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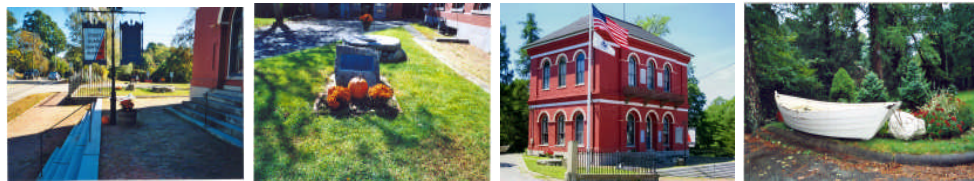
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OUR WEBPAGE www.coastguardheritagemuseum.org

We are open Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The Museum mission is to preserve and teach new generations about the legacy of the US Coast Guard and its 18th Century predecessors up to and including the modern day Coast Guard now within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

We are a nonprofit organization and rely on donations to keep our ship afloat. Check out the donation page 6.



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Bill Collette

This is a very exciting time for all of us at the Trayser Museum Group and the Coast Guard Heritage Museum. I have brought to the attention of the Board Of Directors of the Trayser Museum Group the need to do a short Bio on one of our Directors in each newsletter. Our BOD (and Honoree BOD's) have qualifications that should be brought to our Newsletter readers. Each one is deserving to be unique in the expertise needed to keep the Museum heading in the right direction. We will begin with our two founders Lou Cataldo and Maurice Gibbs. We will salute each of the BOD. So beginning with this edition we will salute Lou Cataldo.

In the Month Of August The Old Jail plan was brought to the BOD's by Derek Bartlett of the CAIPRS (Cape and Island Paranormal Research Society). The plan was to clean out the Old Jail and make it suitable for visitors to tour part of the building. Lou Cataldo will chair the committee with Derek Bartlett and Bill Collette to get things in order and in place. The Jail was cleaned out by the crew of the CAIPRS Nancy Jenkins, Debra Ahern and the members of the CGHM Bill Colette and Jim Ellis. Emergency lighting was installed and several items are on display. Visitors will tour areas that are accessible to the pubic and display areas were roped off. Check out the special feature photo and news pages about the old jail, Lightship Sailors and Blacksmith.

This past summer we had several exciting new projects that were completed. Our admissions and visitor attendance was the best in four years. Please read on.

OUR FIRST ANNUAL CLAMBAKE FUNDRAISER

On Saturday July 2, 2008 The Museum had its first annual clambake. With the hard work of Mary and John Manning, Bill Collette and the help of the directors and members, the clambake was a complete success. We made about \$2,000.00. Everyone enjoyed the meal and the bucket and silent auctions were great fun and added to the earnings. In addition we had contributions from Jim Baird, Richard Rainville, and Mark Thompson of The Lyndon Lorusso Charitable Foundation. Check out the photo page for some great shots of the event.

The Old Jail is now open for visitors and is manned by Derek Bartlett and his crew during regular Museum hours. Donations will help keep the building open and to help maintain it. [Check out the photo page.](#)

Our new web page is up and running. Check us out.

WWW.coastguardheritagemuseum.org

Thanks to Jack McGrath, Bill Collette and George Washburn it is something we all at the Museum are proud of and know you will enjoy it. It is a great page with Photos, History, Stories, Links and even music. It is a work in progress. Jack will update it on a regular basis

August 14, 2008: Captain Leon Murphy USCG Ret. Donated an East Wind builders plaque and a CG flag.

Thursday, September 25, 2008: Bill Thiesen, Coast Guard Historian Atlantic Area visited the Museum. The Museum has been fortunate to have been visited and inspected by both Dr. Browning and Mr. Thiesen. They both gave us a thumbs up on our work and mission.

Monday, September 29, 2008 : The future Chief Petty Officers had a call to initiation at the Museum and were given a tour of the Museum at 10:00 A.M. It was an opportunity for them to learn the History of the Coast Guard and to return to their units to encourage their personnel to visit and learn. In attendance were: CPO Dave Pieras Chatham Station, CPO Dave Fontenete of Air Station Cape Cod, CPO Mathew Plaud of Air Station Cape Cod, CPO Priscilla Harris of Air Station Cape Cod. Absent but planning visit was CPO Micha Wisniewski . Chief Harris is going to donate a Bravo uniform for the Women in the Coast Guard Display.

Saturday October 18, 2008 : At 9:30 A.M. The Lightship Sailors Association will Dedicate their exhibit on the second floor of the Coast Guard Heritage Museum.

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Wednesday, October 22, 2008 The Red Hats chapter from Mashpee will be given a tour of the Museum starting at 11:00 A.M.

