NELL Returns to Vermont for Their 2010 Fall Trip
By Tom Kenworthy

Back in 2004 NELL travelled to Vermont for our fall trip. Since then we have received many requests to return there. Your wish was our command. On Sept. 11, 2010 at 7:30 a.m., we boarded the M/V Northern Lights to cruise the lighthouses of Lake Champlain. As we left the harbor we passed the North Breakwater followed by the foundation of Colchester Reef which is now in the Shelburne Museum. For those members that have never been to the museum it is a unique outdoor museum. Some of the displays include barns, a lighthouse, a schoolhouse, a jailhouse, a general store, and the National Historic Landmark steamboat Ticonderoga. The Museum’s collections span 300 years of architecture.

We then steamed north to view Cumberland Head Light which is close to Isle LaMotte but yet so very far away. From there we headed south toward Bluff Point. Enroute we had our buffet lunch which consisted of baked ham, roast turkey breast, roast beef, Vermont Cheddar, Swiss and American cheeses, platter of fresh vegetables with mayonnaise, pesto mayo and Dijon mustard, fresh baked breads and rolls. Fresh fruit salad, tossed garden salad with assorted homemade dressings, fresh vegetable pasta salad, tomato bisque and homemade dessert. Coffee and non-alcoholic beverages were available during the entire cruise.

With lunchtime over we held our 50-50 drawing which grossed
$557. Anna K was the winner and she donated back some of her $278.50 winnings. Congratulations and thank you, Anna K.

After stopping at Juniper Island and cruising past South Breakwater lighthouse, we returned to the dock and took our group picture.

After the group picture many people went to the Shelburne Museum while others went to the Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream Factory or other sites in the area. Two members did a rather unique thing and something I’ve wanted to do for some time. Fran D. and Greg F. took a plane ride and toured some of the lights we saw during the day and they flew over the museum. Nice way to visit a museum I’d say.

After the meeting on Sunday, everyone carpooled to Isle LaMotte Lighthouse where we were guests of Claire Clark and her son Rob. After touring the beautiful grounds and climbing the tower, we all headed to Windmill Point Lighthouse where we met on the road approaching the light. When the Clark’s arrived, we were asked to follow them thru the gate to the lighthouse, where we again toured the grounds and climbed the tower. I wish to thank the Clark’s for allowing us to tour and climb their lights once again.
All photos by Tom Kenworthy except those noted as taken by Kaitlyn Thomas
John Preparing the 50/50 Raffle Tickets

Relaxing and Enjoying the Cruise

Miriam, Dick and Anita

Reading the Information from the packets

The Zunda's

Cumberland Head
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Juniper Island

Sailboat passing South Breakwater Lighthouse

Ben & Jerry Factory

This Says It All!!
Eileen & Kaitlyn

Harrison feeding a calf

Harrison and Kaitlyn waiting to get on the cowmobile

The path up to the Flavor Graveyard

Entrance to the Flavor Graveyard

Some of the headstones of departed flavors
Our Dearly Departed

WHITE RUSSIAN

A concoction so to-die-for
We were forever in its debt
As the liqueur kicked the budget
We finally had to just say “nyet.”

1986 - 2002

Isle LaMotte Lighthouse

Waiting to climb

Isle LaMotte Lighthouse
Fishing at Juniper Isle

South Breakwater Light
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All aerial pictures were taken by Fran Dollinger

Barber's Point, New York

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Bluff Point, NY

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