

## **Remembering Speedy on film- Prominent author interviewed as part of Remembering Speedy commemorations**

The filming of a documentary on the Brighton area's past has begun. The filming is part of the activities planned by the Remembering Speedy Committee for this year. The committee has commissioned University of Toronto film school graduate Chris Mutton to compose a documentary on the local area's history.

Mutton, fresh from editing a documentary on Canadian film, to be aired on CBC television this fall, accepted the post in hopes of increasing awareness of local history. According to Mutton, "the history of this area, and particularly the sinking of the Speedy, is a story just waiting to be told on screen".

Production of the video began in June as footage from the Remembering Speedy Sail Past was collected. Recently, Mutton and the film crew interviewed Brendan O'Brien, author of the book Speedy Justice. O'Brien, a 95-year-old retired lawyer, was eager to participate in the project. The interview footage will be interspersed throughout the video as the sinking of the Speedy is a common thread that links much of the area's history.

Efforts are also being undertaken to help bring the Speedy back to life on film. Mutton and graphic animator Doug Johnson have begun developing a 3-D model of H.M.S. Speedy to show the ship as it struggled through the final stretches of its voyage. The ship has been modeled after historical images by artists C.H.J. Snider and Peter Rindlisbacher.

To help fill out the production, Mutton continues to collect film footage of local historical sites. The film crew will also be present at the War of 1812 reenactment August 21 and 22 and the Remembering Speedy ghost walk on October 9, 2004.

Editing of the footage will take place through October and November and it is hoped that the final product will be available by mid December. The film will be made available to local schools and libraries once completed.

For more information on Remembering Speedy, visit [www.speedy1804.com](http://www.speedy1804.com). Those without access to the internet can stop by the Brighton and District Chamber of Commerce and take advantage of the community computer access program.