From The Editor’s Desk

This year’s photo season is upon us and for the Bouchers it started with two river trips in May, one down the St. Lawrence Seaway and the following weekend up the Delaware River. Both trips were good in their own way. The St. Lawrence was rainy and foggy, while the Delaware River trip was picture perfect, blue skies and calm waters. In June we will be joining the Harbour Lights 20th Anniversary cruise to Alaska with some of you. We’re not big Harbour Lights collectors, but a chance to go to Alaska and see lighthouses, we couldn’t pass it up. So what I am leading up to is I have an opportunity to write some stories on our adventures for the coming issues of The Beam. I know some of our members will be on different trips so why not send some stories or photos of your lighthouse trips to The Beam at beam@njlhs.org. It’s your newsletter.

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DELWARE RIVER TRIP

Here are a few photos of the NJLHS trip up the Delaware River on May 21. With a week of rain before the trip we were not sure if the trip would be a go. As these photos show, you couldn’t have asked for a better day. A complete report will be in the next issue of The Beam. A fun day was had by all!

Deepwater Point Range Lights Liston Front Range Light
Philadelphia’s skyline SKS Senne
Tinicum Rear Range Light from the water Baker Rear Range Light
Enjoying the day Ship John Shoal Lighthouse

Barnegat Lighthouse The old Bellevue Rear Range Light

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Description: The town of Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania derives its name from Marrietie-hoek; Marrietie is the name of a Dutchman, and hoek is Dutch for a bend or hook. Situated near a bend in the Delaware River, Marcus Hook has long been connected to vessels sailing the busy waterway. One of its early visitors was reportedly Edward Teach, better known as Blackbeard, who, along with his crew, often called at the home of a Swedish woman. Today, Marcus Hook is home to a large Sunoco refinery that processes the crude oil carried by the large ocean-going tankers commonly seen in Delaware Bay.

The lighthouse's nomination form for the National Register of Historic Places describes the keeper's dwelling near the tower as a "two and one-half story brick dwelling, Colonial Revival in style, with the ridge of its gable roof parallel to the road. The walls are of textured (red) brick laid up in Flemish bond, with splayed brick lintels over the windows, which are fitted with six-over-one sash. A flat roof porch runs across the front of the house, sheltering the entry centered in the three-bay facade. Decorative effects include a full return of the cornice across the gable ends and quarter-circle attic lights on either side of the exterior chimney on the northeast end." A one-story brick structure that served as a combination garage and work area was built behind the dwelling.

One of the keepers that served at Marcus Hook was Leslie Van Stavern Millar, who in the 1930s moved into the dwelling with his wife, six children, and his father, who also had served as a keeper. Millar's assignment at Marcus Hook was a bit unique. As an experienced technician, Millar was responsible for maintenance of all the aids to navigation from Philadelphia to the mouth of Delaware Bay. Leaving family members to look after the Marcus Hook Light, Millar would be absent for weeks at a time as he visited stations to repair generators, fog signals, and the mechanisms responsible for revolving some of the lights.

Three of the Millar children Don, Len and Richard, served in World War II while their father was stationed at Marcus Hook. Another son, Robert, was thus frequently informing them of the interesting and sometimes humorous life of a lighthouse keeper. One such letter, written to young Helena Millar from the Harbor of Refuge Lighthouse on September 21, 1948, contained the following: "The keepers brought a live chicken out here a week or so ago and the darn thing is so tame it follows us all around in the engine room. Don't mind that too much, but we can't convince her that the toilet is up on the second floor. She got locked up in the engine room the other night by mistake and the assistant keeper had to clean up the mess the next day. Says the next time he goes ashore, he is going to bring out a load of diapers to put on her."

Members of the Coast Guard continued to occupy the dwelling at Marcus Hook until sometime around 2004, when the house was vacated and boarded up. Declared surplus property, the dwelling and garage were listed on March 9, 2005 as being available under the provisions of the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act (NHLPA). No applicant was recommended for transfer of ownership, so the General Services Administration was notified, but no online auction has been scheduled for the property.

The unattended dwelling, decorated with bright red plywood over its windows, and the surrounding unkempt lawn are slowly becoming somewhat of a blight to the otherwise attractive neighborhood. Since the lighthouse is located in a residential area, it would

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Anthony Albence

Welcome to Summer 2011!!

