I want to thank everybody who has been submitting articles for The Beam. I have several articles left over that could not fit in this issue and one for the December issue.

THANK YOU! This issue is 16 pages instead of the 12 pages. The NJLHS Board of Directors decided to do two issues with 12 pages and two issues with 16 pages. The June and December issues will be larger ones. In this issue we travel to opposite coasts of the country for members travels. We have a story from Rick Weber, who created the NJ Lighthouse Challenge, taking his first Challenge along with some other interesting lighthouse stories. In the center fold are the winners of this year’s Photo Contest. I think Al Smith’s photo of Peggy’s Cove at sunset was the best of the show. Next year’s contest has all new categories so read Judy Boucher’s article on the Photo Contest. Summer time is here so let’s enjoy it and be safe in all your travels.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mary Beth Doherty

Spring has sprung and we’re onto the summer! The rest of 2010 looks to be a busy one for NJLHS!

Cindy has our next meeting scheduled for Liberty State Park, and the September meeting in Lewes, DE; Apryl has several trips planned thru the end of the year; Bob has speaking engagements lined up throughout the state; Anthony has several Outreaches booked; Al has tour guides at The Hook covering our tour hours. Stop by, take a tour and see what Sue is selling in the gift shop.

Not sure where we are? Check our website periodically as Howie frequently updates it or flip through the pages of The Beam.

Currently all committee chair positions are filled, but we’re always looking for members to help out those committees.

At the June meeting I will be looking for volunteers for the Nomination Committee and the Audit Committee. Both require a minimal time commitment, but are important just the same!

Thank you to those who stepped forward offering your time to NJLHS.

LONG ISLAND SOUND WESTERN CONNECTICUT LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE

Saturday, October 2, 2010

Join us as we sail aboard an American Princess Cruise ship from Stamford Connecticut and tour ten lighthouses!

Stamford Harbor
Great Captain Island
Greens Ledge
Sheffield Island
Peck Ledge
Black Rock Reef
Tongue Point
Stratford Point
Stratford Shoal Light

We will view each light from a good close but safe distance, providing ample time at each light for pictures and viewing from different angles and where possible, to include a small narration of each light.

Cruise duration – Approximately 6 – 7 hours long
Departure - 9:00 A.M. from Stamford, CT
Early Morning – Continental Breakfast
Midday – Hot and Cold buffet luncheon
Return to Stamford – Light snack and beverages

All inclusive - $235.00 per person
Deposit of $100.00 due by July 15, 2010
Balance is due by August 31, 2010

All checks payable to “NJLHS”
Mail checks to:
A. Roach
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All inquiries to trips@njlhs.org
Visit the website for updates www.njlhs.org
THE NEW JERSEY LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY PRESENTS THE…
2010 Southern East Coast Lighthouse Tour
Saturday, October 23 – Sunday, October 31, 2010

Itinerary

B = Breakfast,   L = Lunch,   BL = Box Lunch,   D = Dinner

Day 1 Saturday, October 23, 2010 - (L, D)
Forked River, NJ area - Smithfield, NC
Depart Southern New Jersey for a day of travel to our first overnight; stopping for lunch. Check into hotel; group dinner.

Day 2 Sunday, October 24, 2010 – (B, BL,D)
Smithfield, NC – Beaufort, SC
Morris Island Lighthouse, Sullivan Island Lighthouse

Day 3 Monday, October 25, 2010 – (B, BL, D)
Beaufort, SC – McClellanville - Georgetown
Cape Romain Lighthouse, Georgetown Lighthouse

Day 4 Tuesday, October 26, 2010 – (B, L, D)
Beaufort, SC – Darien, GA - Beaufort, SC
Sapelo Island Lighthouse, Sapelo Island Range Lighthouse, Reynolds Mansion, Saint Simons Island Lighthouse and Museum.

Day 5 Wednesday, October 27, 2010 – (B, BL, D)
Beaufort, SC – Savannah, GA - Beaufort, SC
Tybee Island Lighthouse, Savannah Harbor Light.

Day 6 Thursday, October 28, 2010 – (B, L, D)
Beaufort, SC - Hilton Head, SC
Haig Point Lighthouse, Harbour Town, Hilton Head Rear Range

Day 7 Friday, October 29, 2010 – (B, BL, D)
Southport, NC – Morehead City, NC
Oak Island Lighthouse, Bald Head Lighthouse, Cape Lookout Lighthouse

Day 8 Saturday, October 30, 2010 – (B, BL, D)
Morehead, NC - Kitty Hawk, NC
Ocracoke Lighthouse, Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, Bodie Island Lighthouse

Day 9 Sunday, October 31, 2010 – (B, L)
Kitty Hawk, NC - Home
Currituck Beach Lighthouse

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INCLUSIVE OF INQUIRIES OF ANY AVAILABLE SEATS AFTER JULY 31 DEPOSIT DUE DATE

A FEW NOTES:
- Transportation Company - Trolley Tours
- 9 day deluxe motor coach transportation
- Hotel, taxes, transportation and meals are included
- Minimum gratuity for the driver has been included

• Please send in your deposit as soon as possible. The excursion is limited to a maximum of 42 participants due to maximum boat restrictions on certain tours, therefore; this trip will be on a first deposit received basis
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LIGHTS
Mary Beth Doherty

Who wouldn’t want to go to Southern California? Better yet, who wouldn’t want to go to Southern California to see the lighthouses there? I had never been to the Los Angeles area, so when the opportunity came up, I jumped on it!

Friday, September 18
I flew into LA and met my friend Janet. We had dinner on the dock in Long Beach at “Parker’s Lighthouse,” a building that looks like Thomas Point Lighthouse. Across the water was a white tower that had rotating spotlights on it—purple and blue. Neither one of us had ever seen a lighthouse like that so of course we had to find out what it was. It happened to be a lighthouse monument “Lions Lighthouse for Sight” dedicated in 2000 by the Lions Club in Long Beach, CA.

We participated in the USLHS 25th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 19, having lunch, a presentation on the lighthouses of the San Diego area, and a visit to both Point Vicente and Point Fermin lighthouses.

After a wonderful afternoon, we headed south to San Diego. Initially we thought we were going to spend just one night there, that changed immediately!

