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*Inside front cover*: Bruce County Marketplace, Vol. 6, No. 2: image with caption, “Cover photo – Southampton’s Propeller Club with replica of a 19th century Lake Huron fishing schooner. Most of the members are from Port Elgin and Southampton.” No names given.

*Inside front cover*: Port Elgin Times, Oct. 1903, an advertisement, “Marble Works ... Wm. George & Son, Marble Dealers, Port Elgin”.

1994 February [Bruce County Marketplace] Front Cover, “Rediscovering our marine history”.

1994 February [Bruce County Marketplace] p. 20: “They seek to recover Bruce County’s glorious marine history – The Propeller Club is a most unlikely archeological society, by Charles Whipp”; history of the Club, including John Weichel involvement; fo’c’s’le; photo of Weichel with sign, captioned “John Weichel, founder of Propeller Club, with a replica of an early sign advertising one of the sidewheelers that called on Lake Huron ports”, showing Silver Spray, Capt. D. Rowan, Goderich & Southampton Line.

1994 Mar. 30 [Port Elgin Shoreline News] “Hundreds watch drama on frozen lake”: photo of tug in ice with all-terrain vehicle, captioned “Two LeBlance tug boats were stranded in Lake Huron over the weekend because of a change in wind that caused the ice to block open water passages”; Southampton Fish Company; Ground Hog Divers.

1994 [ ] “Tugs battle lake ice”: two photos of Helen-Em; caption “The Helen-em and the Pride were stopped over a kilometer off Port Elgin ... Photos by Fran Sanagan”; ice 5-15 feet thick; “divers also discovered the Helen-em to be sitting over the remains of an old wreck”; broken propeller; annotation “this took place in front of 16 Northshore”.

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1993 Nov. 25  [Spectator] “Group setting sail to rebuild Canada”: history buffs to restore rotting Canada in Kemptville, built 1897, yacht, 15 metres; one photo of aged sailboat.

Notice card, “you are cordially invited to attend the unveiling of the first in a series of original prints portraying the maritime history of Southampton … Mar. 3, 1993, 4 p.m., Walker House Hotel, sponsored by the Propeller Club – the artist will be in attendance – RSVP John Weichel 797-2428”. Inside the card, “The enclosed print … function of the storm signal – the Propeller Club proposes to reproduce a working model, full scale – it is expected that the strom signal will be finished in May 1993 and will be part of the 135th anniversary of the town of Southampton.”

Four-page newsletter, “Chantry Dunes Update – Southampton Sand Dune Management Project”, Fall/Winter 1993. “Many hands make light work in Dunes Project … contact Nancy Rayner of the Southampton Beach Association …”; 20,000 plants planted; American Beach Grass. “Objectives” of the project; “$35,000 federal funding”; map of project near Beach St. and Harmer St.; list of funders; list of volunteers.

1945 July 11  [Port Elgin Times] “District-wide search fails to reveal whereabouts of seven-year old boy missing since Monday – Hundreds join in day and night searching …. Disappeared from Port Elgin tourist camp”: many Tara people in search; son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kennedy.

1945 July 18  [Times] “London Boys find body of R. Kennedy … near breakwater”; second time the boys have discovered a body for which search has been made; found man dead by suicide in London.


Six clippings of b/w photos, courtesy Grey County-Owen Sound Museum. “Sidewheeler Frances Smith, the first passenger ship built in Owen Sound, launched April 30, 1867, by Capt. William H. Smith, owner and captain”. “The City of Owen Sound, left, built in 1876 by Collingwood and Lake Superior Transit Co.” “Owen Sound Harbor circa 1890 with CPR elevators which burned in 1911.” “The Normac, built 1906, was in service on Georgian Bay from 1931 to 1968.” “Owen Sound harbor scene circa 1918.” “An Indian family at Sauble Beach circa 1929”; this photo shows a two-masted boat ashore on the bank of a river; a man leans on the starboard side, standing on the ground; two boys hold the forward mast, standing at bow.