The return of summer means, among many other good things, that the NJLHS Community Outreach season is in full swing! Be sure to check out where the team will be representing the Society throughout the state this summer by clicking on the Outreach tab of the Society’s website. If you happen to be at any of the events where we’re present, stop by & say hello! As always, you’re most welcome to be part of the team and to assist in staffing one or more events. Keep in mind that you don’t need to be an expert or authority on lighthouses to be part of the Community Outreach team. All that you need to be successful is a friendly demeanor and an interest in connecting with other fun and interesting folks.

A MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP
Linda & Bob Gleason and Carol & George Naill Membership Co-Chairs

Another great Photography Contest - this time in Audubon Park! Listening to the expertise of our own expert photographers, Bill Volpe, Mike Boucher and Al Smith, made the event particularly worth while. We look forward to seeing all our members, old and new, at the next meeting. Guests are always welcome to our General Membership meetings.

Meeting Attendees:
There were 73 members (including two new members), and 4 guests for a grand total of 77 who attended our meeting at the Audubon Park Community Center in Audubon Park, New Jersey. Please remember to sign the book - We want to make sure there are enough seats for you at the future meetings!

Gift Memberships:
Not sure what to give that person who has everything? How about a membership to NJLHS? The application is on the NJLHS web site and can be printed 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 March issue. 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!

Stanley Orenstein Jackson, NJ
James & Ruthanne Crawford Rutledge, PA
Sarah E. Siering New Brunswick, NJ
Mark Neurohr-Pieraoli New Brunswick, NJ
Nancy Dorow Orlando, FL

WEB SITE UPDATE
Howie Wright

After a few years of work and the assistance of Mike Boucher, all 82 back issues of The Beam, 1990 thru 2010, are posted on the society web site, they are in chronological order. Look down the left side of the home page under “Latest Site Updates” for the link. Adobe Reader is required to read the a back issue. If you do not have Adobe Reader a link to a free copy is provided.
TWIN LIGHTS MUSEUM RECEIVES THE GIFT OF LIFESAVING

The Hayden Collection will serve as focal point of upcoming exhibit

Each year, around 100,000 visitors to the Twin Lights National Historic Site stroll past a tiny, shingle-covered boathouse without giving it a second thought. Little do they realize that this non-descript building—which sits a mere stone’s throw from the North Tower—is perhaps the most historically significant structure on the Jersey Shore.

The late Howard Hayden knew. An ardent collector of lifesaving memorabilia for most of his life, he was among the very few who understood the importance of Spermaceti Cove Lifesaving Station #2—which, contrary to its official designation—was actually the first building ever constructed by the U.S. Lifesaving Service. Hayden passed his fascination with lifesaving history, along with his remarkable collection, to his daughter, Laurie.

On April 15, Laurie and her family, husband Roy and sons Ryan, J.J. and Aaron—donated the Hayden Collection to the Twin Lights Museum. The collection, which contains more than 400 pieces (including uniforms, badges, photos and documents from the Lifesaving Service), enables the Twin Lights Museum to begin planning a comprehensive Lifesaving Exhibit for 2012, when the Twin Lights will celebrate its 150th anniversary.

“The Hayden artifacts fill in a lot of gaps in the Lifesaving timeline,” says Mark Stewart, who heads the Twin Lights Historical Society’s Collections Committee. “We are fortunate to have a full-time curator on-site who understands the significance of this donation, and can help us blend these pieces with what we already have to create an exhibit of true national importance. We are incredibly grateful for this donation.”

In the early days of the United States, when sea trade was the country’s life blood, the only approach to New York Harbor brought sailing ships perilously close to the Jersey Shore. Many wrecked just a few hundred feet from the beach. Local residents were able to help them. Hundreds of people perished each year. U.S. congressman Dr. William A. Newell introduced legislation to allow the Federal Government to provide for the purchase and equipping of stations with lifeboats, rockets, and carronades. This “Newell Act” was passed and signed into law in 1848 and the United States Lifesaving Service was born. The Lifesaving Service later became part of the U.S. Coast Guard.

