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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LH=Lark Harbour YH=York Harbour JB=John's Beach
 HC=Holy Communion MP=Morning Prayer EP=Evening Prayer
 P&P=Prayer & Praise HB=Baptism MHS=Mem Hymn Sing
 ● = Full Moon

2017 OCTOBER 2017

1st Sun LH, 7:00pm
 5th Thur ● Full Moon
 8th Sun Thanksgiving, LH, 11:00am
 9th Mon Thanksgiving Holiday, Canada
 15th Sun LH, 7:00pm
 22nd Sun LH, 11:00am
 24th Tues United Nations Day
 29th Sun CLUSTER SERVICE at St Mary's Curling

2017 NOVEMBER 2017

4th Sat ● Full Moon
 Daylight Saving ends - clocks back one hour tonight
 5th Sun LH, 11:00am
 11th Sat Remembrance Day
 12th Sun LH, 11:00am
 19th Sun LH, 7:00pm
 26th Sun LH, 11:00am

2017 DECEMBER 2017

3rd Sun ● Full Moon
 10th Sun LH, 11:00am
 17th Sun LH, 11:00am
 21st Thur Winter Solstice
 24th Sun Christmas Eve, LH, 2:00pm
 25th Mon **Christmas Day**
 31st Sun New Year's Eve, LH, Service to be announced

2018 ADVANCE DATES 2018

March 11th Sunday Daylight Saving begins
 April 1st EASTER SUNDAY

BUSINESS & ORGANISATION DIRECTORY

- **Byrne's Store, Main Street, York Harbour**
groceries, hardware, gas & diesel, souvenirs 681-2040
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  - **Captain Cook B&B & Cottages, York Harbour**  
 Email: [info@captaincookbb.ca](mailto:info@captaincookbb.ca) 681-2906; 1-877-681-2906  
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 - **Creative Photography by Linda, 131 Main St, Lark Hr**
 Email: creativephotographyraphylinda9@gmail.com
 131 Main St, Lark Harbour 709 681-2255
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  - **Curling ONE Stop Service Station, Corner Brook**  
*automotive repairs, servicing, fuel* 785-2619  
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 - **Drop In Lounge, 23 Main Street, Lark Harbour**
entertainment, food, licenced 681-2103
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  - **Eddie Joyce, MHA, Bay of Islands, Corner Brook**  
*Member, House of Assembly, St John's. NL* 634-7883  
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 - **Gudie Hutchings, MP, Long Range Mountains, NL**
Member of Parliament, Canada. 709 637-4540
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  - **Sheppard's Clover Farm Store, Lark Harbour**  
*groceries, hardware, gas, Sears agency, marine* 681-2160  
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 - **The Roost, Gift Shop and Gallery, York Harbour**
sea glass, paintings, handmade glass beads 681-2341
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- ● ● Please support our local enterprises ● ● ●

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*Remember, it's true, like The BMD,  
 The best things in life are always free*

## LOCAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Local Elections for a new slate of Municipal Councillors took place across Newfoundland & Labrador on 2017 September 26. Those elected will be sworn in during the next few days and will serve for four years, barring resignations, sickness, etc. Thanks to all those who offered themselves for election, and congratulations to those who were elected.

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### LARK HARBOUR

In Lark Harbour the following residents offered themselves for election. Votes received by each candidate were :

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|----------------------|-----|
| Melanie Joyce *      | 164 |
| Jeff Parker          | 142 |
| Maria MacDonald      | 130 |
| Peggy (Jeannie) Park | 127 |
| Paul Keetch          | 112 |
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| Dennis Sheppard      | 86  |
| Jamie Park *         | 73  |
| Kimberley Herritt *  | 63  |

221 (53%) residents cast ballots

\* = Member of Previous Council

The five candidates who received the most votes will be sworn in as Councillors. The position of Mayor will be decided at the first meeting of Council scheduled for 2017 October 2 in Lark Harbour. The candidate with the highest number of votes is usually, but not necessarily, elected as Mayor. If that person declines, another member will be elected by the Council members.

