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USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION, Inc.

[ ] 2011 [ ] 2012 MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM

[ ] New [ ] Renewal

Please PRINT your information (even if you submitted it before); we will then update our database.

Check all Applicable:

[ ] USCG Lightship Sailor Veteran
[ ] LS Veteran's Family Member
[ ] LIGHTSHIP Interest, Friend, Association
[ ] Other Associations
[ ] Former CG (non-Lightship)
[ ] CG Retired
[ ] CG Active Duty
[ ] CG Reserve
[ ] CG Auxiliary

Last Name: or Group / Business Name:	First Name:	Middle Initial Nick Name:
Street Address:	City: State: Zip:	Spouse/Other:
E mail Address or Web Site:	Telephone Number:	Year Born:

Membership Level, and Dues Rate;

[ ] **Full Membership – VET or MBR. $25.00 Annually**
[ ] **Group / Business $50.00 Annually**
[ ] **Life Membership $300.00 (1x life time fee)**

$_____

USCG Lightship Sailor Veterans **Please fill in below:**

Lightship Name	Hull #	LS Service Dates (From - To)	Your Rank/Rate: Aboard	Commanding Officer:
Other Info:				

LSA MEMBERS / GROUP or BUSINESS / LIFE MEMBERS **Fill in as it applies to you:**

[ ] Family / Friend:
[ ] Lightship Interest:
[ ] Other USCG:
[ ] Other Groups, etc.:

Submit any additional information you may wish, on the back of this form, or on a separate sheet of paper.

Annual Dues period runs on the fiscal year; October 1 thru September30.

LSA Donation (Optional):

[ ] **General Fund,** [ ] **Lightship Preservation** **or** [ ] **LSA Museum** **$ _____**

Enclose this form with your check or money order, made out to the:
"USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION, Inc." **Total Submitted** **$_____**

Please mail to:

Thanks,

Dave Orszak
Membership Director

Please Mail to:
Dave Orszak
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Palmer, MA 01069-2258

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THE FOG HORN

LIGHTSHIP NOT IN CORRECT POSITION

Volume 3 Issue 34 Newsletter of The U.S. Coast Guard Lightship Sailors Association
Reunion Edition 2011

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Writings of The President

Larry Ryan

My Brother Lightship Sailors, Members and Friends:
As we wind down another year I would like to take this my final opportunity to report on the well being and solid structure of our organization. Our organization is strong both physically and financially. As has been reported in the past, your organization operates under a set of printed By-laws in concert with *Roberts Rules of Order* governing parliamentary procedure via your elected board of directors.
Yes, we have had smoother years. And yes again, this year has presented some challenges, as we should expect could occur being in our 13 th year without any major dips. We have not had a resignation from your board of directors since the year 2000, and this year we will have three, all three have been totally and completely beyond any ones control and is in no way a reflection on the organization or those that resigned. As you know, your board of directors requested that I serve out the 10 months of this year as your interim president (this action to ratified in Hyannis), and I agreed to the 10 months, and we have operated without a 1st VP since February (this is not a good situation).
We do need to fill three positions on the board to finish out this term (2010-2012), please consider stepping up in Hyannis.
We continue to search for a suitable site in order to re-establish our museum. This is no less critical now than before 2008. Our main purpose then, and now, is to preserve our history as Lightship Sailors. Other than the Lightships open to the public and the memorial in New Bedford (originally in memory of those lost on the Vineyard) there is no other memorial in recognition of our service.
It is difficult to find a facility that meets our requirements. One of our limitations is we simply can't provide man power on a daily basis, so it almost for certain would need to be a part of another staffed and secure facility. The organization is in a position where we can pay a stipend, as we have since opening our original museum in 2008, to our host museum.
As reported in the past, all of our artifacts are in a secure climate controlled storage facility. And we continue to receive items that eventually will be on display with appropriate credits.
We still are hopeful we will have some positive news to report and ideally vote on a new home in Hyannis. Should anyone have information on a possible location, please (double please) let us know and we will contact the possible venue.
I thank you for allowing me the honor of serving this fine organization for the past 6 years and 10 months as president and for a total of 7 years 10 months on your board of directors.
Help Keep the Light Shining,
Larry

"I am convinced that the best service a retired general can perform is to turn in his tongue along with his suit, and to mothball his opinion"
Omar Nelson Bradley, General of the Army

USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION, Inc.

2011 ANNUAL REUNION … To be Held in
HYANNIS, MA … October 13, 14 & 15.

Quick Overview of Basic Reunion Information.

