

# The Thacher Island News

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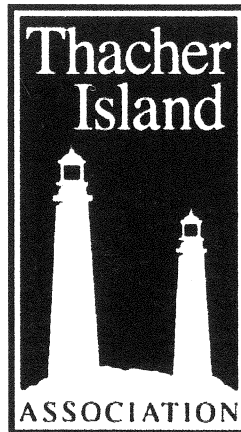
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## Annual Meeting Notice

The Annual meeting of the Thacher Island Association will be held on June 21, 2004 at the Rockport Community House 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 restoration efforts of the Principal Keeper House, the status of the electric cable and renewable energy projects and election of Board members and officers. 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.



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## Final Call for Membership Renewals 2004

Enclosed with this issue is an application for renewal of your membership. To date we have only received renewals from 100 of the over 400 annual members. 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 04 or LIF then you are paid up for 2004. If the code is any other number then its time for you to renew.* 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. Fill out the form on page 3. Thanks

## Thacher Island Association Announces its Annual Event Schedule for the Summer of 2004.

**June 21- Thacher Association Annual Meeting**, 7:30pm at the Rockport Community Center, 58 Broadway, Rockport, MA 01966. Public is invited. Refreshments will be served and new officers elected and the review of events and accomplishments during the year, an update on the electric cable repair as well as plans for the future, will be announced.

**July 16-Thacher Island Annual Lighthouse Cruise** will take place leaving aboard the YANKEE FLEET from their docks on Essex Ave in Gloucester. Tour will start at 6:30 pm and pass by the 6 lighthouses of Cape Ann : Annisquam Light, Ten Pound Island, Eastern Point, Thacher Island and Straitsmouth Island Light. Refreshments available on board. Donation is \$25.00. Call for information and reservations at 978-546-6821.

**August 11&14-Annual Art & Photo Days on Thacher.** Each day we will have 2 trips to the island to allow photographers and artists to create their work using the islands resources and natural beauty as inspiration. Donation is \$25.00 and includes the boat trip, beverages and a tour of the island for those interested. Call 978-546-9278 for information and reservations.

**September 5& 6-Thacher Island Art Show and Sale.** To be held at the Firehouse Trust building in Dock Square, Rockport, MA from 10-4 each day. Art from the art and photo day will be displayed and sold. All proceeds go to the Thacher Island restoration efforts. Admission is free.

**September 25-Third Annual ENHC Trail & Sails: A Weekend of Walks and Water.** We will offer two free trips to Thacher on Saturday Sept 25 at 9am and another at 12pm. Trips will include a tour of the island, a climb to the top of the North Tower, visits to the keeper houses and walks along the various trails. There are spaces for only 15 people per trip. NO ADVANCE RESERVATIONS .First come first served. Children must be over 5 years of age. Meet at the Town Dock at 9am. (Rain Date is September 26).

### Stock up on Thacher Items for the summer!

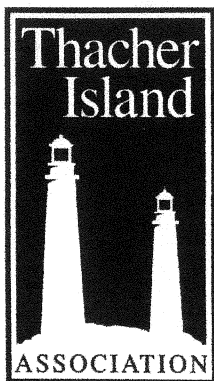
- T-Shirts \$20.00 Pins \$4.00 Mugs \$6.00
- Hats \$20.00
- Striped Polo Shirt \$38.00
- Denim Shirts \$40.00
- Sweat Shirts \$35.00
- Full Color Aerial map of Thacher Island \$10.00
- *Thacher ...island of the twin lights* book \$22.00

Send checks to :

Thacher Island Association  
P.O. Box 73  
Rockport, MA 01966

All proceeds are used for restoration efforts.  
All prices include postage and handling.





