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The Sambro Area Community Association (SACA) is thrilled to announce that the Bluenose

II is coming to Sambro from August 8-10, 2020, during the annual Sambro Sou'Wester Days festival.

The Bluenose II is a Canadian icon and a travelling goodwill ambassador. The original Bluenose's voyages into Halifax Harbour saw her sailing by our iconic Sambro Island Lighthouse. In fact, the Sambro Lightship was a marker during the early Fishermen's Cup races; a highly dramatic, thrilling race which the Bluenose tenaciously won.

The Sambro Lighthouse is the oldest lighthouse in the North and South Americas, and known to some as the Canadian Statue of Liberty. Before air

travel was common, the lighthouse was a welcoming beacon to newcomers as they started their new lives in a strange, exciting new country. It has guided many generations of mariners safely around the treacherous Sambro Ledges on their approach into Halifax Harbour.

For soldiers departing Halifax during war time, the Sambro Lighthouse would have been the last thing they would see of Canada, and for those lucky enough to come back home, it would have been the first thing that welcomed them back to the safety of our country.

The Bluenose II and the Sambro Lighthouse both have a rich history - one who is mobile and one who is stationary. Together, they make the dream team of Atlantic Canada. It will be magical to see them reunited during the Sambro Sou'Wester Days, the annual festival where friends new and old gather together to celebrate our community's rich history.

Stay tuned as plans for this year's festival continue to come together. If you'd like to volunteer your time or sponsor an event during this momentous weekend, please contact Kim MacKay at 902-475-1583.

Sammy Sembro is SACA's mischievous mascot. You can follow him on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