Hotel: Radisson Hyannis
287 Iyannough Road
Hyannis, MA 02601
Reservations call: 1-508- 771-1700 (Do not call 1-800)
Our LSA Special Rates are: $85.00 per night plus tax.
Rooms must be reserved under "USCG Lightship Sailors Association" block for special rate.
Make certain to say you are with the USCG Lightship Sailors Assn. to get the $85.00 special rate.
NOTE: Directions to Hotel;
Located immediately opposite the Barnstable Regional Airport on Rt.132 to Yarmouth.
Commercial Air Service into Hyannis (Barnstable Regional Airport) via either Providence, RI or Boston, MA.
Bus service from either Providence or Boston airports. Distance by car is approximately the same from either.

LSA Reunion Schedule:

Thursday October 13, 2011
07:00 am… Hospitality Room opens
08:00 am – 2:00 pm: LSA Registration in main lobby, receive ID Badge.
2:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Annual Membership Meeting in the Regatta Room.
5:00 pm… LSA Social Gathering located in the Regatta Room, with guest Speaker

Friday October 14, 2011
11:00am... Cape Cod Central Lunch Train

Saturday October 15, 2011
9:00 am...Bus departs for Boston Harbor with sack lunch and soft drinks.
1:00 pm… Annual Lightship Sailors Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony.
5:00 pm… Annual Banquet Dinner with cash bar, and annual auction in the Regatta Room.
Note: As a courtesy to our guest speaker, the bar will be closed during his presentation.

The Hospitality room will remain open both days for those unable to attend our day trips, coffee & soda will be available.

FEE: All of the above are included in the low $ 100.00 per head fee.

PAYMENTS: Hotel:
Make reservations and payments directly with the hotel.

Note: Unless ***otherwise noted***, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner are on your own. Saturday of course, is the Banquet Dinner, Friday lunch on train and sack lunches prior to the memorial service .

Sunday October 16, 2011
09:00 am … After the official program closes, Southern Gospel Country Style Music by LSA Members, Adrian and Sharon Van Houten. Please join us for this wonderful Mini Chapel Service. (location TBA)

REGISTRATION FORM

USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS Association, Inc. [501(c) (3) Corp]

2011 REUNION to be held in HYANNIS, MA October 13, 14 & 15.

Please check your category:

NAME_____ [ ] **USCG LIGHTSHIP VETERAN**

ADDRESS:_____ [ ] **LSA MEMBER**

_____ [ ] **LIFE MEMBER**

PHONE_____ [ ] **NEW MEMBER**

E-MAIL_____ [ ] **GROUP MEMBER**

Other Information you may wish to add:

REUNION FEES
At $100.00/person

Dues for 2012(Optional)

Three Membership Levels

Full: $25.00
Group: $50.00
Lifetime: $300.00

NAME:	FEE:	DUES: (Dues Period 1 Oct to 30 Sep Annually)	TOTAL:
_____	$_____	_____	$_____
_____	$_____	_____	$_____
_____	$_____	_____	$_____
_____	$_____	_____	$_____

REUNION FEES TOTAL **$_____** **DUES TOTAL** **$_____**

CAPE COD CENTRAL RAILROAD MEAL CHOICE: (Show total for each)

Breast of Chicken_____ Pan Seared Salmon_____

Please fill in the above reunion registration form. Enclose this form with your check or money order, made out to the: "USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION, Inc."

Mail to LSA Treasurer:

Please mail to:
Fred A. Pelger
1107 East Saguaro Drive
Globe, AZ 85501-2047

All dues and donations are tax deductable.

NOTE: Please make ALL hotel reservations directly with the hotel 1-508-771-1700

To be completed by the Reunion Committee

Secretary's Report

Dave Orszak, Secretary &
Director of Membership

Secretary and Membership Director Report

Secretary

No significant events to report this quarter.

I will be resigning as Secretary and Director of Membership at the close of the our annual meeting in October due to other commitments. This vacancy then creates a third position open for the last year of our regular two year term. Please consider standing for nomination for one of these very important positions.

Membership

The 2011 Memberships are just about completed with 199 paid to date including eight new Life memberships. The 2010 membership was 208. Total life members are now 48. Other than life members, there are 123 Veterans and 28 Members. We are nine months into our annual membership and still have 29 2010 past members who have yet to renew. Please continue to support us.

Check on-line at our website for confirmation of your membership status. Thank you to the members who continue to include additional contributions with their renewal dues.

