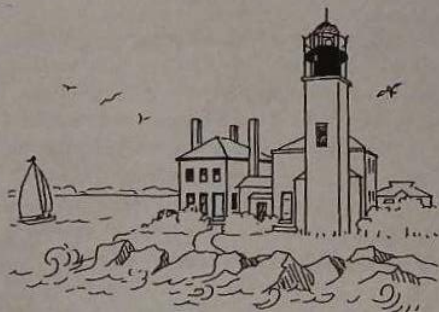


MEMBERSHIP

New/renewed membership is always welcome - so tell your friends, neighbors and visitors about this gloriously, beautiful spot right in our own back yards. Take a ride out here on one of these particularly lovely days, breathe in the ocean air, enjoy the breathtaking vistas and take a step back in time with a visit to the Museum. You've nothing to lose and inspiration to gain!

You will likely recall that the membership period was changed to coincide with the calendar year, so if your address label is not sporting a '98' above your name, your dues are as yet unpaid. To date we have a potential of 201 units (single memberships) with many in good standing. Check that label and make sure YOU are counted with us because every member is of great value and very much appreciated. The Museum depends upon each of us for its support.



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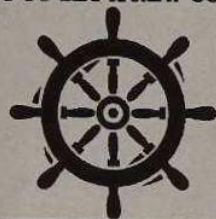


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BEAVERTAIL LIGHT HOUSE MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

JULY/AUGUST, 1998

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READY TO SET A NEW COURSE!



BLMA GUEST REGISTER SUMMARY 1997 SEASON

In 1996, we reported more than 7,000 people, representing all of the States, (except Wyoming) signed in at the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum during the first 10 months of the year. During the same period, we hosted more than 150 foreign visitors, representing more than 30 countries.

An interim report for the first six months of 1997 has just been completed and we estimate that the attendance increased significantly over the prior year to a new high of over 14,000 !

Visitors from 46 states signed our Guest Register. Of course, a majority of our guests came from adjacent states, but people from Alaska to Florida and from Maine to Texas are represented in our survey. Close

to 5000 Rhode Islanders traveled here to view this important piece of our heritage and their comments about Beavertail expressed their awe and wonder at this glorious natural setting.

Some of those signing the register included notes expressing their appreciation for the hospitality and the wealth of information received from our corps of BLMA volunteers. Our volunteers are on board again this year 'standing their watch' with the same dedication to duty that is attributed to lighthouse keepers throughout history. They are on the job delighting and informing visitors of the impressive history of this light and its contribution to centuries of water travelers. It is because of their dedication that we can look forward, expectantly, to even more satisfied visitors in 1998.

Why not come on down and take a walk around the point, visit the Museum with its new displays as well as the DEM Nature Program (located in the Fog Horn Building), both informative and educational programs to be enjoyed by people of all ages.

A time honored quote, "There's just **something** about the sea and a lighthouse ..." so take the ride soon and see it (again!) for yourself.

MUSEUM SCHEDULE

Daily 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm
through Labor Day

Weekends Only
12:00 noon - 3:00 pm
until Columbus Day

LOOKING FORWARD

Five members have agreed to serve as the Nominating Committee and have met several times. Craig Armington, Charlie Auld, Hugh Bucher, Jim Munro and Charlotte Richardson have been talking to several members who have expressed a real interest in serving as officers/board members and/or on committees. The slate, nearly completed, will be mailed in the September Newsletter, in ample time for the Annual Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, September 15th, at the Jamestown Philomenian Library. Full details will be included in the September BLMA newsletter.

Time to begin thinking about sprucing up before Old Man Winter arrives, and with that in mind a committee is in place and primed for a clean-up operation of the grounds and landscape surrounding the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum. The period from September - November is scheduled for this operation and volunteer help will not be refused.

A committee is currently forming to put together the many plans and details for the upcoming 250th Anniversary (1749 - 1999) of Beavertail Light. This will be an important historical event highlighting the history of the several structures which have existed over time on the point. We will need people of many talents to make this an event to be long remembered, so be on the lookout for ways we can all help to make this a successful occasion which is deserving of a real headliner. No doubt about it - there'll be lots more to come on this!