“In turbulent economic times, free museums and historic sites like ours depend on the continued interest and generosity of the public,” says Twin Lights Historical Society President Mary Jo Kenny. “We are grateful for every donation and each new member. However, when we receive a gift that reflects a lifelong passion like Howard Hayden’s, it is a ‘lifeline’ in every sense of the word. I think Mr. Hayden would be happy and proud that his collection will be available for others who share his passion to explore and enjoy for years to come.”

ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

Congratulations to all of this year’s winners! You can see their winning photographs on pages 6 and 7.

The Winners’ Circle featured the largest number of pictures, competition was tight and Mike Boucher’s 6 year winning streak came to an end. The other four categories featured many new faces.

The winning photos were again displayed at the Sandy Hook Keeper’s House. Winners may pick up their photos at our June Meeting.

Thanks to the members who gave their time to help set-up the photos, answer questions and count the ballots: Bill Ladell, Kathy Eustace, Nancy Cope, Joan Stumpf and Karen Owens.

And SPECIAL thanks to Al Smith, Bill Volpe and Mike Boucher for sharing some of their winning photography tips. Do you have a good tripod for night shots? Do you always keep a camera with you in order to catch the great shot? Do you look around for a different angle or view?

Keep taking those great photos and remember that next year the contest will be expanded to be an “Arts Contest”. Exactly what that means will be explained in the next Beam.
2011 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

**CAISSON/SPARK PLUG**
1st Place
Winnie McKelvey
Brandywine Shoal
Delaware Bay, NJ

**INTEGRAL**
1st Place
Robert Rogers
Finns Point Rear Range
Pennsville, NJ

**INTEGRAL**
2nd Place
John Bishop
Duluth Breakwater
Duluth, MN

**INTEGRAL**
3rd Place
Bill Ladell
Old Mackinaw Point, MI
Mackinaw City, MI

**WINNERS’ CIRCLE**
1st Place
William McKelvey
Ram Island
Booth Harbor, ME

**WINNERS’ CIRCLE**
2nd Place
Howard Wright
Long Point
Twillingate, NF, Canada

**WINNERS’ CIRCLE**
3rd Place
Hugh Murphy
Fort Niagara
Youngstown, NY

**SKELETAL**
2nd Place
John Bishop
Sea Caves at Devil’s Island
Apostle Islands, WI

**SKELETAL**
3rd Place
Robert Rogers
Finns Point Rear Range
Pennsville, NJ

**CAISSON/SPARK PLUG**
1st Place
Winnie McKelvey
Brandywine Shoal
Delaware Bay, NJ

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WINNERS' CIRCLE
Honorable Mention
Judy Boucher
Charlevoix South Pier Head
Charlevoix, MI

WINNERS' CIRCLE
Honorable Mention
Linda Swearingen
Concord Point, MD

SKELETAL
1st Place
Kathleen Eustace
Tinicum Rear Range
Paulsboro, NJ

CAISSON - SPARK PLUG
3rd Place
Joan Preston
Seven Foot Knoll
Baltimore, MD

CAISSON - SPARK PLUG
2nd Place
Kathy Lanzim
Harbor of Refuge
Delaware Bay, DE

CONICAL - ROUND
1st Place
Winnie McKelvey
Portland Head
Cape Elizabeth, ME

CONICAL - ROUND
2nd Place
Loretta Wilkins
Unknown
Manchester, MA

CONICAL - ROUND
3rd Place
Eugene Goch
Punta Torrecilla
Santo Domingo, DR

CONICAL - ROUND
Honorable Mention
Eugene Goch
Garden Key
Dry Tortugas, FL

INTEGRAL
3rd Place
Donna Bishop
Seahorse Key
Cedar Key, FL

WINNERS' CIRCLE
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The Beam
In early September of 2009 we returned to New Brunswick, Canada in search of a few lighthouses we missed on our last two trips to this province, one of our favorite places. Crossing the Maine/New Brunswick border at Calais/St. Stephen, we stopped at the St. Stephen Tourist Bureau for a map of the Fredericton area. The observant tourist guide noticed our lighthouse jackets and informed us that a new brochure was available noting directions to the lighthouses of the St. John River Valley. She had none left, but noting we were on our way to Fredericton, called the tourist bureau there to have a copy waiting for us. What a find! After checking into our motel in Fredericton, we picked up our lighthouse brochure in downtown Fredericton and then walked along the St. John River to visit a lighthouse replica which also serves as a museum called Lighthouse on the Green. What a pleasant surprise to find old photos with historic information of the lighthouses of the St. John River, most of which we visited on our last trip.

