

# Your ideas are welcome

Since its formation in 1997, the St. Anthony Basin Resources Inc. (SABRI) has invested heavily in the shrimp industry. During the past couple of years, it has been involved in the whelk fishery and this year it initiated the toad crab fishery for fishermen.

These developments have proven to be successful

and now SABRI is actively pursuing other developments, from water bottling to manufacturing.

Any individual or businessperson who has an idea for a venture is encouraged to contact the staff of SABRI to discuss their proposal.

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## Fishermen benefit from SABRI's investment in toad crab

During the 2000 fishing season, SABRI was instrumental in spearheading a very lucrative toad crab fishery for small boat fishermen in the Big Brook to Goose Cove region.

SABRI asked all fishermen who were interested in obtaining a licence to apply. About 45 eligible fishermen submitted their names. Only 25 licences were issued by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans — 13 in 4R and 12 in 3K.

The Fish, Food and Allied Workers' (FFAW) union decided the fairest way to allocate these licences was to have a draw. Results of the draw showed an even distribution of licences around the area — three in the Cook's Harbour area, three in the Raleigh-Ship Cove area, six in the St. Lunaire-Griquet area, seven in the area from Quirpon to L'Anse aux Meadows, and six in the area from Goose Cove to Great Brehat inclusive.

SABRI had 1,000 toad crab pots fabricated so that each fisherman received 40 pots each. The maximum number any fisherman could have is 100. Beothic Fish Processors from Valleyfield then sent an additional 500 pots for fishermen to use (20 each), to bring their total to 60 pots. Each licence permitted fishermen to catch a maximum of 25,000 lb. A minimum of 5,500 lb. was required to be caught if fishermen wanted to renew their licence for another year.

The toad crab was bought by St. Anthony Seafoods and trucked to Beothic for processing. SABRI covered the cost of trucking the toad crab from St. Anthony to Valleyfield. Fishermen were paid \$0.40/lb. for their toad crab for a total of \$10,000 if their total quota is caught.



NORTHERN PEN PHOTO  
John Regular of Ship Cove displays some of the toad crab he landed this summer.

As of Sept. 30, 400,000 lb. of toad crab was landed and shipped to Beothic.

The fishermen are very grateful to all parties involved for providing them the chance to earn an extra income, especially SABRI, which undertook the task of getting the program started. Alvin Peyton of Griquet, who was one of the first fishermen who caught his entire quota of 25,000 lb., stated, "We've always known that the toad crab was there to be caught, but there was never a fishery to prove it. Now, with SABRI's help, we have proved it. It turned out to be a great success."

As news of the success of the toad crab in the SABRI region began to spread, SABRI received numerous calls from other parts of the island to see how they could test the fishery in their area.

In addition to the 25 toad crab licences which were issued, four rock crab licences were also available to fishermen if they wanted to try it. John Taylor of Raleigh decided to give it a try and it too was successful. As of Sept. 30, John had landed 24,700 lb. of rock crab, which was also bought and processed by Beothic. All fishermen involved have been very grateful to SABRI for providing them an opportunity to earn a much-needed income.





NORTHERN PEN PHOTO

Six communities in Northern Newfoundland benefited from the new community grant program established recently by St. Anthony Basin Resources Inc. Those taking part in a presentation were: Front (l-r) Dwight Hedderson, Straitsview; Ford Diamond, Big Brook; Janice Noble, Great Brehat; Glenda Burden, St. Lunaire-Griquet; SABRI board chairman Charles Reardon; SABRI executive director Dennis Coates; back —Eliza Colbourne, L'Anse aux Meadows; and Priscilla Saunders, Cook's Harbour.

## SABRI awards community grants

In October of 1999, SABRI established a Community Grant program as a means to partner with our region's communities. The grants are intended to provide equity, in addition to other community resources, to allow the community to leverage additional monies from public and private investment. Each grant is valued at \$10,000 and is issued to the town council or local service district in the community before April 15 of that year. In situations where there is no town council or local service district in the community, a public meeting will be held in the community, attended by SABRI staff, to select a committee to administer the grant.

After a committee has been selected, the community will then discuss ideas on how the grant should be used. SABRI staff and board members are available to assist communities in planning and implementing their community development projects if they so desire. This committee will be responsible to properly account for spending the grants following generally accepted accounting practices. A detailed report must be submitted to SABRI prior to another grant being issued to that community.

This program, which is in place for three years, will provide \$10,000 to the 17 communities in the SABRI region. In 1999, Great Brehat, Straitsview, Cook's

Harbour, L'Anse aux Meadows, St. Lunaire-Griquet and Big Brook each received \$10,000. In May of 2000, North Boat Harbour, Quirpon, Hay Cove, St. Carol's, Wild Bight, and Ship Cove received their first grant. In 2001, Raleigh, St. Anthony Bight, Goose Cove, Noddy Bay and St. Anthony will each receive their grant to use in the best interest of the community to benefit the most people.

