

## Family keeps Jason Ramsay's memory alive

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For Connie Ramsay, there were mixed emotions about spreading oyster seed in memory of her husband, Jason Ramsay.

"I felt honoured to be able to do it, but I was sad at the same time," she said.

Mr Ramsay, an oyster fisher turned grower, died in February of this year, after being hit by a truck while crossing the road on his snowmobile in Howlan.

When Ms Ramsay talks about her husband, her voice is filled with love. The couple were together for 32 years, married for 25.

"He had a way about him, when he walked in the room, he changed the atmosphere," she said. "He

just had an inner light. Anybody that knew him, knew him well. Anybody that came in contact with him had a story to tell you. There's not one person in this town, or even on this Island that doesn't know my husband."

On Oct. 1, Ms Ramsay, her daughter Kaila Ricahrd (Ramsay), son Kordell Ramsay, and Bruce Richard, Kaila's husband, spread 10 trays of spat on the late Mr Ramsay's favourite public fishing ground. Each tray had between 2,000 and 5,000 seed, which will be able to be harvested in four to five year's time.

Along with spreading the spat in Mr Ramsay's memory, something they would like to turn into an annual event, the family is putting a memorial cross at the scene of the accident, and are working to have that intersection of the highway and Confederation Trail made safer.

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On Oct. 1, the family of the late Jason Ramsay spread oyster seed on his favourite public fishing ground in his memory. Ten trays were spread, with each tray containing between 2,000 and 5,000 oyster seed. After maturation, the oysters will be able to be harvested in four to five year's time. From left to right: Mr Ramsay's daughter Kaila Richard (Ramsay), Bruce Richard, Kaila's husband, widow Connie and son Kordell.

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## New search and rescue boat displayed



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The Alberton Volunteer Fire Department recently had the chance to show the community its new search and rescue boat during an open house on Oct. 9. Fourteen of the department's 33 members have been trained to use the vessel, which has a full array of electronics, including a plotter, sounder, radar, and a side-scan sonar for the bottom. From left to right: Brett Dumville, Shannon Dumville, Ernie Hudson, Blair Duggan, Kyle Rafuse, Darrell Graham, and Steven LeClair. See story on page 2.

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