

Painting by David Arsenault "String of Lights"

# Thacher & Straitsmouth Island News

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## Coast Guard Keepers Return to Thacher Island

They were young. BM2 Richard D'Entremont was 23 when he was named Officer in Charge of the Cape Ann Light Station (Thacher Island) in 1960. His new bride, Lillian, was 20.

Before they left the island in November 1963, Lillian had given birth to two daughters and had been airlifted off the island twice. The first time, when she was taken to Chelsea Naval Hospital for treatment of a breast inflammation, Richard found himself with six-week-old daughter Denise and no ready supply of milk. The Straitsmouth Coast Guard Station, responding in a choppy winter sea, shot a line to land and used a mail bag to deliver a single can of Similac.

Lillian's second helicopter ride was reported in the Boston Globe. "Light Keeper's Wife Flies, Stork Doesn't," read a February 1963 headline. "The baby will be another four weeks



Richard and Lillian D'Entremont

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"Mrs. D'Entremont is embarrassed about the whole thing," a Navy spokesman said. 'Her husband had a bad case of anxiety, and no harm was done at all.'" The nurse, navy spokesman, and the newspaper had a bit of stork to eat when Patty D'Entremont was born five hours later.

The D'Entremonts were not alone on what the Boston Globe called a "barren rock 2-1/2 miles out of Rockport Harbor." Richard's command included Coast

Guardsmen Richard Lord, Philip Guinard, and, later, Charlie Riker. All had wives, and the Lords had children about the age of the D'Entremonts. "We used to tether the toddlers to a cement block to keep them out of trouble," Lillian remembers.

In June of this year, Richard and Lillian D'Entremont returned to Thacher Island with their four grown children, eight of their nine grandchildren, four spouses and others. The trip, a celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary, was their chance to show their extended family where their married lives had started.

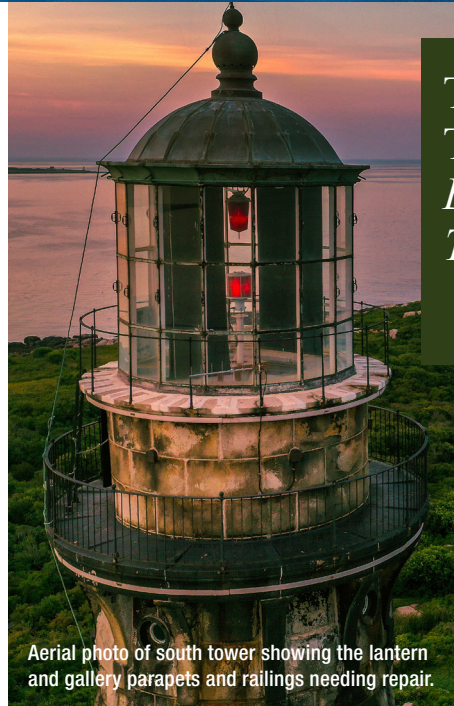
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The D'Entremont family



Aerial photo of south tower showing the lantern and gallery parapets and railings needing repair.

## The Thacher Twin Lights: Beacons of Time Passing



Close up of cracks in the parapet walkway.

Imagine standing on Thacher Island in all kinds of weather, enduring countless Nor'easters, pounding rain, and days of sun-filled heat. Now imagine doing that for 160 years. The wear and tear would be extraordinary. Well, that's exactly what the wonderful lighthouses on Thacher Island have done since they were erected in 1861. But, while they still stand tall as symbols of Rockport, the toll of more than a century and a half of harsh weather and salty ocean waters is showing.

Since its formation in 1981, The Thacher Island Association and the Town of Rockport have welcomed tens of thousands of visitors to Thacher, and the highlight of most of those visits was climbing the 156 steps and walking out onto the gallery for what are arguably the most spectacular views around. But sadly, in 2018, the North Tower, which is owned by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, had to be closed to visitors because a large piece of the tower fell onto the roof of the entry cabin. Rusting of the iron stanchion anchors can crack the granite block into which they are inserted, which, in turn, weakens the parapet walkways. That's what happened to the North Tower, and it's been closed to visitors since 2018. Now, though not yet as severe, the South Tower is showing

signs of the same kinds of deterioration.

