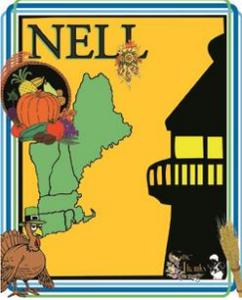


CHAPTER CHATTER



November/December



Happy Thanksgiving - Happy Hanukah - Merry Christmas

NELL Votes to Continue as a Not-For-Profit Organization **Greg Fitzgerald Steps Down as President**

As the season headed into Fall, the colors of the foliage started to become more brilliant, and the dead and dying leaves floated to the ground, results of the ballot sent to New England Lighthouse Lovers members was revealed at the meeting September 30th in Plymouth, MA. The ballot was sent asking members if they wanted to become a 'social club' that met for trips to various lighthouses or if they wanted to remain as a 501(c)(3) non-profit Chapter of the American Lighthouse Foundation with a mission to:

- A. Learn more about lighthouse and maritime history through educational meetings, programs and site visits.
- B. Encourage the appreciation of lighthouses to maritime history, and their representational models to aid in the preservation of this history.
- C. Raise funds to help preserve and restore New England Lighthouses and other related maritime sites.
- D. Encourage volunteerism in the preservation and restoration process.
- E. Engage in other activities deemed appropriate in carrying out this mission.

Greg Fitzgerald stated that the majority of the membership voted to continue as it has as a non-profit Chapter of the American Lighthouse Foundation. That being said Greg stepped down as President of NELL and turned the meeting over to anyone who had indicated they would step up to help lead the organization. Even though several members had indicated they are willing to help NELL going forward there was no rush of people heading to the front to take over the meeting. Ron Foster, past President and Charter Member of NELL, walked to the front of the room and agreed to be the interim President. Others agreeing to help included Lee Hall, Ron Bandoock and Norm Bosse as well as most of the current Board of Directors.

There was discussion concerning how NELL could raise more money to help preserve and restore our lighthouses, how to make the outings better to attract the large crowds as in the past, and the possibility of raising the dues (which have been unchanged since NELL started in the late 1990's). Rest assured that your Board of Directors is busy planning future events and is always open to hearing new ideas and input from you, the heart of NELL. Thank you all for your continued support.

Lighthouses, hot chocolate & you **January 13, 2018**

Additional details are being worked out but our final destination will be MYSTIC SEAPORT in Mystic, Connecticut

Where we will visit the Brant Point Lighthouse Replica



View Exhibits in the new Thompson Exhibition Building



Board and Tour the Charles W. Morgan



We will also view the many beautiful pieces of artwork for sale in the Art Gallery, visit an Impressive room full of Ships Figureheads, enter the Staterooms of a ship that was three times larger than the Charles W. Morgan, to name a few, and of course we will enjoy

Hot Chocolate and the Cookies baked by NELL Members in this years 'Cookie Cook-off'.



As Mentioned, additional details for Lighthouses, Hot Chocolate & YOU will be forthcoming.
Be sure to save this date so you don't miss out on the fun.

We are currently working on hotel rooms in this area and will forward that info to you as soon as it is available

RENEW NOW BEFORE THE RATES GO UP

It is time to renew your NELL membership dues for 2018.

Your membership runs from January 1 through December 31, 2018.

If you plan to attend LHHCY (Lighthouse Hot Chocolate and You) your dues must be paid by December 31, 2017.

Single membership is \$20 and dual membership is \$30.

Make out your check to "NELL" and send it to: Kathy Santucci, 38 Lime Kiln Rd., Tuckahoe, NY 10707.

If you would like to pay your NELL dues by PayPal click on the link below and follow the instructions.

<http://www.newenglandlighthouseovers.org/membership-form/>

If your address or email has changed, please notify me. Thank you - Walt Mills, Membership

Meet the new Mr. NELL



Congratulations to Greg Fitzgerald the new Mr. Nell.

Greg is our current President.

The title and paddle were passed from Bill Kent at the NELL 2017 Fall meeting.

In previous years the paddle was given to:

- 2000 - Ron Drummer
- 2001 - Walt Mills
- 2002 - Fred Thumm
- 2003 - Henry Winkleman
- 2004 - Bob Taylor
- 2005 - Norm Bosse
- 2006 - Anthony Savino
- 2007 - Lee Hall
- 2008 - Tom Pregman
- 2009 - Ron Foster
- 2010 - Frank Carbone, Jr
- 2011 - Tom Kenworthy
- 2012-2013 - Ron Bandoek
- 2014 - Doug Scott
- 2015 - John Donovan
- 2016 - Bill Kent

Lighthouses in the News

Foghorns due for an upgrade at Lighthouses along Long Island Sound

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, Conn. – The U.S. Coast Guard is replacing an antiquated foghorn systems at 11 lighthouses in Long Island Sound.

The Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound will be replacing traditional sound signals — foghorns — with marine radio-activated sound signals.

The system is used to warn boaters of visibility issues on Long Island sound. In both the new and old systems, an alarm sounds to let boaters know when visibility is below 3 nautical miles, according to the YouTube video:

www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=270&v=6P_9U42NwBQ

Mariners that need to hear the sound signals during periods of reduced visibility will be able to activate them on demand by turning their VHF-FM radio to channel 83A/157.175Mhz and keying their microphone five times consecutively. This will activate the sound signal for up to 60 minutes.

The current sound signal type and characteristic will not change due to this conversion. All light characteristics, equipment and patterns will also remain unchanged.

