

MICA Board 2008/2009

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## We did it; Sacrifice Island now belongs to the Province

On May 29, the Province of Nova Scotia closed the deal to purchase **Sacrifice Island** for conservation and recreation, following nearly two years of work on the part of MICA.

MICA members came through on the pledge campaign to acquire Sacrifice Island, and MICA was able to contribute \$135,000 toward the purchase of the island.

MICA members and friends have donated more than a half million dollars for island acquisition since 2004.

“The board would like to thank members and friends for their donations to this project,” said Board Chairman John Meisner. “It’s inspiring to see such support for preserving access to the islands, even when times are tough.”

The minister and staff of the provincial Department of Natural Resources and the late Michael Baker should also to be commended for working so hard to acquire the roughly 16-acre island. Also thanks to the premier and cabinet who understood the value of Sacrifice Island and approved the purchase.

Access to this beautiful island is from the sea, from Prince’s Inlet, or from the Sawpit Wharf in Lunenburg through the beautiful waters of the back passage.

The acquisition of Sacrifice Island follows the recent donation by the Long Island Preservation Society; the recent partnership purchase of the northern end of

Masons Island with the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg; and the purchase of Backmans, Coveys and Andrews with the Province.

### Upcoming events

#### **Annual General Meeting**

Lunenburg Yacht Club  
June 9, 2009 at 7 pm

#### **Dinner & Dance**

Lunenburg Yacht Club  
June 26, 2009  
Cocktails at 6:30; Dinner at 7:30;  
Dance with DNR at 9:00 p.m.

Buffet Menu: Roast beef, seafood crepes; breads and salads; cream of cauliflower soup with dill; grilled vegetables; herb roast potato; sweets.

Cost for dinner and dance: \$25 plus tax and gratuity. Reservations required: 634-3745.

Dance only costs \$7.50. Dress semi-casual.

#### **Three Islands Race**

A Fun race, co-hosted by MICA and LYC. July 1.

Watch for details on the MICA web site or call Michael Ernst at 624-8864.

#### **7th Annual Gala Dinner**

Oak Island Inn  
November 6, 2009

# Flotsam & Jetsam

## Renew membership

Remember to renew your membership in MICA and spread the word to other people who enjoy the water and the beautiful view of the islands.

Display your membership sticker to promote MICA. Fees are now due Jan 1, but can be paid online anytime at;  
[www.mahoneislands.ns.ca/membership.shtml](http://www.mahoneislands.ns.ca/membership.shtml).

## Picnic spots

MICA volunteers will be putting out six picnic tables on the islands as soon as the transportation can be arranged. MICA bought the materials, and the Nova Scotia Community College students, Lunenburg Campus, supplied the muscle free of charge. (Thank you) If you enjoy them, consider

donating to MICA for continued stewardship responsibilities.

## Gift cards

This year, we are pleased to report that we have developed a very nice gift card with a photograph of Sacrifice Island for donations, gift memberships or *in memoriam* tributes. Check [www.mahoneislands.ns.ca/helping/giftcards.shtml](http://www.mahoneislands.ns.ca/helping/giftcards.shtml) or call our Treasurer at (902) 624-8474 or email [treasurer@mahoneislands.ns.ca](mailto:treasurer@mahoneislands.ns.ca).

## Web updates

Watch web site for updates like aerial photos from the 1940s and 50s of the islands and other historical spots in Mahone Bay.

### Mahone Island Conservation Association MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Principal contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/town \_\_\_\_\_

Prov/State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone(H) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone(W) \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional names: \_\_\_\_\_

| No. of Members | Length of membership: | Fee |
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| ___ | x 1 year ( 2009): \$10___      |  |
| ___ | x 2 years (2009-2010): \$20___ |  |
| ___ | x years (2009-2011): \$30___   |  |

Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A charitable tax receipt will be issued for all donations other than membership fees.  
Please make cheque payable to "Mahone Islands Conservation Association"