Obviously, the association does not want to risk the closure of the South Tower, nor can we risk the safety of Thacher Island visitors. So, we're currently developing a three-year project that will culminate in construction to make the needed repairs to the South Tower. As of right now, the estimated cost for those repairs is \$400,000, which, when considered against the Tower's 160-year history and what it means to our community, doesn't seem like a lot. During the months between now and early 2024 when the repairs will likely begin, the association will be raising the funds to cover this once-in-a-century-and-a-half expense.

Thacher Island and its Twin Lights are among the most beautiful and unique assets around Cape Ann. Too many wonderful landmarks have fallen into disrepair, and we will do everything to make sure that doesn't happen here. But, with the help of generous donors, you can be sure that the Thacher Island Twin Lights will stand proudly—and safely—as stately beacons that will welcome people to Rockport and Cape Ann.

*Stay tuned for more information about this exciting and important project.*



# THACHER ISLAND VOLUNTEER WORK CREW

## WORK CREW PROFILE

### The DeWeese-Boyd Family

#### Keeping, The Family Together

While Thacher and Straitsmouth keepers are now mostly retirees, lighthouse keepers historically served while raising families. The DeWeese-Boyd family was drawn to a place without cars, with daily rhythms set by in- and out-going tides, sunrises and sunsets, and the mating imperatives of sea birds. They have especially liked being part of a community of “fun, quirky keepers and volunteers.” Even more than conversations and communal meals, it’s the problem solving that brings joy to Ian, who described the past season’s effort to resuscitate “what can generously be called a vintage Johnson outboard motor.” A nuclear physicist, a machinist, a philosopher, and a college student gathered around the motor they found hanging in the boathouse, each bringing a different form of knowledge, with every form considered equal.



A happy DeWeese-Boyd family.

Ian DeWeese-Boyd is the philosopher in that group. Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he met Margie, who hailed from East Tennessee, when they were both graduate students in St. Louis. Ian has a Ph.D. in philosophy, Margie a Ph.D. in political science and a Masters of Social Work in social

and economic development. They have worked in higher education for the past 25 years, most of that at Gordon College, which hired Margie, then Ian, and led to their move to Massachusetts.

Ian continues to work at Gordon College, but Margie does not. Despite 18 years as an associate professor and a unanimous senate faculty vote in her favor, she

was denied promotion to a full professorship after she spoke out about Gordon’s treatment of LGBTQ students and faculty. Gordon College eliminated her position after her lawsuit alleging discrimination was filed in Essex County Superior Court. The college has now appealed the case to the US Supreme Court, on the basis of the “ministerial exception.” (A provision that allows religious institutions to consider some employees “ministers,” exempting them from adhering to anti-discrimination statutes pertaining to those

employees, even if the institution accepts federal funding.) Jesse is pursuing a degree in history at UMass-Lowell. The sophomore wrote his college entrance essay about Thacher Island’s historic restoration and preservation efforts, an area in which he has developed a special interest. Aida, a senior at Georgetown High School who plans to study art in college, has also used the island as inspiration. In December of 2016, the then-thirteen-year-old entered Discover Portsmouth’s Annual Gingerbread House Contest with a 30-pound cookie model of Thacher Island complete with lighted twin towers.



Anita and Wayne Smith listen as Margie, Aida, and Jesse sing in the assistant keepers’ kitchen.

Both hope to be keepers on Thacher Island in the future, with or without their parents.

Ian, Jesse, and Aida, with assistant keepers Anita and Wayne Smith, stand on the launch behind head keeper Jeannette Haynes, and assistant keeper Margie DeWeese-Boyd.



Richard D'Entremont in uniform.

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Their grandchildren climbed the South Tower, which once held the first order Fresnel lens Richard and his men assiduously cleaned and maintained. Richard D'Entremont set off to tour the whistle house. Now a museum devoted to island mechanical devices, the whistle house once powered the foghorn, and, because it was the only building with 220 voltage, it also housed the dryer. The three island wives timed their entrance and exit from the whistle house to avoid foghorn blasts.

