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COAST GUARD HERITAGE MUSEUM

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

The Museum's mission is to preserve and teach new generations about the legacy of the U.S. 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.



This spring volunteer directors and officers brought in new exhibits including ship models, aircraft models, navigation lights, bells, lighthouses and art work.

May 17, 2008 Armed Forces Day was celebrated May 17, 2008



William E. Collette (USCG Ret), President of the CG Heritage Board of Directors, arranged with the Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod for a live demonstration of the newest Search and Rescue techniques utilized by today's modern Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard's Canal Station provided a new utility boat to stand by to assist if needed and also to allow the public to view the new rescue vessel. The Museum cooperated in this live demonstration with the Barnstable Fire Department and the Barnstable Harbor Master.

After the demonstration a cookout was held at the Coast Guard Heritage Museum. Directors hosted a cookout on the grounds of the Trayser Museum complex for those active in the demonstration and free of charge to the public.

We had some 80 or 90 people join us for our cookout after the demonstration. We wish to thank all who came to the demonstration and the cookout for their support of our armed forces and the museum.

October 16-19, 2008 the USCG Lightship Sailors Association Inc. Will be having their annual reunion on Cape Cod. They will be meeting and visiting here at the Museum during their reunion. The Museum is dedicating a room to hold Lightship artifacts and information about the Lightship sailors of the Coast Guard. Many Items from the Lightship Sailors Association will be on loan.

The Gift Shop

Honorary Director Jack McGrath has assumed the duties of the gift shop.

The Museum's gift shop has several new items now available. Coast Guard Heritage Museum hats, books, commemorative coins and many other items. We will be adding more books soon. When you visit please check out the gift shop area.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

Those of you who receive our newsletter by e-mail can contact us regarding news and the newsletter at

cghmnewsletter@verizon.net

OR

At our general e-mail address concerning the Museum at cghm@verizon.net

WEB PAGE COMING

Jack McGrath, George Washburn and Bill Collette are now in the process of creating a web page for the Museum. We hope to be on line with it by September.

We have been in the news

On June 26, 2008 The Cape Cod Chronicle did a full page story about the museum and the history of the Coast Guard and the artifacts we gave on display.

The Lightship Sailors Association in their Spring newsletter The Fog Signal, mentions our President William Collette, and his efforts to assist the association with lightship exhibits to be housed at the CGHM.

Our own Ralph Jones was made a Honorary Lightship Sailor by the Lightship Sailors Association.

A full page was devoted to his service in the Coast Guard 1946 to 1952, his service aboard the cutter McCulloch and his experience on the Eastwind when the Tanker Gulf Stream collided with The Eastwind January 18, 1949.

Director Jim Walker was quoted in an The Cape Cod Times. Jim gave a history about the Mayo Beach light that was thought to have been destroyed but recently was discovered in California.

The story about the light is presented later in this newsletter.

Again This year we are featured in the travel guide, Along 6A, a traveler's guide to Cape Cod.

We are also mentioned in the Guidebook CAPE COD and in the Kids on the Cape guide.

YOU CAN PICK UP THE LOCAL GUIDES AT SHOPS AND MUSEUMS ON THE CAPE.

Cape Cod Clambake
Sunday August 3, 2008 4:00 PM
Tickets \$50.00
Coast Guard Heritage Museum at the Trayser Rte 6A, Barnstable, MA

In addition to the clambake we will also be having a BUCKET RAFFLE. Tickets will be sold in strips and the items raffled will include such goodies as wine and gift baskets.

NOTICE

At the time of publication the Clambake is still on track. If there is a change due to weather or any other circumstances we will send out a notice or suggest you contact us a few days ahead of time if you have already purchased a ticket .

Call us at **508-362-8521** or e-mail us at cghm@verizon.net

We are at the Museum Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 Am to 3:00 PM.

When you visit us



Be sure to visit the Village Smithy, Jim Ellis, of Barnstable Village who will be working his forge in the Carriage House. The Village Smithy fabricates a variety of gifts that can be purchased at the Museum. Mr. Ellis also gives lectures on blacksmithing.



Visit the Oldest Wooden Jail brought to the museum site in 1970 by Lou Cataldo of Barnstable, founder of Tales of Cape Cod. The jail is presently being renovated. Access is strictly limited.



