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Tale of the NDLSA Beach Access Road Saga (Soon to be a major Hollywood Movie and Best Selling Novel)

Background

Most, if not all, of our NDLSA Members know about and may have actually ridden in the NDLSA beach transport vehicles out to the Light House. Our vehicles access the beach through the private property at the end of West Anderson Road near the bluffs north of Sequim. That access uses the narrow gravel driveway that



separates the house from the carport structures and then winds around the backside of the house and continues down the steep narrow driveway to the beach access where it meets the pedestrian trail that comes down from the USFWS parking lots. Dense vegetation and brush along the gravel driveway screen much of the view showing the steepness of side slopes to the adjacent creek. This is the only vehicular access that the NDLSA has to transport Keepers and even maintenance equipment and materials to and from the Light Station. In addition, it is the primary vehicular access for emergency

response vehicles. We pay the property owner a monthly fee for the access and use of that driveway and, as may be necessary and appropriate, we perform minor maintenance such as brush trimming and additional gravel road base. The NDLSA Board of Directors has been very aware and sensitive to the critical importance of this access to our ability to perform our Coast Guard lease requirements and obligation to operate, maintain and preserve the New Dungeness Light Station. Indeed, it is critical to the continued existence of the NDLSA and even the continued existence of the New Dungeness Light Station itself.

Event Description

On the evening of April 16th Chad Kaiser, our General Manager, received a phone call from the property owner informing us that the access driveway had been flooded by water from the adjacent property and that part of the access driveway behind their house had been washed away. It was quickly determined that there had been a pipe or valve failure in an adjacent irrigation system that had run unabated for approximately 16 hours. The water had run around the (continued page 3)



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Editor's Comments

The ink was barely dry on the spring issue of the *Foghorn*, in which we discussed potential uses of the landing craft known as the Paradigm, when, unfortunately, one became true. As you read through this edition, you will see just how important that vessel became when our access road to the Dungeness Spit washed out making it impossible to make transports with out four-wheel-drive trucks. As a relatively new member of the board I continue to be amazed at the foresight of current and former members of the board when it comes to planning for the perpetual maintenance of our iconic lighthouse.

Legacies

As the children of depression era parents, my wife Helen and I have always been savers. Perhaps that is also true of some of you. As we now wend our way into the "golden years" (whoever thought that one up?) we find ourselves planning for the inevitable. One of the things that we have been investigating is how best to leave something to, not only the children, but also to our "*community*," which includes the NDLSA. The simple answer would be to write a check, but come to find out other options are also available and may actually be better for you, and your heirs. Of particular interest is the ability to have *Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)* from IRAs paid directly to qualified non-profits-- NDLSA is one. Such distributions are tax free, i.e. you do not have to pay the taxes that would normally be due on the amount of such a distribution—the portion given to the non-profit and the non-profit does not pay taxes on the gift. Gifts like this can be made at any time and you can designate how you would like the gift spent or have it go to the general operational fund. You can also place instructions in your will donating IRAs—or a portion thereof—to a non-profit. In that case your heirs will be spared paying the taxes due on those IRAs. The NDLSA is currently in the process of establishing an endowment fund for the long-term needs of restoring and maintaining the lighthouse. However, you do not need to wait for that paperwork to be finalized to take advantage of an IRA gift.

Finally, thanks to all of our photographers this month: Rick DeWitt, Marsha Holden, Wolfgang Kneidl, Chad Kaiser, Greg MacDonald and Scott Templin.

Greg MacDonald

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house and partway down the driveway, resulting in a 50 plus foot long section of driveway to slide down the slope about 40 vertical feet, leaving only enough of the original driveway for a narrow foot path. The photographs included with this narrative are good, but really do not capture how dramatic the washout really is.

And starting then, as the stories say – all heck broke out. We went into full scramble mode with one or more meetings a day with the owner, various engineers, contactors, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, County Planners, and insurance representatives for the Irrigation District. We also held internal NDLSA meetings and at least three “emergency” NDLSA BOD Meetings. We quickly confirmed there was not going to be a “quick” fix and that the repair would require full engineering and geotechnical investigations and boundary and topographical surveys, with initial repair timeline projections being toward the end of 2018.