At the end of the third year SABRI will conduct a comprehensive review and evaluation of the program to either continue the program as is, modify it, or end it. Each community is reminded that it cannot receive a second grant until a detailed report is received by SABRI on how the first grant was spent.

The Town of St. Lunaire-Griquet used their community grant of \$10,000 to create a municipal park at Gull Pond just outside of the community. The pond was used as a swimming hole for many years, but now, with clean sandy beaches, walking trails and benches, it is now a municipal day park and attracts many local residents and visitors.

The town hired eight workers for 11 weeks to carry out the beautification work. This is an example of a community using the money to benefit everyone which is what was intended when the grants were issued.



NORTHERN PEN PHOTO

Taking part in a presentation of scholarships were: (l-r) – Sam Elliott of St. Anthony Basin Resources Inc., Gary Green of the Marine Institute, Kevin Tucker of Ship Cove, Scott Gear of St. Anthony and Chad Simms, technology instructor at the College of the North Atlantic.

## Marine engineering scholarships awarded by SABRI, Clearwater

St. Anthony Basin Resources Inc. and Clearwater Fine Foods Inc. have chosen three more students to receive the Marine Engineering Scholarships for the year 2000. The recipients are Brad Reardon of St. Anthony, Kevin Tucker of Ship Cove and Scott Gear of St. Anthony.

Brad is currently attending Marine Institute in St. John's in year two of a three-year program. He successfully completed year one of the program in 1999-2000 at St. Anthony. Kevin and Scott are in the first year of the program, which will be completed at the St. Anthony

campus of the College of the North Atlantic. A technical intersession will follow in April of 2001 at the Marine Institute in St. John's.

Each scholarship is valued at \$10,000, with \$1,500 disbursed in year 1, \$2,500 in year 2, \$3,000 in year 3, \$500 for obtaining 4th class certificate, \$1,000 for 3rd class certificate, and \$1,500 for 2nd class certificate.

Clearwater Fine Foods Inc. will offer work terms on the company's vessels to students if space allows.

We wish all the students the best of luck with their studies and their careers.

**Whelk**

St. Anthony Basin Resources Inc. is continuing its support to whelk fishermen in the area.

As in the past two years, SABRI provided fishermen with bait for the fishery and also paid the fisherman 25¢/km for trucking the whelk from their place of landing to Cook's Harbour. The product was purchased by Carroll's Fisheries, which administered the distribution of bait to fishermen. The whelk was processed by Green's Fisheries in Conche.

**Supporting junior girls' broomball**

SABRI is pleased to be the sponsor for the junior girls' broomball team, the SABRI Northern Prawns, and would like to congratulate them on a good showing earlier this year at a tournament in Embrum, Ontario. They were fine ambassadors of our province and region. We would like to wish them good luck in the coming season.

**Mussel Farming**

SABRI is becoming actively involved in mussel farming. SABRI recently invested in a local mussel farm, which gives it a 35 per cent share of outstanding shares. SABRI hopes to be involved in establishing a mussel operation in the area from Big Brook to Goose Cove.

SABRI would like to establish more partnerships with prospective investors in the mussel farming industry. We want to see the mussel industry grow in our area and to be a profitable venture for those involved.



Chris Brown at the site of his mussel farm, Arctic Aqua Farms, located at Pistolet Bay.

**Program supports students pursuing marine engineering**

SABRI and Clearwater provided three students from the SABRI region with scholarships in 1999 to enroll in the Marine Engineering Diploma Program. Of the three students, one decided to continue the program, one is taking a year off, and one dropped out of the course.

Tim Ireland and Patricia McCarthy have successfully completed the first year of the Marine Engineering Diploma, including the six-week technical intersession in St. John's. The first two terms were completed at the College of the North Atlantic in St. Anthony. They are very encouraged about the prospect of a well-paying job once they have completed their schooling and have obtained a diploma. Tim started term three in September in St. John's at the Marine Institute. That will be followed

by term four, which will be a work term.

This scholarship program is a three-year plan which will award a total of \$90,000 to students if suitable candidates are available every year. Each scholarship is valued at \$10,000 over the three-year period.

After the three years are up an evaluation of the program will take place. There is a world shortage of qualified marine engineers, which is the basis for this scholarship program. The program provides youth with the training to help meet this shortage.

SABRI and Clearwater encourages all who are interested in becoming a marine engineer in the SABRI region to apply for this lucrative scholarship next year.



The Eye of the Wind, a 132-foot brigantine sailing ship.

