INTERNATIONAL DORY RACING COMMITTEE, 1998-1999 COLLECTION

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Biographical Note

The International Dory Race Committee was organized in 1952. Its purpose was to encourage and support dory racing between Gloucester and Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. Previous to this date, dory racing was on an ad hoc basis with no official backing. Lunenburg is the sister city for Gloucester. In the 19th century, the fishing schooners and their crews became interchangeable between the two cities, resulting in extensive family connections.

The race occurs twice each year as a home and away event. The traveling crews use the extra home base dories as a way of minimizing expenses. Much of the work of the committee is fund raising through dues, ad books, clam bakes, and other activities. There is also the constant problem of recruiting rowers, both male and female, and setting up a practice schedule.
Scope and Content of the Collection
The records of the Gloucester International Dory Committee were donated by JoeAnn Hart. They include minutes of committee meetings, correspondence, committee elections and membership lists for the years 1998 and 1999.

Collection Outline/Series Description
The collection includes:
- Membership lists
- Minutes of committee meetings
- Correspondence
- Booklets

Series I (of 1) contains one folder with the written records for the years 1998 and 1999.

Container List
Series I:

Folder 1:
- 1998 membership lists
- Form letters (invitation to 46th International Dory Races, June 18-20 1988) to: Coast Guard officials; Gloucester officials; Lunenburg officials
- Correspondence with Lunenburg Nova Scotion officials.
- Elections for Dory Committee
- Financial correspondence to purchase dories and oars
- 1999 minutes of committee meetings (5)
- Ongoing discussions of dates, festivities, trophies, boats, oars, clambake events, expenses
- Membership lists
- Blank letter forms/postcard forms