The following day we drove east along the St. John River to Wilmot Bluff Lighthouse. This is a typical Canadian paperhanger with a 42 foot wooden pyramidal tower painted white with red trim and a red lantern. The lighthouse which has been inactive since 1969 is privately owned by a descendant of one of the lighthouse keepers. However, it can easily be seen from the road. Wilmot Bluff is one of the six original light stations in the St. John River Valley area built to guide steamships traveling from Saint John to Fredericton. The station was established in 1869 with the existing tower built in 1910.

Driving down river we stopped to photograph both Gagetown and Hampstead Wharf lighthouses as it was raining heavily on our last visit. Next we followed the west side of the river onto the peninsula where Oak Point Lighthouse is located in a Kiwanis campground property. On our last trip here the campground was closed so it was necessary to photograph this lighthouse from the other side of the river. Oak Point Lighthouse is another one of the original six lighthouses in this area with the station established in 1869 and the current tower built in 1902. The tower is a 48 foot square pyramidal wooden tower standing on four concrete pillars. It is white with red trim and remains an active light. As we left the campground we were delighted to see a small black bear sitting on the side of the exit road. All day long we had been watching the signs along the roadway warning motorists to watch for moose and deer, so the bear was really a surprise.

Returning to Gagetown, we boarded the car ferry across the Saint John River to Jemseg. Locals at a rural restaurant provided us explicit directions to locate Robertson Point and Fanjoy Point Lighthouses. We had searched diligently for these on our last trip so were absolutely delighted to photograph them. Robertson Point is a 25 foot modern white cylindrical fiberglass tower which replaced an earlier wooden tower. The light station was established in 1873 and is located on Grand Lake, a tributary of the Saint John River. Robertson Point is an active light with a continuous red light. Fanjoy Point Light Station was also established in 1873 on Grand Lake. It is a cylindrical fiberglass tower, white on the bottom and red on the top. Local residents were very gracious in permitting us to park on their properties and cross their lands, giving us specific directions to these lighthouses.

The following day we left the Saint John River Valley which we enjoy so much and returned to the southern coast along the Bay of Fundy. Once again we returned to St. Andrews to observe the slow progress of the restoration of Pendlebury Lighthouse and found it still standing there waiting for much needed attention.

Next we were thrilled with the opportunity to photograph Point Lepreau Lighthouse after making prior arrangements to enter this high security area, as this is where a nuclear power station is located. We parked our car, went through the security screening, and were picked up by a representative of the power company. She drove us to the lighthouse and patiently waited while we did our “thing” photographing the lighthouse. We appreciated the fine co-operation of the folks at the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station for granting us special permission to enter their facility so that we could take photos to publish in The Beam and share with the members of the NJLHS. Point Lepreau Lighthouse is situated at the end of a peninsula jutting into the Bay of Fundy not far outside of Saint John. This lighthouse can be photographed from Highway 1, but you will need a very long lens. This light station was established in 1831 with the present tower built in 1959. The lighthouse is a 59 foot tall white concrete tower with three horizontal red bands and a red cap. The tower contains an active white flashing light.

The next day we took the ferry to Deer Island, had lunch on the island, and then took another ferry to Campobello Island. Aboard this ferry we were prepared to photograph Cherry Island Light Station and took some good distant shots. The lighthouse is a cylindrical modern tower with...
Island so we could visit Harbour Head (East Quoddy) Light Station the following morning when the tide was out. There we received a wonderful tour and the light station and climbed the tower. It was wonderful to meet two dedicated volunteers, part of the Friends of Head Harbour Light Station eagerly working to preserve and restore this picturesque station. After several visits to this area in previous years, this is the first time we followed the tide chart and were able to walk out to the light station, an experience of its own. Before leaving Campobello Island and New Brunswick, Canada, we stopped to photograph Mulholand Lighthouse and were pleased to see renovations in progress.