B/w image, Sun Times photo by Willy Waterton, “The P&H Line freighter Oak Glen is surrounded by sport fishing boats as she unloads at the city harbor grain elevators.”

1994 Feb. 22 [Sun Times] “Lake Huron shoreline – Tourism base growing”, quoting “We had a wonderful summer,” said Connie Barker of the Port Elgin Chamber of Commerce. Quoting Adrienne Luksic. Generic photo, “Marine heritage is an important part of shoreline tourism.” Quoting John Weichel who “has researched and written about the town’s ship building industry ...”; marine gallery at Bruce Museum is to open in June to coincide with the Georgian Bay Marine Festival ’94.

1994 June 27 [Owen Sound] “Saguenay sinks to become part of a dive park” at Lunenburg NS; South Shore Marine Park Society.

19xx [Sun Times] “Support voiced for fog horn, by Debbie Moodie – Southampton town council wants to keep the local fog horn ... the Coast Guard announced in October it planned to cut the horns to save money and asked for public response. Port Elgin council has also officially protested the silencing of the Southampton fog horn.”

19xx [Sun Times] “Bruce County museum opens gallery – Marine history in the limelight” – Bruce Coast Marine Gallery; a Huron boat; a dugout canoe; Azov; “Southampton resident John Weichel spent the last three years researching the area’s marine history. This included researching 250 shipwrecks along the Bruce coast.” Propeller Club and the copy of the Storm Signal Station, rededicated (photo).

1994 June 29 [Shoreline News] Two photos of Bruce County Museum Marine Gallery at grand opening; George McDonald views display; “John Weichel (left) and Barbara Ribey in the newly-opened Bruce Coast Marine Gallery”.


19xx [Sun Times] “Veteran gets NATO honor”: Murdo MacRitchie of Port Elgin gets Special Service Medal; photo of him.

Copy of the Southampton aerial view postcard, “View showing Chantry Island, Southampton, Ont.”

Copy of the engraving “Evening at Southampton”, fishing at the river dock, a rowboat, schooners.
Original of the printed folder (8.5x11, two folds), “Storm signals & lifeboats – Southampton’s story”; “This brochure has been produced by The Southampton Propeller Club to remind visitors and residents of Southampton’s rich marine heritage”; probably written and produced by John Weichel; good historical articles. First article, “Storm signals rising ...”: history of the Storm Signal Station; image “Storm signal on the hill (above tug) about 1890”; illustration of four warnings. Second article, “The best of men on life-boat crew”; history of the life-saving station; image “Lifeboat crew at the beach station”.

1916 June 6 [Owen Sound Times] Reprint of the article “A long and useful career”: death of Capt. Simpson, died at his home on Second Avenue West, 90 years old, “the best known ship builder on the lakes”; built steamers City of Midland, City of Collingwood, City of Toronto. Photo from Ontario Archives: “The Simpson-built sidewheeler Frances Smith.”

1994 Nov. [Sun Times] “Canny butcher turned ordeal into Christmas promotion, by John Weichel – Alex Speers, an Owen Sound butcher who was tossed about for more than 40 hours ... fall of 1875 ...”; wrote poem about sinking of Frances Smith on Oct. 29/30; description of the vessel; photo, “the steamer Frances Smith”.

1994 July [Bruce County Marketplace] page 20: “New museum display tells forgotten story of Bruce coast marine industry”; history of Azov; photo of John Weichel, “Great size of schooner Azov is illustrated by two men on her mast, indicated by John Weichel, Bruce Museum researcher.”

19xx One page with two b/w, one colour photo. “The City of Owen Sound was built here in 1875 by John Simpson.” “Capt. Gerry Ouderkirk is a marine researcher.” “The Str. Mazeppa was built in 1885.”

19xx [ ] “Legend of shipbuilder lives on – The lightning strike story about Owen Sound shipbuilder John Simpson first captured Capt. Gerry Ouderkirk’s interest ...”; Annie Mulvey. Ouderkirk is “a frequent contributor to nautical history magazines such as the Foc’sle of Southampton and the journal of the Toronto Marine Historical Society”. John Simpson is his hero. Frances Smith. “The sailing ship, Katahdin, completed at Owen Sound in 1888, was the last wooden schooner built on the Great Lakes ...” Waubuno, Sea Gull, Sweepstakes.

