

New England Lighthouse Lovers - NELL

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.

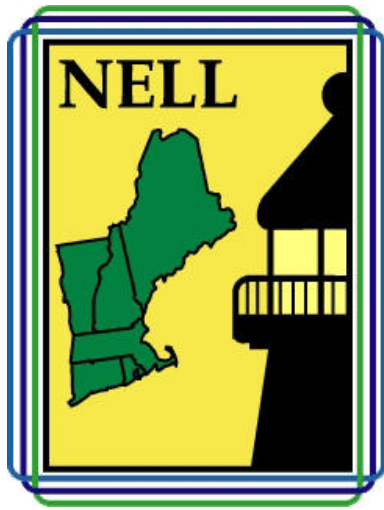
With lunchtime over we held our 50-50 drawing which grossed

\$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.

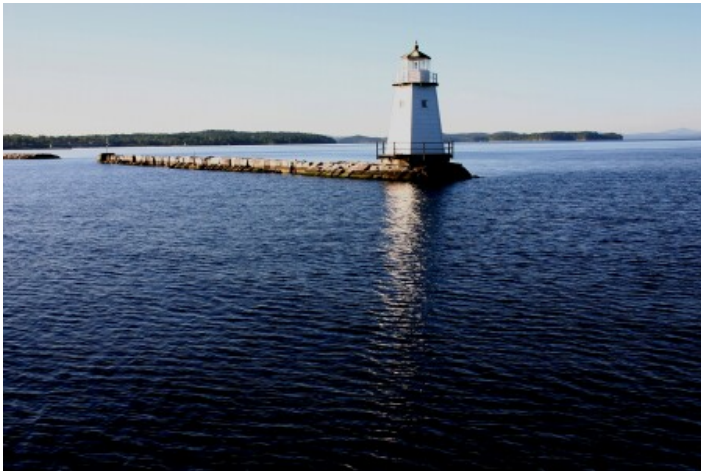
After the group picture many people went to the Shelburne Museum while others went to the Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory or other sites in the area. Two members did a rather unique thing and something I've wanted to do for some time. Fran D. and Greg F. took a plane ride and toured some of the lights 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.



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All photos by Tom Kenworthy except those noted as taken by Kaitlyn Thomas



North Breakwater



North Breakwater



Harrison



Harrison and North Breakwater



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



Foundation of Colchester Reef



Foundation of Colchester Reef



Cumberland Head



Sailing on Lake Champlain in Frolik II





Monument



Bluff Point



Harrison and Eileen



Sailing



Sailboat Tango



Bluff Point



Bluff Point



Harrison and Kaitlyn



Bud and Marcia



Juniper Island Lighthouse



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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



White Russian



Isle LaMotte Lighthouse



Waiting to climb



Isle LaMotte Lighthouse



Fishing at Juniper Isle



South Breakwater Light



Fishing at Juniper Isle



South Breakwater Light



Ed, Harrison & Kaitlyn in Isle LaMotte



Windmill Point by Kaitlyn thomas



Windmill Point through the trees by Kaitlyn Thomas



Windmill Point by Kaitlyn Thomas



Berries at Windmill Point



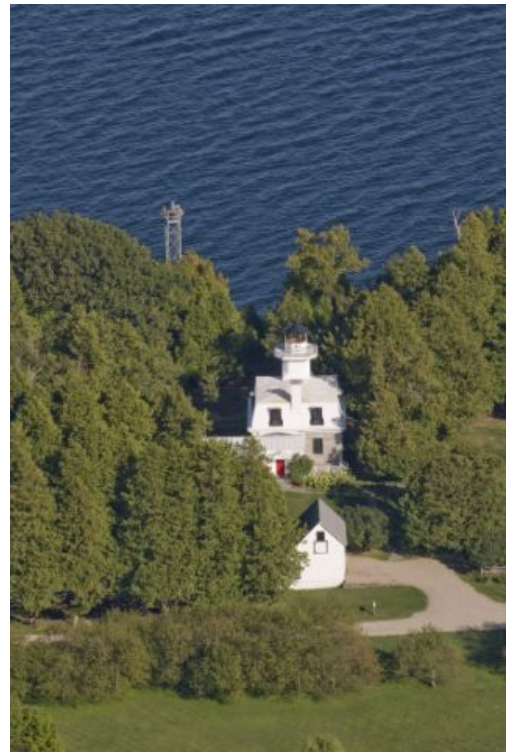


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All aerial pictures were taken by Fran Dollinger



Barber's Point, New York



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Bluff Point, NY



Bluff Point, NY



Split Rock, NY



Split Rock, NY



Split Rock



Isle LaMotte



Colchester Reef



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Colchester Reed and the Ticonderoga



Cumberland



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Isle LaMotte



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Point AuRoche



Juniper



Windmill Point



Juniper



South Breakwater



Windmill Point



Ron presenting check to the Clarks
Photo by Kathy Santucci