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A dramatic sunset over the ocean with two lighthouses on a distant island. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with bright golden light breaking through near the horizon, creating a silhouette effect on the lighthouses and the island. The water in the foreground is dark and textured with small waves.

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VOLUNTEER WORK CREW PROFILE: JOANNE SULLIVAN

Docent Coordinator

Joanne Sullivan volunteered for Thacher Island's work crew at a time when visitors needed to be kept safely clear of rusted railings on the lighthouse parapets. She was one of three volunteers who took turns monitoring the top of the south tower, opening the watch room door so visitors could look out but keeping them off the parapet. From that beginning nine years ago the docent crew was formed, and Joanne was central to its growth not just in numbers -- the group now averages 14 volunteers a season -- but in the range of tasks it performs.

Currently, multiple docents are required on every day the launches take visitors to Thacher and Straitsmouth islands. Their tasks now include signing in visitors at the mainland dock, greeting and orienting them on Thacher, selling and keeping track of inventory in the islands' gift shops, and occasionally helping keepers land launches. In addition to manning her preferred top-of-the-tower station, Joanne coordinates the docent schedule, recruits volunteers, gives guidance on the history of the islands and use of the emergency heart defibrillator, and meets with other docents to collect feedback on the program, which, she says, "is always being improved." She expects volunteers to meet a consistent standard, but she is quick to add that "every docent brings her own unique experience and abilities to the islands."

Joanne honed her management skills during a career in nursing. Armed with an undergraduate degree in psychology and sociology, she earned an RN degree from Lankenau Hospital in Philadelphia, then remained there for two years with its cardiac surgical team. When her husband, Mark, then a director of health systems for John Hancock, was transferred to Boston, she went to work at Lahey Hospital in Burlington, first in telemetry, then in the hospital's Surgical Intensive Care Unit, where she served as charge nurse on the evening shift.

Deciding to give up evening and weekend shifts after the birth of her fourth child, Joanne used her medical telemetry experience in the biotech field. For the last ten years of her career she criss-crossed the country, teaching other nurses how to extract data and enter it into a database to fuel future improvements in the Abiomed heart pump. In retirement, she volunteered to give flu and COVID inoculations during the pandemic and still volunteers when Gloucester's Public Health Department needs an extra nurse for school or public inoculation sites.



When she isn't answering questions and dispensing "I Climbed the Tower" certificates at the top of Thacher's lighthouse, Joanne enjoys relaxing with her husband on their boat, spending time at Plum Cove Beach with any combination of her seven grandchildren, and painting watercolor landscapes.

Joanne says that being part of the docent program has changed her in a significant way. "When I first started, I was terrified of the parapet," she admits. "I used to practically crawl out to hook the door open, then hurry back in. Now I walk around to the ocean side and take a deep breath of salt air. It's exhilarating to be on the parapet looking at that magnificent view."

— Sharron Cohen

THE PROPOSAL

Many couples have gotten engaged on Thacher Island over the years and here is the latest, Ross Feldman and Colette Maalouf, who became engaged on Sept. 18, 2025. Congratulations and best wishes to Ross and Colette!



Photo credit: Cayden Grooms

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of Straitsmouth and Thacher Islands,

At our annual meeting on February 25, we sailed into our forty-seventh year with many projects in progress. It was a great evening!

We opened by sharing some positive numbers in two key areas: the financial strength of the TSIA and our goal of attracting and retaining members.

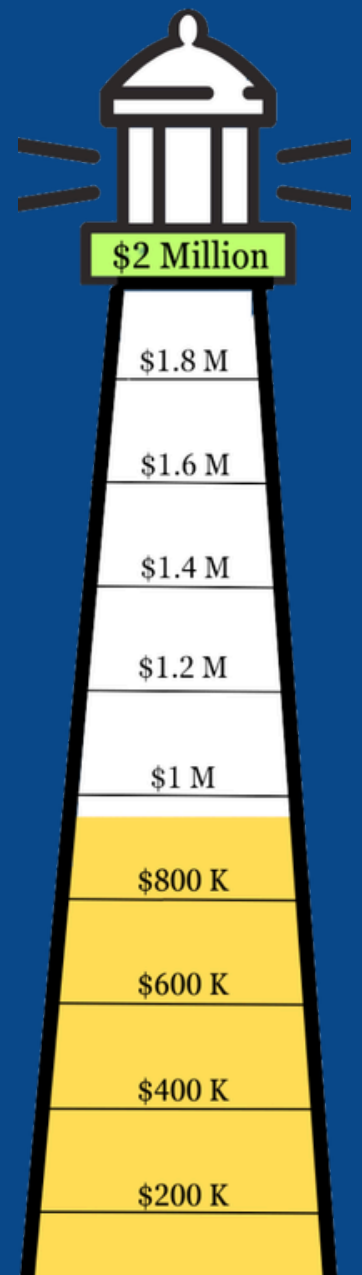
The meeting's highlights were two slide shows by volunteer Norm Delisle, presenting work done last summer on the Thacher ramp and Straitsmouth entry cabin, and a beautifully crafted twelve-minute video tribute to our many volunteers, produced by 1623 Studios in Gloucester. You can watch all three on our website.

