

# **2001 PICTOU VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

## **NORM BABINEC**

Norm Babinec has been involved in the Pictou Community for more than 25 years. Norm has been a member of the Pictou Yacht Club for more than 20 years, as well as a director and for one year fleet captain.

He has been involved with Pictou Recreation, Tourism & Culture as a member for the past four years and has served on its finance, playground and marina committees. He is also a member of the board for the Pictou County Tourist Association. For the Town of Pictou, Norm has been webmaster for its website. He developed the site and updates it daily. He captures all the current events, including sports and festivals, in the Town of Pictou. Through his efforts the town's website use has increased to about 100,000 hits a month. He faithfully responds to all entries in the guest book and has been nominated for the Website Awards by one of the search engines on the Internet.

During the Ship Hector launch, he managed the Web Cam, developed a partnership with MT and T and did all the troubleshooting during the ship's launch. This resulted in 530,000 hits to the Pictou website during that month. He was an active member of the Tall Ships Committee and liaison for one of the ships that docked in Pictou.

He is the troubleshooter for the computers at the Pictou Recreation, Tourism & Culture office and the Fisheries Training Pool office. He is presently assisting with the CAP site for the Pictou Library. Norm is an active member of Stella Maris Church. He also was nominated for technological awards by the Pictou Chamber of Commerce and the Tourism Industry of Nova Scotia.

Norm gives himself freely to others. This has been often demonstrated through the generosity of his family business, which is very supportive of all community events.

Thank you Norm!