UTVs

After review of all the information we had available to us at the end of April, we determined the only viable and sustainable option for transporting the Keepers to and from the Light Station was to acquire beach capable vehicles similar to those used by USFWS for their access, referred to as UTVs. What we settled on is a “Ranger” model manufactured by Polaris with a capacity of one driver and five passengers per vehicle. By acquiring two of the Rangers, it provides us with the capability to transport eight Keepers out and back for each transfer, which is the Maximum number of Keepers we currently allow to stay at the Keeper Quarters. The Rangers that were ordered were “enhanced” with full exterior panels with glass windows, doors, roof and side panels to make them weather proof for the benefit of Keepers during inclement weather. In addition, they include winches and each one has a 4 foot by 6-foot trailer. So far, the trailers, combined with the little “pickup” bed on each Ranger, have been adequate to transport all of the Keeper provisions. The total purchase price for both vehicles was about \$53,000. Chad Kaiser and Rick DeWitt both had completed the USFWS Training for certification to use UTVs and they provided driver services for the initial Keeper transfers starting on June 2nd and training for other UTV drivers.



One additional benefit of having the Ranger vehicles is worth noting: The NDLS uses a septic tank and leach field to handle the sewage requirements of the Light House. About five years ago, we realized that it was costing about \$10,000 or more a year to have the septic tank serviced (pumped), if we were able to find a barge and septic truck combination that would even agree to pump for us. We investigated the options and decided we could buy the required pumps, and a transport

tank mounted on a trailer and service our own septic tank. Ever since we have hauled the trailer mounted tank from the Lighthouse to West Anderson Road with our truck where we would have a regular septic service truck meet us and empty out our trailer mounted tank. We have been doing that successfully since then and saving significant costs. However, with the loss of our beach access, we had no way to service the septic tank and were getting uncomfortably past our planned service time.

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This meant a growing danger of overloading the septic system and then potentially dealing with some extensive and a very expensive rebuild. One additional, but very important immediate benefit of acquiring two of the Ranger vehicles was that by hooking them together we were able to successfully transport enough of the sewage out to remove the immediate danger, and we will do another run in October to get us back on the regular service timing schedule.

Paradigm Boat Use and Limitations



Our first and immediate challenge to address was that we had the current week's Keepers at the Light Station that we needed to bring back, and the next week's Keepers that needed to go out to the Light Station that Saturday, April 21st. That was not going to be a problem because, in 2017, we had recognized the potential exposure we had for the loss of the vehicular access to the beach and had purchased a "landing craft" type boat (the "Paradigm") to enable us to transport people to and from the Light Station independent of road access. Our volunteers scrambled and got the boat fully serviced and berthed at John Wayne Marina and fully equipped to provide the needed transportation service and also hired a captain with the required Coast Guard license ready to operate the boat. Saturday morning came with "small craft storm warnings," which, by our own

operation rules, automatically precluded us from trying to use the boat for the Keeper transfers. The consequence of that development was that we had to find motel rooms for the out-of-town Keepers arriving to be transported out on Saturday, and the out-of-town Keepers waiting to return from the Light Station had to make reservation changes for their return trips home. Sunday, the weather improved so the Paradigm was used to successfully enable the Keeper exchange. However, we identified another challenge with using the Paradigm – the location on the beach where it had the best water depth was down by the old dock piling from the 1800s. This required that all of the arriving and departing Keepers had to carry and drag their luggage and week's supplies and provisions about 150 yards down the beach full of driftwood and cobbles. We were able to mitigate much of that challenge by providing more labor assistance and wheel carts to assist moving the provisions and supplies to the Keepers' Quarters.

Current Projected Schedule for Driveway Repairs

We understand that the Engineering Firm (NTI in Port Angeles) has submitted the driveway repair design to the Clallam County Planning Department for their review in mid-August. The Planner for the County had indicated in a previous meeting that he would expect to take up to four weeks to review the submitted design (and, I assume and hope, to approve it too...)