**Thacher Island Association**  
**P.O.Box 73**  
**Rockport MA. 01966**  
**Annual Solicitation**  
***Second Notice***

**For Membership Year 2004**  
**(April 30, 2004-April 30, 2005)**

<b>Standard</b>	Individual or family, minimum of	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Business or Corporate</b>	Minimum of	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Life</b>	Individual or family, minimum of	<b>\$250.00</b>

**Please make checks payable to Thacher Island Association**  
a 501(c) (3) organization donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law

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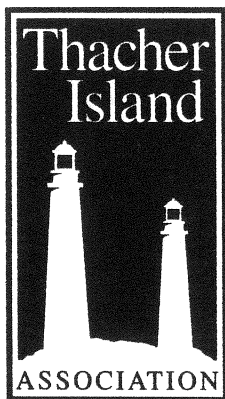
**Comments or Suggestions:**

## **Time to renew your membership**

Its time to renew your membership. We have over 600 members today and want to keep each one of you on the list. Its more important than ever now that the island is reopened and ready to receive visitors. With your membership you receive a member card, a member window sticker for your car or boat as well as a ride to the island on Saturday mornings plus issues of our newsletter 3 times a year. ***Check the mailing label on the reverse side of this newsletter and note the code in the upper left hand side. If it says 04 or LIF then you are paid up for 2004. If the code is any other number then its time for you to renew.***  
Your assistance is needed to continue our efforts to save and restore this National Historic Landmark. Please use the enclosed form above to renew today. Thanks.

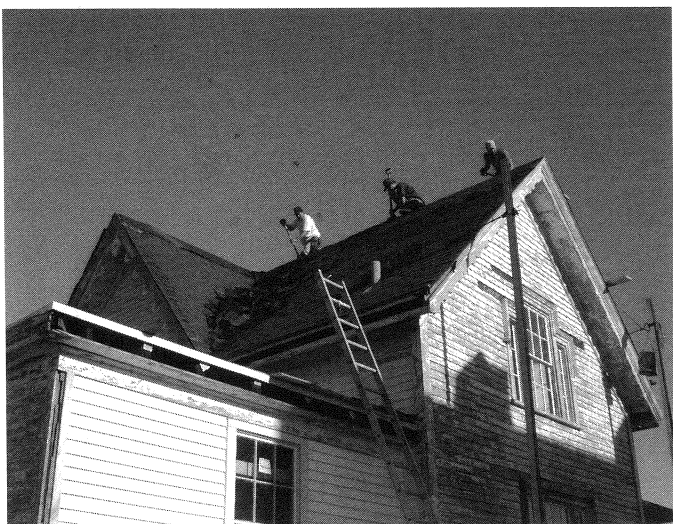
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**Non-Profit Organization**  
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**Rockport, MA.**  
**Permit No. 19**

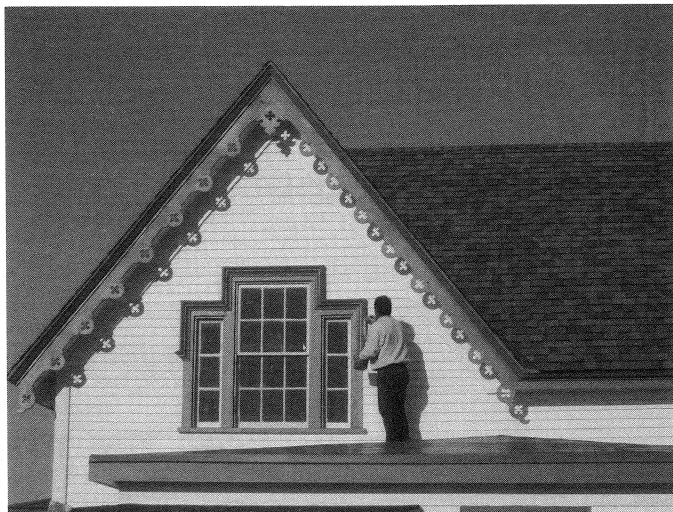


**Web: [www.thacherisland.org](http://www.thacherisland.org)**  
**E-Mail: [info@thacherisland.org](mailto:info@thacherisland.org)**

**Check your mail label above to be sure you are paid up for 2004.**



*Workers strip the old roof shingles.*



*Note the new roof and restored ornate gingerbread trim and windows on the south elevation.*

## **Work progresses on Principal Keeper's House .**

We began exterior restoration of the wooden Principal Keeper's house this past August. Plans are to replace and repair the roof, clapboards and external trim and refurbish the inside including all new utilities, heat, electric and plumbing. The ultimate goal is to incorporate a visitors center, interpretive exhibit, gift shop and accommodations for our volunteer summer keeper's. Exterior work will be completed by the end of June this year and interior work will be started later this summer.