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SOUTHOLD TOWN ADOPTS RESOLUTION TO ACQUIRE PLUM ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

At the Southold Town Board meeting on April 24, 2007 the Board unanimously adopted Resolution 2007-408 the last paragraph of which reads as follows: "RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Southold hereby authorizes Supervisor Scott A. Russell and the Town Attorney to initiate the appropriate steps to have the Federal Government transfer to the Town the Plum Island Lighthouse, five acres of land, and all related lighthouse artifacts to the Town.

To help insure this action takes place, you as a member of East End Lighthouses or local lighthouse supporter can help by writing your Senator or Congressman, include the above resolution and ask for their support. Send it along with the following below.



RESOLUTION 2007-408

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www.eastendlighthouses.org

Our web site is increasing in popularity each year and has become a reference regarding information on the lighthouses of eastern Long Island Sound.

In 2006 we received 94,000 requests for information and the site received just under 1.5 million hits. Any suggestions for changes and improvements to our site are especially welcome.



EAST END LIGHTHOUSE 2007 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE 4

ANNUAL OFFSHORE LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE

This year our trip will be on a Monday. We have made arrangements for the use of a high speed catamaran, the *Jessica*, that is only available on Mondays. Those interested lighthouse enthusiasts will make it a long weekend doing nothing. This is a 49 meter (approximately 160 feet) wave piercing catamaran. The vessel is equipped with comfortable and sleek modern airline style seating on two enclosed air conditioned passenger decks with picture windows for excellent viewing of the lighthouses. There is also outside deck space for photographers. Breakfast and lunch will be served along with wine, soda, water and coffee. Cost of this trip remains at \$95/ \$90 for members.

SOLD OUT!

JUNE 23

LIGHTHOUSE AND HISTORY CRUISES

JULY 21

AUG 25

OCT 23

These are an increasingly popular late afternoon and evening cruises aboard the *Peconic Star II* to see the area's lighthouses close-up, a beautiful sunset and if we are lucky, the moon rising over Gardiner's Island as we return to the dock in Greenport. Cost of these trips is \$85/80 for members.

AUG. 10

MEMBERS ONLY VISIT TO PULM ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

Pack a lunch and join us for a tour of the grounds, a visit to the Animal Research Laboratory. And a beautiful spot in front of Plum Light for an afternoon picnic. Feel free to wander on the grounds surrounding the lighthouse. Wave at passers-by on ferries, fishing vessels and pleasure boats. There is no cost for this trip just come and join us for a pleasant day on Plum Island.

SEPT. 8

LONG BEACH BAR(BUG) VISIT

Explore this unique lighthouse on a rocky island at the juncture of Gardiner's Bay and Orient Harbor off Long Beach. This is the only scheduled visit to Bug Light to be narrated by Merle Wiggin the individual that originated the rebuilding of the lighthouse, planned and oversaw its construction.

SEPT. 15

VISIT TO RACE ROCK LIGHTHOUSE

U.S. Coast Guard has given preliminary approval for the first ever public visit to the Race Rock Lighthouse. Visit our website or call for final details.

**SEPT.
21-23**

OFF ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE TRIP

Still in planning stages.

Note: All local lighthouse cruises are narrated by Merle Wiggin, local

LOCAL NORTHEASTER DAMAGES BUG LIGHT

The recent severe northeast storm with its high winds and seas caused significant damage to the Long Beach Bar (Bug) Lighthouse. (see photos). The damage included the crashing in of the new steel entrance door and frame, along with part of the entrance dock being ripped away. East End Lighthouses is in the process of planning and accomplishing the repairs which will include a different type of door frame, specially constructed of heavy steel. Anyone who would like to make a donation to these repairs will be especially thanked and recognized in our next news letter and on our web site.



Damage to dock



Entrance door and frame stove in



NOW PURCHASE ONLINE

It is now possible to purchase your cruise tickets “online”. You may also use this method to renew or become a member and to purchase history books, literature or memorabilia. Just go to our website: www.eastendlighthouses.org and make your purchases. Payment is placed on your credit card. If you prefer, you may still make these purchases by mail by sending your check to East End Lighthouses, PO Box 21, Greenport, NY 11944.



Director Craig Richter taking measurements for re-

MEMBERSHIP SIGNUP OR RENEWAL

Remember that membership is still just \$25 a year and entitles you to reduced prices on our cruises as well as the yearly day trip to Plum Island to tour the island, visit the research center and spend the afternoon at the lighthouse picnicking, exploring and being among others who are interested in the history of our light-

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

• DUES: \$25.00 PER YEAR •

Renewal New Date _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Dues \$ _____ Donation \$ _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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*Benefits include Member Discounts, Newsletter and Information on Lighthouse Events of Interest
A Local 501 (c)(3) Not For Profit Organization*

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