

# CHAPTER CHATTER



May/June

**NELL Spring meeting will be in Fairfield County, CT. 7-8 June 2014.**



Sheffield Island Light on Saturday afternoon! There will be two boats out, a 2:00pm trip and a 3:30pm trip. The first boat will be 49 NELL members, in a full charter. The second boat will be the remainder of NELL members, and some members of the public.

- 1) The Norwalk Seaport Association, which runs Sheffield Island, has offered us a sunset tour on Friday evening. One boat only for 49 members. we'd have to make this first come-first serve.
- 2) Our meeting is going to be the first order of business, on Saturday morning. (Not too early...)
- 3) Sunday - 6hr boat trip (9am-3pm) Stratford Shoal, Tongue Point, Black Rock Harbor and Penfield Reef Lights.

## **HOTEL**

Hilton Garden Inn in Norwalk. 2 double bed and 1 king bed rooms available. Rates are \$99+tx. cutoff date is May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
***To make a booking, call 203-523-4000 and tell them you're with NELL.***

## **COST**

Sheffield Island trip: \$27 per adult, \$25 per senior (60+). Sunset trip: \$22/adult and \$20/senior.  
Sunday boat trip, the cost will be in the \$80 per person.

## Other Upcoming Events

### Saturday 14th June 2014 - Sandy Hook Lighthouse 250th Anniversary

On June 11, 1764 Sandy Hook Lighthouse was lit for the first time. It has been in continuous operation since making it the US's oldest continuously operating lighthouse. On June 11 this year 2014 it will be 250 years old. The National Park Service plans to have a gala celebration at the Sandy Hook Lighthouse on Saturday June 14, 2014. The New Jersey Lighthouse Society's efforts to have a postage stamp issued for this event was turned down. We are now in the process of trying to get a special postmark to commemorate the event.

### 21st & 22nd June 2014 - Hereford Inlet Lighthouse Maritime Festival

Come celebrate the sea in Anglesea!

Don't miss one of New Jersey's Premier Summer Festivals!

Artists, Crafters, Antique & Classic Boats, Authors, Historians, Museums, Lighthouse, US Lifesaving Stations, Pirates, Men & Women of the Sea! Plus: Great Food, Entertainment and fun for the kids.

On the grounds of the Historic Herford Inlet Lighthouse and along Central Avenue in North Wildwood, New Jersey

### Saturday, 13th September 2014 - Maine Open Lighthouse Day

9 am to 3 pm, so make your plans to take part in this fun day! Maine Open Lighthouse Day is an annual event. It is sponsored by the United States Coast Guard, Maine Office of Tourism and the American Lighthouse Foundation.

### Rosanne Cash to Play Summer Benefit for Gay Head Light



The ongoing effort to raise money to move the Gay Head Light country music legend Rosanne Cash will come to the Vineyard this summer to play a benefit concert. The selectmen are overseeing the relocation of the lighthouse, which must be moved sometime in the next year due to rapid erosion at the Gay Head Cliffs. The 1856 brick tower now stands 46 feet from the edge of the cliff. Flatbread has donated the venue. The daughter of country music legend Johnny Cash, she was born in Memphis and has lived in New York City since 1991. She also has Massachusetts maritime roots. Some of her ancestors settled in Salem in the 17th century and some were among prominent whaling families on Nantucket. She recently debuted a new album, *The River and the Thread*. It is her first album in more than four years. She is currently on tour. The concert is the latest in a large, Island wide fundraising effort to raise \$3 million for the relocation project. The fundraising committee hosted a 10k road race in Aquinnah in October and a winter solstice event at the lighthouse in December. The town is in the process of obtaining ownership of the lighthouse from the U.S. Coast Guard, which has declared it surplus property. Geological and engineering studies are underway around the tower in preparation for the move.

Tickets are on sale for the July 1 concert with popular singer-songwriter Rosanne Cash at Flatbread Company.