President Emeritus Paul St. Germain walked us through a very moving slide show detailing the significant and lasting contributions of Peter Bergholtz, long-time TSIA volunteer, board member, and vice president, who passed away last spring. Peter was involved in the design, renovation, and construction of virtually every structure on both islands over the past twenty years.

Finally, I gave an update on our campaign to raise \$2 million by 2028 to restore the lantern room and keep the light shining at the top of Thacher's South Tower. In addition to the \$400,000 pledged by the Town of Rockport's Community Preservation Committee, we've raised another \$563,000, including gifts from the Cummings Foundation, the estate of the late Russell Sandfield, DDS, and several anonymous donors. We're immensely grateful, and we continue to look for more sources of funding for this critical project.

As always, our officers, board members and I are deeply grateful for your longstanding interest and support for the work we do.

— *Bill Whiting*



NEW DISCOVERIES ENHANCE SECOND EDITION OF DELIVERANCE FROM AN ANGRY SEA



Co-authors Tom Hagley, Sr. and Paul St. Germain announce a complete update to their novel *Deliverance from an Angry Sea*, first published in 2022. The revised edition features a new narrative point of view and some major historical discoveries.

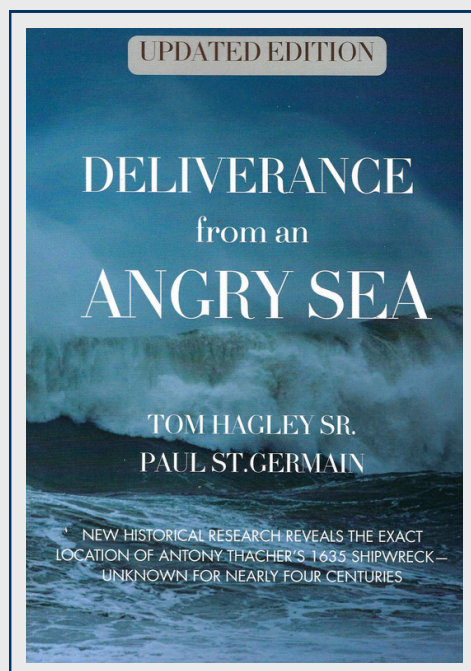
Hagley has rewritten the story of Antony and Elizabeth Thacher's shipwreck in Antony's own voice. He says, "I decided not to remain an observer, but to step into the shoes of Antony himself. By giving him voice in this revised edition, I began to feel the weight of his decisions, the hope in his prayers, the anguish of his loss, and the resilience of his survival. This is not simply his story told about him — it is his story told through him."

St. Germain and historian Mason Browne offer new information — supported by photographs and groundbreaking research — about the location where Thacher's ship, *Watch & Wait*, wrecked. Their findings end nearly 400 years of conjecture, confirming in documentary and visual evidence what no one before

before them could prove: the precise place where Thacher's vessel broke apart in the hurricane of 1635. Using photographic technology, current and wind and wave analysis, and Thacher's own words as a guide, their findings match Thacher's written description with incredible accuracy.

St. Germain lives in sight of Thacher Island and Dry Salvages and is President Emeritus of the Thacher and Straitsmouth Island Association, and Browne is a recent past Commodore of the Sandy Bay Yacht Club in Rockport. With the goal of putting to rest all the divergent opinions of numerous historians, Browne was determined to find the exact location of the shipwreck. His idea to photograph both the north and south sides of the Dry Salvages reef enabled him to verify Thacher's written description of the wreck.

