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**LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

Hello! This issue is full of fun lighthouse events, so get out there this summer and spend some time with your favorite beacon! If you have extra time on your hands, we have several Outreach events where we could really use some volunteers. You can check that out on page 11 – along with a preview of Mike’s trip for 2018!

There are extra special events lined up for National Lighthouse Day, which is Monday, August 7th. Those are listed on page 10. And if you’re interested in getting out of the state, Maryland’s Lighthouse Challenge is September 16-17. Just don’t forget to come back for the Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey - October 21-22. It’ll be here before you know it. Yay!

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**SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE**

**FACEBOOK**
Current # of Likes - 918
www.facebook.com/njlhs

**INSTAGRAM**
Current # Followers - 52
@njlhs

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**ADDRESS CHANGE**
To change your address please go to:
http://www.njlhs.org/join/AddrCng.pdf
download the form and mail to:
NJLHS Membership
631B Yale Way, Monroe Township, NJ 08831
JUNE MEETING

Meeting Location: Maurice River Township Elementary School (Cafeteria)
3593 Route 47
Port Elizabeth, NJ 08348

Entrance: Use the cafeteria doors, which are the green double doors a little more than halfway down the front of the building.
Parking: It would be closer to park in the left parking lot.

TENTATIVE AGENDA/PROGRAM

10:00 AM  Arrival and setup
10:30 AM  Hospitality (Coffee/Donuts); Ways & Means/other social activities
11:30 AM  General Membership Meeting / Committee Reports / Announcement of Photo Contest Winners
12:30 PM  Lunch (Bring your own)/After lunch, drive to East Point Lighthouse
1:15 PM  Presentation about the improvements at East Point Lighthouse with tour by Nancy Patterson, President of East Point Lighthouse/Maurice River Historical Society
3:00 PM  Departure

Directions to East Point:
1 - Exiting the school parking lot making a left turn onto Rout 47 south.
2 - Go about 4 1/2 mile and bear right onto Mackey's Lane (CR 740).
3 - In about 1/2 mile it will merge with High Street (CR616).
4 - In another 1/2 mile, High Street bears right and turns into Main St. (Still CR616)
5 - Follow this for about 2 1/2 miles, going through Heislerville, to a 'T' intersection. This is East point Road. Make a right.
6 - Go about 2 miles and make a right onto Lighthouse Road. The lighthouse is on the left with the Maurice River in front of you.
Travel time, about 18 minutes - 10 miles.

From 295 South:
1 - Take 295 South to exit 26 for Route 42 South. NOTE: This area is under heavy road realignment construction. Watch signage carefully after passing exit 28.
2 - Follow 42 South, under the TPK, to exit 13 for Route 55 South.
3 - Stay on 55 for about 40 miles where it will merge with Route 47.
4 - Go about 1 mile past this junction and look for a firehouse on your left. **The entrance to the school is just past the firehouse on your left.

From NJ TPK:
1 - Take exit 3 and then make a right at the end of the exit ramp onto Route 168 North.
2 - Go about 3/4 mile, under 295 then go right up onto 295 South. You will enter 295 at exit 28.
3 - Follow directions above from #1.

From GSP:
1 - Take exit 25 and at the end of the ramp, make a right onto Roosevelt Blvd, CR623.
2 - Go about 3/4 mile and the road will bear left and merge with Old Tuckerton Rd, which immediately changes to Tuckahoe Rd.
3 - Continue on Tuckahoe Rd for about 5 miles to Route 50
4 - Go about 2 miles on 50, through the town of Tuckahoe where you make a left turn onto Route 49.
5 - In about 3 1/2 miles Route 49 bears right. At this point make a left turn onto Route 548 (Weatherby Rd). There is a sign indicating Port Elizabeth just before this turn.
6 - Follow 548 for about 9 miles to Route 47 in Port Elizabeth.
7 - Make a left onto Route 47.
8 - In a few blocks, start looking for a firehouse on your left. **The entrance to the school is just past the firehouse on your left.

WWW.NJLHS.ORG

The Beam
At the May 6th board meeting at the Howell Township Library, our new NJLHS banner was displayed for the board. Come to our next meeting on June 17th to see it.

2018 PHOTO CONTEST (MARCH MEETING 2018)

Categories for 2019 Calendar

1. New Jersey LH (land-based lights)
2. Non-NJ land-based lighthouses on the East Coast – including LH in Hudson & Delaware Rivers
3. Lights of the Great Lakes
4. Lights of the West Coast including Alaska & Hawaii
5. Lights of the Gulf of Mexico & Non-US Lights (*includes FL Keys)

RULES:
- Landscape or portrait
- Must be (8x10) picture with matting around
- Maximum of 2 entries per above category.
- *NOTE, WINNERS from the 2018 calendar may only submit 1 entry per category.
- No extras inserted in photographs. No Photo-shopping of photos.
- Finalists must submit a digital file to Programchair@njlhs.org. File must have name of lighthouse.

