

NO MAN IS AN ISLAND

The families that lived on Rockport's islands were not isolated from the mainland. With the exception of a few weeks in 1967, when armed guards kept visitors away from federal witness Joseph Barboza Baron, there was a constant flow of contact between the islands and the mainland.

The first keepers were locals with family ties ashore. Friends and family and even curious strangers regularly visited the islands. Keepers and their wives made frequent trips ashore to get supplies. Doctors came to call. Inspectors arrived. Workmen were lodged in the keepers' houses.

Bachelor assistant keepers met and married local girls. Island children boarded in Rockport during

the week in order to attend school. Wives who sometimes rented winter rooms ashore joined churches and social clubs. Some families loved Cape Ann enough to remain after retirement and were eventually buried in its cemeteries.

This issue of the Thacher and Straitsmouth newsletter tells a few of the island-mainland stories.



Emerson with his wife Naomi on the right, his son Frank and his wife Annie on the left.



Emerson (right) with his son Frank (left) working on a lobster trap and grandson Francis, who was the father of Peter Haskell, the subject of this issue's work crew profile.

Haskell's Loblolly Camp

1896-1943

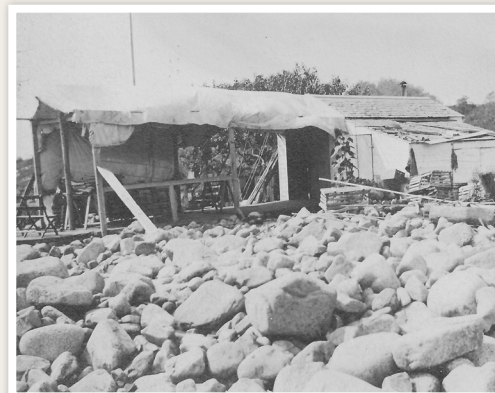
No other Rockport enterprise has ever had the reputation or following of Haskell's Loblolly Camp.

The open-air, waterfront restaurant was created in 1896 by Captain Emerson B. Haskell, a lobsterman who supplemented his income by hiring out as a ship's pilot. When he sighted a ship approaching Rockport Harbor, he rowed out to meet it. His deep voice, calling out his offer to guide the vessel past reefs and underwater hazards, earned him the nickname "Foghorn" Haskell.

Emerson often cooked his own lobsters on the rocks at Loblolly while keeping an eye out for potential piloting opportunities. He started offering clambakes to some of the crews and captains as a thank you for hiring him. Over time, the word got around and locals came to him for clambakes, too.

Realizing that there was more profit in waiting tables than waiting for vessels to pilot, Emerson built a restaurant on the shore of Loblolly Cove. An old boat house formerly used by the Humane Society of Massachusetts to house supplies for shipwrecked mariners was converted into a kitchen.

Working with his son Frank, Emerson built a dining deck from pieces of wrecked vessels that had washed up on Thacher Island, the Dry Salvages, and the reefs near the entrance to Rockport Harbor. There was plenty of wood to choose from — during the camp's 47-year existence 45 shipwrecks occurred off Loblolly Cove — but the first piece of the dining deck came from a schooner swept up on Thacher.



This rickety platform was furnished with chairs and wooden tables and decorated with marine artifacts collected along the shoreline.



Peter points the way to boat driver Tom Eldridge aboard the Thacher launch.

Work Crew Profile PETER HASKELL

Man With a Past

Peter Haskell has celebrated every Christmas of his life in the Rockport home that belonged to his father and grandfather before him. That grandfather, Peter Kerr, who designed the former Town of Rockport seal and redesigned the Babson-killing-the-bear sign that has long symbolized Bearskin Neck, created a wide variety of fine art and decorative furnishings. Examples of his work are displayed among the dizzying array of art, historical photographs, and family heirlooms that line the walls and fill the rooms of the home Peter shares with his wife, Claudia.

Peter's great-grandfather Emerson B. Haskell ran Haskell's Loblolly Camp, where he and Peter's grandfather Frank put on lobster bakes and rowed visitors to Thacher Island. Frank's cousin James Allison was a Thacher Island keeper in the first decade of the 1900s, but it wasn't until 2016, after his retirement, that Peter set foot on Thacher Island — when his neighbor Tom Eldridge recruited him to serve as sternman on the island's launch.

Peter's original goal in life was to be a social worker, but his first job after college was with the state Department of Youth Services, as night supervisor in the children's ward at Danvers State Hospital. Finding maximum-security lockup for the state's most disturbed 12-to-18-year-olds a bleak and emotionally-wrenching job, he went to work as an apprentice machinist at the Cape Ann Tool company to support his family while he re-evaluated his

career goals. Then, "in a second," he lost his right thumb in an industrial accident, after which he took a job in purchasing and sales for Rose Marine. What he thought would be another short-term position became a 34-year career on the Gloucester waterfront.