Sunday was spent seeing the Lomas, old and new. What a beautiful location! We also saw “Tom Ham’s Lighthouse,” a restaurant in the harbor actually used as an aid to navigation. On the way out of Cabrillo National Park, Janet mentioned the lighthouse on the border of CA and Mexico (it was in the presentation the day before)…and asked “Do you want to try to find it?” Of course my answer was “YES”…. So on we went! We stopped at a Wildlife Estuary and asked the ranger if she could help us. She gave us a map and said it’s about a five mile roundtrip hike, that we could get pretty close to it and that it was safe for us out there. Interesting how I wasn’t thinking about my safety—I was more concerned with exactly how close we could get!

We drove through ranches and farms and finally found the parking lot where our “hike” would begin. After walking for awhile, we finally saw the lighthouse in the a distance. I wasn’t paying much attention to all the Border Patrol and CA State Park police vehicles driving by—came to think of it, they were looking at us with the “what the heck are those two women doing out here?” look on their faces! Needless to say, we got SO close to the Mexican Lighthouse—too close maybe when the two boarder patrolmen came up on us on their four-wheelers! That hike was a memorable one!

Monday was spent at the pier in San Diego and lunch in Old Town, then we started our journey north. We drove through many vineyards, and finally reached Big Sur. What a beautiful area to drive through!

We drove north for two days, and the next lights we would see were on Wednesday, September 23--fog-covered Santa Cruz and Pt. Pinos lighthouses. We decided to turn around, head back south and hike the Pt. Sur Light Station. It was still foggy, but what an experience. You are led about a mile thru a gated ranch to a parking area. Then you hike about one mile around and up this rock to the station. (It wasn’t until I got home did I find out that Pt. Sur Light is one of the most haunted lighthouses in the country!) We climbed the tower and were out on the catwalk. The volunteers at that station were wonderful, well informed, and so enthusiastic. I’d love to go back there on a clear day.

Thursday we arrived at Pt. Blancos Light Station. Again, these volunteers were so excited to be sharing their station with us. We toured the entire station, found out that because of an earthquake there was no lantern room on this tower and were told where we could go to view the lens. After leaving the light station we drove into the center of town and saw the lens on display.

The last light for the day was to be San Luis Obispo…we found the lens in the local library, and the entrance to the Nuclear Power Plant where the station is located—and we walked to the end of an extremely long pier only to see two small structures…but we couldn’t get out there as our schedule didn’t allow!

Friday morning we were back in the LA area—time to head home…but we had to make one last trip back out to Pt. Fermin!

What a wonderful week was spent touring southern California. I can’t wait to go back.

WHAT DOES A LIGHTHOUSE MEAN?

The New Jersey Lighthouse Society is always receiving emails inquiring about New Jersey lighthouses. Jayne Swope received the below email and forwarded it to Brett Franks and myself for a photo. Lighthouses mean a lot of things to different people and for a Marine in Afghanistan, Jay H. Gaskill, it means home and America. Please remember him in your prayers for a safe return home so he can see East Point again.

( Editor)

Greetings! My name is Jay H. Gaskill, a patriot from Cape May Court House, N.J. I have been deployed for just over 2 years in southwestern Afghanistan with the USMC. I visit the East Point area every leave that I get, and actually started viewing the Lighthouse in the early 80’s. My wife and I even got a short tour one day of the lantern room.

Prior to this deployment I was in another country working for our government for two years. I am usually in the thick of things wherever I am deployed.

The reason I am mailing this is: I am pretty homesick these days; I miss my family and my doggie immensely. If you could, would you e-mail me a photo of the lighthouse in East Point that I can magnify on my computer screen? It would make me feel a bit closer to home to view it occasionally. If so, this e-mail address is the one I use. God willing, I’ll be home for a short time from the end of May to mid June, and I will surely be visiting East Point.

God Bless America,
Jay H. Gaskill
IDR/PMT
Kilo co.
3/4 Marines
SEMPER FIDELIS!!
This month’s word puzzle focuses on New Jersey’s lighthouse history. The clues for this puzzle are, in order built, the New Jersey’s Lighthouses. Many of the lighthouses have been rebuilt several times; those lighthouses have the number built in parentheses. Only the Red Bold lettering is in the puzzle. The answers are on Page 15.
Nine lighthouses in ten days, all fit into our family vacation to Amelia Island, Florida (Just northeast of Jacksonville). We spent ten days on the trip, door-to-door from Morristown, New Jersey, on a visit to Grandma.

Day one was just a travel day. We left Morristown at 3:45 pm, right after the kids got off the bus and we were on our way. 15 hours and 1001 miles later, we were on the bridge going over the Inter-Coastal Waterway and onto Amelia Island. We could see the beam from the Amelia Island lighthouse in the morning darkness as we arrived. What a cool sight!

Day two was a rest day, visiting with Grandma, swimming in the ocean with the kids, and catching up on my sleep from the long overnight drive.

Day three was Halloween and, as you can imagine, it was a day of trick or treating.

Day four was our first lighthouse visit. We were going to go to Disney World for a day trip and hit the Ponce De Leon inlet light on the way. We took Interstate 95 South and instead of going west on I-4 to Disney, we went east into Daytona and then south to the light (best guess: about 20 minutes). The lighthouse is the tallest in Florida and the second tallest on the east coast. Red brick, beautifully restored with all of its outbuildings as well. An hour later, we were done and 80 minutes after that we were at Disney for the rest of the day.

Day five was a quick trip off the south end of Amelia Island. We took the ferry across the St John’s River and into Mayport. We stopped for lunch at this real dive of a restaurant along the river, called Singleton’s Seafood Shack. They have the best fried shrimp I have ever had (it has become a regular stop any time I’m in Florida). After lunch, we drove across the street and down one block to the fence of the Mayport Naval Base to see the St John’s River light. Although we were unable to get on base, we had a great view of the light.

Day six was a day trip to St. Augustine. Just a 90-minute drive south, and we were at the St. Augustine light. After a couple of hours at the light, it was a day of sightseeing around town on a trolley tour. Lunch was at the famed Bubble Room, originally of Captive Island, and a trip through the old fort.

