps of the affected areas are available from the Chester Planning Department during normal office hours. For further information, call 275-2599.

P.M. Myra
Municipal Clerk

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- South Shore Health - Public Health
- The Fairview Inn / Cranberry's
- Town of Bridgewater
- YMCA Lunenburg County

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