Prior to the concert, Chilmark resident Tony Shalhoub, of "Monk" fame, will emcee a live auction that begins at 8:45 pm. Doors open at 8 pm, and tickets are \$200.

To secure a ticket, send a check to Town of Aquinnah, 65 State Rd., Aquinnah, MA 02535, made payable to Town of Aquinnah with "Lighthouse Fund/Cash Concert" in the memo line. For more information, visit [gayheadlight.org](http://gayheadlight.org).

## International Lighthouse News

### Trinity House will be open to the public on 17th May 2014



In 1514 a young King Henry VIII granted a Royal Charter to a fraternity of mariners called the Guild of the Holy Trinity “so that they might regulate the pilotage of ships in the King’s streams”.

The month of May marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this milestone event in British maritime history. Included in the celebrations at Trinity House, home to the Corporation and the working office of the General Lighthouse Authority, is a unique Open Day Invitation to the general public to discover the treasures and artifacts preserved and on display within its five elegant rooms and access areas from 10am – 3pm on Saturday, 17 May. There is no need to contact the House, interested day visitors can arrive and wander about the House at their leisure and receive information from expert guides stationed throughout.

Enthusiasts unable to make this date can schedule a visit from 10am – 3pm on Saturday 20 September (only) as part of the city-wide Open House London promotion created by Open-City ([www.open-city.org.uk](http://www.open-city.org.uk)) and staged on the 20th and 21<sup>st</sup> of the month, providing rare public access to 800 other exceptional buildings in London.

Trinity House is located on Tower Hill overlooking the historic Tower of London and the picturesque Trinity Square Gardens, containing a memorial to merchant navy heroes of two World Wars and the Falklands War. Built in 1794, the history of the House is omnipresent and, throughout the building, valuable paintings and antiques bear out the nation’s remarkable nautical heritage. One of its more recent acquisitions is the brass bell from the Royal Yacht *Britannia*, which was decommissioned in 1997.

Trinity House's connection with seamarks and lighthouses dates from Elizabeth I and the Seamarks Act of 1566 which granted powers to set up "so many beacons, marks and signs for the sea whereby the dangers may be avoided and escaped and ships the better come into their ports without peril." The first lighthouse was built during the reign of James I by Trinity House at Lowestoft in 1609, and the next 200 years saw a proliferation of light house building around the coast.

Trinity House is the working office of the General Lighthouse Authority (GLA) for England and Wales, with responsibility for nearly 600 Aids to Navigation from traditional aids such as lighthouses, buoys and beacons to the latest satellite navigation technology. In addition, it inspects over 10,000 local Aids to Navigation provided by port and harbour authorities and those positioned.

Read more at: [www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/article-2608870/Henry-VIII's-maritime-guild-opens-public-one-day-celebrates-500th-year.html](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/article-2608870/Henry-VIII's-maritime-guild-opens-public-one-day-celebrates-500th-year.html)

### 500 Years of Trinity House exhibition opens at the National Maritime Museum

#### Guiding Lights: 500 years of Trinity House and safety at sea

On 15 April the Master of Trinity House, HRH The Princess Royal, formally opened the new exhibition at the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, London, titled ‘Guiding Lights: 500 years of Trinity House and safety at sea’. The exhibition is a fantastic showcase highlighting the history and modern relevance of Trinity House as a charity, a general lighthouse authority and a deep sea pilotage authority today, and its many historical functions. “*Guiding Lights*

showcases centuries of invaluable work by the Corporation of Trinity House to help sailors navigate safely at sea, preventing countless shipwrecks and immense loss of life.

Marking the 500th anniversary of Trinity House, the gallery displays 70 rarely seen objects from Trinity House and the Museum's own collection, telling stories of the heroic and the extraordinary from throughout the organization's history, and of human fortitude in the face of the immense power of the sea.

The history of Britain's lighthouses is told through intricate models, dramatic film and the personal effects of lighthouse keepers. Light vessels, buoys and yachts are illustrated through rarely-seen, beautiful watercolour sketches by accomplished marine artist William Lionel Wyllie. Tales of personal bravery include that of lighthouse keeper's daughter and plucky heroine Grace Darling."