Day seven was our trip to the Amelia Island light. You have to make reservations with the City of Fernandina Beach Recreation Department in advance (www.fbfl.us); they only do tours on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. We went to the recreation center, checked in and boarded the bus for the five minute ride to the light. At the light, we got a short history from the daughter of the last resident keeper of the lighthouse. Next, we went over to see the light. You are not allowed to climb the light, due to the steep stone stairs. You can only look in and up into the light. After the visit to Amelia, we went to see Fort Clinch, just on the other side of the marsh.

Day eight we took the Mayport ferry across again. While on the ferry we got a special treat; a fly over of six of the Navy’s Blue Angel F-18 jets on their way to land at the Navy base. They flew right over the ferry! The Blue Angels were there for an air show that weekend. We worked our way around the south end of the base to Helen Park, and then drove to the northern most beach access. As we walked over the boardwalk walkway, we could see the St. John’s light. That was as close as we could get without base access. From there, it was lunch at Bono’s BBQ and antiquing for the day in Jacksonville.

Day nine was a quick run up to St. Simon Island, Georgia. The first stop was the St. Simon light, and then the maritime museum in the old US Life Saving Station. From there, we hit the old pre-revolutionary British fort on the island.

Day ten, at 8:00, we started our trip home with 3 lights and 2 forts to go. By 10:00, we were pulling onto Tybee Island, where we toured the lighthouse and the Tybee museum in the Old Fort Screven. Next, we went to Fort Pulaski, which was bombed by the Union Army during the Civil War, and from there you can see the Cockspur Island light, which stood during that attack. On our way into downtown Savannah, we saw the Savannah Harbor Range Rear Light, and then had lunch on River Street with friends at Tubby’s Tank House. We were back on the road by 4:30 pm and 13 hours later, we were home in Morristown.

We used the following books as a guides for our trip, “Lighthouse Spotters Guide” by Michael Rhein and “America’s Atlantic Coast Lighthouses” by Jeremy D’Entremont. Both were very useful.
A MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP
Linda & Bob Gleason & Carol & George Naill Membership Co-Chairs

We have now taken on the job of Membership Co-Chairs and hope to do half as good of a job as Mary Beth, “Our President” did for the last 13 years. We have been helping with membership for the last few years and now we have taken on the whole job.

Meeting Attendees:
There were 106 members, plus 5 new members and 5 guests (grand total of 111) who attended our meeting at Tuckerton Seaport. Please remember to sign the book- We want to make sure there are enough seats for you at the future meetings.

Nametags:
Nametags are $6.00 each and are to be ordered and paid for at each meeting. The price includes shipping and you have 3 options for the backing: standard pin, double butterfly clutch or, for $1.00 extra, you can order a magnet. Stop by the Membership table to place your order.

NEW MEMBERS
Barbara & Frank Davide Little Egg Harbor, NJ
Christopher Goins Cherry Hill, NJ
Alice & David Huntington Havertown, PA
Jaelyn R. Jablow Malaga, NJ
Peter Schemly Wayne, NJ
Bruce Wilbur Sterling, VA
Allen Kivitt & Patricia Prusk Rockledge, FL
Mike & Bobbie Mcfalls Woodside, NY

Eugene & Carol Goch Brick, NJ
Dana Schmidt & Lorraine Valente Manalapan, NJ
Lorraine Gancher Audubon, NJ
Christopher Matias Forked River, NJ
Mark P. Sullivan W. Hempstead, NY
Addie & Wayne Hoffner Glassboro, NJ
Sandy & Bob Fulton Avalon, NJ

George & Carol Cox Haddonfield, NJ
Amy & Douglas Wacker S. Bound Brook, NJ
Carole Lyons Clifton, NJ
Deborah Martinez Long Branch, NJ
Carl Raso Colts Neck, NJ
Robin MOCKENHaupt Popp Robbinsville, NJ
Kimberly Moss East Orange, NJ
Richard & Barbara Arag Hackettstown, NJ
Roy Connors & Family Cape May, NJ

AND THE WINNER IS... Judy Boucher
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As you take your vacations this year keep in mind the all new categories for next year’s contest. The categories are based on construction types:

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A One-Of-A Kind Dining Experience!
Saturday, August 7th - 8th, 2010
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Gift Memberships: Not sure what to give that person who has everything? How about a membership to NJLHS? The application is printed In the beam or you can find it on the NJLHS web site and print one out. You can also get one from the Membership Team at the next meeting for copies. 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.

Membership Numbers:
At the deadline for this issue, the membership numbers are as follows:
Single Memberships: 187
Family Memberships: 228 x 2 = 456
Total Members = 643*
*This Number does one Lifetime member and seven Honorary Members.

NEW LIFETIME MEMBER
George & Carol Cox Haddonfield, NJ

NEW FELLOWS
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Check in to the beautiful Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, Norwalk, CT. Shuttle service from Hotel to Ferry - Enjoy a roundtrip cruise to Sheffield Island - Enjoy panoramic views of Long Island Sound - Tour the Historic Lighthouse - Enjoy an amazing dinner on the Island provided by Bull’s Head Market - Return to Hilton Garden Inn for a wonderful overnight stay. The next morning enjoy a phenomenal breakfast of omelet station, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, fresh baked pastries, make your own waffles, fresh cut fruit, yogurt parfaits, etc. Check out with fond memories of time well spent on Sheffield Island and at the Hilton Garden Inn! For more info, menus and prices see: www.njlhs.org/Trips/SHEFFIELD%20ISLAND.pdf.

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and The Winners’ Circle
This year’s only, first place, winners will join the Winners’ Circle. Past Winners’ Circle members who have not won in three years will return to the general competition in the construction categories. Remaining members of the Winners’ Circle may only enter two photos in next year’s Winners’ Circle.

