

The Thacher Island News

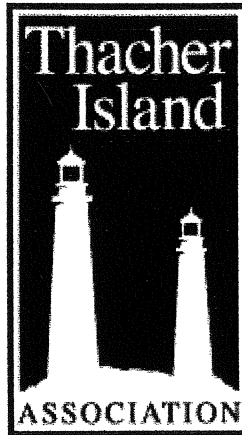
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Annual Meeting Notice

The Annual meeting of the Thacher Island Association will be held on June 24, 2002 at the Peggy Brenner Room of the Rockport Public Library at 7:30 PM.

All members are encouraged to attend. President Paul St. Germain will review the years events and discuss plans for this coming year. A progress report on the newly installed roof of the Assistant Keepers dwelling as well as details on the rental apartment and the keeper training program will also be discussed. Last year over 75 members attended. We are hoping to see more of you this year. Please make an effort to attend and participate. This is your Association and we need all the help and support we can get. As you know the Island is totally supported by your donations and gifts. We do not rely on town funding to restore the Islands structures and facilities. Thacher Island's National Historic Landmark status make it even more critical that we continue our efforts to restore this valuable resource that graces Cape Ann's shoreline. Please come and support our efforts.



Final Call for Membership 2002

Enclosed with this issue is an application for renewal of your membership. As of June 1st we have only 42% participation. We need 100%. Please fill out the form and send your renewal as soon as possible. Check the mailing label on the reverse side of this newsletter and note the code in the upper left hand side. If it says 02 or LIF then you are paid up for 2002. If the code is any other number then its time for you to renew. Currently we have over 500 names on our mailing list. We need everyone to renew their membership. Membership is our key source of funding that enables us to keep the restoration and maintenance efforts going. Your membership entitles you to a ride out to the island in the Thacher Island launch, a member card, window sticker with our new logo, and copies of our newsletter as well as an invitation to our annual meeting.

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Thacher Island Town Committee Needs a Secretary.

For the past few years John Krenn has acted as both Treasurer and Secretary of the Thacher Island Town Committee. His double duties have been much appreciated but as Committee activities increase there is a need to have a separate secretary. Anyone interested in filling this impor-



tant position is requested to contact the Thacher Island Town Committee Chairman, Dr. Sydney Wedmore at 978-546-3754. No experience is necessary, only a desire to help. Committee meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month and last usually no more than an hour. Duties include keeping the minutes of each meeting and handling the minimal correspondence that may be required.

Annual Lighthouse Cruise is set.

The fifth Annual Lighthouse Cruise is planned for July 19. This is our largest fund raiser of the season and receives great support from the community. This year the "Yankee Spirit" will be used to sail us around Cape Ann to show us the lighthouses of Thacher, Staitsmouth Island Lights in Rockport, Eastern Point, Ten Pound Island in Gloucester as well as Annisquam Light. The cruise will leave from The Yankee Fleet's pier at 75 Essex Ave (Rte133) in Gloucester, MA. at 6:30 and return by 9:30PM. Jeremy D'Entremont, writer, lighthouse expert and member of the American Lighthouse Foundation will be the narrator. Beverages will be available for sale aboard the boat. You are invited to bring your own food if desired. Tickets are on sale now for \$25.00 per person and can be purchased by calling Cynthia Peckham at the Sandy Bay Historical Society, 978-546-9533 or Bob Eirich at 978-546-6056 or by writing to the Thacher Island Association, Box 73, Rockport, MA 01966. Reservations can only be held for 3 days or until we receive your check. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