In Closing

I know this has been a long and probably not that exciting rambling narrative to read because it was kind of the same way to write. However, I thought it was important to let you know that we had a major adverse event that could have been existential, and it did not get to that point because of the very hard work and intense efforts of many people that were involved and I wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge those people.

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2017 End of Year Annual Report for the New Dungeness Light Station Association

Compiled March 2018 by Sarah Miller, Board Secretary,
with contributions from
the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

2017 END OF THE YEAR REPORT (Condensed for Foghorn)

GENERAL: The Board of Directors, volunteer members, and Keepers continued working “*To restore, preserve and interpret the New Dungeness Light Station as a State- and National-treasured historical landmark.*” Monthly Board of Directors’ Meetings were held at the Sequim Bay Yacht Club, except the November meeting was cancelled and the December Strategic Planning meeting, which took place ‘retreat style’ at the Café Garden restaurant in Port Angeles.

Some Notable Accomplishments: Several board members from the Clallam County Historical Society visited the Light Station to see our museum rooms. They were especially pleased to see the beautiful display of the 4th Order Fresnel Lens from the Cape Flattery Lighthouse, which they’ve agreed to loan us on a long-term basis.

We received extra publicity in two forms this year: a 30 minute video produced by Chris Enges for Port Angeles Public Access’ “*On the Road*” series highlighted the New Dungeness Light Station, particularly our Keeper Program (www.vimeo.com/222121600); and Seattle Magazine featured our Light Station in an article as one of its “*Best Vacations*” spots.

Wind Rose Cellars held its Wine Release Party, featuring “The Keeper”, the wine they’ve bottled with the intent of increasing awareness and funding for New Dungeness Light Station Association. Julie Senf, a watercolorist from Port Angeles, won the art contest with a beautiful rendition of our Light Station with Mount Baker in the background. Wind Rose will allocate a percentage of the sales of this wine to our organization. The first year of this relationship with Wind Rose has been a success, and we look forward to repeating the contest in 2018.

New Dungeness continues to be popular with hikers and kayakers, as well as with people who come to stay as Keepers. In July, we had a record number of visitors for the week ending July 29, with a total of 478.

We were successful in receiving funding from the Lighthouse Environmental Program and the US Light House Society grant programs to help pay for the reroofing of the Keepers’ Quarters. The roofing was done in late August, and the Keepers’ Quarters was repainted with the participation of a large work party in September, so the place is looking particularly nice! We also replaced the interpretive panels along the Barry Dove trail and have received many positive comments about the improved readability and information presented.

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Our Keeper Program continues to be popular, with a near 100% occupancy rate throughout 2017. There were only a few times that last-minute cancellations resulted in short list notifications. One incident resulted in the short notice keepers also cancelling, The minimum Keeper requirement was met by board members, driver volunteers, and the General Manager answering the call.

Some Items of interest: During 2017 we were challenged to maintain access, as big storms coinciding with high tides frequently caused our approaches to be blocked by driftwood and sand. Our drivers and maintenance volunteers were diligent and we were never thwarted in our efforts for a successful Keeper transfer, but the increasing frequency of these conditions underscores the wisdom of having acquired the Drop-Bow Landing Craft.

In January, Keepers found a sea turtle on the beach and notified the General Manager. The US Fish & Wildlife Service requested and received assistance from NDLSA with recovering the Olive Ridley Sea Turtle, which had died from cold shock.

Also in January, Keepers tested the 9 -1-1 system by calling to report that one of the Keepers was 'lost' outside after dark. The lost Keeper soon managed to find her way, unassisted, back to the Keepers' Quarters in spite of having no flashlight.

We replaced the Grey 2002 Dodge due to increasing frequency of mechanical breakdowns. We continue to allocate funds on a monthly basis to replenish the 'Vehicle Replacement Fund'.

The family of Don Williamson, a former USCG New Dungeness Light Station Keeper, requested and received permission to hold an informal memorial service at the station in June.

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2018 Raffle Tickets are now available!

