

## **Ladysmith Maritime Festival Events 2013 AGM Report**

**General information: There were to be 3 separate events planned this year, however due to permits and other issues not completed in time for media releases, the Seafood Fest for May 19<sup>th</sup> was cancelled, with the sponsorship funds for this event retained for the event planned next spring.**

**There was a trial run of selling 2 seafood dishes at the Marine Heritage Day, June 8<sup>th</sup>, to test a smaller process of food sales planned for the cancelled event, and review the results for next year. Funds for this test came out of the retained Seafood Fest sponsorship funds, and profits from the seafood sales were credited back. We retained \$ 4,470.00 for next years event.**

**On the Kids' Pirate Days June 1<sup>st</sup>, the day started off looking wet but cleared closer to 10.00 am and we had an unexpected attendance of well over 2500 folks, mostly averaging 1 parent and 2 children per family. Many good comments were received on the fun and free activities that the families enjoyed. There we no reported instances and lots of compliments. Many went home with a big fish story to tell.**

**The Marine Heritage Days, June 7& 8th, focused on heritage vessels which filled the LMS docks to overflowing, along with displays on the lower parking lot. The Friday evening had a good attendance of 34 folks to listen to Catherine Dook and the Saturday event saw over 440 folks counted coming from the gangway. Counting folks from the visiting vessels and the volunteers, attendance was estimated to be above 520.**

**We are very thankful for the volunteer support on both events, working in planning and on scheduled duties, and with the help this year of having volunteers preparing and selling food, we were able to put monies back into the general revenue from both festival events.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Cliff Fisher**

**Ladysmith Maritime Festival Chair**