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YARMOUTH SEAFEST 2020 ANNOUNCES FIRST CONFIRMED EVENTS

The Yarmouth Seafest Committee is announcing the first set of events for a modified version of the iconic summer festival to be held from Wed., July 15 to Fri., Aug. 14, with the theme "Never Far From the Sea".

"The members of our Committee have been making every effort to come up with innovative and fun ideas," says David Warner, chair of the Committee. "Given the rules for gathering sizes and physical distancing we're operating under a lot of restrictions that we've never had before, but we're determined to make this the best possible Seafest experience and try out new ideas that might continue on in future years after we say goodbye to COVID-19."

- Photo Contest on the theme "Never Far From the Sea" to be judged by citizens and a panel of professionals, beginning July 15, ending July 31;
- "Cinergy" workouts with Cindy Robichaud, each Wednesday morning from July 15 Aug. 12;
- Concert of the Bells at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, each Thursday evening from July 16 -August 13;
- Yarmouth Militia Artillery Company sunset firings, each Sunday evening from July 19 Aug. 9;
- Sand Castle / Sand Sculpture Contest, beginning July 17, ending July 31;
- Rock Painting Contest, beginning July 21, ending August 4;
- Inuksuk Building Contest, beginning July 15, ending August 7;
- Coastal Financial Credit Union Scavenger Hunt / Car Rally, August 8.

"Due to the expanded time frame for the festival, we have the scope to include events that will take a bit more that an hour or two," says David Olie, a member of the Committee. "While we can't hope to provide 'something for everyone' under the current circumstances, I think this schedule will give people the chance to try new things."

"What we're announcing today is just a start. We're also looking at ways to modify some of our more traditional events to fit the public health guidelines," says Mr. Warner. A particular concern is offering more events for children and youths. The Seafest office is now open on the ground floor of the Killam Bros. Building on Water Street and the Seafest website will be updated as further events are confirmed. details for the contests will be available on line and at the office; prizes will be given to the winners.

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