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Winning Photographers
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NEW JERSEY LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY'S PHOTO CONTEST FOR 2010

WINNERS' CIRCLE

1st Place
Mike Boucher
Hereford Inlet at Night, NJ

2nd Place
Karl Fahringer
St. Nicholas Light, Rhodes, Greece

3rd Place
Mike Boucher
Mystic Seaport at Twilight, CT

1st Place
William McKelvey
Duxbury Pier (Bug Light), Plymouth, MA

2nd Place
Kathleen Eustace
Concord Point, Havre de Grace, MD

2nd Place
Joan Stumpf
Boston Light, MA

1st Place
Mike Boucher
Roundout LH, Kingston, NY

3rd Place
Spencer Purdum
Castle Hill, Newport, RI

2nd Place
Rick Hodgman
Pt. Fermin, San Pedro, CA

1st Place
Sue Mazza
Diamond Head, Honolulu, HI

3rd Place
Rick Hodgman
Point Vincente, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

EAST COAST LIGHTHOUSES

WEST COAST
& GREAT LAKES LIGHTHOUSES

VIEWS FROM THE WATER
NEW JERSEY LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY’S PHOTO CONTEST FOR 2010

OTHER LIGHTHOUSES

1st Place
Al Smith
Peggy’s Cove, NS

2nd Place
Greg Di Napoli
El Morrow, PR

3rd Place
Carole Di Napoli
Caso Da Rola, Portugal

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HONORABLE MENTION

Views From the Water
William McKelvey
Squirrel Point, ME

Other Lighthouses
Joan Preston
East Point, NJ

Other Lighthouses
Ray Stumpf
George Island, Halifax, NS

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Views From the Water
Laura Portée
Bass Harbor, ME

Other Lighthouses
Joan Preston
East Point, NJ

Other Lighthouses
Ray Stumpf
George Island, Halifax, NS

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RECIPE CORNER

Seven-Layer Salad
Carol Winkie

1 medium head lettuce
2 stalks celery, chopped
1 bunch green onions, chopped
½ green pepper, chopped
1 (5-oz.) can water chestnuts, sliced
1 (10-oz.) pkg. frozen peas
2 cups mayonnaise
¾ lb. bacon, fried crisp
½ cup Parmesan cheese
3 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
2 tsp. sugar

1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. garlic powder
2 tomatoes, cut into wedges

Place lettuce in small pieces and line bowl. Then layer celery, green pepper, green onions, water chestnuts and frozen peas. Then spread mayonnaise, sprinkle salt, garlic powder and sugar. Then layer cheese, chopped egg and chopped bacon. Cover. Refrigerate overnight. Before serving, add tomato wedges on top. Salad is for 12 people.
ABSECON LIGHTHOUSE
Absecon Lighthouse is open from 10:00am – 5:00pm, admission is $7 adults, $5 seniors, and $4 children.
Thursday, June 24, Luscious Libations for the Lighthouse, 6 PM
Wacky Wednesdays: These fun-filled Wednesdays run through July & August, 11 am to 3 pm. We’ll be offering themed snacks, games, crafts & stories. Even though school’s out, there’s never been a better time to learn something new at Absecon Lighthouse! $10 admission fee for children includes all activities and a climb of New Jersey’s tallest lighthouse. Adults $5.
July 21: The Myths Of Mermaids
July 28: The Prizes Of Pirates
August 4: The Secrets Of Sailors
August 11: The Virtues Of Victorians
August 18: The Search For Seaflife
Saturday, August 7, National Lighthouse Day, An Evening Performance by John Mock, 7:00 PM, renowned musician and photographer. John will present his unique multimedia maritime concert presentation “From The Shoreline”. A native of Connecticut’s eastern shore, John grew up on the ocean and often spent nights playing on the Long Island Sound ferry boat his father captained. From New England to Cincotague to Ireland, the Atlantic’s beautiful coastline and quaint villages, its wooden boats and whitewashed lighthouses, continue to inspire and inform John’s art. He has worked on stage and in the studio with such notable artists as the Dixie Chicks, James Taylor, Nanci Griffith, Maura O’Connell, Sylvia, Kathy Mattea and Mark O’Connor. Soft spirits and light bites are included. Tickets are $35. Call for tickets & information at 609-449-1360 website: www.abseconlighthouse.org

CAPE MAY LIGHTHOUSE
The Cape May Lighthouse is open daily. Admission to climb is $7 for adults and $3 for children (ages 3-12).
Saturday, August 7: Enjoy family activities at the base of the lighthouse including pirate-hat making, games, music and craft vendors. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission to the activities, separate admission to climb the lighthouse.
Keeper’s on Duty: The perfect prelude to a climb of the Cape May Lighthouse. Learn the historic beacon’s story, as told by one of the current keepers at the Education Center in Cape May Point State Park (adjacent to the Cape May Lighthouse). All Keeper’s on Duty are free and open to the public. Offered Sundays at 11:30 a.m. beginning May 30 (through Sept. 1).
Lighthouse Storytime: 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. Offered Sundays at 12:30 p.m. beginning May 30 (through Sept. 1). Free admission.
Cape May Lighthouse, Oil House and Museum Shop: 1859 structure with 199 steps to watch gallery for a panoramic view of the Jersey Cape and Atlantic Ocean. Museum Shop carries souvenirs, books, videos and other maritime items. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. beginning June 18 (through Sept. 1). For more information about the Cape May Lighthouse and hours of operation, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278, or visit MAC’s website at www.capemaymac.org.

EAST POINT LIGHTHOUSE
Hours of operation: 3rd Sunday April to October. Time: 1 to 4 PM, Phone 856-546-7810, E-mail: eastpointlighthouseenj@yahoo.com, Fee: $2.00

BARNEGAT LIGHTHOUSE
Friday, June 25, 7 - 9:30 PM Full Moon Campfire at Barnegat Lighthouse State Park Bring a beach chair and/or beach blanket - Climb the Lighthouse. Bring marshmallows and a stick for roasting a tasty snack. Live Entertainment–Basement Musicians Guild. Free Admission. Saturday, July 31, 10 AM. to 4 PM, Barnegat Lighthouse Art Show And Sale. Our Second Annual Art Show and Sale in the Park. Over 65 artists will display their original works in oil, watercolor, photography and other mediums. The event is being coordinated with the Pine Shores Arts Association. For additional information, please call (609) 290-6430.