Browne and St. Germain have also identified new information about how Antony and his wife Elizabeth were cast upon a stony beach at the southwestern end of Thacher island. Browne's sailing days around Thacher since the 1950s give him intimate knowledge of currents and expertise in wave and wind conditions. The location is dominated by an eddy which circulates with the tides, creating a very large and powerful whirlpool. Browne stated, "It caught Antony and Elizabeth, and Antony also mentions that much of the wreckage of the *Watch & Wait* and Thacher's belongings ended up near them where they washed ashore. This eddy would have spun them around and headed them right to the beach at the end of the island."



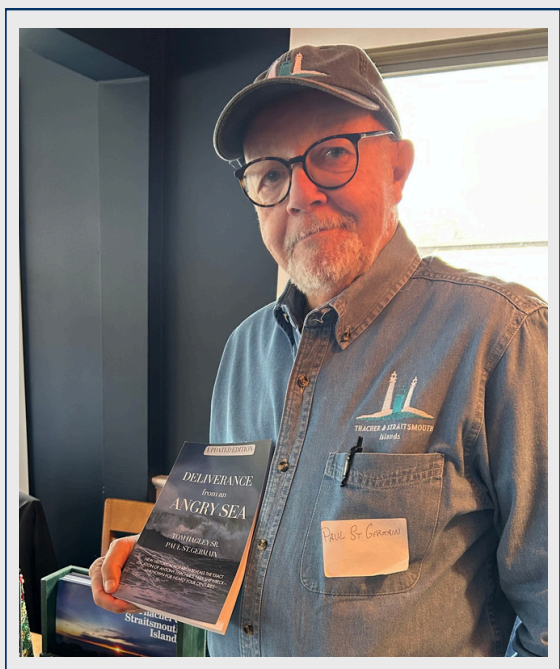
St. Germain has spent the last 28 years volunteering on the island and concurs with Browne's conclusion. He stated, "Without the eddy they would have headed toward Provincetown or even farther out to sea. In addition, without the beach-like conditions, it would have been very difficult to self-rescue. They were very lucky to have an eddy and an adjacent safe landing zone with associated shallow water conditions."

"I have witnessed this eddy for years. To this day it is an area that collects flotsam including parts of vessels hulls, lobster traps, rope tangled from fishing boats, fishing nets, and trash of all kinds which our volunteers have to periodically clean up," said St. Germain.

Both Thachers had floated on the ship's wreckage, Antony on a piece of the broken mast and Elizabeth on random pieces of the quarter deck. Both were beached within yards of each other.

This book is available on the Thacher Island website thacherisland.org, in bookstores around Cape Ann, and on Amazon.

— Paul St. Germain



In Memoriam
Thacher Island keeper, 2008-2018

ROBERT JOSEPH

November 1929 - January 2026

Bob Joseph was born at the Allerton Coast Guard Station in Hull and moved to Rockport when his father was made Coast Guard commander for the port of Gloucester during World War II. It would seem a straight line to becoming a volunteer Thacher Island keeper, but Bob's life went south -- literally. Bob's degree in chemistry from Boston University led to a job at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, where he met Tennessee native Cleopatra Yearwood. Marriage and five children later, he was the manager of a Kroger grocery in Knoxville.

A high school reunion brought him and his daughter Jeannette to Rockport in 2006. She remembers walks along the shoreline where the view of Thacher Island reminded her father of twin towers on a high school ring that he had long before lost while swimming. Later, when one of Bob's former classmates told him there were openings for intern keepers, he and Jeannette flew back to interview for the positions. Inclement weather prevented them from visiting the island then, but they returned again in late summer for training. For the next ten years, Bob and his daughter served as keepers for the month of June -- a crucial start-of-season month that called on all the maintenance skills Bob had learned while managing rental apartments he owned near the University of Tennessee.



Bob Joseph with daughter, Jeannette Haynes, Thacher Island early in their keeperships. Photo credit: Sharron Cohen



Jeannette Haynes, Roger Perkins and Bob Joseph in front of the Thacher Island boathouse, June 2017. Photo credit: Sharron Cohen

After a decade of keepership, Bob left the responsibility for the island in the hands of Jeannette and her husband, Larry Haynes, though, according to Jeannette, her father used to watch the island cameras and call her with suggestions.

