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Last Hook tells story of Bluenose's last hurrah

The Last Hook will retell the story of the final series of races of the original Bluenose, from Thursday to Saturday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Lunenburg Opera House.

In 1938, by then a rundown, rotten and waterlogged old fishing schooner, the Bluenose is challenged to risk her undefeated record against her perennial rivals in Gloucester, Mass. Unable to beat her when she was in her prime, the Americans want one last shot at appropriating the International Fishermen's Trophy from the Bluenose, from Captain Angus Walters, and from the people of Lunenburg.

CBC Radio aired Silver Donald Cameron's The Last Hook, a radio play that tells the story of the final series of races, in 1986. Now, Design 17 Theatre, a not-for-profit theatre company, will present a staged reading of The Last Hook with a cast of 10.

Design 17 artistic producer Tom Hurst, who has been working for the past eight years backstage at the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., was president of both the Theatre Arts Guild in Halifax and the old Nova Scotia Drama League, before moving away to pursue a career in professional theatre.

Tickets are \$18, children 12 and under \$12, and are on sale at the Shop On The Corner, Lunenburg; Kinley's Drug Co., Lunenburg; Kinburn Pharmasave in Mahone Bay; at the door or through design17theatre@gmail.com.