

## Postponement of Newfoundland CCA Station Cruise *in Concert*



As with most everything else, plans to bring Boston and Bras D'Or Station CCA yachts together once again with members of the Royal Newfoundland YC for a 2021 midsummer cruise along the more protected eastern coast of Newfoundland have been overshadowed by uncertainty with our new realities, which have lead the Cruise Committee to reluctantly hoist the answering pennant and postpone our great adventure until 2022.

To assess the prospect for a safe gathering with RNYC in 2021, the Committee met by Zoom Oct 1 with CCA Rear Commodores Phyfe and Prevost, Cruise Events Chair Steve James and Fleet Surgeon Jeff Wisch and Anne Kolker MD, who are both keenly looking forward to participating in the Cruise. Jeff and Anne both feel strongly that the likelihood of full containment of the Covid pandemic and relaxation of restrictions on free social contact and need for 14 day quarantining of travelers by midsummer 2021 is slim to none. As a life scientist myself I completely agree. Jeff pointed out the last thing the CCA would want to do is to overtax the sparse healthcare facilities of remote Newfoundland towns by causing a big outbreak amongst cruise participants and locals. A big risk factor is added by the need for air travel to make crew changes. Bernard Prevost and Co-Chairs Erwin Wanderer and Anderson Noel from RNYC all reported a strong current aversion amongst most formerly welcoming residents of Atlantic Canada to intrusion and possible Covid infection from away.

Canadian borders are currently either closed to pleasure vessels or require 2 week enforced quarantine at the discretion of the CBP agent, as are US borders to returning vessels. Anderson felt the Atlantic Canada borders are unlikely to be open before late '21 at the earliest.

CCA Events Chair Anne Kolker met previously with Commodore Medland and Nick Orem, who also hopes to join the cruise, to discuss a postponement. Both fully support this decision, and assure us the event can easily be rolled forward a year in the Club's calendar without difficulty or conflict.

Please log into the Cruise Survey to indicate/update your continuing likelihood of participation in '22.

Fair winds will follow soon,

Bill Bowers  
Co-Chair, CCA / RNYC Newfoundland Cruise

The plan dates are for a pig roast rendezvous gathering in Clarenville, Trinity Bay July 25 and a farewell gala at the RNYC in Long Pond, Conception Bay on August 7, 2021. The itinerary would fully mesh with the biannual RNYC Trinity Cup July 30 weekend in Trinity Harbour, which includes a Friday musical shore party and a church supper on Sunday. Trinity Bay offers dozens of fog-free harbours, coves and “tickles” to explore. Cruise Chairs are [Bill Bowers](#) (BOS), [Erwin Wanderer](#) (BDO) and Anderson Noel (RNYC '21 Commodore). To learn more, receive email updates and indicate your interest, please respond to the CCA website [survey](#). The interested fleet size has grown to 30 CCA yachts. Since there are no charters available in Newfoundland, skippers are requested to consider making spare berths available to club members.

After St John's paralyzing snowfall lasting for weeks after Christmas, our friends in Long Pond took another beating in January with the [worst blizzard](#) in 50 years which destroyed their seawall, docks, fuel dock, and bulkhead. The town has dredged to a new 14' controlling depth and rebuilt the seawall, but the club itself did not have insurance and is seeking disaster relief to restore this vital facility for visiting yachtsmen.

Fleet Surgeon Jeff Wisch points out that having a safe cruise as planned will require availability of an effective vaccine and treatment, and, of course, opening of the Canadian Border without mandatory 2 week quarantine. He is hopeful for that, but the timing is uncertain. Depending on how things play out, it may well be that our plan for a Newfoundland east coast social cruise may have to morph into a more socially distant one, perhaps along the more rugged and scenic south coast.