Bob Joseph is remembered by other Thacher volunteers as a kind, intelligent man who brought an array of problem-solving skills to a challenging position. He enjoyed the renewed connection with his past, the chance to spend time with childhood friend Roger Perkins, who was then on work crew, and relaxing in the boat house at the end of the day, especially when there was a Red Sox game on the radio.

PLANS FOR 2026 ISLAND PROJECTS

Come spring, our island work crew volunteers are anxious to learn about the projects they'll work on during the upcoming summer months. They are also wise enough to know that surprises might await us on our initial spring inspection tours.

Last year, a huge unplanned project screamed for attention: the lowest portion of the Thacher boat ramp had rotted away. As Kurt Vonnegut so elegantly put it, "So it goes." It was no surprise that some ramp repairs would be needed; just about every year, we replace about a dozen planks ravaged by winter storms and old man time. The seas did a convincing job of hiding the advancing decay, exposing it only during the lowest spring tides (which only occur for about an hour, four times per month during the new and full moons). Our volunteers had to rebuild it quickly so visitor boat operations could resume on schedule in June.



Paul Sena and Doc Wedmore inspect the decayed end of the Thacher boat ramp. Photo credit: Bill Whiting

The second massive project last summer was planned: the historically accurate reconstruction of the entry cabin for the Straitsmouth lighthouse. The crew did an amazing job erecting the brick-sided structure. As a top priority, this ambitious three-year project is expected to be completed this year, including exterior painting and installation of the slate roofing, the custom-fabricated door, and the window.



Partially completed Straitsmouth lighthouse entry cabin. Photo credit: Bill Whiting

The emphasis of this year's new projects will be comfort, appearance, and tidiness.

- Repair damage to the Thacher boat ramp (the webcam shows significant damage from pounding seas on February 1st)
- Install ceiling fans in the four bedrooms on the 3rd floor of the Thacher Assistant Keeper House (AKH).
- Finish plastering and repainting the bedrooms on the 3rd floor of the Thacher AKH.
- Replace the ceiling in the larger kitchen of the Thacher AKH.
- Remove discarded material from past projects on both islands.
- Paint the iron stairs in the Thacher South Tower.
- Introduce additional landscaping around the site of the Radio Compass Station at the south end of Thacher.
- Install a ceiling fan in the Thacher boat house.
- Eradicate invasive plants on Straitsmouth.

Both visitors and volunteers will appreciate these aesthetic and functional enhancements to the island experience. But don't be fooled, these tasks are not trivial. For painting, surface preparation typically includes scraping, repairs, and a thorough washing. Installing ceiling fans will require 2x4 bracing to reinforce the old lathe-and-plaster ceilings that won't support the weight of the fan on their own. And if you have ever climbed the 156 steps of the South Tower spiral staircase, you've noticed the intricate designs of the cast iron and can imagine how challenging that painting task will be.



South Tower spiral stairway after its most recent painting in 2008. Photo credit: Paul St. Germain

Powered by donuts and coffee, we hope to complete the majority of these projects in 2026. If you happen to be wandering around the islands this summer, please be sure to tell our volunteers how much you appreciate their efforts, craftsmanship and craftswomanship, and dedication.

— Norm Delisle

VOLUNTEER WITH OUR MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS TEAM!

The TSIA's all-volunteer Marketing & Communications Team's goal is to support our mission by strengthening engagement with members and donors and increasing community awareness. If you have skills and experience in this area, we would welcome your assistance as we:

- Develop and implement marketing and communication strategies
- Create engaging content for social media, email outreach, newsletters, and website updates
- Draft press releases and outreach materials
- Support fundraising campaigns and special events.

If you are reading this newsletter, we know you are already a TSIA member, but if you are ready to engage further, we would love to hear from you! To learn more about this volunteer opportunity, please send an email to info@thacherisland.org.

— Kristy Rudel



VISIT STRAITSMOUTH & THACHER ON OUR LAUNCH THIS SUMMER

It promises to be another busy season of visitor boat traffic to the islands with changes in TSITC guidelines important to any visitor.

Passenger safety is the highest priority when operating TSITC launches. Weather and seas are always different, change unpredictably and are often difficult for TSITC's small vessels, prompting cancelled trips. So, this season TSITC is moving cancellation decisions to the morning of departure when TSITC Boat Captains can experience conditions before taking on passengers.