After three trips to New Brunswick, Canada to photograph the province’s many lighthouses, we still plan to return again to seek out the few lighthouses we missed, enjoy the spectacular scenery, and meet such friendly and good-hearted people. Already we are both looking forward to our next visit to this inviting province where our busy lives slow down 50 percent and nothing ever changes except the tides.

RECIPE CORNER

Marty Hudspeth

Raisin Cake

Ann Kiker

16 oz. raisins 1 tsp. nutmeg
4 cups water, divided 1 tsp. cinnamon
½ cup shortening 3 ¼ to 4 cups flour
2 cups sugar 1 tbs. baking soda
½ tsp. ginger

Boil raisins in 2 cups water for 15 minutes at medium heat. Remove from heat. Add shortening, sugar; stir until shortening is melted. Add 2 cups cold water and stir. Add spices. Stir in flour. Mixture will be lumpy. Dissolve 1 tablespoon baking soda in hot water and stir in mixture. Bake in tube pan or 13 x 9 inch pan (greased and floured) at 325 degrees for 45 to 60 minutes.

CLAMBAKE ON SHEFFIELD ISLAND

Saturday, August 6th - 7th, 2011 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

August 6th, 2011

Check in to the beautiful Hilton Garden Inn Hotel - Norwalk, CT
Packing on the premises, Shuttle service from Hotel to ferry. Enjoy a round trip cruise to Sheffield Island, tour the Historic Lighthouse. Enjoy an amazing dinner on the Island. Return to Hilton Garden Inn for a wonderful overnight stay.

August 7th, 2011

Enjoy a phenomenal breakfast buffet with 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!

Basic Bake Package

Single Occupancy $205.00
Double Occupancy $260.00 (Includes 2 Basic Bakes)

Lobster Bake Package

Single Occupancy $225.00
Double Occupancy $280.00 (Includes 1 Basic Bake and 1 Lobster Bake)

Deposit of $100.00 is due by June 30, 2011, Balance is due by July 15, 2011

Menu for Basic Bake “Package”

Mixed field green salad, Steamer bag- a bag of steamed clams, mussels & corn on the cob with lemons and drawn butter, Grilled potato “chips”, Classic coleslaw, Grilled summer squash with fresh thyme, Summer Strawberry shortbread cake, fresh summer berries with sugared biscuit shortbread and cream.

Main Course is a choice of one of following:

- BBQ Pork (slow roasted and grilled with southern BBQ or traditional sauces), Rosemary-marinated breast of Chicken with summer tomato bruschetta, BBQ half Chicken, Marinated Rib Eye Steak, Teriyaki-marinated Atlantic Salmon Lobster Bake “package”
- In lieu of the choice of “Main meat” item you will get a Lobster instead and everything else on the menu.

SHEFFIELD ISLAND ONLY CLAMBAKE INCLUDES: (No overnight stay)
Round-trip cruise to Sheffield Island, Panoramic views of Long Island Sound Tour of historic Lighthouse Full amount due by June 30th, 2011

Basic Bake Package only - $65.00 per person
Lobster Bake Package only - $85.00 per person

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MEMBER CROSSES THE BAR

Ann Kiker

Ann was born in Reading, PA on January 12, 1945 and passed away suddenly on January 29, 2011 in Tall Timbers, MD. She lived on a boat with her husband Charles, until his death. She continued her love of life on the water.

Ann, was a long time member on the NJLHS, and was a frequent attendant on NJLHS trips.

Living in Tall Timbers she was a valued volunteer at Piney Point Lighthouse with over 100 documented hours. She was also a member of the Chesapeake Chapter of the USLHS.

Ann leaves a son, Dennis Hendricks, and wife Sharon, daughter Linda Diehl and her husband, Mark, 3 step-daughters, 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grand child.

