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News

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VALCOUR

“For want of a nail...”

Our proposed October 7th trip to Valcour Island in Lake Champlain has developed some thorny issues which need your immediate attention.

We had intended to be ferried over to Valcour Island by the “Weatherwax,” a small boat that would legally and safely serve the purpose. Unfortunately, the “Weatherwax” has lost vital funding from the State of NY and is “out of business.” We investigated alternative water transportation to no avail; too large to dock, unlicensed etc., etc.

Hence, we cannot get to Valcour Island. Our recovery plan is to offer a similar bus trip to the same area with visits to selected lighthouses on Lake Champlain, other than Valcour Island. Since most of the ten Champlain lighthouses are privately held and/or not accessible we are left with the lighthouse at the Shelburne Museum (VT) and the lighthouse at Crown Point (NY). The latter is sited with the 18th century forts that played prominent roles in the French and Indian and Revolutionary Wars. Crown Point also has an interesting museum of the period.

For those of you already signed on and those with interest in this trip it is imperative that we know of your interest in the revised program before we cancel bus and hotel reservations. Please contact our office no later than August 15th with your comment or reservation, thank you.

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

The fifth annual Lighthouse Contest sponsored by the East End Lighthouses took place on May 26th. Dr. Merlon Wiggin, president of East End Lighthouses, visited the fourth grade students in the Greenport School. He presented a slide show and had a discussion about all the lighthouses in Southold Town. The students then picked a favorite lighthouse to research. In art class, they made a plaster model of the lighthouse and painted a picture. As part of the language arts curriculum they researched the specific lighthouse and wrote a report with the help of the fourth grade teachers, Mrs. Gessner, Ms. Brockett and Mr. Kohl.

This year there were 38 entries. The first place winners were Lauren Smith and Moses Gonzales. The second place winners were Mary Creedon and Victoria Piechnik. The first place winners and their parent received a free trip on the June lighthouse cruise sponsored by East End Lighthouses.

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BUG LIGHT REPAIRS PLANNED



East End Lighthouses has scheduled repairs and maintenance to Long Beach Bar "Bug" Lighthouse that include replacement of the entrance door and roof coating. The periodic roof coating is being applied by Charlie Thorpe.

POWER POINT PRESENTATION

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Presentations were also given to the fourth graders at Oysterponds and the local Power Squadron. This presentation is available to be shown to boating enthusiasts, schools, senior groups or any type of meeting group and would be of interest to all Southold residents. There is no charge for this program. For scheduling a program call Merlon Wiggin at 477-4121.

Southold Lighthouse Calendar Now Available

A 2007 calendar has been prepared with member's pictures of our eight Southold Town lighthouses and will be available for purchase on the cruises and events of the East End Lighthouses. Due to request from our many trip takers, postcards were also printed up. For future calendars, there will be a contest of pictures sent in by you, so be sure to bring those cameras on your trips with us.

BOARD MEMBER TAKES TEMPORARY LEAVE

We are sad to announce that one of our founding directors has had to temporarily resign due to pressing needs in his business. Colin Ratsey is a local roofing contractor and is a descendant of the Ratsey sail making family. The board will miss his energetic and knowledgeable input.



ATTENTION

NEW MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS

East End Lighthouses, Inc.
Mark Gebhardt
2 Landing Meadow Road
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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 28, 2006

The Town of Southold, New York and East End Lighthouses invite you to the 200th Anniversary celebration of the historic Little Gull Light Station made famous for its resistance to British Commodore Hardy's Long Island Sound Blockading Squadron during the War of 1812. Weather Date: September 18, 2006.

Vessel departs from Orient By The Sea Marina at 0830 Hours. Visiting high ranking officials and military commodores to be welcomed by a 40mm gun salute by the Navy's Sub Base Saluting Battery. Guests will be returned to Orient By The Sea Restaurant for lunch, introductions and presentations.

Please RSVP by August 15 to Town of Southold, P.O. Box 1179, Southold, NY 11971 or by calling 631-765-1889.

AUGUST 12, 2006

Our next scheduled event is a trip to Plum Island Lighthouse for members only on August 12, 2006. This unique opportunity to view the newly constructed \$1.7 million lighthouse rock revetment. No cost, compliments of Plum Island and Homeland Security. For reservations call 631-477-4121, no later than August 2nd. Provide complete address and phone number.

We will need to be at the Plum Island, Orient Point Facility no later than 1100 hours with photo ID. We will be returning on the 1445 boat. It is suggested that you bring lunch in a disposable container.

AUGUST 26, 2006

Lighthouse Maritime History Cruise. We are presently taking reservations at 631-477-4121.

HELP NEEDED

As we are all volunteers of a constantly growing organization, we are in need of a computer, data entry person to help Isabelle. She is experiencing more visual problems which limit her ability to keep up with our expanding needs. We are also seeking a promotional activities person who can help us with publicity of our interesting group. If you can help with either of these needs, call Merlon at 631-477-4121.

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