Lillian D'Entremont was happy to see the principal keeper’s house so

well restored and filled with early 20th century furniture. The back room of what is now the island’s museum was their kitchen, and the front room, now furnished as a turn of the 20th century parlor, was their bedroom. “Barboza slept in this room, too,” Lillian said, referring to Joe “The Animal” Barboza, who was held in protective custody in 1967 pending his testimony in a gangland trial. “Though not while I was here,” she clarified.

Richard went on to serve on a variety of lifeboat stations, lightships, patrol boats, buoy tenders and high endurance cutters from Maine to Cape Cod, serving

finally in Boston’s Marine Safety Office before his retirement from the Coast Guard in 1981. His family moved from Hampton, NH to Hull, MA, finally settling in Stoneham, but Thacher Island has always had a special place in their memories. Despite the hardships of window-rattling winds (the vegetation was much lower then, Richard observed), trips to the whistle house laundry room in the teeth of winter storms, and the occasional difficulty of getting off the island for supplies, they were in a beautiful place in the company of people they enjoyed.



Early 60s D'Entremont family photos

## ANOTHER CHAPTER

Cape Ann Light Station’s status as a family Coast Guard post had ended by the time sixteen FBI agents and federal marshals patrolled Thacher with guns and dogs to safeguard mob informant Joseph Barboza in the fall of 1967. After that, the island functioned as a “stag light station” manned by single men or married men without their wives. Three to four men were assigned, allowing one person off-island liberty while the others maintained the island.



Richard Fedion

the teenage lobsterman visited frequently and became something of a mascot to the group.

Richard Fedion was transferred to the Cape Ann Light Station two weeks after the Blizzard of '78. Marty Smith, now a bowman on the Thacher Island launches, served on Thacher from January to December 1980 and was the last Coast Guardsman off the island after the federal government transferred ownership to the Town of Rockport.

All four men tell a similar story: The island was beautiful, but to men who were mostly in their early twenties, it was boring duty. They turned the light and foghorn on and off and had

basic maintenance tasks, but “it was not the hectic pace of most of the other Coast Guard stations,” said Marty Smith. “There were more rats than seagulls in those days,” he added, so the men used to shoot them for amusement.

“The island could also be unsettling,” added Bob McDonald, talking about a foggy night when he had to walk to the whistle house to activate the foghorn. The island dog, whose guardianship passed from one group to another until it died in 1980, would not go with him. “He stood at the door, sniffing and whining,” he recalled. “I nearly jumped off the walkway when something brushed my leg. It took me a moment to realize the dog had changed its mind.”

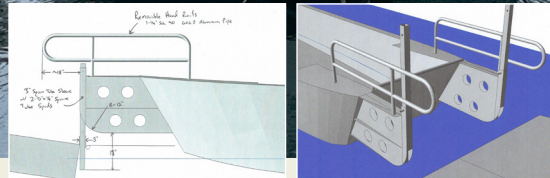
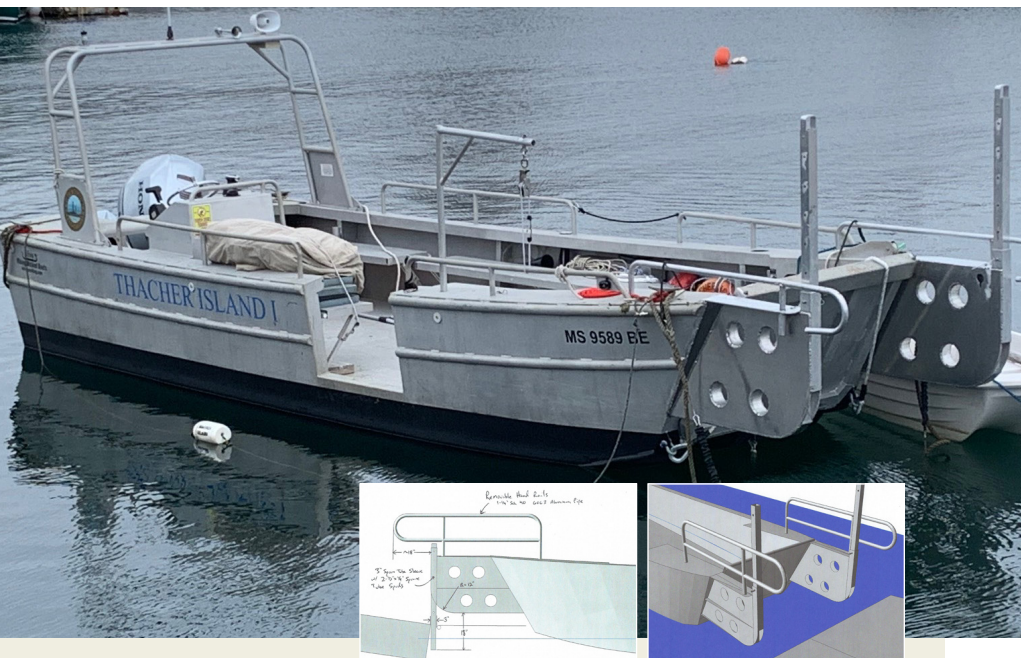
All the stag station coast guard keepers were happy to leave the island, but all were happy to revisit it this summer. The one observation made by everyone was about the existing vegetation. “We used to be able to see the houses from the boat house,” said Marty Smith. “Where did all these apple trees come from?” added Bob McDonald. “This much foliage is almost scary.”