During those years, Peter raised his stepchildren and married Claudia Gaffney Melanson, who brought her own children to a mix that now includes four children and five grandchildren. Because Peter has always felt that the Kerr-Haskell house "should be a place that everyone can return to," the gregarious couple hosts a lot of visiting relatives. "Sometimes it seems that Claudia is always changing sheets."

Even before his retirement, Peter was involved in a variety of activities. He was a Boy Scout leader when his children were younger and has lobstered since 1984, working out of an 18-foot Eastern he keeps at Granite Pier. Claudia and Peter have been active members of the West Gloucester Trinitarian Congregational Church, where they served as deacons for three years.

In addition to being the keeper of much of his family's documents and heirlooms, Peter also buys and sells antiques. The activity started as an attempt to find works by his late grandfather but quickly became a wider interest. He attends flea markets and antiques sales all over New England, reselling most at Todd Farms in Rowley. It provides

a bit of extra income, but his deeper motivation is a desire to see historic objects preserved and in the hands of those for whom they might have meaning.

That applies, especially, to Thacher Island. An old ship's wheel, salvaged on Thacher, brought to the mainland by James Allison, and long stored in Peter's basement, was donated to the Thacher Island Museum. He has provided photographs and information about Haskell's Loblolly Camp and the Allison family to the association's president and historian, Paul St. Germain. The past, which is a big part of Peter Haskell's present, is one of the things he feels he has to offer to Thacher Island's future.



Peter sits at his dining room table with one of many ship models he has collected.

Even Taller Than Her Legend

Maria Herrick Bray is the subject of legend. Several, in fact. Edward Rowe Snow claimed that during one storm she climbed both Thacher lighthouses every four hours with a baby in her arms and a toddler in tow. Eleanor Parsons,



Maria Bray April 25, 1828 - June 18, 1921.

writing of the same storm, said she kept the lights in both towers lit, day and night for three days, with the help of her nephew Sydney Haskell. Her obituary claimed that she and the boy who manned the whistle house kept one tower lit while the wives of two other keepers manned the second tower.

Whichever version is correct, Maria Bray is firmly at its center. Her husband, Alexander Bray, left Thacher Island with his two assistants in late

December 1864, anticipating a quick return. When a gale kept the men on the mainland, Maria took charge. For three stormy days, the head keeper's wife made sure that the lights known as Anne's Eyes remained visible to mariners.

That incident made her a legend, but it did not define her life. In fact, it was only one detail of an impressive obituary published on Page 1 of the Gloucester Daily Times 57 years later.

Raised in West Gloucester among her extended Haskell and Herrick family, Maria didn't hesitate to accompany her husband to Thacher in 1861. While there, she collected, mounted, and cataloged sea mosses and algae. By the time she returned to the mainland in 1869, she had the finest collection in New England and was regarded as an authority on the subject.

She was a community activist who, along with her husband, was instrumental in rebuilding the West Parish Universalist Church, where she served for many years as the first president of the Ladies' Mission Circle and superintendent of the church's Sunday school. She was also a long-time president of the Auxiliary for Addison Gilbert Hospital.

Maria participated in the three great movements of her generation. She secured speakers on the

subject of abolition; worked with the Band of Hope, a juvenile temperance institution whose motto was "No swearing, no use of tobacco and no use of liquor"; and she headed up the Gloucester Woman Suffrage Association. She lived just long enough for the 19th Amendment to acknowledge her right to vote.

As a writer and editor, Maria employed her talents in a wide variety of forums, from articles in local newspapers to a memoir of Mehitabel Haskell that can still be purchased today. Her talents led to friendships with artist William Morris Hunt and fellow activists like Julia Ward Howe.

When Maria Bray died in 1921, she had been an outspoken, active member of the Cape Ann community for most of her 93 years. Part of her moss and algae collection is preserved at the Cape Ann Museum, and her service to Thacher lives on in something almost as enduring as legend.

Emblematic

The heraldic crest of the US Coast Guard Cutter Maria Bray blends Coast Guard symbolism with elements that are specific to Thacher Island's history. Blue, red, and white are the Coast Guard's colors, while green symbolizes Thacher Island and Cape Ann. The oars refer to the life-saving mission of lighthouses. The compass rose stands for navigation and command of coastal waters, as does the ship's wheel that stands between Thacher's twin towers. The trident, which signifies maritime authority and prowess, has three tines to recall the three nights that Maria Bray tended the lights in the absence of her husband and his two assistants.

USCGC Maria Bray (WLM 562) ship's crest, which is affixed to the vessel's interior superstructure.