Page with three photos missing, with captions reading “Warren Wheatley’s model rebuilt”, “Capt. Spence’s model before rebuilding”, “Doug Johnson’s model rebuilt winter ‘93-’94”.

Photo of two schooners, “Beacon Times photographer Fran Sanagan caught sight of these two splendid tall ships in Georgian Bay while vacationing near Midland ... HMS Rose ... Niagara, the American flagship of the Great Lake fleet in the war of 1812.”


1994 July 23 [Sun Times] “Southampton resident mines marine heritage – Author finds treasure trove of history”; photo of “Southampton writer John Weichel”; his new booklet, “Washed Ashore”, and “Body and the Bell”. Weichel took early retirement from managing editor at Stratford Beacon Herald; Weekly local history articles. Propeller Club meets weekly, built replica of storm signal. “A Marine Heritage Festival event ... took place June 25 at the Bruce County Museum. On the same day, the Bruce Coast Gallery officially opened ...” Model of Huron boat built by Chapman brothers of Port Elgin. Weichel’s “20 thick binders of material”.

1994 July [Sun Times] “Southampton gets a ship – Half Moon answers distress call, but can’t stay” as a replacement for the Royaliste, which couldn’t come to the Marine Heritage Festival. Was Henry Hudson’s vessel. Town wedding of Sandra Mills and Ken Blundell moved to a church. Photo, “The Half Moon sails past Southampton’s lighthouse Friday afternoon”. Photo, “The Halve Maen docked in Southampton Friday afternoon and throngs of visitors greeted it.” Photo, “The Halve Maen sailed into Southampton harbor Friday, accompanied by the Mike J., a local fishing boat”.

Two photos, undated, from Bruce County Museum, “Saugeen River harbour” and “Water skiing on Saugeen River, Southampton, Ontario”.

1994 July [Sun Times] “Automating lighthouses can by a risky business”; lighthouse keepers see distressed kayakers; danger of automation: vessel pilots need extra eyes; tsunami warning gauge can’t work; can’t take daily sea temperature and salinity readings.

19xx [ ] “HMS Bee – The original schooner Bee was built of oak at Nottawasaga and posted to Penetanguishene in 1817. In addition to regular cargo duties, the Bee was sent to Lake Superior to transport surveyor Henry Bayfield’s supplies and stores. She was recommended for sale in 1831. Her ultimate fate is unknown. The modern Bee was built at Discovery Harbour …”, her home port. “HMS Bee has a sparred length of 78 feet, and a 14-foot beam with a five foot, six inch draft.” Photo, “The Bee, a replica of a 19th century supply
schooner”; photo courtesy of Huronia Historical Parks. Photo, The Unicorn of St. Helier at Kingston.

19xx [ ] Photo, “Launching of the Crawford, from the Wiarton Echo, May 4, 1905 ...”, boat built by A.A. Hackett; Crawford Tug Co.; “The present fleet of boats include the Jones, Seaman, Hudson, Craftsman, Lothair, Walla Walla, Crawford.”

19xx [ ] Photo, Pogoria, of Polish Yachting Association, in Tobermory.

19xx [ ] Photo, Unicorn of St. Helier.


1994 July [Sun Times] Tall ship Fair Jeanne at Port Elgin; photos. “Hundreds turned out to view the tall ships in Port and in Southampton.”


1994 July 30 [ ] Photo, “M.V. Nadine” at Iles-de-la-Madeleine. Photo, fire on All Alaskan in Bering Sea.

Seven clippings; descriptions of: Lady Maryland, Tecumseth, Zawisza Czarney, Madeline, Perseverance, Royaliste, Playfair. Reference to “the Georgian Bay ’94 Parade of Sail on July 29”.

1994 Sept. 9 [Sun Times] “Collingwood Project – Another side launch in the works”; Collingwood Skiff Project, seven metre boat.

