



### *Season's Greetings from the Mahone Bay Classic Boat Festival*

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Winter is finally settling in around the Maritimes and most boats are drawn ashore resting in boatsheds or under canvas covers. The dusting of snow on the boats at the Civic Marina underscores the quiet that pervades the wharf – for now. Before long the area will be bustling with launch activities and the set up for the Classic Boat Festival 2008.

Even as all seems to be at rest, committee members are busy preparing for the 2008 celebration. We are reviewing the outcomes of 2007 and searching for ways to make the next one even better and more successful for all involved. The festival has become is important to virtually everyone in Mahone Bay and Lunenburg County. The festival has become the prime summer event on the South Shore. We are optimistic that it will remain so because of the efforts of the committee. And of course, their efforts will only succeed with your continued support. As volunteers, visitors, and sponsors of the festival, you are all key factors in this annual production. I hope you found your participation worthwhile in 2007 and that you will decide to continue supporting the festival in 2008.

Early indicators suggest that the next festival will surpass the 2007 serial. The Nova Scotia Boatbuilders' Association will be returning with the In-Water Boat Show. The now famous Fast and Furious competition will be back. The Small Wooden Boat Association of Nova Scotia will reprise their small wooden boat race venue and the Kings Orange Rangers are recruiting to increase their ranks for the Burning of the Teazer re-enactment. We are negotiating to have representation from the First Nations with a ceremonial boat launch. And of course we expect the same great venue of entertainment, displays and boat building activities will provide something for everyone. Plan now to join us at the festival next year July 31 – August 3.

On behalf of the committee members, thank you for you on-going support. I wish all of you the warmest Season's Greetings with the prospect of a Happy New Year in 2008. We hope to have you back supporting our team for the Classic Boat Festival 2008.

Dave DeVenne  
Chairman