

A BRIEF NEWSCAST FROM THE COASTERS AUGUST 2000

The summer months have found many staff members on holidays. However, as usual the "show must go on". The Board members have been busy, as these months are the most active (ie: fishing, vacations, activities off the coast, etc.).



JUST ACROSS THE BORDER

In July, ships and crews from around the world converged in the harbour of Red Bay, Labrador, to celebrate 1000 years of the arrival of the Vikings to North America. The Coasters Association was honored to have Marsha Buckle, Tourism Development Agent and Vicky Driscoll, Community Economic Development and Employability Committee's (CEDEC) Regional Economic Development Officer (REDO) present at this celebration.

ANSWER OUR CALL



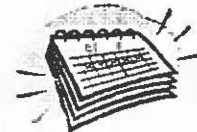
Once again, the Coaster Association have launched an extensive membership campaign, both on and off the coast. We are looking forward to renewed and new membership to answer our call and join our team.

THE COASTAR



How proud we are that Coastal Publications (our local newspaper - Coastar) is finally underway. The Coordinator/Production Manager, Editor, Volunteers of Coastal Publications and staff at the Coasters Association have put a phenomenal amount of effort into getting this new and exciting project off the ground. It takes a great deal of work every single month and we have received such positive feedback from residents on and off the coast. Your support, no matter how big or small, will underline your appreciation of this fine newspaper.

UP-COMING EVENTS



Once again this year, the Coasters Association has cooperated fully with the Tourism Development Corporation. The planning and decision-making that has gone into this initiative has required hours and hours of volunteer time. Funding as usual is a problem; however, we continue to search for ways to keep this valuable initiative moving forward. The founding meeting will be held on

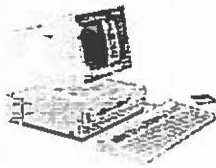
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Note: The health, youth internship and youth coalition office has not yet been connected, please forward their mail to the Executive Director's office.

The Executive Director and Regional Economic Development Officer have a cellular and pagers. Although these tools are not available on the coast, "only through a Newfoundland or Sept-Îles number, we believe that we are finally coming into the age of technology.

TECHNICALLY SPEAKING



A project was submitted to hire an employee through the Société D'aide au Développement des Collectivités de la Côte-Nord Inc.(SADC) program. This employee will work at the internet site in St. Augustine to train volunteers and upgrade the system. He or she will also be available to help individuals set up their internet sites.

SHE'S BACK!



Donna Blanche has come back to us for another 16 weeks from July 3 to October 20. Donna has been and continues to be a valuable help to the staff. Ms. Blanche will undergo intense training in the areas of secretarial, animation and other related duties. Welcome back, Donna!

The Coasters 1999 student employee and friend, Fiona Fequet, came back through Coastal Publications this year and as usual she did an outstanding job. She obtained many articles to be published in the Coaster, researched much needed material and solicited many subscribers. Her fresh ideas for the paper was welcomed and the interchange was appreciated. Keep up the good work Fiona!



A TRIP OF A LIFETIME

The Coasters Association attended the Human Resources Development (HRD) meeting in the Magdalene Islands, and had the great opportunity to meet these wonderful people and to visit these beautiful islands.