Name Address Phone #	No. 0141	<p>No. 0141</p> <p>NEW DUNGENESS LIGHT STATION ASSN.</p> <p>Opportunity for two adults to be Keepers at the Light Station for one week (includes one year membership)</p> <p>DATE IS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY</p> <p>Drawing will be held at the 2018 Fall General Meeting</p> <p>PROCEEDS FOR RESTORATION PROJECTS</p> <p>Winner Need Not Be Present</p> <p>\$5.00</p>
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Tickets may be purchased at the NDL Transfer Station, from any NDLSA Board member or at our booth at the Port Angeles Crab Festival.

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They were appreciative for the thoughtful touches, such as the official log book in the display case turned to their mother's last entry, made in 1986.

FINANCIAL: In April, four representatives attended the Lighthouse Environmental Program Grant Workshop in Coupeville at Camp Casey. We later submitted a grant application for reroofing the Keepers' Quarters, and received the grant.

The Board of Directors voted to increase the Weekly Keepers' Fees for adults to \$420 (from \$395) and whole house to \$2,520 (from \$2,370) starting in 2019. It is worth pointing out that this constitutes back-to-back increases for 2017, 2018, and 2019, however occupancy rates do not appear to be adversely impacted as occupancy rate for 2019 was at 94% by the end of January 2018.

The Association received an annual stock donation, which resulted in excess of \$10,000 of unrestricted funds, a portion of which was used to purchase the replacement interpretive signs for the Barry Dove Memorial Trail. The remaining funds from this donation were used to pay for the reroofing project on the Keepers' Quarters.

The Board of Directors voted to continue to swap one week for two adults at NDLS for three nights at Point No Point. The USLHS uses the NDLS accommodations for their Annual Auction, while NDLSA uses the Point No Point stay for the silent auction at the October General Meeting.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS: NDLSA is an active participant in annual festivals and events held in our region. At several of the events, we offer visitors the opportunity to join the Association, and to purchase merchandise such as hats, tee-shirts, jackets, and other New Dungeness memorabilia. These events include:

- Irrigation Festival—first full week in May
- Irrigation Parade
- 4th of July Parade
- Lavender Festival – third weekend in July
- Sequim Air Affaire – fourth weekend in August
- Crab Festival – first weekend in October
- NDLSA General Meeting – third Saturday in October

This has been another successful year thanks to a dedicated Board of Directors and wonderful volunteers.

SAVE THE DATE
NDLSA ANNUAL MEETING
October 20, 2018 — 2:00 PM
Trinity United Methodist Church, Sequim, Washington

The Old Dungeness Lighthouse

One of the oft-asked questions that Keepers receive at the New Dungeness Lighthouse is “what happened to the *old* Dungeness Lighthouse?” Many assume that it must have collapsed, been razed or otherwise demolished. Fact is, it is still standing proud and tall in Dungeness, Kent, in the United Kingdom. Although decommissioned in 1960, the Old Lighthouse still stands and is a popular museum. The following history is courtesy of The Old Dungeness Lighthouse organization.

History of the Old Lighthouse



Dungeness is a vast expanse of shingle ridges, built up over the centuries by longshore drift. By the end of the medieval period it had grown into a promontory reaching out into the English Channel and had become a lethal and dangerous shipping hazard. Advances in marine technology during the 16th Century had led to a large increase in both the number and size of ships in the English Channel. It is said that during one winter gale over 1,000 sailors lost their lives and many valuable cargoes sank with them.

The first lighthouse, simply a wooden tower, probably 35ft high, with an open coal fire on top, was licensed to private ownership, by King James I (VI of Scotland) in August 1615. Time passed and the sea continued to retreat as the shingle banks grew. A second brick lighthouse, approximately 110ft high, was constructed around 1635. This second lighthouse lasted over 100 years, but it too became victim of the increasing shingle banks and,

after complaints about poor light visibility at sea, a new third lighthouse was demanded by Trinity House, and built in 1790. This third Lighthouse, some 116ft tall, similar in design to the Eddystone light, was lit by 17 Argon lamps, fueled first by oil and finally petroleum. The light was magnified by silvered concave reflectors. In 1836 Trinity House, empowered by an Act of Parliament, bought out all Lighthouse Leases and in 1862 pioneered commercial electricity by introducing it at Dungeness. Electrical power supply, however, was in its infancy and it eventually proved too costly. The oil light was restored but this time surrounded by much improved glass prisms. Towards the end of the 19th Century the shingle bank had increased to such an extent that an additional smaller Low Light became necessary and was placed near the water's edge. A siren-type foghorn, presented for trials by the United States Lighthouse Board, was housed in the same building.