USCGC Maria Bray

In the spring of 2000, the Coast Guard launched a 175-foot coastal buoy tender named Maria Bray. En route to its assigned base in Mayport, Florida, the cutter's captain invited members of the Thacher Island Association to join the crew in casting a ceremonial wreath into the waters near the island in memory of the woman who kept the towers lit in 1864.

In September 2017, the Maria Bray was deployed to assist in the aftermath of hurricane Harvey, which devastated the

coastal community of Rockport, Texas. In a pre-deployment interview, the vessel's commander, Chief Warrant Officer Michael Tomasi, said the crew was prepared to replace buoys, assist in opening shipping lanes, execute searches and rescues, and deliver humanitarian aid. Summing up, he said, "Whatever they need us to do, the Maria Bray is willing to provide it."

That's a fitting epitaph for the legendary heroine of Thacher Island.



Thacher Island Association members Bob Smith, Paul St. Germain, and John Krenn join Thacher keepers Dottie and George Carroll aboard the USCGC Maria Bray in May 2000.

Haskell Camp

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Emerson and Frank, both skillful marketers, expanded their business to include boat trips to Thacher and fishing trips with rods and reels for rent. They even offered a baby-sitting service.

Famous Customers

Governors, ambassadors, artists, actors, authors, university professors, as well as locals and summer residents, enjoyed the rustic dining at Haskell's Loblolly Camp.

Mining engineer, diplomat, and philanthropist John Hays Hammond of Gloucester was a frequent patron. Sometimes he came with his children, one of whom, John Hays Hammond Jr., built Hammond

Castle in the late 1920s. In August 1910 the elder Hammond brought the 27th president of the United States to dinner.

President William Howard Taft, Hammond, their wives, and a contingent of Secret Service men arrived at Loblolly Cove in three large motor cars. Many of the others in their 32-person party arrived by yacht.

A front-page story in the Gloucester Daily Times read that "President Taft enjoyed the Clam bake at Rockport." Perhaps he enjoyed the red, white, and blue streamers with which the Haskell's had decorated their outdoor deck, or the relative

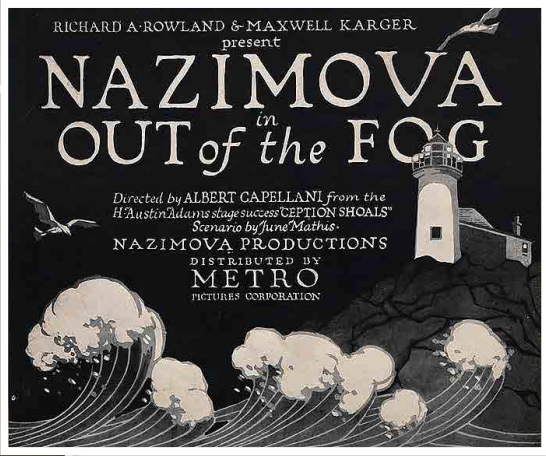
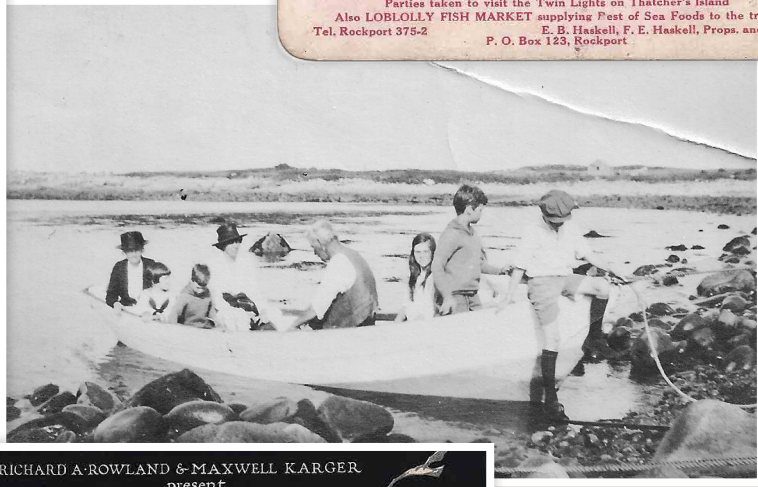
seclusion and the beautiful surroundings. Most certainly President Taft, who was known for his appetite and girth, enjoyed the food.

Another friend of Hammond, actress Alla Nazimova, dined at Haskell's Loblolly Camp while making the movie "Out of the Fog" on Straitsmouth Island in 1919.

He had these tickets printed to promote his new service.



Taft was known for his ravenous appetite. Weighing in at over 315 pounds it is noted in history books that he was the heaviest president ever. (Courtesy Library of Congress LC-USZ62-44909.)



Here is a group loading up for the next tour.

