

Bluenose II

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The schooner Bluenose II is a Canadian icon and Goodwill Ambassador for the Province of Nova Scotia. Originally constructed by the Oland family in 1963, the vessel was extensively rebuilt in 2012. Hailed as one of the most beautiful classic boats in the world, Bluenose II is 181 ft. long (spared length) and her hull is laminated with Angelique, a tropical hardwood from South America. The ship's mainsail, at more than 4,000 sq. ft. is the largest working mainsail in the world.

Bluenose II shares the name and design of the legendary Bluenose, a schooner that earned international fame and became a source of national pride by defeating all American challengers in the Fishermen's Trophy Races. After her rebuild in 2012, the Bluenose II more accurately depicts the deck arrangement of the original, including a traditional foc'sle layout below.

During the ship's May to October sailing season, the Bluenose II is a popular attraction for Canadians and international tourists, who can either purchase a two-hour sail aboard the vessel or tour her decks while she's in port.

One of the most interesting and lesser-known additions to the ship after the rebuild was the deckhand's table. Constructed of wood from every province and signed by every Premier, the table also contains stone from Nunavut and a gold nugget from the Yukon.

The ship carries 20 crew, consisting of a Captain, Chief Mate, Chief Engineer, Second Mate, Cook, Bosun and 14 Deckhands. Each year, youth between the ages of 18~27 are hired predominantly from Nova Scotia to crew the vessel. No sailing experience is required, and all training, professional certifications, etc. are provided and part of the crew training.

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