HEREFORD INLET LIGHTHOUSE
Saturday, June 19th: The 5th Annual Hereford Lighthouse dinner/dance fund raiser will be held at, 6 pm at the Wildwood Country Club. There will be fabulous food, music by a great live band, and an awards presentation. Awardees of recognition will be presented to Doreen Benson and Laura Portee, co-chairs of the hugely successful NJ Lighthouse Challenge for their outstanding achievement. Anyone wishing to attend please call 609-522-4520. It is a formal affair and tickets are $100.00
Saturday & Sunday, July 17th & 18th: Hereford will host its 1st Annual Maritime Festival. There will be exhibits of arts and crafts, historic displays, music, food, special garden and lighthouse tours as well as activities for the kids. Famed lighthouse artist Donna Elias’ exhibit will be a focal point of the weekend. The event will be 9 to 5 each day with free admission to the festival. There is an admission fee for climbing the Lighthouse but members of the NJLHS are free as always, as well as members of our “Friends” organization. For more info please call 609-522-4520, or e-mail -- herfordh@yahoo.com

TUCKERTON SEAPORT
Saturday, June 19: 18th Annual Baymen’s Seafood & Musical Festival, Voted two years, 2009 & 2008, as one of the “Top 10 NJ Outdoor Festivals” by Countryside magazine. Presented by the Jersey Shore FolkLife Center. 11am to 5pm.
Monday, June 28: Tuckerton Seaport at the SurfJlt 7pm, SurfJlt Theater, Engleside & Beach Haven, “NJ Radio Days at the Shore!” Enjoy an evening of live, big band music and recreated news events that made national history at the shore.
Saturday, July 10: “10th Anniversary Clambake” Traditional down home clambake with music by the party band- Shorty Long and the Jersey Horns. 5pm to 8pm Saturday, July 24: “8th Annual Red Wine & Blue” Afternoon of wine tasting from New Jersey’s finest wineries plus live blues music by James Day and The Fish Fry, The Cobra Brothers and Heart Fulla Bluz. New for 2010—“Traditional Pie Bake Off” contests. Complimentary wine glass! Noon to 8pm.
August 6-8: 3rd Annual NJ Maritime Heritage Celebration. Boat rides, lectures, demonstrations, surfboard exhibits & lots of fun maritime activities. 10am to 5pm.
Saturday & Sunday, September 11 & 12: 11th Annual Antique & Classic Boat Show. Join the Seaport and the Philadelphia Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society for two days of classic wood and glass boat exhibiton. Sign up for our boat building class or take a cruise up the Tuckerton “Crik”. 11am to 4pm.
Saturday & Sunday, September 25 & 26: 28th Annual Ocean County Decoy & Gunning Show. An exciting two day event celebrating the culture of the area. Two great locations: Tip Seaman Country Park and Tuckerton Seaport Museum.
Some people have a desire to own every lighthouse key chain, shower curtain and lighthouse shirt possible. Others have such a vast knowledge of facts, it boggles the mind. Some even have both. Me, I have very little of the above. I just know I like lighthouses and admire the people who manned them.

I started thinking about this the other day and realized it started years ago, as a child. You see, I grew up in Perth Amboy, NJ, a revolutionary town, historic in its own right. Off its shore, in Raritan Bay is a lighthouse: “Great Beds” light built in 1880.

Various sources claim it to be 60 feet tall, a cast-iron sparkplug design with a 4th order lens; and had New York and New Jersey claiming ownership.

Check the WEB there are some interesting stories, including one about a keeper advertising for a wife.

But back to me. As near as I can figure, that light influenced me. I saw it everytime my Mom took us to the “Free Beach” in Perth Amboy; when my Dad motored us out to fish the Raritan and even as a teenager hanging around the boardwalk or “parked” on the hill overlooking the river. When I married and moved to South Amboy just across the river, it was still in my sight from that beach or park. Then there’s the story of my 17th summer. There was a group of teens that gathered at the beach each summer in Perth Amboy.

One day, three of us: Cliff the lifeguard, Netty the new girl from the Bronx, and I decided to “borrow” the lifeguard boat and row out to the lighthouse. And so we did. When we got there it seemed so tall, huge, and interesting.

 Couldn’t leave it and not see inside. (By this time the late 50’s, the light had been abandoned). Brave us, we tied up to the ladder, climbed up and inside, and toured the light. It was awesome. We didn’t want to leave, but had no choice. The boat would be missed, Cliff could lose his job, and who knew what else. Lucky for us we didn’t wait longer... the tide had risen and our boat was jammed under the ladder. A few more minutes it would have punctured the bottom. Our hero, Cliff, managed to push the boat down and out from under the ladder and we escaped. No marks on us, the boat or the lighthouse. It was a great adventure. It was the first lighthouse I climbed and for me the start of a long affair with lighthouses.

Great Beds light will always be first in my heart, with Sandy Hook, my new adventure, just as important.

I hope you enjoyed my story. By the way, does anyone know the statute of limitations on tresspassing?

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**“LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE OF NEW JERSEY” SET FOR OCTOBER 16 & 17**

Twelve New Jersey Lighthouses, two museums and one life saving station will host a “Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey” weekend on Saturday and Sunday, October 16 and 17. The public is invited (and challenged) to visit all participating lighthouses over the weekend and help raise funds for continued lighthouse preservation. The lighthouses participating in the Challenge encourage the public to take advantage of this special weekend to financially support and preserve the maritime history of our state as we face the same economic challenges as other sectors of commerce.

Begin the Challenge at any of the participating lighthouses and purchase a tri-fold souvenir pamphlet ($1) to be stamped at each lighthouse as proof of visit. This will be your souvenir to commemorate your participation in the event.

Hours of operation for each lighthouse can be found on the lighthouse and museum websites listed below, and at www.lighthousechallenge.org, www.njlhs.org and www.visitnj.org. Night climbs will be offered at Absecon, Cape May, Sandy Hook, Tinicum and Tucker’s Beach Light.

Absecon: www.abseconlighthouse.org
BarNEGat: friendsofblsp@verizon.net
BarNEGat Light Historical Museum: www.bl-hs.org
Cape May: www.capemaymac.org
Cape May County Museum: www.cnmuseum.org
East Point: eastpointlighthousenj@yahoo.com
Finns Point: www.fws.gov/northeast/nj/spm.htm
Hereford Inlet: www.herefordlighthouse.org
Ludlam’s Beach: www.ludlamsbeachlight.org
Navesink/Twin Lights: www.twin-lights.org
Sandy Hook: www.nps.gov/gate
Sea Girt: www.seagirtboro.com/sghouse.html
Tatham Life Saving Station: rotispike@comcast.net
Tinicum: www.tinicumrearrangelighthouse.org
Tuckerton Seaport: www.tuckertonseaport.org
Over 10 years ago I was a member of the NJLHS board. I mentioned an idea I had to our president, Tom Laverty. I thought it would be great if we could get all 11 lighthouses in New Jersey to open up for one weekend and have people visit them. We would give out some sort of souvenir to mark the accomplishment.