Movie poster for the film "Out of the Fog" featured the Straitsmouth lighthouse. (Courtesy IMDB.)

Emerson Haskell and his wife, Naomi, had seven children, one of whom married Thacher Island keeper James Allison. All four girls and three boys worked in the family business over the years, but it was Frank who took over when Emerson died in 1929. He and his wife, Annie, operated the restaurant until 1943, when diminished patronage caused by the Depression, World War II, and gasoline rationing forced him to close the business, ending a nearly half-century run feeding a diverse clientele and fueling Rockport's fame.

Thanks to Peter Haskell for these photographs.



Nazimova, a famous actress of the early 1900s, made several films with Rudolph Valentino. (Courtesy Pinterest.)

Straitsmouth Boat Ramp Funding Goal Reached.

For the past two years the Thacher Island Association has carried on a campaign to raise \$350,000 to build a boat ramp on the western end of Straitsmouth Island. That goal has been achieved thanks to several major donors, including the Manton Foundation, Massachusetts Seaport Economic Council, Rockport Community Preservation Commission, Belinda Foundation, Humane Society of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, F.M. Global Foundation, Mass. Audubon, James Family Trust, Hildreth-Stewart Charitable Trust, and HE Thompson Foundation. In addition, a total of \$70,000 was donated by friends and members of the association, furthering ongoing efforts to open Straitsmouth Island to provide safe access to the public for the first time in 80 years.

The ramp construction is planned to begin in May and be completed by August. Once the ramp is completed, an official opening ceremony will be held to honor supporters, donors, and members.



The ramp construction is planned to begin in May and be completed by August in the Gap Head inlet shown here. (Courtesy Vincent Nappa.)

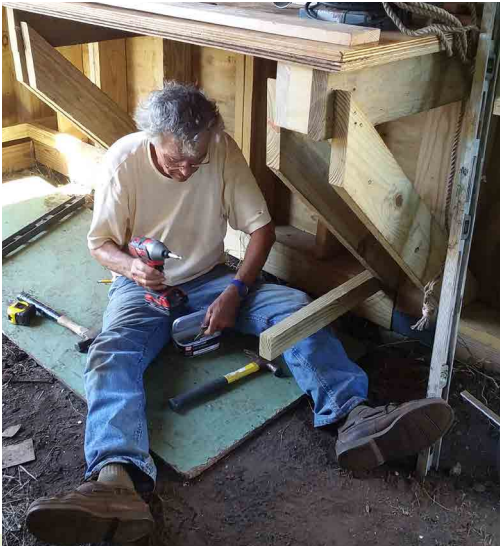
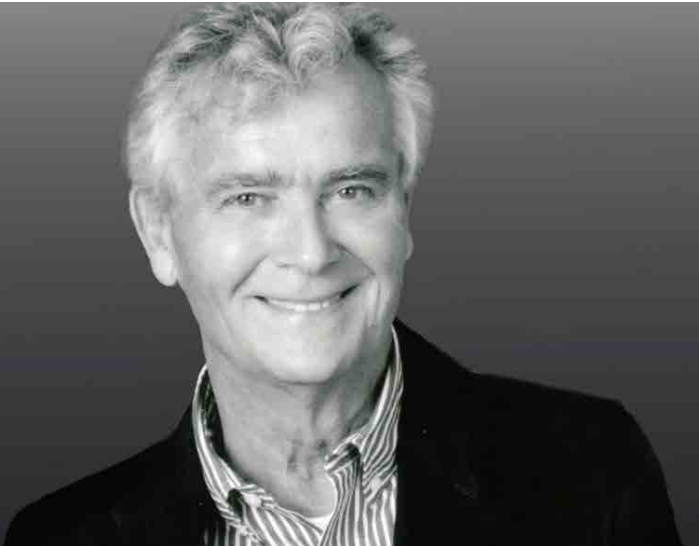


The Straitsmouth Keeper house with the newly built maintenance barn on the left.

Straitsmouth Keeper House Readies for Occupancy.

The construction crew of NAPCO has completed a three-year project to restore the exterior and interior of the c 1878 keeper house located adjacent to the lighthouse. The seven-room house features two bedrooms, a bath, parlor/museum, kitchen and dining room, sitting area and solar control room. An effort was made to minimize the carbon footprint of the house by incorporating a variety of green technologies, including an indoor compost toilet, a triple filter water system which utilizes rain water and recycles the water for reuse and purifies the "gray" water produced from sinks and washing machine. It features its own solar power electric system and live video web cams for security purposes. Propane is used for an instant hot water heater, refrigerator and stove. Other than these modern enhancements, the house was restored to its original look using original building plans dating from 1875. These same plans were used to

build the principal keeper houses on Thacher Island as well as Seguin Island and Petit Manan, Maine, Baker's Island in Salem, Nobska Point, East Chop, and Nauset Beach on Cape Cod. Period furnishings have been collected and a small visitor center and museum will be available to the public in the parlor. Plans are to house volunteer summer keepers at mid-summer to watch over the island and welcome visitors. It is interesting to note that the first keeper house built in 1835 cost \$4091.29. The final cost to restore the house to its original splendor 180 years later was over \$400,000! Half of this cost was born by Mass Audubon for the external restoration work. Rockport Community Preservation Commission and other major donors provided the balance.