If boats are cancelled, you will be contacted by phone and email. A cancel decision is typically made that morning at the dock at 6:15 AM. A volunteer will call using their personal phone so please answer any unknown call that morning.

SO, WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR TICKETED PASSENGERS?

1. On your day of departure, after 6:15 AM, call the Boat Cancellation Phone (978-546-5000 ext 42628) to confirm boats are running. This line is not monitored, messages are not reviewed. We take no responsibility for the weather, but some days will be perfect in Rockport and not good for travel on the open ocean.
2. The boat schedule for 2026 has been modified to accommodate cancellations. Only cancelled passengers in the prior two weeks will be permitted to buy tickets for the extra Thursday events.
3. If boats are cancelled, you will be contacted by phone and email. A cancel decision is typically made that morning at the dock at 6:15 AM. A volunteer will call using their personal phone so please answer any unknown calls that morning.

Otherwise, our boat schedule is unchanged from last year. Wednesday will have FOUR trips to Thacher, Saturdays will have FIVE or SIX trips to Thacher and Tuesdays are designated as either Straitsmouth (THREE trips) or Thacher (FOUR trips). Tickets will go on sale to the public on Saturday May 16th at 9:00am using Eventbrite. The QR Codes will not be active until May 16th.

TSITC is so excited to welcome various community groups on specially scheduled trips. Groups such as Rockport Council on Aging, Scouts, Rockport Select Board, Rockport's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) members, Rockport Police, American Legion, Maritime Gloucester, Coastal Discoveries, and Rockport Department of Public Works. Many of these groups have consistently supported expensive maintenance projects on the islands and TSITC is grateful.

HOW DO I PURCHASE TICKETS?

Tickets will go on sale to the public on Saturday May 16th at 9:00am, using Eventbrite. The QR Codes will become active on May 16th and transfer you to Eventbrite, plus these links will be posted on the home page of our website (www.thacherisland.org).

Note: For QR Codes, put your phone in camera mode and hover over the QR Code until a yellow bar appears with the URL. Tap on the URL and your device is transferred to Eventbrite.

— George Langer

STRAITSMOUTH TUESDAY

THACHER TUESDAY

THACHER WEDNESDAY

THACHER SATURDAY

GHOST GEAR GETS A SECOND LIFE

Dozens of lobster traps, pot buoys, nets and lines wash up on Thacher and Straitsmouth in rough seas and storms, and sometimes they're even found clinging to TSIA's lobster traps. This wayward equipment is known as "ghost gear." "Strong seas can pull nets from fishermen's hands, and they can sweep lobster buoys below the surface, making traps hard to find and sending them into the current," says Syd Wedmore, chairman of the Thacher Island Town Committee and long-time TSIA volunteer.

Ghost gear frequently washes up on the southern end of Thacher, brought in by the same eddy that swirled Elizabeth and Antony Thacher ashore after their shipwreck in 1635. TSIA volunteers collect ghost gear and set it in a pile next to Thacher's stone house. But it doesn't sit in limbo for long. "We're committed to returning as much as we can to the owners," Wedmore says. "These are folks who make their living on the water, so that's very important."

Until just recently, all gear by law belonged to its owners in perpetuity, and anyone who took it could incur a \$500 fine. Though that law has changed, and island visitors occasionally ask for a colorful buoy from Thacher's pile, TSIA doesn't give away or sell any recovered traps or buoys.

"I notify lobstermen whenever I see their gear," says Alice Twombly, keeper and boat captain for the islands. "Traps and pot buoys are usually marked with either their name or license number."

"At the end of last season," she says, "I returned two dinghy loads of serviceable pot buoys owned by local fishermen in Gloucester and Rockport. And I returned \$100 worth of serviceable gear to The Terminator, the Rockport boat I buy scallops from." Twombly also brings ghost pots and buoys to the dedicated collection barrel on Rockport's Granite Pier, where it is often reunited with grateful owners.



Ghost gear on Thacher Island, ready to be returned or claimed. Photo credit: Melissa Cox.



Ghost gear on Straitsmouth Island ready to be returned or claimed. Photo credit: Jeff Corliss

Some ghost gear found on Straitsmouth and Thacher belongs to boats working far from our shores. Twombly posts photos of non-local buoys on the All Things Lobstering Facebook page, and owners respond if they want them back. "One recent buoy was from St. Stephen, New Brunswick," Twombly says. "Some from Downeast Maine were returned to their owners by Gloucestermen who were friends of theirs. A green and blue pot buoy on Straitsmouth, marked JRiccio, came from a boat out of Hampton, NH. We've caught a few of his others and returned them all."