In 1901 Trinity House commissioned Patrick & Co of London to build a new, taller fourth lighthouse, approximately 150 ft high. This Lighthouse was ceremonially opened by His Majesty, The Prince of Wales, later George V, in 1904. Its intermittent light, flashing every 10 seconds, could be seen for approximately 18 miles.

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1. The Keepers who were patient and so supportive of our efforts and willing to deal with some adverse situations (beach landings and double handling of loading supplies and provisions) and for being so kind to even suggest to us that they enjoyed the bit of adventure that came with the adjustments.
2. I wish to acknowledge the exceptional cooperation, consideration and kindness of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and especially to Jennifer Brown Scott for all she and they have done to help in this challenging situation.
3. I want to complement the Board of Directors for their unified support and commitment to make important decisions in the short time frame that we had.
4. Thanks to Al Hamilton and John Holden for getting the boat ready to use in such a short time.
5. And, thanks to Chad Kaiser for taking the lead and handling the overload while still making all the Keeper stays still work, plus all of his “usual” General Manager responsibilities.

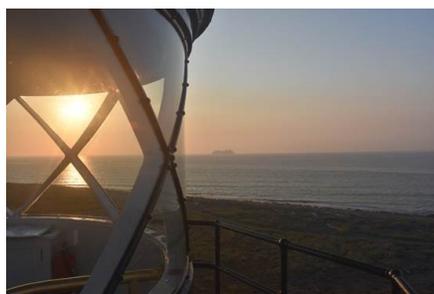
Tom Sinton, President, NDLSA



Free Delivery! and Free Pizza!

Imagine these Keepers surprise when late one afternoon, long after regular tour hours, a guy arrives bearing gifts. “Brian”—he didn’t give us his last name— brought out a “take and bake” pepperoni pizza from *Papa Murphy’s* in Sequim, along with a newspaper. Keepers Steve, Helen, Barb, Margaret and Greg (not pictured) can attest that the pizza made for a great lunch the next day. Thanks Brian, wherever you are.

More scenes on the spit...



KEEPERS, QUARTERS FURNISHINGS

Having brewed a nice cup of Earl Grey tea, my day's duties as a keeper finished, I was looking forward to settling into a few chapters of the new read I had brought along for my weeks stay at the New Dungeness Light Station Keepers Quarters. Sitting down into the comfortable looking blue sofa, I sank lower than expected. Glancing over toward the two yellow upholstered chairs, it was apparent they had seen considerable use as well.

It stands to reason. The Keepers Quarters (KQ) holds an average of 4-6 people a week (the maximum is 8), 52 weeks a year. This computes to approximately 325 people a year. I wondered how the furniture in my home would fair with so many visitors. Then there is the wear and tear on kitchen appliances, equipment, towels, linens, dining room chairs and the list goes on and on.



Several Board members were Keepers this past September and discussed this very issue. They brought their concerns to the next NDLSA Board meeting and a good discussion resulted. The Restoration and Maintenance Committee have several pages of projects on a "To Do" list already, so the need for a KQ Furnishings & Equipment Coordinator was determined. I volunteered. My first stop was to Angeles Furniture in Port Angeles. The owner, Jack Gray, was extremely

helpful in pointing out high quality and functional pieces. Ben Lowe in the sales department handled all of my questions. An appreciation of our desire to shop local, purchase American made products, and help the NDLSA create a warm and comfortable interior environment resulted in a wonderful deal.