NOTE – MEMBERS ONLY CAN COMPETE OR VOTE FOR FINALISTS
Please bring membership card to meeting.
NO PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS!
A MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP

Carol Naill and Linda Gleason - Membership Co-Chairs

Great Pictures Again: We had a great meeting at Edison VFW Post 3117 in Edison, NJ. March was our annual photo contest which is always fun. Looking forward to seeing you at the June 17th meeting which will be held in the Maurice River Township Elementary School in Port Elizabeth, NJ 08348.

Membership Numbers:
At the deadline for this issue, the 2017 membership numbers are as follows:
Single Memberships: 104
Family Memberships: 131 X 2 = 262
Total Members = 366 Members (2017 Memberships only)

Gift Memberships:
Not sure what to give that person who has everything? How about a membership to NJLHS? You can find an application on the NJLHS web site (www.njlhs.org) and print one out. You can also get one from the Membership Team at the next membership meeting. The membership packet will be mailed to the recipient, with a personal note saying that their membership to the Society is a gift from you. Let's get our numbers up!

New Members:
The following members have joined our Society since the last issue of THE BEAM in March. Please note that if you become a member after the deadline for The Beam, you will be listed in the following issue. If you happen to meet any of these new members at a future meeting, please welcome them!

Susan Billson
Charles & Joann Fest
Renee Kennedy
Ronald Lovely & Veronica McGloan
Cheryl Wallace
Dr. Sharon Wyhopen

Cranford, NJ
Lenola, NJ
Barnegat, NJ
South Amboy, NJ
Red Hill, PA
Madison, NJ

LIGHT AT TURTLE ROCK (Philadelphia)

“Love Your Lighthouse” Day - 3rd Annual
Saturday, August 5
Hosted by Friends of Historic Sedgeley

The Sedgeley Boathouse and Lighthouse will be open for tours from 10 AM to 3 PM. Come peek inside the lighthouse tower, visit the boathouse, enjoy some refreshments and learn about preserving this national treasure on the river.

http://www.friendsofhistoricsedgeley.org/
2017 PHOTO CONTEST FINALISTS

TALL TOWERS
1 Robert Rodgers
Point Reyes, California

2 Kathleen Eustace
Concord Point Reflections, MD

3 Howard Wright
East Chop, Vineyard Haven,
Martha's Vineyard, MA

4 Kathleen Eustace
Gazing at Barnegat Light

5 Winnie McKelvey
Nauset Light, Cape Cod, MA

6 Winnie McKelvey: Summer Evening, Pemaquid Point, ME

WATER-BOUND
1 Bill McKelvey
"Bug Light" Portland, ME

2 Howard Wright
Esopus Meadows, Hudson River, NY

3 Susan Billson
Elbow of Cross Ledge Light

4 Denise Bruno
Nibble Lighthouse, York, ME

5 Susan Billson
Miah Maull Shoal Light

6 Kathleen Eustace
Sailing by Huntington Harbor, NY
2017 PHOTO CONTEST FINALISTS

INTEGRATED

1 Robert Rodgers
Gilberts Cove, Nova Scotia, Canada

2 Bill McKelvey
Crescent City Lighthouse, California

3 Karl Fahringer
Tucker’s Island Lighthouse

3 Winnie McKelvey
Selkirk Light, Port Ontario, Ny

5 Denise Bruno
Hereford Inlet at Christmas

6 Winnie McKelvey: Blockhouse Point Light, Prince Edward Island, Canada

6 Howard Wright: Old Field Point, Long Island, NY

SKELETAL

1 Bill McKelvey
Plum Island Range Light, WI

2 Robert Rodgers
New Point Loma, CA

3 Kathleen Eustace
Tinicun Light, Sunset

3 Karl Fahringer
Drum Point, MD

5 Kathleen Eustace
A Day at Sanibel, FL
MARYLAND LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE

11th Anniversary Maryland Lighthouse Challenge!
September 16-17, 2017
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Explore Maryland’s historic lighthouses at some of the most beautiful spots in the state during this two-day driving tour. Visit any of the participating attractions and receive a complimentary souvenir at each. Visit all ten and receive a “special” souvenir proclaiming that “you’ve seen the lights!”