David Robinson, Bob McDonald, and Marty Smith

Bob McDonald, who served on Thacher from November 1968 to May 1971, visited the island this summer in the company of David Robinson, who had originally met McDonald on a sea scout expedition aboard the Coast Guard vessel General Greene. When he learned that McDonald was stationed on Thacher Island,





## Thacher I gets a new bow bumper (push-knees) as described in the April 2021 issue.

The new bumpers permit a safer landing on the Straitsmouth ramp by allowing direct contact at extremely low tides, giving passengers a safer and easier access. Thanks to our fleet commander Tom Eldridge and driver Bob Krause for working with Viking Welded Boats in designing a most effective solution to this problem.



## TIA and ENHC work together to produce an attractive interpretive sign at Loblolly Cove.

Paul St. Germain and Bill Whiting displayed a newly installed interpretive sign at Loblolly Cove. Thacher Island Association board members Bill Whiting and Randy Saville worked with Anya Wilczynski of Essex National Historic Commission to produce the sign, which gives walkers a short history of the area and offers applications to join the association.

Paul St.Germain is shown with Bill Whiting while Randy took the photo.

# A season of returning

Spring brought seabirds back to their roosts on Thacher Island and songbirds back to Straitsmouth. Keepers and work crew members who had been unable to serve during the pandemic rejoined fellow volunteers who had kept island projects moving forward during the summer of 2020.



Another generation of oystercatchers was born on Thacher Island.

Launches once again carried visitors. Among those who returned were long-time members of the Thacher Island Association who were able to visit Straitsmouth Island for the first time, birders seeking to view the nascent colony of American Oystercatchers on Thacher, and those pursuing their own sentimental journeys. Former keepers returned with stories about the Coast Guard's last two decades on Thacher Island; descendants of keepers followed their own genealogical trails around the island; and a message in a bottle connected a keeper to an exchange student with fond memories of Massachusetts.



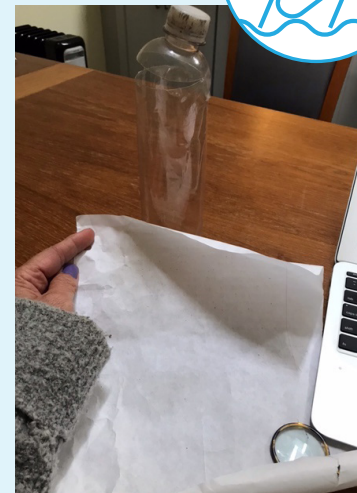
Claudia Morris and Kathy Heinze of Rockport visited Straitsmouth Island on the first day of newly inaugurated launch trips. Kathy is a former Thacher Island keeper.



Thatcher W. Kezer III, who visited Thacher Island with his wife Claire Kallelis, is the grandson of a child born on the island in 1901.



Thatcher Warren Kezer watches his father and older brother from behind the porch fence of the principal keeper's house on Thacher Island, c. 1902. According to family lore, keeper George Kezer rowed to the mainland for a doctor when his wife went into labor. By the time they returned, baby Thatcher Warren Kezer was waving to them from his mother's arms.