Donations in her memory may be made to the NJLHS.
Hudson River for its shipments, making the area a busy little harbor. Also during the summer months Rockland Lake became a popular day trip location from New York City. Located just offshore in the river are oyster beds deep enough for steam paddle wheel boats to pass over, but not deep enough for deeper draught propeller driven boats of the 1880’s. In 1894 the Rockland Lake Lighthouse was built for a cost of $35,000. The cast iron caisson light house was built on two rings of pilings, driven into the oyster bed. The white over brown tower had a 4th order Fresnel

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**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

Mary Beth Doherty, Director

I was appointed by Brett to be the By-Laws Committee Chair and to assemble a committee to review The New Jersey Lighthouse Society’s Constitution and By-Laws. The committee was formed and we met on Saturday, April 2, 2011. After approximately four hours, we arrived at a document we would like to present to the general membership.

As stated at the March meeting, in following the guidelines for adoption, the document will be presented at two general membership meetings, June and September, and we anticipate the final presentation at the December meeting. At that time, a motion will be made to adopt the new document.

In an effort of “going green” we will not be handing out copies at the meetings. We will have one “large” document posted—if you’d like to review it at the meetings. If you’re interested in reviewing the proposed document at your leisure, please visit the Society’s web site: www.njlhs.org

I’d like to thank the dedicated committee members—Anthony Albence, Doreen Berson, Jim Cope and Carol Winkie for taking their personal time, working together, and contributing their knowledge in preparing the new document.

**JUNE MEETING**

The June meeting will be held at Riverside Park in Pennsville, NJ on June 25. This will be our annual Society picnic. We will have a cookout and music. A local company will provide food for a fee, or you can bring your own. The Society will provide a bus to transport us to view the Marcus Hook Rear Range Light in Wilmington, DE and hopefully we will be able to climb the tower. More information on time, food choices, music, and if we can climb the light & etc, as they become available will be posted on the web site at www.njlhs.org. Just to the south of Riverside Park is the Finns Point Lighthouse.

**DIRECTIONS**

From the North: NJ Turnpike to the end, pay the toll and continue south on I-95/I-295 to Exit 1, Route 49, Pennsville/Salem. **DO NOT CROSS OVER THE DELAWARE MEMORIAL BRIDGE.** Follow Broadway/RT-49 to the park, make a right through the archway of the park and picnic tables are on the left.

From the North: I-295 Follow the signs for the Delaware Memorial Bridge and take Exit 1, to Exit 1, Route 49, Pennsville/Salem. **DO NOT CROSS OVER THE DELAWARE MEMORIAL BRIDGE,** and continue with the above directions.

From the West: take I-295 across the Delaware Memorial Bridge, stay in the right lane and take Exit 1A, Route 49, Pennsville/Salem and follow the above directions.

**POSTCARDS THEN AND NOW**

The Rockland Lake Lighthouse with its lean and the town of Rockland Lake in the background

The town of Rockland Lake in New York State was settled prior to the Civil War. As early as 1835 ice was being harvested from Rockland Lake and shipped down the Hudson River to New York City. Located high on the Palisades, overlooking the Hudson River, an incline railroad carried the ice down to the river. By 1877 a stone quarry, located south of the lake was also using the Hudson River for its shipments, making the area a busy little harbor. Also during the summer months Rockland Lake became a popular day trip location from New York City. Located just offshore in the river are oyster beds deep enough for steam paddle wheel boats to pass over, but not deep enough for deeper draught propeller driven boats of the 1880’s. In 1894 the Rockland Lake Lighthouse was built for a cost of $35,000. The cast iron caisson lighthouse was built on two rings of pilings, driven into the oyster bed. The white over brown tower had a 4th order Fresnel

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Mike Boucher

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NJ Lighthouses - Calendar of Events

Absecon Lighthouse
Events are held at the lighthouse unless noted**

Sunday, June 19, Father's Day Day – Dads Climb Free

Wednesdays July 20, July 27, August 3, August 10 & August 17 Wacky Wednesdays at the Lighthouse, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Victorian Tea Party, Pirates, Mermaids, Christmas in July, & Sea life, $10 for kids, $5 for adults

Friday July 15 “By The Light of The Moon”, Absecon Lighthouse will open for nighttime climbs - last climb at 9:00 pm. $10 per person, includes snacks & beverages

Saturday, August 7 National Lighthouse Day, Free Performance by John Mock, 2:00 pm