CHALLENGE LIGHTS:
- Choptank River Lighthouse Replica
- Concord Point
- Seven Foot Knoll
- Chesapeake Lightship
- Cove Point
- Drum Point
- Fort Washington
- Hooper Strait
- Piney Point
- Point Lookout

BONUS LIGHTS:
- Millers Island, visible offshore from the Dock of the Bay Restaurant, Sparrows Point
- Blackstone Lighthouse Replica (by boat), St. Clement’s Island
- Sandy Point Shoal, visible offshore from Sandy Point State Park, Annapolis

Presented by:
The Chesapeake Chapter of the U.S. Lighthouse Society
The Chesapeake Chapter focuses on implementing the U.S. Lighthouse Society’s goals of restoration and preservation of America’s lighthouses in the Chesapeake Bay area, particularly with regard to the lighthouses and lightships of Virginia, Maryland, and lower portion of Delaware.

For additional information, please email us at communications@cheslights.org

Find complete driving directions, detailed information and updates at: cheslights.org/maryland-lighthouse-challenge/

Additional Attractions!

Early Bird Special:
The Challenge’s Eastern Shore attractions
For those able to spend an extra day touring the great state of Maryland, participants have the opportunity to jump start their Challenge weekend by visiting these two lighthouses on Friday, September 15. Times to be announced!

- Hooper Strait Lighthouse, St. Michaels
- Choptank River Lighthouse Replica, Cambridge

Add-on Bonus Cruise:
Departs from Hoopers Island to see some of the Bay’s more elusive lighthouses. This all-day excursion will be offered on Thursday, September 14; Friday, September 15; and Monday, September 18. Price: $125 per person, includes lunch.

Leaves Rippon’s Harbor on Hoopers Island (1747 Hoopersville Road, Fishing Creek, MD 21634) at 8:30 a.m., to see the following six lighthouses:

- Hooper Island Lighthouse
- Point No Point Lighthouse
- Point Lookout Lighthouse
- Smith Point Lighthouse
- Solomons Lump Lighthouse
- Holland Island Bar Light

*Midway through the cruise will be a stop at Smith Island for a family-style seafood meal.

Cruise information: www.sawyercharters.com • 410.397.3743

Maryland Lighthouse Challenge Contact
Karen Rosage, Event Chair 410.437.0741
email: challenge@cheslights.org

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SUMMER EVENTS

ABSECON LIGHTHOUSE

Golf Tournament
Wednesday, June 7
1:30pm Shotgun start, $114 per player
McCullough’s Emerald Links, Egg Harbor Twp

“By the Light of the Moon”
Friday, June 9; Sunday, July 9; Thursday, August 18
The lighthouse will be open for nighttime climbs: last climb at 8:30pm
$10 per person, includes snacks & beverages

Father’s Day
Sunday, June 18
Dads climb free!

Summer Solstice Full Moonrise Climb
Monday, June 20
The lighthouse will be open for nighttime climbs: last climb at 8:30pm
$10 per person, includes snacks & beverages

Wacky Wednesdays at the Lighthouse
Wednesdays: July 5, 12, 19 & 26 - August 2, 9, 16
11:00am-3:00pm
Included with Regular Admission.
Themes change weekly.

CAPE MAY LIGHTHOUSE

Lighthouse Full Moon Climb
Friday, June 9; Sunday, July 9; Monday, August 7
8:00pm-10:00pm

Family Fun Days at the Lighthouse
Wednesdays: July 5, 12, 19 & 26 – August 2, 9, 16, & 30
9:00am-2:00pm
Enjoy kid-friendly activities, performers, entertainment and unique crafts vendors.

Lighthouse Storytime
Saturdays, May 27-September 2: 12:30pm
Bring your young children to the Education Center in Cape May Point State Park (adjacent to the Cape May Lighthouse) to listen to nautical tales and lighthouse adventure stories. Free admission.

The Keeper’s On Duty
Saturdays, May 27-September 2: 1:15pm
What’s it like to be a Lighthouse Keeper? If you’d like the answer to this question and others, join us at the Education Center at Cape May Point State Park. The Keeper of the Cape May Lighthouse presents an informative and entertaining half hour talk on the history and lore of the famous 1859 Cape May Lighthouse. Suited for everyone from children to lighthouse buffs, it’s the perfect introduction to your lighthouse climb! Free admission.