The Board liked the idea and the first lighthouse challenge was born. It was tough the first year, inventing everything we needed to make it happen. I had to convince all the lighthouse organizations to participate. Logos, brochures, t-shirts, distribution, lining up volunteers and sponsorships all had to be started from scratch.

The hard work paid off. The Challenge was a resounding success. We were on the map. The New Jersey Lighthouse Society had created the first Lighthouse Challenge ever. I headed up the Challenge for the next three years and watched the interest and enthusiasm grow. As my boys got older and we all got more involved with Boy Scouts, it became time to hand over the reins to Doreen Berson.

Fast forward to 2008. It popped into my head that 2009 would be the 10th anniversary of the Lighthouse Challenge and, funny enough, I had never taken the very Challenge that I had created. It was time!

So, on Friday October 16, Mary Anne and I drove to Cherry Hill and got a room so we could start out early at Tinicum RR Lighthouse. We arrived at Tinicum around 7:15 Saturday morning in the driving rain. As we waited to check in, the people ahead of us were asked where they were from and how they heard of the Challenge. Then we were asked where we were from. I had my answers already rehearsed. Before I had a chance to reply as to how I had heard of the Challenge, I was recognized! It became for me the start of a wonderful weekend as I got to say hi to so many friends that I had not seen in quite some time.

It was also time to take my share of the blame as the gentleman handing out the passport books remarked “So it’s your fault that I’m here in the rain first thing in the morning!” We bought our t-shirts said our good byes and were off to Finn’s Point.

Arrived there about 8 am as they were busy digging a trench to lead the water from the garage they were tucked away in. The Naill’s and other old friends were happy to see us and we wished them well as we were off to East Point.

Well we never made it all the way there. About a mile away, we ran into the roadblock. Sadly, all the rain that had fallen and the high tide had flooded the road. I was really hoping to drop in on the Smith family and the East Point crew, but that was not to be. We were given our stickers at the roadblock. So with a tinge of disappointment, we set the GPS for Cape May.

The weather began to break when we arrived at Cape May so our spirits picked up. We met the greeters and snapped a few shots of Cape May Lighthouse. I remember spending summers with Mary Anne’s family at Cape May Point sitting on the deck at night relaxing to the slow flash of the rotating light.

We drove to our next stop in Wildwood: the Hereford Inlet Lighthouse. Just as I anticipated, Bill Volpe was there to greet us. I always loved the gingerbread house look of Hereford Inlet. Annually I travel to Wildwood for the firemen’s convention. My visit isn’t complete if I don’t stop by the lighthouse.

Our drive to Wildwood was without any difficulty, so we figured our problems were over. Anyone that was on the road between Wildwood and Sea Isle City knows we were wrong. Our first taste of things to come was avoiding the flooded roads out of Angelsea. Once over the bridge and on our way north through the towns, we noticed the road getting narrower and narrower until we were straddling the double yellow line through the center of Sea Isle City and then even that ran out. I was determined to get to Ludlam’s Beach Lighthouse. Years ago, I rode up to see it while it was still a private residence. Even though it’s lantern was removed, I was still able to see the lighthouse under all the renovations.

It was very impressive that the current owner was eager to open his home to all the lighthouse people that would be crazy enough about a hobby to park a block away and tiptoe over the cinder block stepping stones to get a chance to get into a never before seen lighthouse. We met him inside. He was a very gracious host and insisted we visit each room of his home. Being a residence for so long, it is heavily modified. But close inspection revealed some of the old bones. I can’t wait for the town to realize their dream of bringing this very unique lighthouse back to its former glory. I’m glad they have recognized the piece of history that was in their midst.

Back on the road we were on our way to Atlantic City and the Absecon Lighthouse, another of New Jersey’s successful lighthouse rescues thanks to the determined citizens, city officials and willing business owners. We walked in the door and were immediately recognized by Rich Veit. Elinor was busy helping in the gift shop. I was so happy to see the place was very busy. The line was pretty short and we had time, so this was the first tall light we decided to climb.

In the gift shop renowned lighthouse artist Donna Elias had set up a display of her work. I stopped over to say hi. Donna is still a big supporter of the Challenge. I remembered meeting her at the 2001 Challenge.

Here we learned of one of the newer additions to the Challenge: night climbs. Since our hotel was only a few miles away, we decided to have dinner and head back out to Absecon for our night climb. For the first few years after we started the Challenge, night climbs were the private enjoyment of my family and my weekend crew at Sandy Hook after we came back from dinner!

We woke early Sunday morning, had a quick breakfast and headed for Tucker’s Island. Even though it is a reconstruction of the original, we felt it was important to include it in the Challenge and recognize the work of the Baymen’s Museum. There to hand us our stickers were some more of my original staff: Mike and Judy Boucher.

Leaving Tucker’s Island, the drive to Barnegat was supposed to be easier. Once again we ran into some flooding on the drive up Long Beach Island. Here we met one of the wonderful people that took over running the Challenge for me, Laura Portee. I was also pleased to meet her husband and her beautiful little daughter.

At Barnegat we received some disturbing news that the road to Sandy Hook was flooded and we might not make it. I was crushed! I was hoping to wrap up my trip at my old headquarters!

Hoping for the tide to change, we sped off to Sea Girt. There I ran into another old friend, Conrad Yaunch. I still recall his excited call after our first Challenge. His group had recently discovered that some very expensive repairs were needed to their lighthouse. They were so thrilled because...
they had sold out most of their gift shop on the Challenge weekend and would have the funds they needed.

As I was reminiscing with Conrad, we were interrupted by 2 young girls who had traveled from Florida with their mother just for the Challenge. They were making a personal video of their trip. Conrad introduced me as the creator of the event. Conrad had long ago given me my last “Challenge” interview, and I was very happy to answer their questions.