You can send your 2011 and/or 2012 dues with your 2011 Reunion Registration sent to our Treasurer.

Dave Orszak
Secretary and Membership Director.

OFF YEAR ELECTION REMINDER

We have three board positions to fill during our General Membership Meeting in Hyannis.
All are officers of the corporation, president, 1st Vice President and secretary. This election will be limited to the three positions and for one year only to fill out the current term. The association needs volunteers to serve the members.

THE QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Be a member in good standing, be computer competent to send and answer e-mails (all of our business is via electronic except for the annual meeting) and agree to check for messages at least every 24 hours.
All members, not just Lightship Sailors, are encouraged to volunteer, this includes our ladies (some of which have supported the organization for many years. We would welcome any member in good standing.
Most of the responsibilities are spelled out in our By-laws, any member of the board will gladly explain our operational procedures.

THE COMPENSATION

In addition to being able to write off 100% of your expenses incurred in attending the annual meeting you will have the satisfaction of knowing you have contributed to the effort in keeping our history alive and preserved (is there a greater reward?)

MEETINGS

The board meets annually for approximately four hours, the evening before the General meeting. At this meeting we conduct nearly all of our annual business in preparation for the General Meeting where all applicable issues are ratified by the members.

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HONOR-RESPECT-DEVOTION TO DUTY

Bob Gubitosi, 2nd VP, Chairman Special Projects

"The main obstacle to a stable and just world order is The United States"
Gyorgy Schartz (AKA George Soros)

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Roland Holloway, Director

July 22, 2011
After I was elected to the LSA board, I was appointed to Veterans Affairs. During the past year I have tried to help those of you who have contacted me in trying to obtain VA benefits and I hope I was successful.

I received my benefits with the assistance of Bernie Byrnes, past Chairman, who I could never replace. His knowledge and background paperwork on fog horns assisted me in getting me 10% disability and hearing aids.

I have this paperwork and if hearing loss due to noise of the fog horns or engine room applies to you, please contact me and I will forward this to you.

Also, one of our shipmates, Charles Gillingham, has very generously offered his entire file for distribution and display from a 4 year fight with The VA. This file contains the various cover letters along with supporting documents earning Charles a 10% disability for tinnitus and a 10% disability for hearing loss, all tax free. This file will be available for inspection in Hyannis and may serve as a template for future applications.

Most of us who receive benefits for hearing problems know how difficult it is to get the benefits that are due to us. My advice to you is to be patient, persistent and keep trying. Use all available resources, i.e. American Legion or your congressman.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on the Cape in October,

Roland.

Roland Holloway
9 Palisade Circle
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DRAWING FOR FREE ROOM

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND—We will again this year have a drawing for a free three night stay for some lucky member (Directors and Officers not eligible). The only requirement is the member must have been a registered quest in the hotel for the three nights. The drawing will be part of the auction at the conclusion of the annual banquet.

ANNUAL ALL HANDS PICNIC

Hosted by Chief Petty Officers Association. Mobile Chapter
Saturday Sept. 3, 2011
Walters Park (adjacent to USCG ATC)
10:00-5:00
251-649-8800
Jack Crowley/Ron Wilkins writes

"It's not what you take when you leave this world behind you, it's what you leave behind you when you go" Randy Travis

A Short Sea Story

This meeting of ***Jim Sheahan*** of Yarmouth, and ***Richard Arnold*** of Gloucester Massachusetts started last Fall in 2010. ***Jim Sheahan*** had contacted me due to me being involved with the Lightship Sailors Association. Jim had been trying to contact some friends of his that were members of the LSA. During the conversation, the subject of Hurricane Edna came up, and Jim mentioned he had been one of the crew aboard during that horrific Storm! He also talked about his friend, and former crewmember ***Richard Arnold***. I assumed the two had been in touch over the years, the way Jim spoke of Richard. I mentioned the 112 was back in Boston, and invited Jim to come to Boston to come aboard, and bring Richard along. Arrangements had to be made for a meeting of sorts to hear and document his experience during the hurricane…..Over the Winter months, Jim contacted me a few times, each telephone conversation, making me more eager to meet this gentleman in person! I had mentioned these conversations to Bob Mannino, and he was just as eager to meet Jim as I was. We both knew of the impact thru Newspaper clippings on line, but were extremely anxious to hear it from actual crewmembers who lived through the genuine experience.