Saturday, August 13 “By The Light of The Moon”, Absecon Lighthouse will be open for nighttime climbs - last climb at 8:00 pm $10 per person, includes snacks & beverages

Monday, September 12 “By The Light of The Moon”, Absecon Lighthouse will be open for nighttime climbs - last climb at 8:00 pm $10 per person, includes snacks & beverages

Thursday, September 22 Luscious Libations for the Lighthouse, 6:00 pm, $60 per person, location TBD

Hereford Inlet Lighthouse
July 16 & 17 The 2nd Annual Hereford Inlet Lighthouse Maritime Festival. Marine related groups, artists and vendors. Complete details are on line at www.herefordlighthousefestival.org/. For more information call 1-800-621-2440 or 609-214-5998

“Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey” Set for October 15 - 16, 2011

The New Jersey Lighthouses and select affiliated museums will host a “Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey” weekend on October 15 & 16, 2011. Visitors will enjoy the opportunity to tour the state and visit each lighthouse over the weekend, and help raise funds for continued lighthouse preservation.

Hours of operation for each lighthouse can be found on lighthouse and museum websites listed below, and at www.lighthousechallengeofnewjersey.org, www.njlhs.org and www.visitnj.org. Night climbs will be offered as well at Absecon, Cape May, Sandy Hook, Tinicum and Tuckerton Seaport.

At whichever lighthouse you choose to begin your journey on the challenge, a tri-fold souvenir pamphlet will be available for purchase for $1.00. As you visit each lighthouse your pamphlet will be stamped as proof of each visit. This will be your souvenir to commemorate your participation in the event. The lighthouses 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.

Absecon
www.abseconlighthouse.org

Barnegat
friends@blsp@verizon.net

Barnegat Light Historical Museum
www.bl-hs.org

Cape May
www.capemaymac.org

Cape May County Museum
www.cmcmuseum.org

East Point
eastpointlighthouse@yahoo.com

Finns Point
www.fws.gov/northeast/nj/spm.htm

Hereford Inlet
www.herefordlighthouse.org

Navesink/Twin Lights
www.twin-lights.org

Ocean City Life Saving Station
www.nps.gov/gate

Sandy Hook
www.seagirtboro.com/slighthouse.html

Sea Girt
rotspike@comcast.net

Tatham Life Saving Station
www.blsp@verizon.net

Tinicum
www.tinicumrearangelighthouse.org

Tuckerton Seaport
www.tuckertonseaport.org

Maryland Lighthouse Challenge Returns

The Chesapeake Chapter of the U.S. Lighthouse Society will be having the Maryland Lighthouse Challenge on September 17 & 18, 2011, 8:00AM to 6:00PM.

This year the Challenge includes a cruise option on Thursday and Friday before the Challenge and Monday after the Challenge to see 6 off shore lights: Hooper Island, Holland Island Bar, Point-No-Point, Point Lookout, Solomon’s Lump and Smith Point. For more information visit their website at: cheslights.org.

NJLHS Trips for 2011

August 6, 2011 - Return to Sheffield Island plus additional hidden treasures (Clambake only) August 6 – 7 - Overnight get-a-way weekend package at the Hilton Garden Inn – Norwalk, CT. See Page 9 for all the details.

October 22 - 30, 2011 Southeastern Coast Lighthouse Tour, Georgia, South & North Carolina. Seats are still available. For more info go to www.njlhs.com

Note: Bruce Coast Lighthouse Tour, Ontario, Canada - Approximately 1 week is being considered for 2012.

Please visit our website at www.njlhs.org for updates and details as they become available. Send all inquiries to trips@njlhs.org

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lens. By 1897 the tower had developed a lean to northwest. The pilings were not driven into bedrock, but into an oyster bed that was sitting on mud. In 1923 the lighthouse was torn down and replaced with the present skeleton tower. By the 1920’s the ice industry had collapsed and the town of Rockland Lake was slowly becoming a ghost town. In 1958, 1,079 acres of Rockland Lake became Rockland Lake State Park. A few of the town’s buildings are still standing and the ones along the river are just empty shells.

We need pictures and stories of your lighthouse adventures. Send to: beam@njlhs.org or talk to Mike Boucher at the next meeting. We want to hear from you!
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