We have received an exquisitely crafted sofa and loveseat from the American Leather Company in Dallas, Texas and two beautifully upholstered swivel chairs from Stanton Furniture Company in Tualatin, Oregon. These are shown in the photographs. The old blue sofa and loveseat will receive new cushions and be moved to the pool table area. The yellow chairs will add comfort to our Workers' Quarters in the lighthouse. After the furnishings are set, we will replace or add items in all corners of the KQ such as, new dining room chairs, new placemats, additional pillows for all beds, extra mattress pads and blankets and update the bathroom curtains to name a few.

The New Dungeness Light Station is a special place. Each time a member stays at the KQ wonderful memories are made. The next visit you plan with us I am confident you will be pleased with the updates and attention to detail we try to provide.

JoAnn Hamilton, Furnishings Coordinator

Photos: Chad Kaiser



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During the late 1950s work began on the Dungeness Power Station and it became apparent that, due to the height of the new building, the light would be obscured from the sea. Subsequently a fifth and automatic lighthouse was built closer to the water's edge where it operates from today. Thus, the fourth lighthouse, now known as the Old Lighthouse, was decommissioned in 1960 and became a tourist attraction and museum. Ben Fogle and his dog Storm visited recently as part of the Channel 4 series "Walks With My Dog". The BBC also recently filmed as part of the series "Holiday of My Lifetime" featuring Len Goodman and Bill Oddie.



More information on the Old Lighthouse can be obtained from the booklet "Dungeness Lighthouses" available from our shop. For more information visit: <https://dungenesslighthouse.com/history>. Special thanks to Jill Stanners for permission to reprint this history of the Old Dungeness Lighthouse.

New Dungeness Light Station Association		Gift Reply Form
Dear Members and Friends,		
Historically, income from Keeper and Membership fees is basically equal to our expenses. We depend on donations and grants to fund the majority of the maintenance and projects. Because of that, we are reaching out to you for donations to help us maintain, preserve and operate NDLS for current and future visitors to experience and enjoy. We thank you for your past and current support of the NDLSA.		
Gift Choices:		Gift Amount
1 General Operation and Maintenance of NDLS, including transfer vehicles.		
2 Operation and Related Expenses related to our Landing craft boat "Paradigm"		
3 Specific Annual Project (To be identified in next FOGHORN)		
4 "Write-In" Donors' Choice:		
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The NDLSA is a 501c3 Organization and gifts are Tax Deductible and you will receive an acknowledgement of any Gift.		
Tom Sinton President NDLSA		

