Steady As She Goes
We’re observing our 38th onboard a ferry on the first Sunday in November! Come, celebrate with us. Following a brief Annual Meeting, we’ll take off on the Cecelia Ann for a spin by Harbor, Ledge, and Race Rock Lights—the 3 historic beacons which we own, and that together create a safe course from the wild Atlantic to New London harbor. There’ll be experts to expound on current & future lighthouse preservation plans, cake & libations. We want you there. Sign up online 24/7 at https://3lights.bpt.me.

Having been closed for over a year due to COVID-19, and with the director home with a twice broken foot (yes, I returned to work too and broke it, again), the good news is that NLMS is holding its own. Everyone pitched in to reopen at the end of May. What an amazing corps of volunteers we have—thank you, all.

Special thanks go to Christina Corcoran, whom we’re happy to report will stay on in 2022 as NLMS president, along with John Desjardins our VP, and Alan Lyon our treasurer. Regan Morse will join us as secretary. Regan and lighthouse fan Andy Champagne also will come on to the NLMS board. Longtime docent Bill LaRoue retired in 2020, although you might catch him here at programs. We still are looking for a membership coordinator. Please email to learn more about volunteering: nlmaritimedirector@gmail.com. The museum now opens at 10 AM Saturdays and we’d like to extend our hours on other days, too.

The Briney Bank border, now 3 years old—created with funds from a community art project organized by our neighbor at Studio 33 Sarah Munroe—continues to delight us this season with bright anemones, dusky verbena, and salmon-y chrysanthemums. Another lovely development is that you’ve discovered our music programs. OpenMic at the Museum has become a friendly monthly happening, with balladeers, bongo players, and a tenor sax. Our Custom House Soirées, featuring songstress Lisa Marien and jazz guitarist Bill ‘Fox’ Mills, have proved a great way to chill on a Wednesday evening. ‘Her voice soothes, excites, invites, and delights. Lisa Marien has this thing, this vibe with beautiful phrasing and such great feel,’ wrote one collaborator. Stop by. We know you’ll agree.

—Susan Tamulevich, director
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AUTUMN 2021 highlights - for full listings, go to nlmaritimesociety.org

PROGRAMS

■ Tours to climb HARBOR LIGHTHOUSE run all year. The views from the top are spectacular! We meet at the lighthouse, then climb 116 steps to the lantern room – all the while learning about the 260-year history of Harbor Light, the oldest and the tallest lighthouse on Long Island Sound. A 4th-order Fresnel lens, installed in 183, remains in the lantern today. brownpapertickets.com/event/5127942. custom tours: 860-447-2501.

■ JIBBOOM CLUB #1, meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Join us for a talk, good company, coffee & cookies. Sponsored by the Maco Family Fund, the gatherings are FREE and open to all. Upcoming dates are October 19 – Laurie Deredita on the Merrimac Journal Transcription Project, (all Merrimac transcribers are encouraged to be there); November 16 – Claudia Kenyon returns to JIBBOOM to tell stories about her family, New London, & the sea. You are invited to join in with tales of your family’s maritime history. Please come and bring a friend.

■ OpenMic at the Museum, meets the last Sunday of the month, October 31, November 28, 6-9 PM. Share your original music, poetry, prose, stand-up, or just say what is on your mind. OpenMic welcomes performers of all kinds. Bring your bongos. Perform, or just enjoy. By donation.

■ Custom House Soirée, with singer Lisa Marien and guitarist Bill ‘Fox’ Mills, November 3, December 1, two seatings at 6:30 and 8 PM. Lisa sings songs made popular by the likes of Sarah Vaughan, Ella Fitzgerald, and Tony Bennett. Her Soirées are loosely themed: November 3 – songs reflecting on gratefulness and appreciation; December 1 – including holiday selections. Sign up today at https://chsoiree.bpt.me

■ 38th ANNUAL MEETING, November 7, Sunday, 2-4:30 PM. https://3lights.bpt.me

■ Wine Tasting/Auction at the Lighthouse Inn, Dec. 3, Friday, 5:30-8 PM. Join us to relaunch New London’s newly renovated Inn, which was closed for over a decade. Salute its devoted champions Alwyn Christy & Ned Hammond. Ed Cramer of Gordon’s Yellow Front Wines and Liquors presents the wine tasting as a fundraiser for New London Maritime Society. https://lighthouseinn.bpt.me/

■ HOLIDAY CELEBRATION, December 16, Thursday, 3-5 PM. Join us at the Custom House FREE!

Don’t forget to visit the MUSEUM SHOP for everything from maritime mobiles to local history books.

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from the NLMS President

and so much has changed in the past year and a half. But the event was more of a celebration of a great life and a chance to bring people together to appreciate what we do have.

Susan and the volunteers and board members who all care so much about our mission to keep not only the museum open, and the programs going, but to educate, maintain, and give access to our three incredible lighthouses.

I have been giving tours to Harbor lighthouse pretty regularly, through parts of the pandemic as well, thanks to masks and vaccines. I do not do it because I love to climb 116 steps wearing a mask, but because I love to see the look on peoples faces when they get to the lantern room and look out on beautiful New London Harbor. People come from as close as across the street and as far and all who appreciate its beauty and history. I hope that if you are reading this and thinking about the people and places we beyond.

- Christina Corcoran

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I'm joining the New London Maritime Society!

Name __________________________ phone _______________ e-mail ______________
Street __________________________ City _______ State _____ Zip __________
Individual $35  Family $50  Contributor $100  Sponsor $250  Patron $1,000  Sign-up date __________
Cash  Check - please make payment to New London Maritime Society  Visa___  Master Card___  AmEx___
Number___________________________ Exp. date _______ Security code_______

Benefits of membership include free admission, invitations to special events, discounts, and a newsletter. New London Maritime Society's mission is to protect, preserve, & celebrate New London's U.S. Custom House, three area lighthouses, and Long Island Sound, and to interpret the rich maritime life & history of the port of New London and the surrounding region through museum exhibitions, educational programs, and preservation initiatives. Learn more about us at nlmaritimesociety.org.


I'm donating ____ to the Custom House. Contact me about leaving a legacy.
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Sunday, November 7, 2-4:30 pm

Join us aboard the Cecelia Ann for our Annual Meeting then sit back and relax on a ferry ride out by our three lighthouses. There will be cider & cake. Special guests include Walter Sedovic & Jill H Gotthelf of Walter Sedovic Architects, who created a preservation plan for Race Rock Lighthouse; & Bruce Buckley, president of the Ledge Light Foundation. Register online 24/7: https://3lights.bpt.me

We thank the Cross Sound Ferry for generously providing the ship.

Custom House SHOP!

- Sunday, from 1 to 5 PM, & Saturdays from 10 AM. The John Michael Corcoran Museum Day Fund provides free admission to the Custom House for all New London students and their families.

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