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ENTRANCE DOOR AND FRAME REPLACED AT BUG LIGHT

Ever since the lighthouse was replicated in 1990 the in swinging entrance door has experienced frequent damage from storms. This spring storm was no exception with the wind driven high seas demolishing the door and frame. Part of the reason was the limited bearing of the door on the frame. The existing frame has been removed and replaced with a new marine grade aluminum one that supports an out swinging new steel door. This arrangement provides bearing and support of the door against wave action that has been so destructive in the past. The complete new installation was accomplished by North Fork Welding.



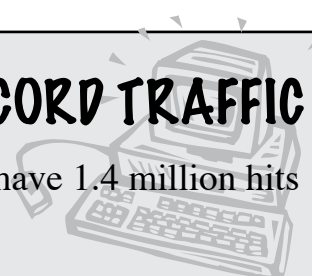
SUFFOLK COUNTY GIVES GRANT TO EAST END LIGHTHOUSES TOWARDS AN EVALUATION OF THE PLUM ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

Notification has recently been received that we are to be the recipient of \$2000 towards the repair of the Plum Island Lighthouse. Thanks to us receiving this grant goes to the efforts of Legislator Edward Romaine a steadfast supporter of East End Lighthouses. The only thing holding up the first step which is a comprehensive evaluation of the lighthouse by a lighthouse expert is the permission of Homeland Security to access the lighthouse. A call to your Congressman may help us in this effort.



EAST END LIGHTHOUSE'S WEB SITE REPORTS RECORD TRAFFIC

The popularity of our web site continues to grow. So far this year we have 1.4 million hits to the site and an average of 372 visitors per day.



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MEMBERS VISIT PLUM ISLAND

On August 10th, members visited Plum Island as guests of Homeland Security and the Plum Island Animal Disease Center. Included was a narrated tour of the Plum Island Lighthouse site and its unique history. Also included was a bus tour of the whole island narrated by Merle Wiggin who was Chief of Engineering there for 19 years. One of the most interesting aspects of the visit was the presence of William Scheuber of Modesto CA who was one of the early Coast Guard lighthouse keepers. His stories of operating and maintaining the lighthouse in the 1950s were interesting and informative. Water supply was only what was collected in the building's cistern and had to be supplemented by Coast Guard barge and pumped from the harbor up to the lighthouse.

Annual Visit to Long Beach Bar

Each year near the anniversary of the replication of Bug Light, East End lighthouses provides a cruise and visit to this lighthouse. This was the first lighthouse project of Merlon Wiggin who initiated the idea of its reconstruction and oversaw its rebuilding including the raising of funds. This year's event held on September 8th was enthusiastically heralded by the visitors as one of the best events of the year. The landing at the lighthouse was made possible by the placing of a 25X65 foot 70 ton steel barge for the docking of the Peconic Star (photo 001- barge under tow with Steve Clarke at the helm of the tug with Ruth as deckhand). (photo 003- Peconic Star docked at Bug Light off loading visitors). Visitors at this historic lighthouse were given a detailed narration of its restoration coupled with period photos by Merlon Wiggin, followed by tours of the lighthouse, including its lantern room. Event assistance goes to Rich Saetta, Charlie Thorpe, and Peter Young.



Seal Viewing

A Recent Feature of our Lighthouse Cruises

Viewing and watching a colony of seals have been an exciting feature of the last few Lighthouse and History cruises. The seals have taken up residency at Little Gull Island, one of the stops on our lighthouse tour. Capt Dave Brennan is able to bring the Peconic Star almost in the entrance to the harbor at Little Gull and the cruise participants can view the seals on the rocks and especially the curious ones that swim right up to the boat.



ANNUAL MEETING AND RECOGNITION DINNER

TO BE HELD OCTOBER 27TH AT PECONIC LANDING

Our annual membership meeting is scheduled to start at 5PM on Saturday October 27th at Peconic Landing. The agenda will include reports from the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman and committees. The goals for accomplishment in 2008 will be presented followed by the election of directors for the years 2008-2010. Immediately following the annual meeting the recognition buffet dinner will be served that will include a selection of appetizers, soup and salad. The entrees will include; sliced skirt steak, baked crab cakes, chicken francaise and include vegetables and dessert. Beverages to include both Merlot and Chardonnay wines, tea and coffee. The all inclusive cost is \$ 51 per person. The recognition presentations will include the following:

A special event for the evening will be the first ever Power Point presentation, "Aerial Viewing of Southold Town Lighthouses".

Reservations for this event can be made by calling 631-477 4121 or by e-mail at eastlite@optonline.net.

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Certificate of Appreciation Recipients

2007

East End Lighthouse accomplishments are made possible with the generous contribution and support of various entities and individuals. Each year a Recognition Day Event is planned to recognize those who have made our accomplishments possible. The following is this years list.

*Cross Sound Ferry
Douglas Marine
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Greenport Elementary School
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