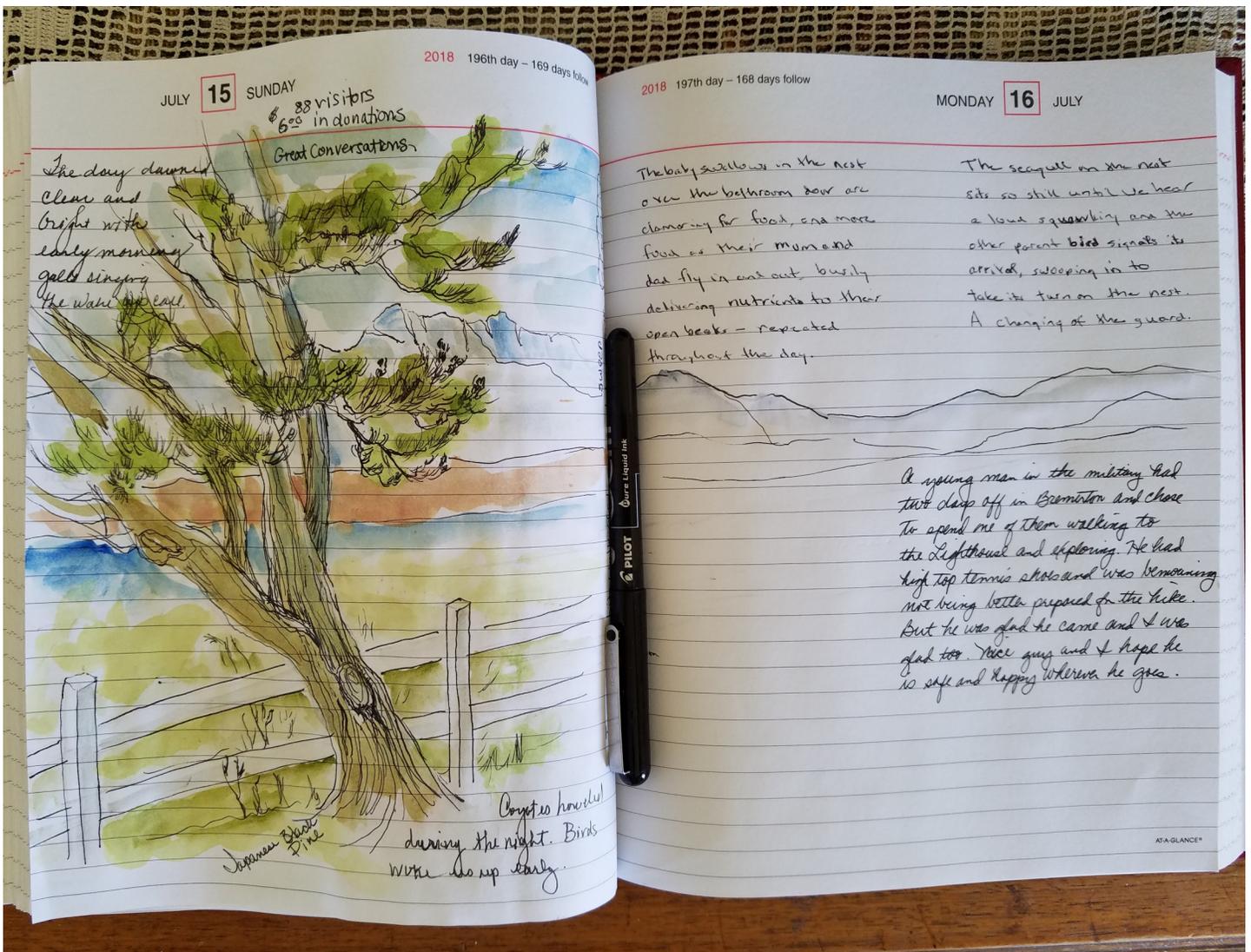
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...from the Logs

One of the many fun things to do while staying at the Lighthouse is to peruse the past *Keeper* logs that are housed in the upstairs library. These represent a daily journal of what has happened on the spit since the NDLSA began to manage the property. Here you can see what the weather patterns tend to be in any season of the year, major events including wildfires, boating accidents, whale sightings, visitor counts and odd occurrences. Some entries, like the one below, also provide lovely images by talented Keepers.

Now, in addition to the physical logs in our library, we have received digital copies of all *known* logs in existence for the New Dungeness Lighthouse. The earliest of these date back to the mid 1870s. Some gaps exist in the collection due to a fire that struck the archives of the Department of Commerce—one of the several agencies that once had oversight of lighthouses. However, it is a remarkably complete collection given the circumstances. We are extremely grateful to Candace Clifford, Historian for the U.S. Lighthouse Society for her work in locating and digitizing all of this material. Sadly, this was one of Candace's final projects before she passed away.



...and more from the Logs

Keepers Log

Sunday, July 8, 2007

Visitors: 35

Donations: \$11.44

Weather: Cloudy; wind gusts 25 mph, been around 10 all day

Dear Lighthouse Diary,

Today we decided that the Lighthouse needs a ghost story. So, for your reading enjoyment, we present you with the story of Mabel Clemens, the Lighthouse Keeper's wife.

In 1856, the Lighthouse needed a keeper during construction. Abel Clemens and his new wife Mabel took the post and moved here from Maine. All was well during the first few months. Abel was a strict man. He never allowed Mabel any visitors and kept her locked in the basement of the Keepers' house. One day, while Abel was out fishing, Mabel escaped the basement. To celebrate her freedom, she climbed the newly erected lighthouse and marveled at the view. She lost track of time and soon Abel reappeared. He was angry and called out to her to get back down. She couldn't imagine life back in the basement so she refused. Angrily, Abel climbed the stairs to get her but it was too late. Mabel gave him one last tragic look and flung herself from the top of the 100 ft. lighthouse, plunging to her early death. They say the spirit of Mabel still haunts the light station but will never again enter the basement.