Stephen Vavak at work in the Straitsmouth barn. The Thacher Island Association plans to mount a plaque that will read, “This bench, designed and built by STEVE VAVAK, is dedicated to his memory, 2018”. (Courtesy Christine Lovgren.)

Stephen M. Vavak, Thacher Island Association board member and enthusiastic member of the Straitsmouth Savages work crew, died February 5, 2018.

His early adventures in the Coast Guard took him to Antarctica and the South Pacific, instilling a passion for the sea that led to later participation in sailing regattas. His sense of form and space led to a career in architecture, 40 years of which he spent creating practical, aesthetic work environments for the Polaroid Corporation. Thirty years in Rockport included a variety of volunteer positions, many of which, like his chairmanship of the Police Station Design and Building Committee, utilized his ability to design functional space.

Steve brought all that passion and expertise to the island association, both as part of the Straitsmouth landing ramp design committee, and as a member of the crew that labored to construct a barn before the fall shutdown of work. He was respected by other volunteers for his ability to work on the most minor details as well as create novel architectural solutions, including cantilevered workbenches and shelving suspended above the barn floor.

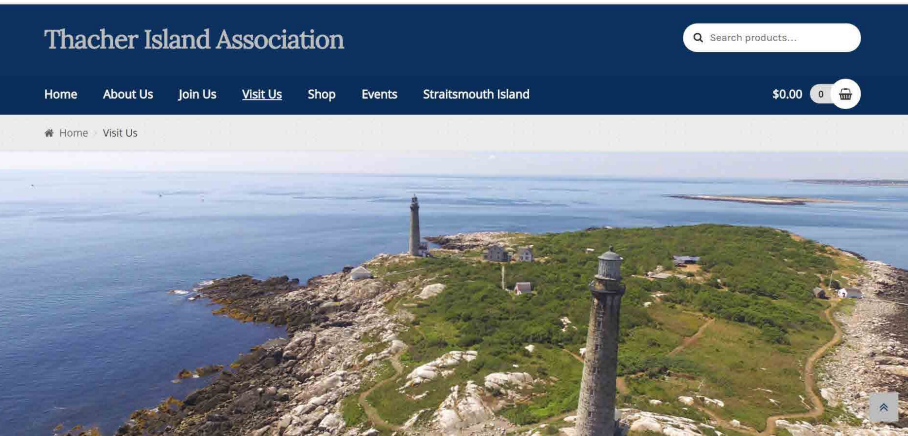
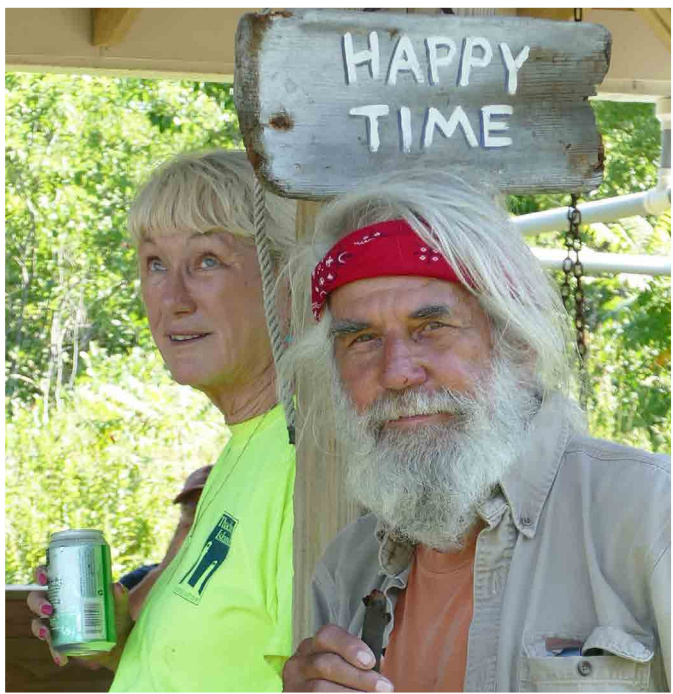
He is survived by his wife, Beate Becker-Vavak, children Stephen and Scott Vavak, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A FRACTIONAL THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO RETIREMENT

Syd Wedmore, chairman of the Thacher and Straitsmouth Islands Town Committee,

had his retirement carefully planned. In October he closed his 43-year-long medical practice preparatory to heart surgery. Then, he fell on his porch and broke his arm. The delayed mitral valve repair and bypass surgery was successfully performed in mid-December. Soon after he came home, his wife, Suellen, slipped and broke her ankle while walking their dog. Though it was a physically challenging Christmas, both are stubbornly recovering and expect to be keepers on Thacher Island the first week it opens in the spring.