Jim and Richard anxious to meet each other again! I did not know it, but neither had seen each other since 1954! Richard had not seen nor stepped foot on deck since then either. Jim had visited the 112 20 yrs or so earlier, while she had been owned by the Nantucket Group on Nantucket. Anyone would have thought that each of them had seen each other a week ago! But as I stated, not since 1954, 57 years ago!

We entered the Wheelhouse, where Richard started telling us about his experience during Hurricane Edna. He had been on watch, standing between the shipswheel, looking out the forward portholes. As the Nantucket was bobbing up and down, Richard stated he saw a mountain of "green water" approaching in the distance which appeared to be 60 or 70 foot high traveling at an extremely fast pace. He also stated, the size of the wave varied depending on how many times the story was told! As the wave approached, he turned to holler to ***Chief Corea*** who was in the Captains Quarters just a few feet away, "Hey Chief! You better come up here quick!" As the Chief stepped out of his cabin, the wave had struck the Lightship, smashing through the ¾ inch portholes! Chief Corea was stepping in water, sparks flying as the Atlantic washed into the Wheelhouse, soaking the rear walls. Shorting fuse panels, switches, radio equipment etc. The Chief was stunned as Richard was also. But the Chief and crew knew what to do! As this was happening, the Nantucket had broke anchor, being thrown every way you could imagine. In the Radio Room, Jim Sheahan heard the commotion, and reported to Bob Mannino and I, he thought the ship had been struck by another vessel. First thing he did, was step into the passageway, and listened to identify if the ship was taking on water! He stated he didn't hear any water pouring in anywhere, so back in the Radio Room, where he started to attempt to send an SOS while sparks were flying from the Radio!

Back in the bow area, Chief Corea had worked his way into the anchor room, where he was giving slack to the spare anchor chain. In 1954, the spare anchor was swung so the mushroom was stored at deck level thru the gunnel. The crew was concerned if the anchor broke free, it would swing down through the bow and puncture a hole in the hull.

Now it is noted by Richard and Jim, the wave also went over the funnel, drowning out the boilers. There was no power to run the ship at this moment. At the same time, Radioman Jim Sheehan was radioing for help frantically. They could not drop anchor without knowing their exact position. The water could be too deep, or they could be almost on the Shoals they were marking prior to breaking the anchor chain! All this while Hurricane Edna is blowing them about, sea's splashing over the decks during the dark skies! While Jim was trying to raise someone on the radio, he suddenly was notified by a Navy Hurricane Hunter (airplane) their Latitude and Longitude. The crew plotted their position with this information. They knew now there position, and water depth. With 100 MPH winds, 50ft + Seas, Chief Corea and crewmembers dragged along one of the lines they secured previously in anticipation of the Hurricane, and were able to release the spare anchor. They felt a little more security now, even with the high seas and winds.

Getting back Steam to the boilers, prior to being notified of their position, the crew had tried to maneuver the Nantucket. The Helm would not respond. It was later learned the rudder had also been bent during the Hurricane.

The LV112 remained anchored until a CG Cutter arrived to tow them into Boston for repairs.

I want to mention, once again, Richard and Jim had parted ways after being towed to Boston. Each got assigned elsewhere. Neither had been in contact with each other since that day! It was a grand reunion and it could not have been a better place to meet again after all those years…but aboard the LV112 Nantucket right back in Boston, not a mile from where they last parted from the Nantucket and each other **57 years ago**!

Bob Mannino, and myself were extremely excited to meet Richard Arnold and James Sheahan. It is one thing to read newspaper accounts of experiences like this, but it is a whole different ballgame to hear it from the people who lived it and actually experienced going through a Hurricane such as Edna.

Respectfully Submitted

Ron Janard, LSA Life Member

Editors Note: Our thanks and appreciation to Ron Janard for this article.
Original article edited for space, will be on exhibit in Hyannis.

LIGHTSHIP SAILORS OF THE QUARTER

Richard Arnold and Jim Sheahan Spring 2011

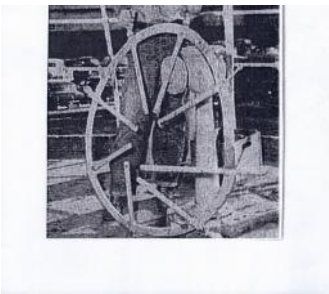
Richard Arnold
On the bridge of the 112-again

Jim Sheahan
where he was standing when the wave hit

When ships were wood and men were steel

Former lightship skipper John C. Corea, now a resident of the Cape End Manor, flanked by Bernie Brynes and Dennis Cosmo Jr. of the Lightship Association.