This wonderful exhibition is open from 16 April 2014 until 4 January 2016, open daily 10.00-17.00, and is suitable for all ages and backgrounds. Entry is free to all!

More information for visitors can be found at the [Royal Museums Greenwich](http://www.royalmuseums.org.uk/greenwich) website or by telephoning 020 8312 6565.

### **Happy Birthday to:**

Seamond Roberts	5/01	Harry Wass	5/07	Bob Trapani	5/14
Fran Dollinger	5/14	Sheryl Tichy	5/20	Tom Cardaci	5/25
MaryAnn Clark	5/27	Anna Klein	5/28		
Bob Kerber	6/01	Amy Wininger	6/06	Larry Rhine	6/09
Frank DePasquale	6/10	Mike Senk	6/12	Terry Barnhart	6/12
Yvonne Thies	6/15	Hilari Seery	6/16	Irma Streeter	6/16
Harrison Thomas	6/20	Richard Korycinski	6/21	Kay Toth	6/22
Walt Mills	6/24	David Dingley	6/26	Linda Graham	6/27
Mary Rosenquest	6/29	Doug Scott	6/30		

### **Anniversary Wishes to:**

Bill & Odette Kent	5/01	Tony & Linda Allen	5/06	Robert & Sharon Mills	5/09
Barry & Sarah Chase	5/19	Terry & Melody Barnhart	5/19	Henry & Pat VanDeVeene	5/25
Bob & MaryAnn Scroope	5/28	Doug & Ellen Scott	5/30		
Cliff & Lee Olson	6/05	Hilari & Jim Seery	6/10	Bob & Barbara Kepple	6/13
Tom & Arlene Pregman	6/21	James & Nancy Cope	6/24	Henry & Arlene Winkleman	6/29

### **Membership Update**

#### New Member

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#### New Address

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#### New email address

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**Just for fun....can you guess the light?**



If you think you know you can e-mail me. (answer next Chapter Chatter)  
Last edition's answer: Cape San Blas, Florida

**Please Note:**

We are looking for **volunteers** who are interested in serving on committees, those who have good ideas for lighthouse preservation, fund raising, suggestions on improving the operations of the club, or just getting more involved. Please contact Bill Kent: [bktwo@comcast.net](mailto:bktwo@comcast.net) or 1(978) 809-7133.

Don't forget to bring your **lighthouse related donations** to the spring and/or fall meetings for fund raising raffles and silent auctions. 2014 Donation Tax Forms can be obtained from Kathy Santucci, NELL Treasurer.

**The Lighthouse Digest** – For each subscription, please use the subscription envelope that you can get from NELL's 2nd VP Lynne Kerber, or the form on the NELL website. Mail with check to Lighthouse Digest, ATTN: Kathleen Finnegan, P.O. Box 250, East Machias, ME 04630. Be sure to write NELL in the memo section of your check and NELL will receive \$10.00 per subscription to go toward restoration and preservation of lighthouses.

If you have any **knowledge of an upcoming event or news to share**, please send it to me: [chapterchatter@outlook.com](mailto:chapterchatter@outlook.com)  
All articles and information must be received by the 25th of the month prior to make the publication.

**The NELL Beacon** wants your stories too, send with pictures to Lynne Kerber: [lighthousecats@comcast.net](mailto:lighthousecats@comcast.net) for publication. The NELL Beacon is our official club newsletter and will be published three times a year in time for our events. Deadline for the LHHC&Y issue will be mid December, for the Spring Event issue mid April and for the Fall Event issue mid August.

If you know of a member that needs **some cheer, get well wishes, condolences or congratulations**, please let Cynthia Bosse - Sunshine Chair know at: [bossnjc@comcast.net](mailto:bossnjc@comcast.net) or call 1(860) 688-7347.

Please let me know your **birthday** (month & day only) and **anniversary** so I will be able to recognize you on your special day in our monthly Best Wishes section.