(To see how NBC Boston covered Doc Wedmore’s retirement, Google “NECN.com Sydney Wedmore”)



A screen shot of the new web site home page.

Association Launches a New Web Site.

Rockport’s islands may be timeless, but technology is not. Thacher Island Association president Paul St. Germain discovered that as he waded through a maze of “parallel images,” “adaptive themes,” and “breadcrumbs” to have the Thacher Island website redesigned. “Website technology has advanced so much that we were being left behind,” said St. Germain about the need to provide a smoother, simpler, and more dynamic way to deliver information about the islands.

St. Germain enlisted the help of Go-Daddy, one of the nation’s largest web hosting and development services, in the effort to modernize the site and make it easier to navigate. Go-Daddy has hosted the Thacher site for the past 8 years.

The site features a new “shop” page, which makes purchasing Thacher merchandise, memberships, and Lighthouse Cruise tickets more efficient. It also features videos, historic photographs, copies of recent newsletters, and links to the islands’ live web cams and weather station.

Check it out at www.thacherisland.org.



Motif#1 knocked into Rockport Harbor in 1978. Photo Courtesy of Nick Barletta.



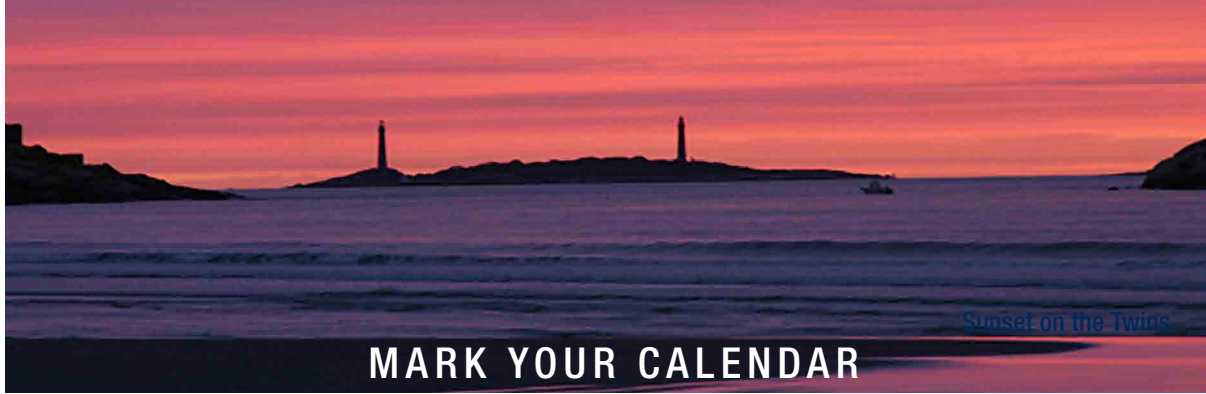
Weather station before the anemometer was lost.

Thacher Winter Weather Record

February of this year marked the 40th anniversary of the Blizzard of '78, when the region was hit with 27 inches of snow, Motif No.1 toppled into Rockport Harbor, 3,500 vehicles were abandoned on Route 128, 54 people died, and the vessel Can Do was lost with its five-man crew while going to the aid of the tanker Global Hope.

Though not as severe, this past winter broke a 116-year record set in the winter of 1917-18 for the longest stretch of days below 20 degrees. Several times between December 29 and January 6, the wind chill reached as low as minus 7 degrees. On January 4, winter storm Grayson, referred to by some meteorologists as a “bomb cyclone,” created wind gusts of 50-to-60 m.p.h.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 1

Membership Renewals are due. Check the mailing label for your membership status year. 2018 memberships are good through April 30, 2019. Use the enclosed addressed envelope and form or renew on-line at

www.thacherisland.org

Monday, May 14

Boat Launch Reservations Open. Make sure your 2018 membership is up to date to allow you to make the trip for free. Call 617-599-2590 for reservations.



Monday, June 18

Annual Meeting. Public is invited to the Rockport Community House, Broadway, Rockport at 7:00 pm to see what has been accomplished on Thacher and Straitsmouth in 2017 and what the plans are for 2018.