The Trayser Building houses our main collection on two floors. The building was built original as the Barnstable Custom House in 1856. When you visit you may purchase a copy of the history of the Old Jailhouse, Carriage House and the Trayser building.

NEW EXHIBIT PHOTO GALLERY



Cahoon Hollow utility cart



Early photo of Cahoon Station



2nd floor aircraft models



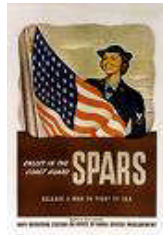
The White Sage Bell exhibit



36500 and 26' motorized surfboat models



Bernard Webber exhibit



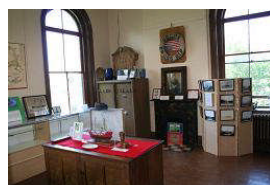
Commander Elizabeth D. Young Cadet Drill Uniform. Frances Mahoney Casey WWII Spar Uniform.

July 16, 2008

Four new display cases for Lightship Sailors Association were delivered to the Museum.

Barnstable County Prisoners helped with the move to the second floor of the Museum.

President Larry Ryan of the LSA presented to Bill Collette President of the CGHM a rivet from the WLV 536 Pollock Rip Lightship that Bill served on as a EN-3 USCG during the late 1960's. See the first page for the LSA reunion in October.



AHOY!

ALL SCOUTS, STUDENTS, MILITARY
CADETS,
COAST GUARD VETS OR ACTIVE COAST
GUARD MEN AND WOMEN.

If you would like to volunteer at the museum give us a call. We would like you to join us and assist our docents with visitors. It's fun and a rewarding community service.

Donations to the Museum

Robert E. Davis, USCG(Ret.)
Marsars Water Rescue Systems, gave a donation to the Museum of \$500.00. His web site is www.marsars.com

FYI- extensive integrated line of professional water rescue products- airport, aircraft, ship, boat, coastal, inland and ice based water rescue equipment from Shelton CT.

Bernard Webber who received the USCG Gold Medal for the Pendleton rescue donated his uniform to the museum.

Mike Maynard has loaned for display his Chief Petty Officer uniform and models of aircraft. The 36 footer 36500 and a 26 footer motorized surf boat models.

Charles S. Fox has donated to the museum for display models of the famous NC-4 aircraft and the CGC Vigilant 715.

Jim Medeiros has donated a full dress uniform and other memorabilia to the museum.

Dave Clark President of the Bare Cove Fire Museum has donated several mannequins with stands. They are now in full use displaying some of our many uniforms.

LECTURE SERIES

Several new lectures are planed for this fall and winter at the Sturgis Library Barnstable village. They will be held at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday of each month.

Among speakers tentatively set for for the fall are: Capt. Dan Abel, Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, and Mark Wilkins, the curator of the Cape Cod Maritime Museum in Hyannis.

Further news about coming lectures will be in the Fall newsletter and announced on local radio and newspapers.

Brochures have been distributed to Chamber information booths in Plymouth, Wareham (Rt. 25), Bourne and in the Yarmouth Welcome Center.

AARP RADIO SPOT

Jack McGrath and Bill Collette are to meet with the AARP to set up a national radio spot which will be broadcast nationwide. Further announcements of dates and times will be forthcoming.

The Village Smithy At Barnstable County Fair

Jim Ellis the Village Smithy will be demonstrating his skills at the Barnstable County Fair July 18-July 25. He will be back at the Blacksmith Shop forge later this month.

JUNE 28, 2008 Chatham MA.

The Coast Auxiliary sponsors Cape Cod Paddle Smart Safety Clinic.



American Canoe Association Certified Instructor Linda Fisher-Hilmar (standing) gives pointers on how to safely enter and exit a kayak.

The Cape Cod Paddle Smart Safety Smart Clinic was sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11-01 in cooperation with the Coast Guard Station Chatham, The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Boating Division, the American Canoe Association and Cape Cod Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures. The clinic was held at Jackknife Beach Chatham .



Coast Guard Auxiliary Dick Hilmer demonstrates the correct method for using a kayak paddle.

Chatham Coast Guard Station received a new search and rescue boat Wednesday July 2, 2008.