The Cape Cod Boat Builders Association will tour the Museum in February 2009.

Jim Ellis our Blacksmith was featured in a two page article about his work and training the next generation of Blacksmiths. Jim also gave demonstrations at the Barnstable County Fair this Summer. See the Photo page.

Jack McGrath our webmaster has been made a voting member of the Museum's Board of Directors.

Derek Bartlett has been made an Honorary member of the Board of Directors.

This Summer Mary and AL "John" Manning our Treasurer and assistant Treasurer went to the Coast Guard Ice Breaker Eastwind reunion at Branson MO.

Yours truly George Washburn went to the Coast Guard Cutter Duane reunion in Williamsburg VA and the Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown VA.

Dan Davidson our Chaplin and his wife June traveled to Hawaii on vacation.

Happy Birthday to our BOD members Ralph Jones, Ed Skoler and Francis Broadhurst. We stopped counting candles !

Be sure to attend The 2008 Celebration Concert at Memorial Hall Plymouth, MA. Friday, November 21, 2008 7 PM. Free admission. This is a Patriotic Concert to honor those who have served in any Military branch of the service. The Coast Guard will be represented.

Saturday, November 22, 2008 6:0 PM The National Drum and Bugle Corps Reunion Concert \$25.00 admission. For Tickets and information Call 508-746-1818. Or check it out on the Web at www.usathanksgiving.com

On October 18, 2008 The Lightship Sailors Association and the Coast Guard heritage Museum dedicated the Lightship display room on the second floor of the Museum.

Beginning with this edition of our newsletter we are going to give a brief biography of our founding members and directors. We will begin with Lou Cataldo our founding President of the Trayser Museum Group Inc.

LOU CATALDO

Lou Cataldo, founding President of the Trayser Museum Group Inc, is the man who saved the 1856 U.S. Custom House and Post Office Building for the Town of Barnstable, Massachusetts when the Federal Government declared it surplus in 1958. In 2004 when the Barnstable Historical Society abandoned the building, it was Mr. Cataldo who again came to the rescue. Working with CDR Maurice Gibbs (USN Ret), he converted the historic structure from its existence as the Donald G. Trayser Memorial Museum to become the Coast Guard Heritage Museum.

Our founder was born in East Boston and attended public school in Winthrop, Massachusetts. He learned his love of history and the sea from his history teacher Edward Rowe Snow—best known to Coast Guardsmen as “The Flying Santa”—who became a prize winning author, lecturer and tour guide for the Boston Harbor Islands and Lighthouses.

Mr. Cataldo enlisted in the U.S. Navy on June 6, 1939 and mustered out in December, 1945 as a First Class Petty Officer. He worked in the US Congress recording studios before he started a distinguished career in law enforcement.

He joined the Barnstable County Sheriff’s Department in 1948 and rose to become the Chief Deputy Sheriff and after attending the FBI National Academy became director of the County’s Bureau of Criminal Investigation where he became a nationally known fingerprint expert. He is still active in law enforcement as a Special Deputy Sheriff.

While pursuing an active law enforcement career, Mr. Cataldo never lost his love of history. He founded Tales of Cape Cod, a Countywide historical society, wrote and edited numerous books, pamphlets and other publications. He chaired special committees that erected statues to James Otis Jr. “The Patriot” and his sister Mercy Otis Warren both of West Barnstable who paved the way for the American Revolution. He also chaired the committee that erected a bronze life-sized statue of our late President, John F. Kennedy.

He has strengthened ties with our sister city of Barnstaple, England and was named an Honorary Burgess of Barnstaple, Devon, England in 2005—the second such American to be afforded the honor. Today he is the Barnstable County Archivist.

COAST GUARD MOTOR LIFEBOATS GATHER IN CHATHAM

(Left to right) A Coast Guard 42-footer motor lifeboat, 36-foot motor lifeboat and 44-foot motor lifeboat gather in front of Chatham Coast Guard Station. Friday, October 3, 2008. For what may be the last time the three boats to ever get underway together again. The 36 500 is scheduled for dry dock and the 44-footer is scheduled to be decommissioned. The 42 footer is only one of two in existence and was created for Chatham's breaking bar and surf conditions.

MASSACHUSETTS MILITARY RESERVATION AIRFIELD TRANSFER CEREMONY

Military and civilian guests attend a ceremony at Air Station Cape Cod, on Otis Air base, Saturday Oct. 5, 2008 The event recognizes the official transfer of the Massachusetts Air National Guard to the Coast Guard. Rear ADM. Dale Gable commander of the first Coast Guard District, spoke during the ceremony.