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### YORK HARBOUR

In York Harbour the following residents offered themselves for election. Votes received by each candidate were :

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| Nelson Childs *   | 99 |
| Donna Childs *    | 91 |
| Charlie Kendell * | 91 |
| Matthew Wayson    | 80 |
| Frank Wheeler     | 59 |
|                   |    |
| Dave Childs       | 43 |

193 (45%) residents cast ballots

\* = Member of Previous Council

The five candidates who received the most votes will be sworn in as Councillors. The position of Mayor will be decided at the first meeting of Council scheduled for 2017 October 10 in York Harbour. The candidate with the highest number of votes is usually, but not necessarily, elected as Mayor. If that person declines, another member will be elected by the Council members.

## NEW INFORMATION ON THE LARK HARBOUR WATER & SEWER PROJECT

*Lark Harbour Town Council recently sent out the following notice dated September 2017:*

Council would like to thank all Residents for their patience and understanding as this long awaited project gets underway. Going forward, there are some things that all Residents need to be aware of:

- Curb stops are being provided to residential properties that are occupied and existing businesses that have electricity connected. Curb stops will not be dropped to sheds, abandoned buildings, or vacant land. This is how the project was engineered under the terms of the funding, and if additional curb stops are required in the future then an application will have to be made to the Town.
- Anyone submitting a building permit application from this point forward for a new building will be responsible for the cost of the curb stop that will be required to connect to the system.
- The curb stop will be dropped at each property line.
- Each property owner will be responsible for installing water and sewer service lines from their residence to the service connections. Permission from the Town to carry out this work will be required, and the installation needs to be inspected by Town staff.
- A pressure reducing valve **must** be installed on the water service line to protect internal plumbing.
- A backwater valve **must** be installed on the sewer service line to prevent sewage backup.
- Final connection (or hook-up) must be carried out by Town staff once all work is inspected and signed off. A hook-up fee is payable prior to the hook-up being made (the amount of the fee will be advised in a later communication).
- These measures are necessary to ensure the integrity of the water and sewer system for all.

If any residents have questions regarding the ongoing work, please bring them to the Council office where the clerks will endeavour to provide the answers.

### OTHER NOTES FROM LARK HARBOUR

With the approach of winter, Council respectfully requests all Residents to take the time to clear up any loose debris on their property in anticipation of the inevitable storms in order to prevent any unnecessary damage or injuries.

The retiring Council would like to thank all Residents for their support during the last four years, and hope that this will continue for the new Council.

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**PLEASE NOTE** - Both Councils and any Residents are invited to submit public service announcements, etc, for publication in the BMD. Personal and social announcements are accepted from anyone free of charge. Please call 681-2256 for further information. Costs prevent distribution to each home, but each issue is available for free PDF download on or shortly after the first Friday of each month at [www.blowmedowner.webs.com](http://www.blowmedowner.webs.com).

## CLIMATE CHANGE or GLOBAL WARMING or BOTH?

The month of September has demonstrated to us in no uncertain terms that nature has immense potential for destruction of human environment and infrastructure.

First was Hurricane Harvey which brought unimaginably heavy rainfall, as much as 125mm or 50 inches, to some parts of southern Texas, in only a few days. Compare this with [Burgeo, NL](#), which on average *in a whole year* receives 1,686mm or 66.4 inches, the highest average for anywhere in Newfoundland. Add to this rainfall high winds in excess of 160 kilometres or 100 miles per hour and a tidal surge of several feet at the same time, and bear in mind also that coastal southeastern Texas consists mostly of low altitude bayous where drainage is slow because the land is so flat and already waterlogged, and the result is thousands of homes surrounded by water that cannot easily drain away, and the result is extensive flooding that may take weeks to drain. The damage was intense.

Only a few days later, Southern Florida, the Keys, and coastal Georgia and South Carolina, another big region of low-lying terrain with great cities like Jacksonville, FL, Savannah, GA, and Charleston, SC, hit by Super Hurricane Irma, with winds reaching 200 miles per hour or 320 kilometres per hour and also very heavy rainfall, and again with intense damage. And all these regions suffered loss of lives too.

