

New trawler means greater quality Clearwater scallops, says Risley

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Lunenburg-based Deep Sea Trawlers, a division of Clearwater, today announced the acquisition and arrival of the Atlantic Leader, its first Factory Freezer scallop vessel.

The 130-foot vessel is equipped with the most advanced harvesting and processing equipment available anywhere, and that means greater quality control over product, said John Risley, president, Clearwater.

"This investment exemplifies our ongoing commitment to quality in every aspect of our operations," noted Risley. "The Atlantic Leader's state-of-the-art freezer technology will allow us to deliver scallops to our customers with more of the natural flavour and firm texture intact than ever before."

An open house will be held to celebrate the arrival of the ship on Sunday, May 26, 10:00a.m. -3:00p.m. at Deep Sea Trawlers' waterfront facilities. Community residents will have a chance to tour the new vessel, while helping Clearwater to raise funds for the IWK Grace Health Centre for the hospital's upcoming annual telethon. Raffles, live music and snacks in the ship's galley are just some of the events that have been planned for the open house.

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Based in Nova Scotia, Canada, Clearwater is one of Canada's largest vertically integrated seafood companies, specializing in lobster, scallops, coldwater shrimp, surf clams and crab. Founded in 1976 by John Risley and Colin MacDonald, the company owns eight processing plants in Atlantic Canada and Canada's largest fishing fleet.