Friday, July 20

Annual Lighthouse Cruise. The trip around Cape Ann leaves from Captain Bill's Whale Watch, Harbor Loop, Gloucester, MA. Purchase tickets on-line at

www.thacherisland.org

For Volunteers, No Off-season

Dick Morris is restoring a Victorian bureau that Syd Wedmore and Ray Moss found on a Rockport sidewalk. Its final destination will be the newly restored keeper house on Straitsmouth.

Peter Bergholtz works on new air vents for the barn on Straitsmouth.

Paul St. Germain has hand-cut 10 Victorian gingerbread-style porch brackets using two-inch thick western red cedar.

He used the only remaining bracket as a template to cut the new ones. The brackets will be added to the two porches on Straitsmouth this summer.



At high tide, ocean water floods T Wharf in Rockport. (Jesse Costa/WBUR)

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At 12.1 feet, Rockport Harbor's highest tide since the Blizzard of '78 covered T-Wharf with a 2-foot surge of water that ran as far as Dock Square. Jim Cantore of the Weather Channel waded through ankle-deep sea water as he broadcast a warning to motorists parked on T-Wharf. (<https://youtu.be/SMiR4saA6QE>)

Thacher Island's ramp, which was damaged in a series of March storms, will

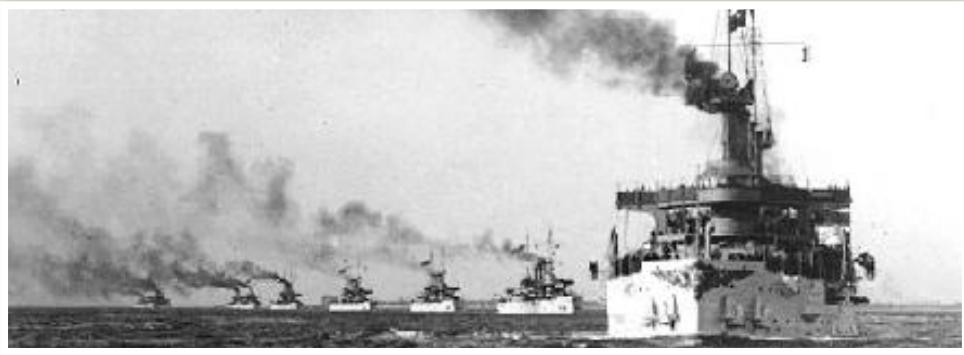
require repair before tourists launch trips can resume for the 2018 season.

The Thacher Island weather station, mounted on the assistant keeper house chimney, lost its ability to transmit wind speeds when a gust tore off its anemometer. The island's volunteer weather expert, Ken Baker, has purchased a more robust unit to take its place. It wasn't all bad news. The cold air moving over warmer water created a beautiful

form of fog called sea smoke. The striking photos of Thacher Island with sea smoke curling around the towers were taken by Gloucester photographer and Thacher Island Association member Kim Smith. She also took the photo used on the masthead of this issue.



The Twin lights are engulfed with sea smoke. (Courtesy Kim Smith)



USS Connecticut (BB-18) leads the Great White Fleet out of Hampton Roads, Virginia, on its world tour in 1907.

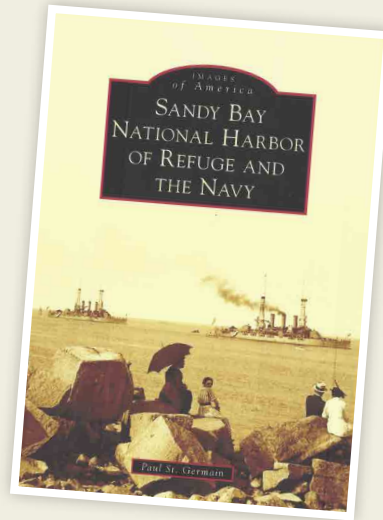
Sandy Bay National Harbor of Refuge and the Navy Book available May 28.

New book recounts history of the Sandy Bay Breakwater and the Navy visits in the 1900s.

In 1885 construction began on the second largest deep-water harbor in the world, second only to Cherbourg, France to be called the Sandy Bay National Harbor of Refuge. It would consist of a giant 9000- foot granite breakwater that would offer safe harbor to over 5000 vessels and enclose an area of 1600-acres. As it was being built, the U.S. North Atlantic Fleet began making annual visits to Rockport with their newest and largest warships, including most of Teddy Roosevelt's "Great White Fleet." These visits were designed to facilitate the fleet's training

maneuvers in the waters off Cape Ann as well as demonstrate the need for a protected harbor for national defense and security. Over a 30-year period, 21 annual visits occurred, with more than 100 naval vessels including battleships, cruisers, torpedo destroyers, submarines, dispatch yachts and other support craft anchoring in Sandy Bay Harbor.