Then, before many of these regions had chance to recover, another Hurricane, Maria, brought more of the same. All these regions are accustomed to hurricane conditions, but not so many or quite so intensely or so quickly, one after the other. These violent conditions have not been experienced before in living memory. There can be no doubt in any reasonable mind that Global Warming does exist.

And there may be more similar weather phenomena before the hurricane season from summer to late fall comes to an end.

The existence of Global Warming may not necessarily be attributed to human activity, although much of our industry adds higher levels of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. And it is true that carbon dioxide acts as a blanket holding the heat that creates these monster storms. Yet we have many people who argue that Global Warming is entirely a natural phenomenon which geological evidence shows has occurred at earlier times in history, and human activity was not the cause then.

It is difficult to refute this argument, but can we afford to ignore it as a possible cause? If it is truly a natural occurrence, then perhaps we can do very little about it. But if it is, as most scientists assert, our industrial pollution, which certainly does exist, is the cause, then it seems that the wisest course of action is to take measures to reduce the kind of industrial processes that contribute to increases of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

However, our efforts may be too late, or too slow in being remedied, so that we must expect several generations before we can reduce the effect, and we may be faced with major climatic changes that will not quickly be reversed.

In the meantime, we may have to devote huge sums of money and tremendous human effort to prevent flooding and to construct homes and cities in ways that can withstand the damages of flooding and high winds. We may have to construct gigantic sea walls to protect against tidal surges, and to create safe channels to drain flood waters quickly to the oceans. These efforts will be phenomenally expensive, not always successful, and will divert valuable resources that would have

been available to prevent and treat disease, and to produce more disease resistant food crops for our increasing world populations.

We must take measures to stop using valuable agricultural land for building new homes. We must devise more efficient methods of purifying water for drinking and irrigation. We must learn to recover the vast amounts of recyclable materials that a growing world population has produced and sent prodigally to ever-increasing landfill sites. We must even find ways to recycle our own excrement to refertilise the land for more efficient food production.

In other words, we, the entire human race, must be satisfied with more modest possessions. Does every family need a vehicle for each member, a snowmobile, a boat, and whatever other devices and machines can be developed to enhance human life at the expense of reduced and over-stressed natural spaces and wildlife? The world does not possess sufficient raw materials for this prodigal lifestyle, and we must learn to accept more modest ways of living.

If we do not take such reasonable measures, human civilisation is doomed to smother itself in its own waste and excrement and even face extinction before the end of this century.

Only then will the world, and the few species of wildlife that have survived — maybe cockroaches and worms that have survived eons of time since long before humanity appeared on earth — be able to return to a viable existence and restart the evolutionary process.

And humanity will no longer exist to enjoy it . . . or to destroy it.

## KIM JONG-IL AND NORTH KOREA

It is all but impossible to imagine that recent events in the United States of America could have happened earlier than the present, unless it might have been during the years preceding the 1776 Declaration of Independence. In the first nine months of his Presidency, Donald Trump has probably released more cats among more pigeons than any previous President ever dreamed of. But the disturbing fact is that, while most of the cat-pigeon events he has caused are relatively insignificant, there is one very dangerous exception — the increasing anger he has aroused in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Dictators are frequently unstable individuals. Most of them achieved power illegally or unconstitutionally in a coup; a few inherited power from a relative or other predecessor as did Raoul Castro who inherited his status from his brother Fidel who led the insurrection that gave an insecure independence to Cuba from its puppet-like status under the USA. Likewise, Kim Jong-un inherited his leadership from his father [Kim Jong-il](#) (1941/2-2011, birth year uncertain) and his grandfather [Kim Il-sung](#) (1912-1994) who ruled North Korea after Japanese control ended in 1945.

To distant observers like us, [Kim Jong-un](#) is a pudgy little man, inconspicuous in a crowd. But, as the third generation of the Kim dynasty, he enjoys a powerful position in a country that shows no inclination to challenge him. He is secure in his leadership because his subjects are convinced that their country is unassailable. It is difficult to assess the true extent of his support in the DPRK, but no doubt he rides the coat-tails of his grandfather [Kim Il-sung's](#) removal of Japanese control and his efforts, though unsuccessful, to reunite the North and the South. Kim Il-sung the grandfather signed the 1953 Korean Armistice and secured his position to create and establish his rule over the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. No doubt Kim the youngest has aspirations similar to his grandfather's.