TSIA sets out ten licensed lobster traps of our own in the summer months, and sometimes they're haunted. "Twice when we've been hauling our traps, we've found ghost gear clinging on," Twombly says. "It's very tough hand-lining up your trap when there's a string of five ghost traps hooked to it. This happened to us in July, and I dove down five feet to free it up. We were able to recover our trap, but had to release the fisherman's trap line as we couldn't haul it by hand."

Despite challenges with ghost gear, Twombly and crew caught ten lobsters in three traps off Straitsmouth one week last July. Three were females, and the crew tossed them back into the water to lay their eggs. Female lobsters are released back to the sea; ghost gear is caught and returned to working boats. The cycle of life and livelihood goes on.

— Lisa Pemstein

ENCOURAGING NEWS ABOUT THIS YEAR'S NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE CALVING SEASON

North Atlantic right whale #1515 (Ghost) and her ninth calf, swimming just offshore of Flagler Beach, Florida, on January 30, 2026. Photo credit: Marineland Right Whale Project/Zoe Rauscher, taken under NOAA permit #26562.



The Thacher and Straitsmouth islands are located in the Atlantic Ocean's Gulf of Maine, which is one of the primary feeding grounds for North Atlantic right whales (NARW), one of the world's most endangered large whale species. Since 2017, these whales have experienced mortality events resulting in more than 20 percent of the population becoming sick, being injured or being killed. The primary causes of NARW deaths are entanglements in fishing gear and collisions with ocean-going vessels. In the last decade, there have been more NARW deaths than births.

There are only approximately 380 NARW remaining in the North Atlantic, including about 70 reproductively-active females. With so few of these whales remaining, every single female NARW and calf is vital to this endangered species' recovery. Therefore, researchers closely monitor NARW locations and movement as a portion of the whales spend calving season (mid-November through mid-April) off the southeast US coast then travel north to feed in the Gulf of Maine during the spring and summer.

Researchers have been encouraged to have identified 22 calves born so far during the 2026 calving season, a heartening improvement over only 11 last year.

While 22 NARW newborns is good news, it does not mean the NARW population is out of danger. Researchers estimate the NARW will need to produce 50 or more calves per year for many years to stop the species' decline and offset the current rate of human-caused mortality and serious injury.

In addition to monitoring calving season, federal, state, and maritime groups are collaborating on the NARW Protection Project, which aims to prevent NARW injuries and deaths by enhancing vessel awareness and preventing ship strikes. Last year the Thacher & Straitsmouth Islands Association and the Town of Rockport joined this effort by installing an Automatic Identification System (AIS) transmitter in the lens room of the Thacher Island South Tower. The AIS transmitter is part of a network that broadcasts real-time advisories to vessels in high-risk areas, alerting them to slow down and navigate with caution to minimize collision risks with the endangered NARW. In January 2026 the NARW began returning to New England waters triggering voluntary slow zones when at least 23 individuals were spotted off the Massachusetts coast. For more information visit: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/north-atlantic-right-whale>

— Margaret (Peg) Brady

FOLLOW TSIA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The Thacher and Straitsmouth Islands Association is active on Instagram and Facebook! Follow us to keep current on all that happens on our islands — the date when launch tickets go on sale, upcoming events and ongoing projects, access to our beloved merchandise, and lots more.

Once the summer season arrives the activity really ramps up! We'll show you the beauty of these islands, and we'll pull back the curtain on all we do to keep them running. You'll see our talented volunteers maintaining historic structures, exhibits and miles of trails. You'll meet our boat crew and see how much our trusty launches do beyond passenger transport. You'll get a glimpse of the learning and fun to be had exploring our islands, and how our whole team — from administrators and board to docents and carpenters — keeps everything afloat.

And we love your feedback! Please use our socials to comment, share your experiences on the islands, ask us questions, and send us your photography (we may even post it!). We always encourage you to get involved. Whether that means coming to an association meeting or finding out how to volunteer on the islands, following us online is a great place to start.

— Sebastian Lovasco



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1623 Studios Presents:
“BENEATH THE SURFACE”

Produced by 1623 Studios in Gloucester, this engaging video chronicles how Thacher & Straitsmouth Islands were entrusted to the Town of Rockport, to maintain and preserve their historic structures, and what this responsibility means to the many volunteers.

