



## **COD FEST 2025**

**Cod Fest celebrates our community's deep-rooted history in the fishing industry, particularly the cod fishery that has sustained generations. This event brings together locals and visitors to celebrate the heritage, resilience, and traditions of our fishing community. With a legacy stretching back decades, Cod Fest is a tribute to the hardworking men and women whose livelihoods have been intertwined with the sea**

### **Fish-n-Chips Battle – October 1-31, 2025**

Get ready for the ultimate Fish-n-Chips Battle! Local restaurants will go head-to-head to see who serves the tastiest, most irresistible fish-n-chips on the shore! Taste, vote, and help crown this year's champion while enjoying a fun, delicious experience for the whole family. The Jigger is the reigning champ – will they hold onto the crown, or will a new contender take the title?

- Visit participating restaurants throughout the month of October.
- Try their take on fish and chips, collect stamps in your Cod Fest Passport, and vote for your favourite.
- Each completed passport can be entered for a grand prize draw of gift certificates from all participating restaurants.
- Participating restaurants: The Jigger Bay Bulls, Stone Ducky, Arbour, & Fork

### **Photo Contest – October 1-31, 2025**

Snap, share, and reel in the fun! Enter our photo contest and show off your best fishy shots – creative, funny, or breathtaking.

- Open to all ages
- Photo must be taken during the 2025 Recreational Food Fishery in Bay Bulls
- Photo must feature participants engaging in recreational food fishery (catching cod, time of the boat, cleaning/preparing fish, family moments)
- Respect for safety and regulations must be shown in all photos (life jackets, legal catching limits, etc). Photos that do not follow safety and regulations will NOT be entered into the contest
- Photos should be appropriate for all ages (no disrespectful or unsafe content)
- Photos must be submitted by November 1, 2025 at 11:59 and sent to [recreation@bbrlc.ca](mailto:recreation@bbrlc.ca)

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- All those that submit and have followed all contest rules will be entered into a prize draw and the draw will be at random. The winner will receive \$100 gift card
- By entering, participants grant us permission to use submitted photos on our social media platforms and to use photos for promotional purposes (with credit to the photographer)
- Entrants must have consent from anyone appearing in their photo

### **Fishing Lines & Lifelines – Community Tales & Memory Sharing – October 1-31, 2025**

As part of this year's Cod Fest, we're inviting the community to help us celebrate our fishing heritage by sharing stories, memories, tales, and photos of life in a small fishing town. Whether it's a funny tale from the Wharfe, a treasured family tradition, or snapshots from days spent on the water, we'd love to hear from you. These memories will be collected and shared during Cod Fest as a way to honor the people, places, and history that shaped our community. They may also be featured in future promotions so that together, we can preserve and celebrate the spirit of our coastal way of life for generations to come

#### **How to share:**

- Email them to [recreation@bbrlc.ca](mailto:recreation@bbrlc.ca)
- Bring your stories or photos to BBRLC staff
- Share them in a google form, by using this link: <https://forms.gle/CL7EsUqQJdr5UfpG6>
- Post them to our Facebook wall, or share them privately via Facebook messenger

### **Songs & Stories at Alderwood Estates – Saturday, October 4, 2025**

\*Open to residents only\*

Time: 2:00 – 4:00

Location: Alderwood Estates

Residents will share stories and tales of their memories of growing up in a fishing community.

Live Entertainment will be on-site

Residents will be served with a traditional Fish Cake Dinner to celebrate their culture and heritage

### **Kids Cod Fish Craft Night – Monday, October 6th**

Time: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Location: BBRLC Youth Centre

Kids can dive into a craft night full of colorful fish painting and enjoy fish-themed snacks while their creativity swims wild.

### **Fishing Themed Trivia Night – Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

How well do you know Newfoundland's fishing past? Or movies, music, and pop culture that mention fish? Take the plunge and find out.

Hosted by Arbour with Trivia Host Jack Kennedy

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Time: 7:00pm

Cost: \$5/person

Location: Arbour Restaurant & Lounge

### **Fish Cake & Fish-n-Brews Dinner – Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Time: 5:00 – 7:00

Location: BBRLC Youth Centre

Join us for a coxy evening of delicious fish cakes and fish-n-brew – good food, great company, and plenty of laughs guaranteed! Food preparations and service provided by the 50+ Club

Cost:

Adult - \$10/person

12 & Under - \$8/person