

History of the Bluenose Inn's Namesake

- The *Bluenose Inn* was named after the famous Nova Scotian fishing vessel, *Bluenose*.
- The Bar Harbor to Canada Ferry was also originally named in honor of the *Bluenose*, but is now known as "*The Cat*".
- The original *Bluenose* was built in 1921 in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Canada. She was built to be a racing ship and fishing vessel. Her construction was in response to the defeat of the Nova Scotian fishing schooner *Delawana* by the Gloucester, Massachusetts fishing schooner *Esperanto* in 1920, in a race sponsored by the *Halifax Herald* newspaper.
- The name of the *Bluenose* comes from a nickname given to Nova Scotians from the 18th century.
- In 1921, the *Bluenose* would go onto win her first *International Fisherman's Cup*, a race to determine the fastest deep-sea fishing vessel in North America.
- In 1922, the *Bluenose* won against the *Henry S Ford*, a ship constructed specifically to beat the *Bluenose*.
- In 1923, a disagreement among new rules resulted in the *International Fisherman's Cup* being called a tie and the race not taking place for 8 years.
- In 1925, the *Halgonian* was built to beat the *Bluenose*, but lost by a wide margin in their 1926 race.
- In 1930, American businessman attempted to build a vessel that could finally defeat the *Bluenose*. The *Gertrude L. Thebaud* beat the *Bluenose* in 1930 in the inaugural *Sir Thomas Lipton International Fishing Challenge Cup* 2-0. This loss was considered extremely controversial as the second race was cancelled twice because of weather and the *Bluenose* had large leads in both cancelled races.
- In 1931, the *Bluenose* handily defeated the *Gertrude L. Thebaud* in the *International Fisherman's Cup* and regained her status as the best racing fishing vessel in the world.
- In 1937, the *Gertrude L. Thebaud* challenged the *Bluenose* again. The *Bluenose* had been converted to a diesel fishing ship and almost did not race before the intervention of American businessman who helped provide the funds to refit it. The *Bluenose* won 3 of 5 races to retain the title as the greatest racing fishing vessel in North America. This ended up being the last race of fishing schooners in the North Atlantic.
- In 1942, the *Bluenose* was sold to the *West Indies Trading Company* and converted to a coastal freighter to work in the Caribbean Sea.
- On January 28th, 1946, the *Bluenose* struck a coral reef near Vache, Haiti, and being beyond repair was abandoned.
- The *Bluenose* was an extremely important symbol of Nova Scotian and Canadian Pride. She has been memorialized on 3 separate Canadian Stamps in 1929, 1982, and 1988. The *Bluenose* is currently on the Nova Scotian car license plate and the Canadian Dime.
- The *Bluenose* and her captain, *Angus Walters*, were inducted in the *Canadian Sports Hall of Fame* in 1955. The *Bluenose* was the first ever non-human to be inducted.
- *Stan Rogers*, a popular Canadian folk singer, commemorated the *Bluenose* with his 1978 song "*Bluenose*".
- Despite being a shipwreck, the *Bluenose* lives on through its replica, the *Bluenose II*. The *Bluenose II* was first built as an advertising tool for Oland Brewery Schooner Lager. Oland Brewery sold the *Bluenose II* to the Nova Scotian government for 10 dimes (which featured the original *Bluenose* on them). The ship is now docked mainly in Lunenburg harbor, but spends its summers touring the Canadian provinces promoting goodwill and tourism in Nova Scotia. The boat to this day offers onboard tours and harbor cruises. If you would like more information about the *Bluenose II* please visit www.bluenose.novascotia.ca.

The *Bluenose* Sailing in 1921



License Plate from Nova Scotia with the *Bluenose* in the Center

50 cent Canadian Stamp from 1929 showing the *Bluenose* sailing



The Canadian Dime featuring the *Bluenose*