BARNEGAT LIGHTHOUSE

Lighthouse Night Climb and Campfire & Concert
Saturday, June 24
7:00pm-9:30pm, night climb ends at 9:00pm

Lighthouse Full Moon Night Climb
Saturday, July 8, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Lighthouse Night Climb and Concert
Saturday, July 22, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Lighthouse Night Climb and Concert
Saturday, August 26, 7:00pm-9:00pm

TUCKERTON SEAPORT

Baymen’s Seafood & Music Festival
Saturday, June 24 and Sunday June 25
11:00am-5:00pm
Enjoy delicious Jersey fresh clams, crabs, scallops and shrimp from the finest local seafood purveyors. Drink from the brew court featuring local crafted beers. Shop for gifts and souvenirs from unique vendors. Admission $8.
SUMMER EVENTS
(continued)

TUCKERTON SEAPORT

Decoy & Gunning Show
Saturday, September 23 @ 7:00am
Sunday, September 24, 11am-5pm
Two-day event highlighting the
culture of the Barnegat Bay region.
Demonstrations, contests, seminars,
crafters, carvers, vendors, food and
music. Includes the Dock Dog
competition as featured on ESPN!
Visit the Tuckerton Seaport Heritage
Tent at the lake. Free admission.
Two great locations: Tip Seaman
Park and Tuckerton Seaport. Free
off-site parking and shuttle bus.

NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY EVENTS
AUGUST 7, 2017

ABSECON LIGHTHOUSE

Kids climb free!

FULL MOON Wine Tasting & Garden Party
6:00pm to 8:30pm
$20 per person, includes light snacks

CAPE MAY LIGHTHOUSE

9:00am-2:00pm
Celebrate National Lighthouse Day at the Cape May
Lighthouse! Make your own crafts, listen to songs of
the sea, meet the lighthouse keepers, shop for
nautical merchandise and more, all on the grounds of
the Cape May Lighthouse. Free admission to the
activities, separate admission to climb the lighthouse.

BARNEGAT LIGHTHOUSE

Lighthouse Full Moon Night Climb
7:00pm-9:00pm

HEREFORD INLET LIGHTHOUSE

Free Admission to the lighthouse 9:00am-4:00pm

At 11:00am: Special guest speakers include
elected officials, Coast Guard representatives,
former Lighthouse Keepers and Historians.
Authors and artist signings, hot dog sale.
NJLHS TRIP 2018
Mike Boucher

The New Jersey Lighthouse trip for next year will be back to a typical lighthouse adventure, seeing lighthouses everyday. The trip will be to Washington State and the Puget Sound. The trip will start on Friday, July 13 with the Welcome to Dinner and end on Monday, July 24 with your flight home. The trip will start and end in Seattle, Washington.

We will visit or view 23 lighthouses and 1 lightship. The highlight of the trip will be a boat ride out to Cape Flattery Lighthouse for photos. We will take a boat ride around Seattle’s harbor and up the Puget Sound, photographing several lighthouses from the water. Also we will board another boat and travel around the San Juan Islands for these remote lighthouses Some of the lighthouses will be open for climbing. Some of the other places we will be visiting are: Boeing’s Museum of Flight, Seattle’s waterfront (an afternoon on your own), dinner at Seattle’s Space Needle, Northwest Seaport Maritime Heritage Center, Fort Casey State Park, Olympic National Park, the largest spruce tree in the world and Mount Rainer National Park.

I’m still working on the details and prices and will have more information in the September Beam.

OUTREACH EVENTS

We are planning to participate in some outreach events this year – getting the word out about the New Jersey Lighthouse Society. We will need volunteers to help staff our display table, sell Ways and Means items, represent the Society, and interact with visitors. Although most of the events are outdoor activities, we have a pop-up tent so you won’t be sitting in the direct sun! We would like to have at least 2 people at all times, so you can visit the event yourself, get something to eat, etc. The more volunteers we get for each event, the less time you will have to sit at the table!

The following events are tentatively scheduled. If we do not get enough volunteers, we will not be able to participate. If you cannot attend for the entire event, please list what time you would be available. Set-up for these events is usually 1 to 2 hours before the start time, so participants can park close to unload their car. Please consider helping us out. Why not bring a friend or family member to “work” with you?

Contact Communityoutreach@njlhs.org with your name, phone number, which event, & time you are available.

- Sunday, June 4, 2017---10:00 AM to 4:00 PM: “Barnegat Bay Festival” at the Wanamaker Complex in Island Heights.
- Monday, July 10, 2017---10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (tentative): 60th Anniversary of the Opening of Barnegat Lighthouse State Park at the Interpretative Center at Barnegat Lighthouse.
- Saturday, September 2, 2017---9:00 AM to 4:00 PM: “Ocean County Historical Society’s Olde Time Antique and Collectible Faire” at the Ocean County Parking Garage, Toms River (Labor Day weekend).
- Sunday, September 10, 2017---9:00 AM to 4:00 PM: “Friends of Island Beach State Park Beach Plum Festival” at Island Beach State Park.
- Saturday, September 23 AND Sunday, September 24, 2017---9:00 AM to 4:00 PM: “Ocean County Decoy and Bayman’s Festival” at Tip Seaman Park in Tuckerton (across from the Tuckerton Seaport).
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October 21-22, 2017

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