Mary Anne and I were getting excited. Our end was near. We drove up the coast to Twins Lights. I remember all the horror stories of how crowded their parking lot would get. It was a real treat that we were able to find a parking spot right under the lighthouse. We climbed to the top of the south tower which has a special place in our lives. On our 10th anniversary, we renewed our wedding vows. As I came down the stairs and heard a familiar voice: Tom Laverty! It was great to see him again. I knew he had moved on from being resident caretaker of the lighthouse, so I did not think I would get to see him. We talked about the “monster” we created!

While I was in the tower, I saw a hopeful sign, traffic on Sandy Hook Road! So I said goodbye to Tom and we started down the hill and out the road to Sandy Hook.

Wow has this place changed! Our first Challenge we slept on the floor in the old second floor bedrooms. From then on we were offered accommodation in the VIP house. Now, since the keeper’s house has been remodeled, there are proper facilities right there next to the tower.

Mary Anne and I wandered through the museum to catch up on what we had missed and then onto the gift shop and to get our completion stickers. I was on familiar territory. There was still the backbone staff of my Challenge headquarters: Grace Schumacher and Sue Mazza. These ladies were such a big help to me and my family as we all worked together through the early Challenges and we all had fun. Up in the tower I found Grace’s husband, Ken.

Unfortunately, I didn’t get to run into Doreen Berson, the coordinator and the person I turned over my “baby” to. She and Laura did a fantastic job growing and adding to an event that has come to international recognition. I wanted so much to thank her personally for all she has done. The Keeper’s Award that she and Laura were presented in December is well deserved.

I count at least 5 other challenges that came from our idea, and there probably will be more. They say that duplication is the sincerest form of flattery. Of this I’m sure: we will always be the first! I was impressed after all these years, many of the same members still staffed their favorite lighthouse sites. All the volunteers contributed to the success over the years. I was grateful to you then, and I applaud your dedication to Doreen and Laura.

Over 10 years ago I got involved with the New Jersey Lighthouse Society to guide tours at Sandy Hook and have a fun hobby that I could share with my family. The board and membership were willing to take a chance on this idea I had. I’m so happy it took off the way it did. I also created some very unique and cherished memories staffing the Challenge with my wife, my boys and friends we made.

Well, I had done it. I finally found out what I was missing. The Lighthouse Challenge is a lot of fun! I have heard that 2009 is probably the last Challenge for NJLHS. If so, it has come full circle that the guy who started it all, finally took his own Challenge. I do not feel bad about that though. It’s a good idea to “always leave them wanting more”. Who knows, maybe in 5 years there could be a “Lighthouse Challenge Reunion”!

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**PROGRAM SIGNALS**

**Cindy Mitzen**

**June 26, 2010 - Liberty State Park** – Central Railroad of New Jersey Terminal, 1 Audrey Zapp Drive, Jersey City NJ, Blue Comet Room-behind the information desk

There will be no hospitality, but if you need that cup of coffee there is a concession stand in the main lobby of the Terminal.

**9:30 AM** Arrival

**10 AM** business meeting will start

**11 AM** half hour film and half hour tour of the Terminal. Our group will be divided in half and switch places to make for easier touring.

**12 Noon** Lunch on your own. Brown bag or purchase.

**1 PM** ferry to the Statue of Liberty will be provided, and a ranger guided tour has been reserved.

We will have reserved tickets that will give the specific time to arrive at the security screening zone for the ferry, this should reduce the amount of time we will wait on line. Please be aware that the screening for the ferry is like that at the airport. The web site says no back packs, but the ranger at the park told me that meant camping backpack. School size backpacks that many of us carry our camera stuff in is ok. The ferry pass also includes entrance into the monument where there is another security screening area.

**DIRECTIONS:** (from the South, North and West) the NJ Turnpike extension for Exits 14 A, B, C, Holland Tunnel. Get off at Exit 14B (Liberty State Park). Pay your toll and stay to the left and go under the Turnpike. Follow Morris Pesin Dr. to the end (gate at exit end and the Statue of Liberty will be in front of you) make a left turn onto Freedom Way and follow that to the end. Make a right onto Audrey Zapp Dr. go a short distance to the parking lot on your right and park. The parking will cost $5.00 for the day. You’ll see the terminal when you turn on Zapp Dr.

Remember you can drop off anybody in your party who has trouble walking the distance from the parking lot to the railroad terminal, at the terminal.

If anyone wishes to make purchases from Way & Means you can
Summer is in full swing, and so are our Community Outreach activities for this season!

The Society is well-represented at a wide variety of events across the state this year. While many were disappointed that the Spirit of the Jerseys event (first scheduled outreach of the season) was cancelled this year, everyone is looking forward to its return next year. I am also pleased to announce that the Society will have a presence at a new event on July 17 & 18: the inaugural Hereford Inlet Lighthouse Maritime Festival in North Wildwood. More info on this new event is available via a link on the NJLHS Facebook page (www.facebook.com/njlhs). The latest Community Outreach information is always posted on the Community Outreach page on the NJLHS website.

The Community Outreach team continues to grow by welcoming new members who are very eager to participate. Recruiting more volunteers is the only way that outreach efforts may continue and flourish! Remember, you don’t need to be an expert—just a friendly person who is willing to chat with folks and to learn more along the way.

You’ll also be happy to know that our NJLHS giveaway items distributed at our outreach events have proved to be quite popular! The mini crayons packs (for our children’s coloring activities) featuring the Society logo are quite a hit, and we still have on hand some the mini-flashlights that carry the tagline “Keep the lights shining” along with the Society web address. In addition, a new item is being added to the mix that will replace the mini-flashlight as supplies of that giveaway run out: a mini-flashlight & mini screwdriver tool. Quite convenient!!

I’d also like to offer a note of thanks for our dedicated new Ways and Means chair Carol Winkie. Carol is continuing the great work undertaken by Marty Hudspeth, and also making this her own with a number of new ideas. Sometimes the Community Outreach and the Ways and Means “teams” include many of the same members—and we are very happy to work together.

