

A building that's saved hundreds of lives shouldn't be allowed to die.

building. The Town of Jamestown and the URI School of Oceanography are joining forces to raise money and carry through this project. If possible, the aquarium will be open to school groups beyond the summer season. The museum is planned only for summers, when DEM's summer naturalist is in attendance at Beavertail State Park.

BEAVERTAIL CELEBRATION PLANNED FOR JUNE 20. The opening day of the summer state park season will be marked this year at Beavertail, with a day of events including kite flying demonstrations, music, food, nature walks, and more. This day is being planned by the Parks Association, and members who would like to help should phone Sarah Gleason, 277-6800. With luck, this day will also mark the opening of the Beavertail Museum.

DATES TO SAVE FOR RIPA:

February 7, 6 pm - Steak Fry and Raffle at Portuguese-American Club, Jamestown, as Fundraiser for the Beavertail Project; sponsored by several Jamestown businesses. To help, phone Ken Parris, 423-0940.

March 19, 7:30 pm - Annual Meeting, Richmond Square, Providence

June 20, all day - Celebration at Beavertail State Park, Jamestown

September 19 - Members outing to North Prudence State Park (tentative date)

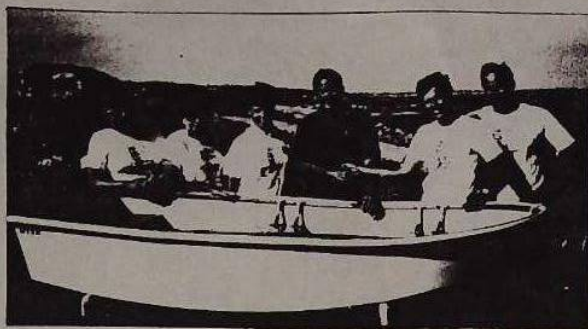
A Message from Laurel Bowerman, President of the Rhode Island Parks Association:

As the Parks Association begins fundraising for its first major project, development of a Maritime Museum in Beavertail State Park, we are most fortunate in the generous support we have received from many quarters. Duffy & Shanley, one of Rhode Island's foremost advertising agencies, has prepared an outstanding public service campaign to assist us; the Providence Gas Company is helping with purchase and installation of a badly needed heating system for the Assistant Keeper's House; and the leaders of our Fundraising Committee - Eric Jankel, Chairman of the Narragansett Bay Commission and a resident of Jamestown, and Mrs. Claiborne Pell, the Honorary Chairman - are deeply committed to the effort. I urge any members of the Parks Association who would like to help with the Beavertail Campaign to contact either myself at 456-7572, or Eric Jankel at 277-6800.

I also want to thank Robert Weygand, who resigned as President of RIPA in August because of other commitments, for his work on behalf of the Parks Association. As a member of the Board of Directors, he will continue to be involved in the Beavertail project.

BEAVERTAIL CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF AT STATE House. November 10 marked the start of RIPA's campaign to raise \$75,000 for a Maritime Museum in Beavertail State Park, Jamestown. Funds will renovate the Assistant Keeper's House as a Museum and Visitors' Center for the Bay Islands Park, develop exhibits, and establish a fund for maintenance. Duffy & Shanley, the well-known Providence advertising agency, has created an outstanding public service campaign to assist with the effort, including bumperstickers and pins with the motto, "Join the Light Brigade;" a beautiful poster of Beavertail lighthouse; and public service announcements for radio and TV. Bumper stickers will be given to anyone joining or renewing membership in RIPA in the next six months; and posters will be given as "thank yous" to donors of \$100 or more.

Further exciting plans are underway to develop a saltwater aquarium with creatures from the Bay, in the now-empty fog signal



RIPA SPONSORS TALL SHIPS DAY AT FORT Wetherill and Beavertail State Parks. Many Parks Association volunteers helped to make this July 1 fundraiser a great success. The weather was glorious, and thousands of visitors came to the parks to watch as the Tall Ships left Newport for the Statue of Liberty Celebration in New York City. Seen here is the happy winner of RIPA's raffle of a Dyer Dhow Dinghy donated by The Anchorage of Warren: Ray Gardner of Lincoln, shaking hands with RIPA President, Robert Weygand. Ray sailed his dinghy this summer on Olney Pond in Lincoln Woods.

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FRIENDS OF DUTCH ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE held its first fundraiser this fall by selling T-shirts with this drawing at the Annual Around-the-Island Windsurfer Race. The group hopes to begin renovations to the lighthouse - which is within the Bay Islands Park - next summer. Phone Shirley Sheldon at 295-8090 for more information.

RHODE ISLAND WILD PLANT ASSOCIATION FORMED. As development infringes on wilderness areas, wildflowers are among the flora and fauna in need of protection. The Rhode Island Wild Plant Association has been formed for that purpose, and will hold its first northern Rhode Island meeting at Roger Williams Park on January 17, 1987. Phone Betty Salomon, 364-7597 or Lisa Gould, 789-6405, for more information. Members will be conducting wildflower walks at Beavertail as part of the June 20 festivities.

A slide/talk, "Wildflowers of Jamestown," will be given March 6, 1987, at 7:30 p.m., at the Jamestown library by noted wildflower specialist Dr. Irene Stuckey.

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