## DONALD JOHN TRUMP THE ULTRA-NARCISSIST PRESIDENT

The Canadian Oxford Dictionary (2nd edition, 2004) defines *narcissism* as “excessive or erotic interest in oneself, one’s physical features, etc”. The term is borrowed from the Classical Greek myth of Narcissus, a young man who rejected the nymph Echo and fell in love with his own reflection in a pool, eventually pining away and being changed into the flower that bears his name. Dr Leon Seltzer has [an excellent article](#) explaining in readable terms the condition known as *narcissism*.

But before you begin identifying narcissism in all of your friends and acquaintances, read also [The Narcissist In All Of Us](#), by Jeffrey Kluger. The simple fact is that all of us contain elements of many traits like narcissism, just as from time to time we all have feelings of greed, anger, hate, fear, lust, and many others, but they do not dominate our existence the way they may begin to in some people who for various reasons may not know how to control themselves.

Prominent people such as politicians often have a strong narcissistic component in their psychology. How could they otherwise stand up and say that their ideas are the right ones, better than those of anyone else? Or that they are the best one to head the government? Without such conviction they would have a very slender chance of election. Modesty is not a characteristic of a successful politician.

But there is a difference. While most people may stringently defend their own ideas, and politicians should be no exception, they should also be ready to listen to the ideas of others. They should give others the chance to explain their ideas, being open-minded enough to incorporate contributions from others, including those who oppose them, when those ideas are useful and relevant which they may be. A good democratic leader will include appropriate suggestions from the opposition, knowing that this will give them ownership, strengthening the result for everyone. The current President of the United States seems to have very few consistencies in his life other than to preserve his own interests, and much of the time he has little to say that is not extremely partisan with no room for variations.

Donald Trump was born with a silver spoon in his mouth and a strong narcissistic streak that has governed and been reinforced throughout his entire life. Kim Jong-un however does not have quite the same psychological make-up, although he may be in process of developing it. Kim is the third member of the dynasty founded by his grandfather and further developed by his father. While he appears to be able to exercise his own judgement with very little external interference, it is significant that it was not until Trump came on the scene that Kim has become so vocal, perhaps to justify his defence to his people. Kim does not deserve any bouquets, but until Trump began his personal verbal attacks and threatening “Fire and Fury” on North Korea, he continued doing exactly what he wanted to do. It was not until Trump began throwing insults at Kim some weeks ago - “little Rocket Man”, “he is a madman that does not mind starving his people”, “we will have no choice but to totally destroy North Korea” - that Kim responded in like manner, calling Trump “bereft of reason”, “mentally disturbed”, “a dotard” (“a senile person”), etc. If the insults and threats were the limit of the conflict, it would not matter much, but Trump’s threat of total destruction of North Korea elicited from Korea a threat to explode a hydrogen bomb in the Pacific Ocean. It is said that tensions in the area are now higher than they have been at

any time since the [Korean Armistice](#) of 1953 July 27. Use of such language is dangerous and irresponsible for a President, a threat which could be misunderstood by its target, and if applied would have disastrous effects on South Korea and China.

Whether these are idle threats or not, the fact remains that we have a pair of power-hungry maniacs staring each other down and becoming more and more like a couple of pit-bulls or like the final Gunfight at the OK Corral, but with infinitely more serious consequences. No more is needed than a slight misunderstanding or error of judgement to plunge all of us into the most dangerous and destructive war ever experienced on earth. If one side uses nuclear weapons, the other is likely to follow suit immediately, with the potential to bring about a [nuclear winter](#) lasting long enough to kill off most higher forms of life on the planet. The bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki were unprecedented in 1945, but today’s nuclear weapons are in a different order of magnitude.