Ray Moss was clearing brush on Straitsmouth Island when he found a message in a bottle. Although the ink on the message had washed away, leaving only indentations on the paper, Straitsmouth keeper Meredith Glaser doggedly deciphered it with a magnifying glass.



Louise Schramm, a 16-year-old German exchange student, had thrown the bottle off a Cape Cod excursion boat in 2016. Although five years is a long time in the life of a teenage girl, Meredith received an answer to her email. Louise said she had gained so much confidence during her exchange year in Wilmington, Massachusetts, she accepted a 3-month internship in China, followed by a 3-month-long backpack trip through Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Malaysia, and Singapore. She is currently interning in Hamburg as part of her university studies in international business. When the borders reopen post-pandemic, she hopes to visit Straitsmouth Island.



Coastal Discoveries, a summer camp aboard the vessel "Island Time," resumed its weekly visits to Thacher Island. Participants climbed the South Tower.



William Chester Daggett.



Karen Pell, who visited the island with her husband Mike Sigward, is the great-granddaughter of William Daggett, a first assistant keeper on Thacher from 1918-1926.



Rockport artist David Arsenault visited Thacher Island with his wife, Reverend Sue Koehler-Arsenault, and members of her congregation on a July day they knew fellow Annisquam Village Church Congregants Peg Brady and David Condino would be keepers. The couple later paid a kayak visit to Straitsmouth Island. David Arsenault has done eleven paintings featuring Thacher and/or Straitsmouth islands, including "String of Lights," which is pictured on the masthead of this issue.







## Summer on Straitsmouth: Construction Continues



Harry Newell cleared trails.



Rich Calnan and Bruce Perkins installed an ice and water shield under clapboards to stop a leak in the keeper's house.



Alice Twombly caulked window casings in the keeper's house.



Bill Whiting and Peter Bergholtz constructed a stairway from the top of the embankment to the landing ramp.



Dick MacPherson and Steve Kowalski installed security cameras at the winch house.



A proud Peter Bergholtz stood at the bottom of the new stairs.



The Coast Guard performed maintenance on the foghorn.



Harry Newell, Bruce Perkins, and Rich Calnan put finishing touches on the composting privy.



A visitor found inspiration at the lighthouse.



Geologist Martin Ross explored Straitsmouth's rocky origins.



Cape Ann Savings Bank awarded Thacher Island Association a \$10,000 check toward restoration of the footbridge walkway to the Straitsmouth lighthouse. Left to right Randy Saville, Bill Whiting, Marianne Smith, Bob Gillis, and Paul St.Germain.



Christine Lovgren lowered trash to the ramp in preparation for its removal from the island.



### A Nine-Minute Field Trip to Straitsmouth

Lighthouse historian Jeremy D'Entremont produced a short video of his visit to Straitsmouth Island in July. Historic and contemporary photos, video footage, and an interview with keeper Larry Haynes give an overview of the island in its current state of renovation. Search for: United States Lighthouse Society Historian Videos — A visit to Straitsmouth Island Lighthouse, Rockport, Massachusetts, on July 13, 2021, (<https://uslhs.org/education/lighthouse-videos/us-lighthouse-society-historian-videos>)



With grants from Cape Ann Savings Bank and the Community Preservation Act Committee the Straitsmouth construction crew made significant progress on the reconstruction of a walkway to the base of the lighthouse.



Paul Sena wrestled a granite post into position for the walkway. Ray Moss and his Kubota assist.



The winch capstan is ready for use.



First use of the new winch equipment to pull the launch up the boat ramp.





## Summer on Thacher Island Maintenance and Fruition



Years of pruning by Donna Cusick resulted in a bumper crop of Thacher Island apples.



Sales cart loaded with summer merchandise.



Fred McGrath and Norm Delisle (pictured), David Anderson, Tom Mikus, and George Langer scraped and painted the principal keeper's house.



Donna Cusick, Joe Napolitano, and Fred McGrath fixed a leak in the roof of the principal keeper's house.



Donna Cusick, George Langer, and Norm Delisle replaced rotted boards on the landing ramp.