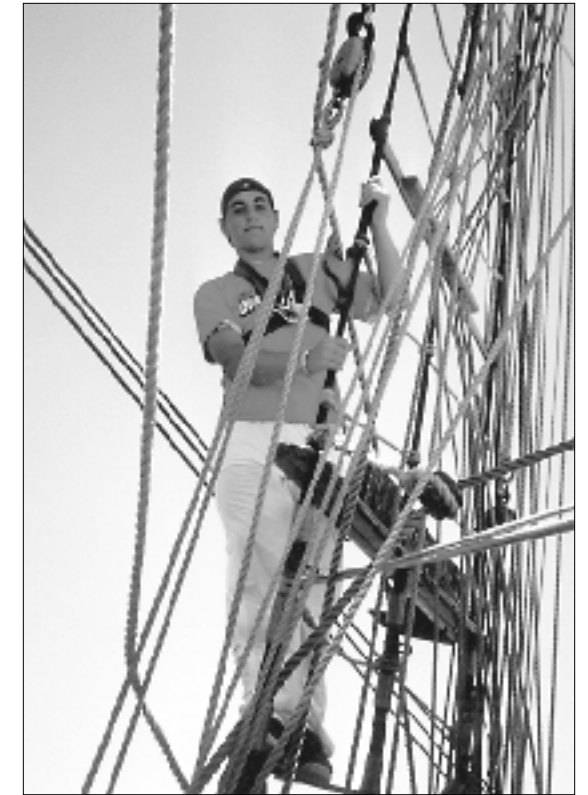
**Area youths take part in Tall Ship Millennium Challenge**

St. Anthony Basin Resources Inc. and Clearwater Fine Foods Inc. joined forces once again to sponsor two youth from the SABRI region to participate in the Tall Ship Millennium Challenge.

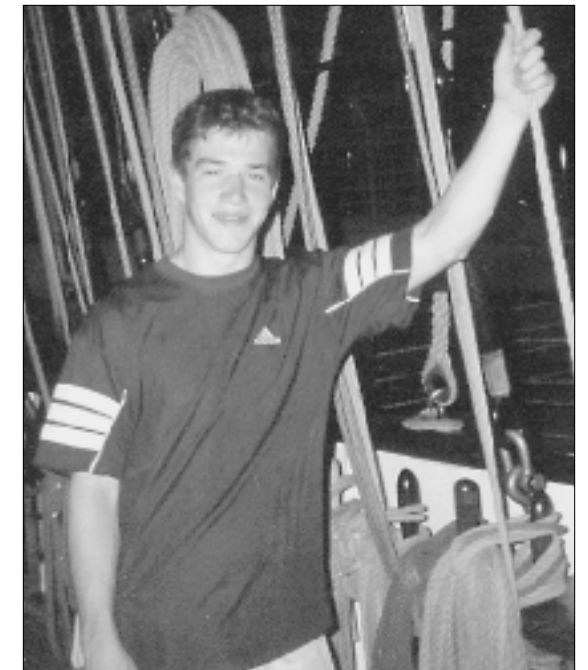
Justin Roberts, 17, of St. Lunaire-Griquet and Bill Richards, 16, of St. Anthony were chosen by the Tall Ships Selection Committee as two of 500 youth between the ages of 15-25 to represent Canada on this unique sailing experience. The cost of registration for this event was \$2,500 per participant. SABRI and Clearwater sponsored each individual in the amount of \$2,000. It was the responsibility of each participant to raise the remaining funds.

Justin boarded ship in Charleston, South Carolina on June 18 and sailed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he arrived on June 25. Bill left New York, New York on July 6 and arrived in Boston, Massachusetts eight days later on July 14. Both sailed on the Tall Ship *Eye of the Wind*, a 132-foot brigantine sailing ship.

Both young men were grateful to SABRI and Clearwater for providing them with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.



Bill Richards of St. Anthony.



Justin Roberts of St. Lunaire-Griquet.

## IMPROVEMENT IN FINANCIAL POSITION

# Good season for St. Anthony Seafoods

Monday, Sept. 18, 2000...St. Anthony Seafoods begins its 151st day of shrimp production for the 2000 season. Although a few of the weeks have not been full, the 25th week of production is scheduled to complete the available supply of fresh product for this year.

The quota has been completely taken in a much quicker time as compared to the 1999 season. The operation employed 120-150 workers this year, with peak employment reaching 200 during freezer trawler discharge.

The management structure of the company has changed since April, with Dennis Coates appointed as general manager in April. Gudmundur Hognasson provided interim support during transition and continues to assist with marketing and technical issues. Wilf Reardon has accepted the procurement and multi-species management position with Brian Donaldson providing transitional support. Caroline Davis was promoted to production and quality control management with overall

quality responsibilities. Eric Reardon is chief engineer with other duties over site upgrades and maintenance. Other members of the administrative team are Sue Reardon, Elizabeth Andrews, Hilda Clarke and Daisy Bromley.