There is no satisfactory solution to the Korean problem. The ideal solution would be to replace both leaders with other more moderate and thoughtful individuals. However, Kim Jong-un is a true dictator, the third in a dynasty, and will not be removed by lawful action. But Donald Trump could be removed if Americans would wake up to the risks they are entertaining while they have a loose-mouthed and ineffective leader. Increasing numbers of Americans are rallying to this idea, though with little enthusiasm. However they must understand, before the point of military no-return is reached, that it is not too soon to start the impeachment process. Even if Trump still has a sizeable loyal following in the USA who support his childish behaviour, Americans must understand that world leadership today brings with it recognition of the huge extra responsibility that the Presidency of the USA is becoming an *international* entity, really no longer *only of the USA*. Unless this fact is recognised, the USA risks being branded as just another megalomaniac international bully.

A narcissistic President is an inappropriate occupant of the most powerful political office in the world. Whether he admits it or not, today’s President has a far greater task than merely to “Make America Great Again”. He and all Americans must align themselves with a full sense of their great responsibility to the rest of the world, and it cannot be achieved with violence. They must change the slogan to “Make the World Safe Again”. The English poet Alfred Tennyson envisioned it as long ago as 1835:

*For I dipt into the future, far as human eye could see,  
Saw the vision of the world, and all the wonder that would be;  
Saw the heavens fill with commerce, argosies of magic sails,  
Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping down with costly bales;*

*Heard the heavens fill with shouting, and there rained a ghastly dew  
From the nations’ airy navies grappling in the central blue;*

*Far along the world-wide whisper of the south-wind rushing warm,  
With the standards of the peoples plunging through the thunder-storm;*

*Till the war-drum throbbed no longer, and the battle flags were furled  
In the parliament of man, the federation of the world.*

*There the common sense of most shall hold a fretful realm in awe,  
And the kindly earth shall slumber, lapt in universal law.*

From [Locksley Hall](#), lines 119 to 129  
by [Alfred, Lord Tennyson](#), 1809-1892

## DEFENDING OUR INTERESTS IN NAFTA

President Trump thinks the USA is getting shafted by [NAFTA](#), that it is too favourable to Canada and Mexico. So the latest issue to come under scrutiny is a complaint by the American [Boeing Company](#). It is one of the world's largest aircraft building corporations, the second largest defence contractor in the world, and the largest exporter in the USA. In 2016, Boeing recorded US\$94.6 billion in sales, which at current exchange rates would be about C\$110 billion. If you have recently flown in a large jet aircraft the chances are that you flew in one built by Boeing, such as the 747 or one of its later variants.

But Boeing has decided that the Canadian Bombardier Company, based in Montreal, is an unfair competitor. Among its products, Bombardier is famous for its snowmobiles, large ones like the Snow Bus, and the little ones, Skidoos, originally invented by Armand Bombardier in the 1940s. In more recent time Bombardier has also built railway locomotives, subway cars, and aircraft. Bombardier's aircraft have been mostly smaller ones, designed for short-haul work, not competing with Boeing's products which are for long-haul intercontinental trips and carry hundreds of passengers. Bombardier's latest product is the [C Series](#) that Boeing accuses them of 'dumping'.

Says Boeing, Canadian governments have subsidised Bombardier, making their products cheaper and more competitive. But Boeing does not make such small aircraft, so there is no such competition between the two companies. Bombardier has argued that Boeing, much larger, benefits from billions in sales of military aircraft, with its research costs well covered by the funding it recoups from those sales. Bombardier has no military business at all.

The problem for Bombardier is that under NAFTA, the USA has imposed a tariff of \$220million on aircraft bought by American companies. Bombardier is accused by Boeing of "dumping", which means selling a product at far below its value, and the American government, in response to Trump's "America First" policies, is in full support of Boeing. Naturally, American airlines thinking about purchasing Bombardier's C-Series aircraft, do not want to pay \$220million additional cost for each aircraft. So this tariff will increase the cost and reduce the competitiveness of Bombardier's product to the point that it will be unsaleable. Hundreds of good Canadian jobs depend on Bombardier, not just in Québec, but in other parts of Canada and other countries.