Sheets of descriptions of these vessels: Princess of Acadia, Caribou.

Photo, tall ship Lady Maryland.

Folder by Tourism Nova Scotia, about 1994, “Bluenose II”.

Sheet describing Chi-Cheemaun.

Letter, Feb. 21, 1994 from Barbara Ribey, Bruce County Museum, to Bruce Chapman, Port Elgin; describes the guests at the Bruce Coast Marine Gallery sneak preview, and asking why few Propeller Club members attended.

Folder from Nova Scotia, visitor’s guide to “Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic” at Lunenburg.
1994  Aug. 10  [Beacon Times] “Southampton sailor returns from voyage on Half Moon”; eight photos by Tom Marcotte, on 10-day stint, including one before the Twin Towers, New York.

1994  July edition of Marketplace; article on Bruce Coast marine gallery at Bruce County Museum at Southampton; photo, Lambertus DeGraaf; photo, model ship, unidentified, for years in the museum; photo, steamship and schooner on display in the Gallery.

1994  Apr. 23  [Sun Times] Death notice of D. Bruce Chisholm, 68, of Southampton; names Huston, Schutte; “donations to the Southampton Propeller Club …”.

Notice of invitation, with RSVP to Bruce Chisholm, to a Lamb Bar-B-Que, Aug. 17, 1994, at a Propeller Club meeting.

Article, “Great Lakes sailors were rough and ready”, probably from Marketplace; photo, “Kincardine harbour in time of steam and sail”; dangers, shipwrecks; tug Erie Belle went down for the third time: brief history.

19xx  [ ] “The ship that sank 3 times”: story of City of Owen Sound, wooden steamer lying somewhere off Sauble Beach after September 1901 storm. Photos, Owen Sound harbor about 1890 and about 1918. Photo, the ship in 1892 at Collingwood. Photo, at Fort William, 1885-86.


1994  Sept. 7  [Sun Times] Photo, Zawisza Czarny, beached in St. Lawrence Seaway.

19xx  [ ] “Chantry or Chantrey?”, on spelling of the island; British sculptor; 1903 McNabb letter to the Port Elgin Times; probably by John Weichel.

19xx  [ ] Reprinted from John Weichel’s “Bruce Coast fo’c’s’le”, “Jean Davies recalls many happy days on Chantry Island”; friend of Ruth Klippert, daughter of the lightkeeper.


1994  Nov. 16  [Shoreline News] “The year the Great Lakes swallowed a dozen vessels and their crews, by Duane Jessup”; storms of November 1913. Photo, cemetery memorial to “Sailors”.

19xx  [Shoreline News] “The historic struggle between man and nature continues”; will birds have priority on Chantry Island; tree damage; John Weichel’s comments from Sept. 1994; possible restoration of collapsed lighthouse keeper’s building.
1994 Oct. 5 [Shoreline News] “Funding aids marine heritage”; Doug Johnson donates to Propeller Club, $500 raised from sale of “Washed Ashore”; photo of Doug. Photo, “The first executive of the Southampton Marine Heritage Festival Committee was formed last week”: Tanya Weichelbaur, Nancy Rayner, Barbara Ribey, Bruce Martin, Ken McGregor, Mary Lou Rancourt, Tom Marcotte.

1994 Sept. 30 [Sun Times] “Magazine put into book form”: Weichel publishes a collected volume of the first year editions of Fo’c’s’le; 26 issues; how it started; on sale at Museum.

19xx [ ] “Scientist bumped into the Scott – Shipwreck in Georgian Bay”; Steve Blasco sees it on sonar; 80-year-old wreck off Cabot Head near Dyer’s Bay.

1994 Nov. 26 [ ] “Southampton”, its history and attractions, such as Heritage Weekend in February, and Bruce Centre District Women’s Institute Craft and Hobby Fair in July, Santa Claus Parade, Art School. Photos, book store called Storybook House; Chantry Island.


1994 Dec. 3 [Sun Times] “Collingwood’s ship comes in – Willed the last existing Watts skiff, the museum makes plans for an addition”; Nahma at Collingwood Museum; photo.