Since the plant's shutdown last December, there was a \$1.5 million upgrade to boost capacity and quality. The major expenditures included a refrigeration upgrade, automated discharge and grading system, slush ice system, and an expanded and relocated chill room. Ocean Nutrition Canada also upgraded the shell drying operation and now employs four full-time operators under contract with St. Anthony Seafoods.

The company, as most in the shrimp industry, is much farther ahead with regard to shrimp processing in relation to 1999. The season started much earlier due to excellent weather and catch rates. The company has achieved about 85 per cent of its processing target for the season with glut landings in late July and early August.

The raw material comprised of 80 per cent fresh and 20 per cent frozen shrimp. Yields and quality have been good with significant quality problems for a four-week period from roe and yellowing.

Although the multi-species landings have been low, as anticipated, through partnerships with other companies and SABRI, the company has been quite active in co-ordinating the harvest and transportation of toad crab. It has proven to be quite a boost to the small boat sector in the local region. The company has also been involved in buying herring, mackerel and cod. The pelagics have been used for bait while the cod was split and salted at our the facility.

Overall, the year has shown a marked improvement in financial position. This results from the experience gained, improved efficiencies and facility upgrades to improve product quality. There have also been some minor labour/management issues, but this is expected with a relatively young company. Management is now busy planning for the 2001 season.



St. Anthony Seafoods employed 120-150 workers during the 2000 season.

# Scholarships awarded to students

St. Anthony Basin Resources Inc. presented scholarships to three students in the SABRI region. This is the third year the scholarships have been presented. They are valued at \$1,000 each and were awarded to one graduating student from each of the three high schools in the area from Big Brook to Goose Cove who are attending post-secondary institutions in the fall of 2000. The recipients are:

**Susie Short:** Susie graduated from James Cook Memorial in Cook's Harbour. She is attending Academy Canada in Corner Brook and pursuing a career in Law and Security. She would like to one day work as a security guard or with a police force.

**Stephanie Butt:** Stephanie graduated from Bayview Collegiate in St. Lunaire-Griquet. She is attending Memorial University of Newfoundland in St. John's where she is pursuing an education degree. She enjoys working with children and would like to teach them to learn as her teachers have taught her.

**Nancy Deraps:** Nancy graduated from Harriot Curtis Collegiate in St. Anthony. Nancy's dream is to become a veterinarian. She is attending Memorial University of Newfoundland in St. John's and pursuing a biology degree. Upon completion she will enroll in the Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine program.



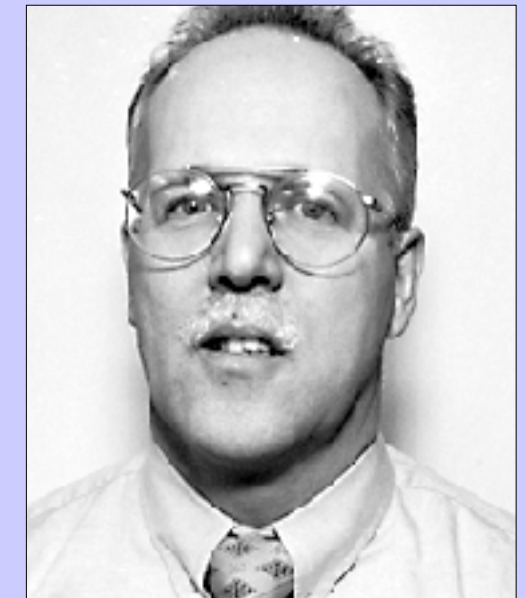
SUSIE SHORT



STEPHANIE BUTT



NANCY DERAPS



SAM ELLIOTT

# New executive director appointed

SABRI is pleased to announce the appointment of Sam Elliott as executive director. Sam took up the position on April 10. Dennis Coates has moved on and we wish him the best of luck in his new career.

For the past 20 years, Sam has been involved in the fishery as a personnel officer with Fishery Products International and human relations/costing with Chianti Food Processors Inc. He was also employed as an assistant manager with Household Finance, an instructor with the Fish, Food and Allied Workers' (FFAW) union and an interviewer with the Fisheries Association of Newfoundland and Labrador.

As a volunteer, Sam is currently chairman of the St. Anthony Library Board, finance chairman for the Grenfell Historical Society, and finance chairperson for St. Mary's Anglican Church.

Sam has an extensive business background, both in education and industry. He holds a Certificate in Business Administration and is completing a Bachelor of Vocational Education Degree through Memorial University of Newfoundland's distance education program.