Paul St. Germain, local Cape Ann author and historian, and a Rockport resident for twenty years, has written three other books in the Images of America series. He has drawn



from the Sandy Bay Historical Society archives, official U.S. Navy files and other private collections to develop a revealing record and interesting history of the building of the breakwater, the men, the ships and the events surrounding the Navy visits that occurred from 1899 to 1919. The book will be released on May 28. It will be available on our web site, local bookstores and Amazon.



The fleet baseball champions of the USS Iowa in 1907 played the USS Kentucky team on Straitsmouth Island for the title. (Courtesy Naval History and Heritage Command.)

Play Ball!

In the early 1900s, when Rockport selectmen denied visiting naval crews permission to play baseball on Sundays, Admiral Robert Evans had a baseball diamond built on Thacher Island, which, as federal property, was unaffected by the local Blue Laws.

The Thacher ball field was in addition to the one requested by Fleet Commander John E. Pillsbury. In July 1906, a letter from the US Light-House Board "authorizes the keeper of the Straitsmouth, Mass., Light-Station to permit the use of the grounds for ball playing

by the North Atlantic Fleet on the conditions mentioned and that the ground be left in good condition and that the light is not to be interfered with."

The same board had "no objections to certain members of the keeper's family at the Straitsmouth Light-Station selling to the personnel of the North Atlantic Fleet only and on the ball ground during games only, soft drinks, tobacco, cigars, and the like." The entrepreneurial keeper was Thomas W. Newcomb, who three years earlier burned down the

Straitsmouth barn while trying to keep his chickens warm.

The Straitsmouth ball field must have been popular with locals as well as sailors. According to news clippings, it was the scene of a Labor Day rivalry between the International Union of Steam Engineers and the Sons of Veterans, and, in September 1915, was the site of the final game of Rockport's Sandy Bay Club. After the Giants beat the Orioles, players and their fans settled down to a hearty clambake.

Thacher Merchandise



Go to www.thacherisland.org to order on-line for additional merchandise. Or send checks to Thacher Island Association, Box73, Rockport,MA 01966.



New Thacher Island Panorama T-Shirt
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Denim Keeper Shirt.

This 100% cotton soft denim shirt is a key item to own .It proudly shows off the Thacher Island twin lights embroidered. *Comes in S,M,L,XL, \$35.00 plus shipping and handling. (\$3.50)*



New Thacher Island Polo Shirts.

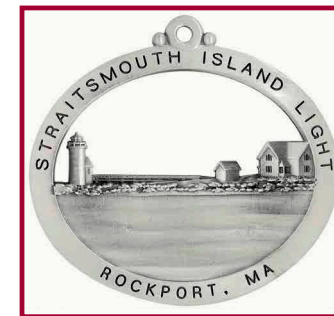
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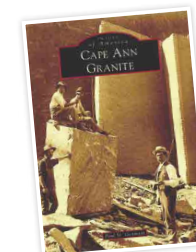
Colorful Hats. Shows off the Thacher Island Twin Lights logo. Yellow, Faded Blue, Khaki, Nautical Red. Adjustable, 100% cotton, washable. *\$22.00*



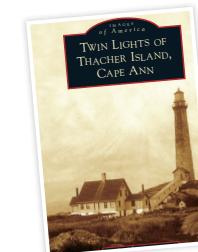
Lucite Magnets of Thacher and Straitsmouth Island Lights under the Milky Way by photographer David Zapatkas. Measures 2"x3"x1/4" *\$6.00 each plus shipping and handling. (\$1.00)*



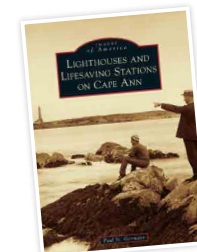
Thacher Island and NEW Straitsmouth Island Pewter Ornaments Each comes with a red ribbon and is highly detailed on both sides. Measures 2 3/4"high by 2 1/2", packaged in a gift box. Made by Hampshire Pewter. *\$15.95 plus shipping and handling (\$3.50). Item #'s P-2015 Thacher or P-2017 Straitsmouth.*



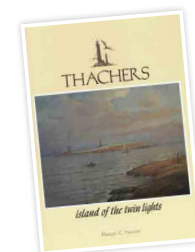
Cape Ann Granite Book by Paul St.Germain
\$20.00 plus shipping and handling (\$3.00)



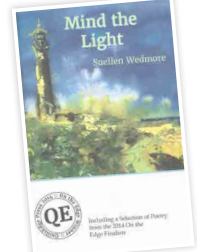
"Twin Lights of Thacher Island, Cape Ann"
\$20.00 plus shipping and handling. (\$3.00)



"Lighthouses and Lifesaving Stations on Cape Ann"
\$20.00 plus shipping and handling. (\$3.00)



"Thachers.... island of the twin lights."
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Mind the Light by Suellen Wedmore
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