Jeannette Haynes and Syd Wedmore harvested ten years' worth of soil from the underbelly of the composting privy.



Dewey Glick trimmed vegetation along the rail bed.



Dick Morris worked on the back door of the museum.



### Members of Rockport's Community Preservation Act Committee visited Thacher Island to see the impact their funding decisions have made on past projects and to assess future funding needs.

At September's town meeting the residents voted in favor of the CPC recommended funding of \$30,000 for a new solar power complex on Thacher. This project will provide a safer and more robust system to supply power for the entire island.

The CPC visitors included from L to R Mary Ellen Quinlan, Denise Donnelly, Ruth George, David Donnelly, Erin Battistelli, Laurie Crotty, Phil Crotty, and John Hartl.

### Channel 5 WCVB TV's "Chronicle" comes to tour Cape Ann.

Although not visiting Thacher or Straitsmouth Islands, former president Paul St.Germain was asked to join host Ted Reinstein to help him discuss some of the area's highlights, including Halibut Point Reservation and Motif #1. The half-hour program also covered Dog Town, Hulu Moon Café, Rocky Neck and Essex clam shops.



Pictured here are St.Germain and Reinstein talking about the Babson Quarry and the former US Military fire control tower and visitor center.



The Coast Guard practiced landing techniques on the Thacher Island helicopter pad.



Cape Ann Museum staff members returning from a memorable visit to Thacher. Shown returning from Thacher are, L to R Oliver Barker, Miranda Aisling, Becky Robinson, Trenton Carls, Kate Ryan, and Erik Ronnberg Jr. Five others not shown were on the other boat. They were Kathleen Maiorana, Amanda Pollock, Noelle Jones, Paula Gray, and Beth Brau. Their visit was guided by former TIA President, Paul St. Germain.



Following multiple visitor reports that a Black-backed Gull had been incapacitated by what appeared to be a pink shirt affixed to its body like a diaper, work crew member Donna Cusick, docent Diane Cartwright, and keeper Julie Bisgaard set off for the South Bluff to investigate.



Julie held down the bird's body and Diane kept its beak closed while Donna cut away the T-shirt and a black band that held it in place at the base of the bird's tail. The gull was released unharmed. The three women had no doubt that the gull had been deliberately encumbered and were appalled that it might have been done by someone visiting Thacher Island.





# Magnificent Frigate Birds Soaring a Long Way from Home

A Magnificent Frigate Bird over the South Tower.

Thacher keepers were startled by the sight of a frigate bird soaring over the South Tower. These Magnificent Frigatebirds, far from their normal range near the equator, have angular wings evolved for a soaring life at sea. A call to Massachusetts Audubon suggested air currents coming north with storms "Fred" and "Henri" probably transported these magnificent birds toward Cape Ann, making them a transient visitor over Thacher. These birds will find air currents going south to return to their familiar and preferred breeding grounds in tropical mangrove vegetation.

How did they get this unusual name? They are enormous birds and can

maintain fast flight speeds with little effort. So, French mariners likened these birds to "fast warships" (Frigates), inspiring the English to call them "man-of-war" birds.

Other features suit this bird to life at sea. The beak is long and pointed with a hooked tip, allowing the bird to grasp slippery prey such as squid and flying fish without landing on the water. Long tail feathers are effective as rudders and those angular wings mean less flapping to stay aloft.

And so we wave goodbye to this occasional visitor; they will not be nesting any time soon on Thacher Island.

To listen to these birds, use this YouTube link from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUsxav\\_TZgM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUsxav_TZgM)



The Magnificent Frigatebird's angular wings can span 7.5 feet and are suited to soaring flight.



## WE ARE GRATEFUL, AS ALWAYS

**Fulfilling our mission on Thacher and Straitsmouth Islands would not be possible without an incredible amount of help from a wide variety of sources.**

First and foremost is the help we get from our volunteers who serve as boat captains, boat crew, docents, keepers, board members and members of the Wednesday work crew...carpenters, mechanics, painters, and trail workers. These groups put in thousands of hours every year to keep the islands running.