Canada, Mexico, and USA are currently in negotiation to update NAFTA at Trump's demand, and since America is bigger than we are, there are not many ways we can defend ourselves. Canada's defence may be to refuse completely to buy the military aircraft made by Boeing, in the hope that Boeing will withdraw their objection. Perhaps we could buy from another company, but there are not many alternatives available that will satisfy our needs to replace the CF18's that are getting old and unreliable. Our government is working on



Bombardier's Snow Bus, 1951 model



Bombardier's CS300 aircraft

this, but there is no easy solution, especially when the competition is so much larger than we are and Trump has no reservations about using his extra clout to boost his own position, or the damage his 'America first' policies may do to others.

## AMERICAN HEALTH CARE WOES A THIRD BILL FAILS

The Government of the United States of America is presently trying to decide what to do about Health Care. According to reports, the USA is the only developed industrial country that does not provide universal health care for its citizens. During Barack Obama's Presidency a program of health care, the [Affordable Care Act](#), known popularly as "Obamacare", was put into effect. It attracted great opposition from the Republican Party whose objections focussed mostly on the cost, and ever since its inception most Republican legislators have done their best to end it. Donald Trump promised to repeal ACA during his 2016 election campaign and replace it with something better, the Graham-Cassidy Bill being the third such bill. But nine months after his inauguration, and after three attempts by the Republican Congress to repeal ACA, Graham-Cassidy did not receive sufficient support, and ACA remains in effect.

There seem to be two main problems the Republicans have encountered in repealing and replacing ACA: (1) lack of information and costing of the new bills put forward to replace it, and (2) refusal of a few left-leaning GOP Representatives and Senators to vote with their party. Most Democrats of both houses do not support repeal of ACA at least until something better is ready to replace it, but this has not happened. Many legislators fear that some people with chronic medical problems presently covered under ACA would not be covered under the new Republican bills. Most Republicans are traditionally opposed to more government involvement causing tax increases so they are reluctant to vote for a truly universal system.

Some legislators are concerned about the limitations of the bills that have been offered so far. Notably of this opinion are Senators John McCain (R-Arizona), Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Rand Paul (R-Kentucky), all highly respected Republican politicians whose negative votes have called down the ire of some of their colleagues and also of President Trump who has been quite vocal against them, although he has done little to speed the process along. It is unclear when, or even if, the confusion will be resolved.

It is shameful that the USA — the wealthiest nation in the world, claiming to be the protector of the oppressed and the poor, the supporter of true democracy and of a few other boasts that many non-Americans view sceptically — does not yet see fit to devote enough of its great economy to the care of its poorest and least fortunate citizens. Instead many Americans choose to reduce taxes on the wealthiest citizens. Smaller, less wealthy and less powerful nations including Canada and many European and other countries provide such support to all their citizens. Often this is achieved in a less than ideal form that may be the largest single expenditure of their annual budget, yet they do their best to protect their aged, poor, disabled and chronically sick from the worst ravages of ill health and poverty.

Meanwhile Americans from the President on down are arguing passionately over whether sports players should stand or kneel during the national anthem before games. Isn't it time they adjusted their priorities a little?

## [CRUISE VESSEL FINED FOR BREAKING GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE SPEED RESTRICTION](#)



[Article](#) from CBC News of Prince Edward Island. The article does not give many details, which would be interesting. But no doubt the owners of the Seven Seas Navigator wanted to hush it up a bit. However, according to [another report](#), ten cruises booked to visit Charlottetown, PEI, have been cancelled, though it was not explained whether the cancellations were because of the speed limit or of the fine that was levied.

But it is good to know that the speed limit is being enforced. It was brought in recently as a measure to help protect the dwindling number of Right Whales in the Gulf, several of which are believed to have been struck by ships, so now captains of big vessels will know they can't just get away with it.

The fine was delivered on September 8. It is not just a threat on paper: the infraction of the 20kph rule cost the cruise line \$6,000, though that's not much, when you consider it's only roughly the fare of two passengers. However one wonders how much of it was docked from the Captain's salary! Or maybe he's already lining up for a new job?

It's a beautiful ship, though, as the above picture shows, but it ain't cheap. With a crew of 345 and only 490 passengers including navigational crew, service should be pretty good. But maybe that's why they were exceeding the speed limit — they were in a hurry to get their load of passengers back to port so they could get the next batch embarked. After all, at almost \$3,000 each (and US dollars, presumably) wouldn't you be eager to get the next crowd on board?

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