The End. (P.S. tell your friends)



International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend at New Dungeness

Four amateur radio operators made contact with five other lighthouses and 63 other amateur stations in 18 states, three Canadian provinces and one Mexican state during International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend 2018 (ILLW).

NDLSA members Rick DeWitt (call sign AA0RD), Johan VanNimwegen (KO6I), Bill Peterson (W7WWP) and Mark Newbold (K7NEW), Roberta DeWitt and Duane Klotz travelled out to the station on the morning of August 17th and returned Sunday evening August 19th. The party travelled out and back using the NDLSA landing craft, since the road washout has limited our transport options; the weekly Keeper transfer would be using both UTVs on Saturday morning.



ILLW is a yearly celebration of Lighthouses when Ham radio operators around the world try to contact other Hams who are located on lighthouse grounds or aboard lightships. To be able to operate from a lighthouse is a coveted Ham experience, and to stay overnight in the actual lighthouse building makes it even more special.



While Roberta updated the station First Aid Kits and Duane installed new North-Facing webcam linking equipment, the Hams used their personal radio gear and antennas strung from the tower gallery or mounted on the fence. Not being quite as “dedicated” as some other groups, our operators were only on the air during daylight hours. The event actually runs from

00:00 UTC (Universal, or Greenwich Mean Time) August 17th to 00:00 August 19th. That equates to 5pm local PDT.

Mark Newbold was operating in CW (Morse Code) mode, which has the best propagation characteristics. Bill, Rick and Johan were using voice modes. Rick also tried some PSK31 digital mode operation, but his antenna was not good enough to reach very far.

During the event, the group also made frequent contact with kids at the Clallam County Fair, as part of Ham radio’s “Get-On-the-Air” (GOTA) program. Bruce (KD7WBM) was operating from the fairgrounds.

Here are the statistics for the weekend’s contacts:

5 Lighthouses: Heceta Head, Lime Kiln, Point Reyes, Patos Island, Point Vicente

18 US States: WA, OR, CA, UT, AZ, TX, CO, OK, ND, SD, IL, IN, MI, AR, GA, NC, NY, NH

3 Canadian Provinces: SK, BC, ON

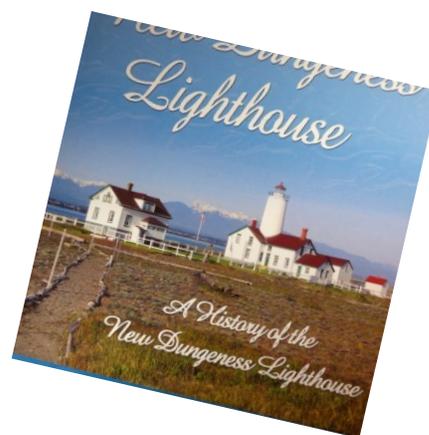
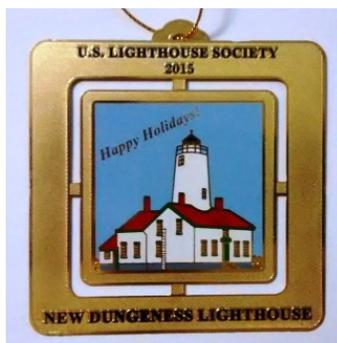


Souvenirs and Memories

We have a variety of sweatshirts, jackets, vests and tee shirts, both short sleeve and long sleeve, available to help you remember your time at the Lighthouse. Sizes range from small to 2xl.

We also have post cards, caps, lighthouse pins, lighthouse patches, window clings and lighthouse Christmas ornaments, and James Isom's book, *A History of the New Dungeness Lighthouse*. This book is filled with great information and can be useful to folks who will be Keepers or are just history buffs.

All items can be viewed on our website merchandise store; just go to our website (www.newdungenesslighthouse.com/shop) to see all available merchandise. We can ship orders directly or hold for pick up if you are coming to be Lighthouse Keepers. They will also be available at the annual meeting in October and make great gifts!





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