



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **The New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame will be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Paris Crew rowing championships that took place on July 8, 1867.**

Fredericton, NB – The New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame is proud to unveil its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration activities throughout the 2017 summer season celebrating the Paris Crew and the History of Rowing in New Brunswick. Having launched an interactive exhibit showcasing New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame’s own Paris Crew, there will also be numerous activities taking place throughout the province from July to September.

On July 8, 1867 four men from Saint John – known as the Paris Crew – took the world by storm and became Canada’s First International Sporting Heroes, which led to their induction into the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame in 1972. The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this accomplishment will be commemorated by a re-enactment on the City of Fredericton Waterfront.

“The story of the Paris Crew is certainly an incredible one, and we are extremely proud to honour the Paris Crew on the anniversary that has become part of New Brunswick history.” says Jamie Wolverton, Executive Director, New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame.

The New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame, in partnership with the Fredericton Rowing Club, will be hosting a re-enactment at the St. Anne’s Point Pedway at 2PM on Saturday, July 8, 2017. Following this re-enactment the community is invited to an Open House event at the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame where they will be greeted by a live Paris Crew themed production by a talented group of performers, led by Frantically Atlantic. This event is free to public and made possible by generous support received from the City of Fredericton. While at the Open House, attendees will be able to view the many exhibits showcasing the story of the Paris Crew and the History of Rowing in New Brunswick. This event will be fun for the whole family, and they will also get to experience all that the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame has to offer.

Following the event on July 8<sup>th</sup>, these performances will continue daily with performances taking place at 2PM at the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame. There will also be a traveling exhibit component that will bring this story to communities across the province at numerous scheduled events.

“By delivering these performances across the province, along with the traveling exhibit, we will be able to share the story of the Paris Crew with so many more in these communities as well as promote the importance of sport in our province’s history.” says Wolverton.

### **About the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame**

The New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization located in the Historic Garrison District of Downtown Fredericton and functions as a seasonal museum which features an interactive virtual sports system, more than 250 original portraits, and hosts numerous exhibits. *The New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame preserves and celebrates our sports heritage to inspire greatness.*

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