The following lighthouses will be getting the upgrade:

Connecticut

- New Haven: Southwest Ledge Light
- Norwalk: Greens Ledge Light
- Groton: New London Ledge Light
- Greenwich: Great Captain Island light
- Fairfield: Penfield Reef Light
- Old Saybrook: Saybrook Breakwater Light

New York

- Fishers Island: North Dumpling Light
- Race Rock Reef: Race Rock Light
- Montauk: Montauk Point Light
- Huntington Bay: Huntington Harbor Light
- Orient Point: Orient Point Light

The new MRASS technology is less expensive and requires less maintenance than the foghorns, which use older technology, according to the Coast Guard.

For a clear, comprehensive explanation of the new Marine Radio-Activated Sound Signals, watch the YouTube video
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<http://wilton.dailyvoice.com/news/foghorns-due-for-an-upgrade-at-lighthouses-along-long-island-sound/721061/>

International Lighthouse News

Tacking Point Lighthouse will turn red to mark Dyslexia Awareness Month



Tacking Point Lighthouse will join iconic landmarks across the country lighting it Red for Dyslexia on Sunday October 15. Light Ups include the Royal Australian Mint and Old Parliament House Canberra, Luminous at Darling Quarter and NSW State Library Sydney, Brisbane Story Bridge, Melbourne Star Observation Wheel, Elizabeth Quay Perth, Adelaide Oval, Wrest Point Hobart and Darwin Convention Centre, to name a few.

Light it Red for Dyslexia is a volunteer initiative to increase awareness for the 10% of Australians who struggle to learn to read, write and spell.

Dyslexia is a learning difference that affects a child's ability to develop a strong understanding of written language. Dyslexia Support Mid North Coast President, Kelly King, said they were delighted Port Macquarie has joined capital cities nationwide to share an important message.

"Families in regional areas often struggle to access support as there are less professional services available to help children with specific learning difficulties."

The colour red was chosen to represent the dreaded red pen that many teachers often use to mark school work. By reclaiming the colour red for dyslexia, Dyslexia Support Mid North Coast hope to empower children with dyslexia, and spread awareness among the wider community.

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month and local schools are encouraged to host a 'Light it Red Day' where students wear red for a day and screen a Behind the News feature article on Dyslexia during school assembly.

Approximately 1 in 5 people are on the dyslexia continuum struggling to read, write and spell on a daily basis. In every classroom, there may be between 3-5 students with dyslexia.

"It's a misconception that if you read to your child every night they will learn to read. Many children need explicit instruction in the five 'keys' to reading to enable them to crack the code=" Mrs King said.

"Early identification and evidence-based intervention is vital. We would like to see all schools adopt the year one Phonics Screening Check and systematic synthetic phonics instruction as part of the 'five keys' to reading in every classroom so that no child is left behind."

For further information about Light it Red for Dyslexia visit them on Facebook: www.facebook.com/lightitredfordyslexia

Historic Dublin Built Former Irish Lightship Turned Schooner to Be Restored



Last year a visit to Scotland was made to investigate a former Irish Lights lightship dating to 1910 that in much more recent years had been a museum ship there but is now to be found relocated in England to finally begin restoration work.

Launched as the lightship, Penguin for the Commissioners of Irish Lights at the Dublin Drydock Company, the vessel now named Arctic Penguin of Glasgow is now a rare surviving example of an Irish built vessel. Constructed of an iron hull on a steel frame. Above decks a fixed lantern was fitted to warn off shipping from the dangers along our coasts. Between 1910 and 1920 the Penguin was located at the Daunt Rock Station. After that decade the vessel served as a spare lightship.

In 1966 the lightship was sold and throughout the last half century has served several subsequent owners. Notably, in 1982 a conversion took place that saw an engine installed on the vessel that became a three-masted schooner offering sail training excursions.

The attractive town of Inveraray on Loch Fyne has been home to this floating landmark for many years. Since 2010, however the ship's role there as a maritime museum ceased. In addition access to the deteriorating pier has been closed to locals and tourists alike by Argyll and Bute Council.

Arctic Penguin was towed away this year from the stunning scenery of the Scottish loch to the Cumbrian port of Barrow-in-Furness. Since arrival initial repairs have taken place to the 100ft vessel that is to be drydocked on the Wirral, from where the ship will be restored to seagoing condition.

Instead of operating from the Scottish west coast as previously reported, Arctic Penguin will be based out of Barrow. Earlier this year the north-west English port marked its 150th anniversary with celebrations that included vessels among them Arctic Penguin (see pictured) calling closer to the town quays.

At 107 years old, Arctic Penguin is rightly recognised as a vessel of importance, as the former lightship is listed on the National Register of Historic Vessels (NRHV) which comprises of more than 1,300 vessels. This register is one of several organised by the National Historic Ships UK, the official voice for historic vessels in the UK.

Happy Birthday to:

Kim Ely	11/04	Larry Thompson	11/10	Laurel Mills	11/13
Kathy Santucci	11/13	Norm Bosse	11/15	Bob Mills	11/15
Jim Streeter	11/15	Gary Toth	11/19		
Linda Sherlock	12/03	Carol Drogowski	12/12	Cynthia Bosse	12/12
Jim Seery	12/14	Eugene Carew	12/19	Madelene Taylor	12/22
Judy Newbloom	12/26	Cliff Olson	12/28	Hank Heacock	12/29
Barbara Kepple	12/31				

Anniversary Wishes to:

Christine & Tom Cardaci	11/02	Frank & Pamela DePasquale	11/14
David & Janice Dingley	12/30		

Just for fun....can you guess which lighthouse I am in?



If you think you know you can e-mail me. (answer next Chapter Chatter)
September/October answer: Artifact recovered from Minot's Ledge on display at Scituate Lighthouse

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 Greg Fitzgerald

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
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 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 LHC&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 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.