

Fundy Boatworks is a collaboration exploring and appreciating the maritime culture of Annapolis County— historically and today.

PORT LORNE

Land plots granted to settlers were often divided into strips that ran across the North Mountain, accessing both the Annapolis Basin and the Bay of Fundy. This facilitated the shipment of agricultural produce from the Valley to the Fundy Coast and elsewhere. By the late 1830s the need for a wharf to accommodate the bustling trade in apples, salt fish and lumber was clear.

In 1840 shipbuilding began in the area under the leadership of Captain Charles Brinton, who built several schooners and brigantines in the 1860s and 1870s. Port Lorne was connected to other ports along the Fundy Shore by early trading and cargo, or “packet” ships as well steamers including the Ruby L., and was still actively shipping lumber into the late 1890s. (Ken Banks & Dean Sabean, *Stories of Marshalls Cove and the Mountain*. 2009:16, 22, 28, 66; Peggy Armstrong & Marguerite Wagner, *Age of Sail: in Annapolis County 1760-1925*. 2000: 52, 53)



(Image courtesy of Sharon Barteaux, Port George)

FORUMS

On June 28th we held a community forum in Parkers Cove with great success. Lots of interest led to many new photos and stories for the Parkers Cove and Hillsburn area. The O'Dell exhibit is being expanded to include these. Our next Community Forum will be held in Port Lorne and we are searching for community leaders who are interested in working with us to bring forums to their communities!

August 5th 5:30 pm Community BBQ at the Port Lorne Canteen (10-4). Bring something to grill and come talk about your family history with boats. We will have a scanner and can digitize your photos while you wait and will also be accepting artifact loans for an evolving exhibit on boat-

building in Annapolis County. August 16th 12-2pm Lunch and Learn, Port Lorne Community Canteen. Please join us for lunch and learn about local vessels and history as the Fundy Boatworks Team present our findings for the area. Bring a lunch, something to share or cash for the Canteen.

OFFICE HOURS

We have an office on the second floor of the O'Dell Museum. Through August we will have office hours Monday through Friday, 9-5. Come visit, we are always looking for personal stories about people and their boats so we can share these with the public and keep these ‘boats’ and ways of life alive...at the very least in the museum archives!

EVOLVING O'DELL EXHIBIT

Our exhibit at the O'Dell House Museum, (Lower Saint George St., Annapolis Royal), is currently open and runs daily 9 – 5. Entry is free and the display will go until the end of October. It will change based on whatever new information we are able to collect, so if you would like to see your family maritime history featured, please talk to us!

YOUNGS COVE

The land of Young's Cove was originally granted to the Young family; one of the best known shipbuilding families in the County. The Youngs built vessels from the 1840s through the 1870s, and according to the Museum of New Brunswick, Abraham Young was the preferred builder for Saint John, NB's famous Troop Fleet of merchant vessels throughout this period. Nine of the vessels comprising the fleet were constructed by Abraham Young.

The Young family was a large and skilled one. Professor James Johnson describes the family: "A Household existed in the county [Annapolis], one of whose members could go into the forest and mark every tree required for the construction of a ship; another could lay down her lines and mould the timbers to their proper shape and dimensions, while others were competent to perform the operations of caulking, rigging and sailing her." Please contact us if you have any information regarding Young's Cove shipbuilding.

(W.A. Calnek's History of Annapolis County as cited in Armstrong & Wagner, Age of Sail: in Annapolis County 1760-1925. 2000: 57, 58)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Rodney Magarvey along with Oliver Clayton and Lewellyn Robinson, have compiled a list of vessels that were built on the Bay Shore, predominately in Parker's Cove. This list covers vessels built from the 1940s up until the 1990s, after which wooden boat building in the area virtually ended. This document will be put on display at the O'Dell House Museum in. There will also be a section of the exhibit dedicated to Donald Magarvey, Rodney's father. Donald was heavily involved in the boat building industry at Parker's Cove. There he owned and operated a boat building facility next to the wharf.



(Image courtesy of the Bear River Historical Society and Museum)

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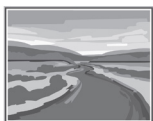
Call out for photos, information and artifacts you think will help tell the story of the boats built and working here. Please contact anyone on the team or visit our exhibition.

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