Certainly, no organization, especially a non-profit like ours, can exist without a significant level of financial support. The Thacher Island Association was blessed this year to receive large grants from Cell Signaling Technology, Cape Ann Savings Bank, and the Town of Rockport Community Preservation Committee. In addition, we received generous donations from several family charitable trusts. We were also fortunate to receive hundreds of donations from our members and for that, we are most grateful.

In the last newsletter we said that better days are ahead and in the summer of 2021 that proved to be true. Because of the level of support we have received, we were able to make significant progress on several projects as are described in this issue.

For all of you that have made all this possible, words cannot express our deep gratitude.

Bill Whiting  
President



Restored bench by keeper Patti Wegmann.



Please purchase island merchandise for the holidays.

[thacherisland.org/about-us/shop/](http://thacherisland.org/about-us/shop/)

Make your year-end donations and membership renewals using the enclosed envelope.

Thank You



### New Straitsmouth T-Shirt



New Straitsmouth short-sleeved T-shirt with graphic of the island logo in mist color. 100% cotton sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL. Price \$24.50 incl. shipping.

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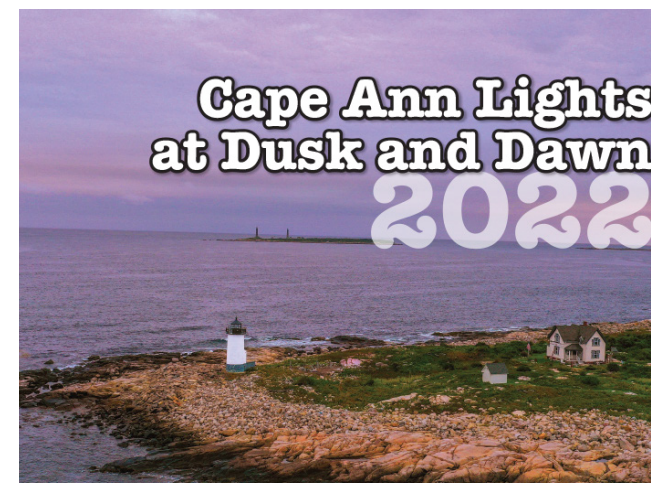
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CAPE ANN'S TIMELESS SODA POP

PAUL ST. GERMAIN AND DEVLIN SHERLOCK



Devlin Sherlock (R) came to Rockport recently to meet with co-author Paul St. Germain to sign their new book. All books now purchased through our web site will be available signed as well as with a bonus magnet of a vintage Twin Lights Tonic label and a souvenir post card. Price: \$29.00 incl shipping



### New Calendar 2022

The new year 2022 calendar is entitled "Cape Ann Lights at Dusk and Dawn" with striking aerial drone photos of all six lighthouses around Cape Ann. Price \$25.00 incl. shipping.

#### Cape Ann Lights at Dusk and Dawn 2022

The Association would like to recognize the drone photographer Luke Wallace for his excellent photography in terrible weather conditions and difficult time restrictions. He can be reached at: [lukeharrisonwallace@gmail.com](mailto:lukeharrisonwallace@gmail.com) or Instagram: [lukewallacetravels](https://www.instagram.com/lukewallacetravels) 978-522-0999



All proceeds go to the Thacher Island Association for its restoration efforts on both islands.



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**Forty-five Island volunteers enjoyed each other's company at the annual Thacher Island barbecue.**

Front row kneeling L to R: Inanc Cavdar, Christine Baron, Terry Krause, Marty Smith, Diane Cartwright, Tom Mikus, George Langer, Kristy Rudel, Suellen Wedmore, Syd Wedmore, Tom Eldridge, Jeff Taylor. Top two rows : Dick Morris, Roy Johnston, John Twombly, Brian Hardy, Larry Haynes, Rich Lorigan, Peter Bergholtz, Harry Newell, Bob Krause, Ed Hand, Nate Ives, Jeannette Haynes, Christine Lovgren, David Anderson, Randy Saville, Heidi DeLisle, Norm DeLisle, Karen Wise, Donna Cusick, Gus Harrington, Fred McGrath, Bill Whiting, Sandy Lorigan, Alice Twombly, Karen Maslow, Gail Zeman, Joanne Sullivan, Bob O'Keefe, Dick MacPherson, Seth Cutter, Meredith Glaser, Sharron Cohen.

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