Coast Guard chooses new patrol boat

The Sentinel - class patrol boat is 153 - and - a - half feet long. It will have a crew of 22. The ships will be able to stay at sea for at least five days and be underway for 2,500 hours per year. They will be armed with 25 mm chain gun forward and .50 caliber machine guns. Diesel engines providing a top speed of 28 knots

On October 18, 2008 the Flag of the United States was flown at half mast at the Coast Guard Heritage Museum for the burial at sea of LCDR Andrew C. Wischmeier, USCG, who died in the crash of CG 6505 on September 4, 2008 in Hawaii. Two other members of the CG 6505 were recovered. They were AST1 David Skimin and AMT2 Joshua Nichols. CDR Thomas Nelson remains missing. On September 12, 2008 a memorial service was held for the entire crew CG- 6505.

Beginning this early Fall the Uniform Distribution Center will have in stock and begin distribution of the USCG Untucked uniform.

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Please join us to help preserve and publicize the heroic heritage of the Life-Savers and Cost Guard men and women who risked their lives to save shipwreck victims over the centuries. Your donations will ensure that the heritage is never forgotten.

NAME _____

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Admiral's Club \$ (1,000)

Captain's Club (\$ 500)

Chief's Club (\$ 100)

Station Keeper (\$ 75)

Life-Savers (\$50)

Surfmen / Aviators (\$10)

If you are a Organization, Institution or Corporation that would like to help your donations would be greatly appreciated.

The Coast guard Heritage Museum at the Trayser is a nonprofit organization within the definition of 501 (c3)

7 RECENT DONATIONS

Listed below are several collections of everyday items and uniforms worn and used by Coast Guardsmen. These were added to our exhibits to give visitors a view of everyday life as lived by Coast Guard service men and women.

We are grateful to all former Coasties and families who often come in bearing family treasures to share with us all and to help educate the public about the Coast Guard.

A Collection of lifeboat rations and emergency drinking water rations were donated by Richard Fichter USCG Senior Chief Petty Officer Retired and crewmember of the Buzzards Bay Lightship.

A Boathook from the Ambrose Lightship WAL 613 was donated by a former crewmember.

Bill Collette, our president, donated a USCG Pea Coat and enlisted man's white hat worn on the Pollock Rip Lightship WLV 536 in the late 1956's.

Items from the collection of Joseph Janard BMC, USCG, Retired. Several canvas sewing devices, a Bosons Pipe and a cape device for Chief Petty Officer.

Robert Huskins, a former member of the Nauset Life Boat Station, donated a collection of Foul Weather Gear worn by Coast Guard personnel while performing rescue's during foul and rough weather.

This summer and early fall we have received many mailed in donations to support the Museum. Visitors have given much to our donation boxes located through out the Museum. To all of you who have given many thanks and be assured every penny will be used educate and keeping our ship afloat.

**THE USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOC.
INC INTERNATIONAL**

On October 13, 2008 Larry Ryan, Adrian Van Houten and Bill Collette arrived bright and early to start the painting of the lightship memorial in New Bedford MA. They were later joined by the rest of the work detail. The Bell was from the Pollock Rip WLV-536. This bell was salvaged from the Vineyard Lightship. There is a fascinating story on how this memorial came to be. In future editions of the CGHM newsletter the full story will be told.



On October 18, 2008 at the Coast Guard Heritage Museum The Lightship Sailors Association Inc. held a dedication for their Museum collection located on the second floor of the CGHM. In the afternoon a Memorial Service Ceremony was held on the grounds of the Museum. A tent was raised for the ceremonies and lunch. Chatham Coast Guard Station provided an Honor Guard for both the dedication and memorial service. The members of the LSA were told the history of the Museum and given tours of the exhibit floors, the Blacksmith Shop and the Old Jail building which has been recently opened to the public.

The Coast Guard Heritage Museum is very grateful for the donation to the Museum From the Lightship Sailors Assoc. We are also very grateful for the many members who bought gifts at our gift shop and who dropped personal donations into our donation boxes. You can be assured that it will be used to educate the public about the Coast Guard and the history of the lightships and lightship sailors who played such an important role in for those who sailed along our coast.

The Light Ship Sailors New Exhibit Room



THE DEDICATION SERVICE



The Tent goes up



The Honor Guard



The Service



Touring the Museum

The Old Jail's walls do talk. There are old inscriptions and drawings left by prisoners who were locked up in centuries past. This Halloween when you walk through do not be surprised if you are in the company of spirits from the past.



The old jail



Debra Derek Nancy



Some of the old jail artifacts



The old Blacksmith shop



The village smithy at the anvil



Jim teaching the next generation from Virginia, Kristen Moore and Kyle Moore, Brother and sister. They are Great Grandchildren of Jim's Uncle Howard Darrus.