It features interviews with key leaders of the two organizations, the Thacher & Straitsmouth Islands Town Committee (which plans and executes the work) and the Thacher & Straitsmouth Islands Association (the non-profit that raises funds to pay for the work). First up are Paul St. Germain, Sydney (Doc) Wedmore, Alice Twombly and Paul Sena. Their interviews capture personal stories about their on-island histories, but more why they have fallen under the spell of the islands.

islands”; words spoken while a drone video reminds one of Thacher's remoteness.

Doc Wedmore humbly describes his work as “I walk around and make suggestions to people” working on the islands. Doc encourages new volunteers with words like “an opportunity in retirement” to feel useful and relevant.

Alice Twombly, after her first visit to Thacher, states “this is my tribe, I want to join”; one more person who succumbs to the allure of the island.

Paul Sena brings remarkable experiences and talents to projects on both islands and talks about how we attract the next generation of volunteers.

The 1623 photography is beautiful and compelling especially if you have spent time on the islands.

While leaving Rockport and going through the Gap and Straitsmouth Island, you get your first view of the twin lighthouses on Thacher Island. Doc describes that first glimpse this way, “you have to be near dead emotionally not to be spell bound when you see the twin towers”.

We would love to get your reaction after you watch this 12 minute video. You can email us at info@thacherisland.org .

— George Langer

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THACHER AND STRAITSMOUTH ISLANDS MERCHANDISE

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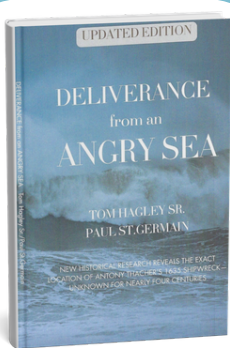


This indigo T-shirt features the TSIA logo on the front and a compass rose, along with the coordinates for the two islands, on the back. Made of high quality 60/40 cotton/polyester blend.

Adult Grey T-Shirt – S, M, L, XL, XXL. \$28.00

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Deliverance from an Angry Sea



Updated for 2026, Antony Thacher's story is now told in his own voice—bringing his experiences to life. This account builds on the work of Tom Hagley Sr. and Paul St. Germain, with new research from Paul St. Germain and Mason Browne of the Sandy Bay Yacht Club. **\$25.00**

NEW

TSIA Notecards: Pen & Ink Design



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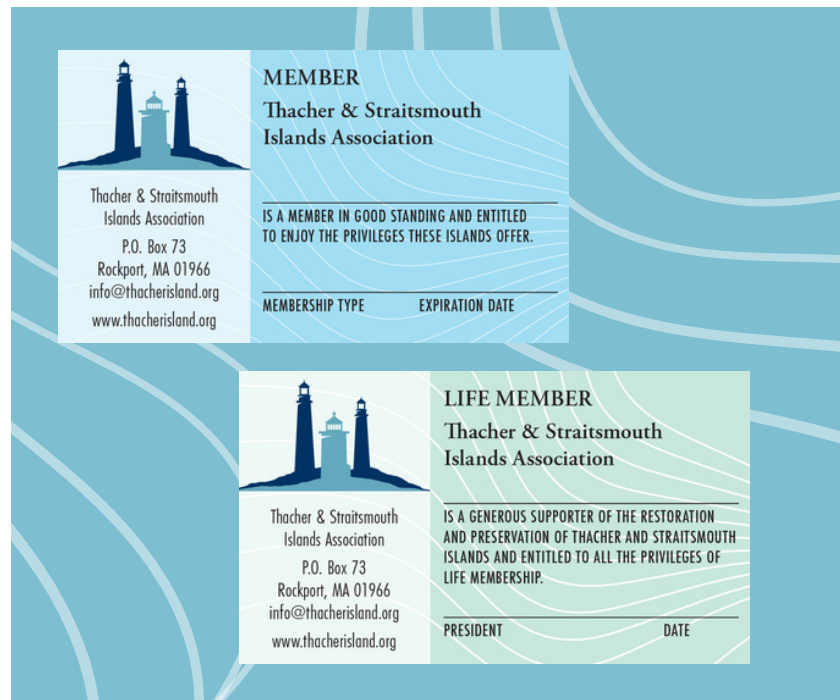
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