As always (and as stated above): additional/new volunteers are also most welcome. This is ESSENTIAL to ensuring a strong NJLHS presence in the community. Remember, you don’t need to be a lighthouse “expert” to be part of the team—just willing to discuss our shared interests with event patrons. There’s always someone to “fill in the blanks”. We have an outstanding base of lighthouse knowledge in our membership ranks.

Please feel free to contact me with any info on NJ events where our presence may be a plus, with other ideas or for more information. You may also contact me at: cu20064@aol.com.

TWO MEMBERS CROSS THE BAR

Tom Laverty

GEORGE FEIRER passed away January 24, 2010. George was one of the founders of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society. He served for many years as the organization’s Historian, was a member of the first Preservation Committee and, on many occasions, served as a judge of elections for NJLHS.

When not a Lighthouse Keeper, George spent his time as president of the Feirer Institute and as president of the Corbin City Historical Society. For many years he was a Clinical Pathologist for the State of New Jersey at the Woodbine State School and taught at the Atlantic City Medical Center.

We extend our condolences to his wife Patricia and their family. We will miss a dedicated Lighthouse Keeper.

JOHN “JACK” SLAVIN passed away March 26, 2010. Jack had been the NJLHS Historian for a number of years and assembled back years of Society memorabilia and information. In addition to his NJLHS activities, Jack had worked for a graphics company, loved to photograph lighthouses, built model boats and lighthouses and was a member of the Ships Veterans Affairs Association. He also served in the US Navy aboard the USS Ticonderoga during the Korean War. Jack was a familiar face at Board and Membership meetings. We will miss company. Jack and his family have given the Society one last gift as they ask for contributions to be given to the Society in his name. Please join us in extending our condolences to Jack’s family and wife Carol.

DEDICATED NJLHS MEMBER CAPS A CAREER OF SERVICE, BEGINS NEW CHAPTER IN LIFE

Anthony J. Albence

Mary Catherine Kennedy, known to so many NJLHS members and lighthouse devotees throughout New Jersey, is retiring this year from her vocation as a gifted and caring teacher after 48 years of service in Barnegat Township schools. Mary Catherine is an institution in Barnegat, also serving as Town Historian and tireless devotee to lighthouses and related history. Literally thousands of people have been impacted by Mary Catherine’s inspired approach and captivated by her endless energy. For decades she has motivated students and so effectively engaged them in the adventure of learning. As one might expect, her retirement was a truly historic event—even coverage on Philadelphia’s WPVI 6 ABC affiliate main evening news program! As would be expected, all those interviewed for the story spoke glowingly of how Mary Catherine had a positive and enduring impact on their lives, and how she has inspired them into their adult life.

Educated at the University of Pennsylvania, she earned a Masters’ Degree in Education. Her accomplishments also include raising five children—who also follow in her footsteps of dedicated service to their local communities. Mary Catherine has been a true role model in all aspects of her life, facing challenges head-on with resolution and a positive attitude.

Mary Catherine is a fixture on the NJLHS Community Outreach team, giving her time selflessly and staffing virtually all events on the Community Outreach schedule—or so it seems! In addition, she often takes the initiative as well to be present at other, and to represent the NJLHS in many, many venues. In all instances, Mary Catherine’s presence is marked by a boundless enthusiasm and constant creativity. She is always seeking ways to bring the story of lighthouses and related history to life for young people and adults alike.

The entire New Jersey Lighthouse Society salutes Mary Catherine as she caps a career as an educator. We have no doubt that retirement will not be a time of rest, but that she will be busier than ever as she begins this next chapter in her life. Congratulations!!
The Ukraine has issued a souvenir sheet depicting six of their lighthouses. The name of each lighthouse is on each stamp in Ukrainian (Russian), and on the souvenir sheet in English. The first light pictured Kyz-Aulsky, was built in 1876. It has a focal plane of 204 feet and a flash every 6 seconds, white, red, or green depending on direction. The octagonal masonry tower is 92 feet tall and is located on the Kerch Strait which connects the Sea of Azov to the Black Sea. The second lighthouse is the Luparivskyi Front Range Light. Located at Luparive, it has a continuous red light from a locomotive-style lamp. The tower is 33 feet tall and located on the Bug Estuary to guide vessels to and from Mykolaiv, a port and shipbuilding center. The third stamp is Yaltynski Lighthouse. It was established in 1891 and is near Yalta in the Black Sea, and has a red light 3 seconds on, then 4.5 seconds off on top of a 39 foot masonry tower. Vorontsovskyi Lighthouse, the fourth stamp, is near Odessa in the Black Sea. It was established in 1834. The current 85 foot round cylindrical concrete tower was built in 1954 and sits on a one story concrete building with a fog signal. It has three red flashes every 12 seconds. The fifth stamp shows the Sarych Lighthouse near Foros in the Crimea on the Black Sea. It was built in 1911 and has a focal plane of 125 feet. The white light is on for 3 seconds then off for 3 seconds. The cast iron tower is 35 feet tall. The last stamp on the sheet, Berdianskyi Lower Lighthouse is located in the Sea of Azov. Built in 1860, it has a 70 foot focal plane and shows a white light every 4.5 seconds on, then off for 3 seconds from the 72 foot octagonal masonry tower. All the lights are active. The lighthouses in the Ukraine are maintained by Gosgidrografiy (the hydrography and navigation service of the Ministry of Transport and Communications). The Ukrainian word for lighthouse is mayak.

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**THE TALLEST LIGHTHOUSES IN THE WORLD**

Mike Boucher

In this country the tallest lighthouse is Cape Hatteras at 207 feet. Ever wonder what the tallest lighthouse is in the world? After doing some research on the web, this is not as easy as I thought it would be. What one source has listed is not the same as another source’s list. Just about every list has the heights different, some by a few feet, some are by the height of the structure and others are by the height of the focal plane. Some lists have modern buildings, such as hotels, observation towers and other tall structures that were not built as lighthouses on the list while others do not. So here’s my list of the tallest built lighthouses. The height is based on the height of the building. To see photos and read more about the tallest lighthouses in the world visit these two sites: [www.unc.edu/~rowlett/lighthouse/](http://www.unc.edu/~rowlett/lighthouse/) and [www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tallest_lighthouses_in_the_world](http://www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tallest_lighthouses_in_the_world).

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