The 42 foot boat, manufactured by Safe Boat International is designed to be highly maneuverable in breaking surf and will eventually replace Chatham's other two surf boats. The new boat can maneuver through 15 foot surf and 50 knot winds.

Coast Guard helps Boothbay Harbor Fire Department extinguish shipyard blaze



A 47-foot Coast Guard motor lifeboat stationed at Boothbay Harbor Coast Guard Station transports firefighters to the Washburn and Doughty Shipyard and helps put out the blaze.

The Mystery of Mayo Beach Lighthouse

Bob and Sandra Shanklin and their daughter Colleen MacNeney may have made one of the most important finds of the century for lighthouse enthusiasts. Thanks to their diligence they have located the light tower that once stood at Mayo Beach Wellfleet. The lighthouse was built in 1881 in Wellfleet and was one of the first to be built in the harbor area. It was discontinued in 1922 and sold at auction to a private party in 1923. The lighthouse was razed from its place of origin (Mayo Beach) in 1939. However there is evidence to the contrary. The Shanklins found a photograph in the Coast Guard Historian's office archives taken in 1927, according to the postmark on the back of the photo, at Yerba Buena Island. On the back of the photo were the words "this tower formerly used at Mayo Beach".

The tower was first built in a foundry in Chelsea north of Boston. The lighthouse had been transferred by the Coast Guard as surplus property to Point Montara, eight miles north of Half Moon Bay in 1928 by way of Yerba Buena Island. Government letters indicate that the fog signal tower and lamp were badly damaged and this light was the solution.

No one has ever found an example of a lighthouse being moved from one coast to another before this one turned up in a shipyard on Yerba Buena Island in 1925. Whether it came by rail across the country or transported by ship to California is not known.

Jim Walker chairman of the Cape Cod Chapter of the American Lighthouse Foundation, speculates that because it is metal, it could have been disassembled bolt by bolt then the pieces transported by rail.

Coast Guard Chief Historian Robert Browning said "It is just one of those things. Knowing the federal government and the Lighthouse Bureau, they were pretty frugal institutions and I'm guessing they saved the lighthouse because they knew they'd find a use for it again somewhere."



The photo on left is Point Montara. Middle: Mayo Beach before move. Right: photo of tower after the move in 1927.

Article sources:

San Jose Mercury News, Cape Cod Times, News Feed Researcher and the Half Moon Bay Review

Help Celebrate the Coast Guard's Birthday!!

NEW ENGLAND STYLE CLAMBAKE

2:00 P.M.

SUNDAY AUGUST 3, 2008

RAIN OR SHINE

\$50.00 PER TICKET

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE COAST GUARD HERITAGE
MUSEUM AT THE TRAYSER IN BARNSTABLE VILLAGE**

JOIN THE COAST GUARD HERITAGE MUSEUM FOR ITS FIRST MAJOR FUNDRAISER—A NEW ENGLAND STYLE CLAMBAKE-- TO CELEBRATE THE FOUNDING OF THE COAST GUARD IN 1790 BY OUR FIRST PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON.

To obtain tickets send your check in the amount of \$50 for each ticket. Checks should be made out to Trayser Museum Group Inc.

Please mail your check or money order to:

**The Coast Guard Heritage Museum
PO Box 161
Barnstable MA 02630**

Include your mailing address so we can mail your tickets to your home or indicate you will pick them up at the Coast Guard Heritage Museum on August 3rd.

We are located across the street from the Barnstable Unitarian Church on Route 6A, Barnstable Village. Parking is available across the street from the Museum grounds.

Guests will be offered free tours of the two-story Coast Guard Heritage Museum housed in the 1856 U.S. Custom House and Post Office Building. Guests will be able to purchase souvenirs at the Village Smithy (blacksmith shop) in the carriage house as well as souvenirs, post cards, books, commemorative coins and Coast Guard lapel pins inside the Museum.

We are dedicated to preserving the little known history and heroic legacy of the United States Coast Guard and its 18th Century Predecessors from the earliest beginnings of our nation into the modern era. We need your support to continue our efforts.

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**Please join us to help preserve and publicize the heroic heritage of the Life-Savers
And Coast 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.**

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