Bernie Brynes LSA Director, Chief Corea, Dennis Cosmo, LSA Past Pres
Circa 2006



THE CREW OF THE 112 DURING EDNA
Eugene Darcy, MMC Rufus Jordan, JR. James F.Watson, Lynn R. Clapp, Jack A. King, Haines D. Hewette, James E. Sheahan, Richard Arnold, Chief Corea, BMC (OinC)

NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP COMES HOME TO BOSTON bearing the scars of her battle with Hurricane Edna. Top left, the survivors of the storm, which dragged the vessel from her moorings, are left to right, standing, Haines D. Hewett, Clifton L. Giles, Rufus Jordan, Jr.

Eugene W. Darcy, engine
boatswain's mate, and Ric
Greene cares the lightshi
29-hour voyage from stat

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ROSTER OF LIFE MEMBERS

KRZWICKI, Marty **LSA Founder**
RAINVILLE, Richard E. "Dick"
PLETNICK, Jerome J. "J.J
COURSEY, Gerard H. "Jerry"
SCOTT, Gary B. "Earl"
COLEMAN, George H. "Skip" **VP 2008-2010**
QUIGLEY, William "Quig"
JENNINGS, Richard W.
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COLLETTE, William Jr. "Bill" **VP 2000**
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RINGO, Gene C.

FLAGG, Marcia A.
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PENFIELD. Peter "Pete"
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HANCOCK, Michael
DINSMORE, Robertson "Bob"
COSTELLO, James D.
STETSON, Dana L.
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112/534 Nantucket, '73 – '74 612 Nantucket, '74 – '75
112/534 Nantucket Jul '50 – '52
613 Relief (Boston) Oct '68-Feb '71
612 San Francisco 1962 – 1964
189 Diamond Shoal 1965 – 1967
106/528 Relief (MA) 1956 to Aug '57
84/509 Relief (Frying Pan, Savannah)'59-'60
18/539 Cross Rip '61 '62 102/525 Boston '62
114 /536/114 Pollock Rip '67-'68 Founding member
605 Overfalls, Blunts Reef '60-'61
604 Columbia Aug '78 - Dec '79
LSA Member Wife of Curtis above
88/513 Umatilla, 5-22-52 - 6-9-52 113/535 Swiftsure, 6-11-52 - 6-14-54
196 Relief/Umatilla, 7-61 thru 3-64
LSA Member Family of Harold Flagg,only Vineyard # 73 Survivor
118/539 Cross Rip Jun '61–Sep '62
112/534 Nantucket Mar'63 to Oct'64
112 / 534 Nantucket Feb '73–Jun '74 .613 Relief (MA) '74 612 Nantucket '74 – Jun '75
605 Overfalls & Blunts Reef July '60-Dec '60
115/537 Frying Pan Shoals '60-61
118/539 Boston June '63-Nov '65
84/50 Relief March '59-Aug '60
604 Columbia '76-'78
LSA Member Wife of Willis, above
101/524 Stone Horse & Cross Rip July '63-'64
114/536 Pollock Rip '60-'63
91/515 Relief Portsmouth, VA 8'54—8'55
79/506 Barnegat 1954-1955
108/530 Five Fathom 1955-1956
LSA Member Author/writer Childrens Books about Lightships
612 San Francisco 1962-'64
112/534 Nantucket '61-62
112/534 Nantucket Jan '48-May 1950
112/534 Nantucket '73-75' 612 Nantucket 'Apr 75 – Nov '75
118/539 Boston 63-64
115/537 Frying Pan Shoals 45-46 78/505 Relief 48-50
79/506 Barnegat 54-56
109/531 New Orleans 64-66
91/515 Relief 60-61
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116/538 Deleware 67-68
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ANNUAL RECOGNIZATION OF OUR LIFE MEMBERS

Current 7-28-2011

Our Special thanks to all of our Life Members and to all of our friends and members that contribute to preserving our history

Your Elected Board of Directors

Continuous effort- Not strength or intelligence is the key to unlocking our potential.

GENERAL QUARTERS
Chiefs Corner

LV #83 *SWIFTSURE*

For The first time since 1960 the bright beacon on the historic Lightship Swiftsure was turned on for the July 4th week-end in Seattle.

The beacon was returned to working order by the first phase of a three year 2 million dollar restoration by Northwest Seaport.

Information provided by *Scripps Newspaper Group*/Rick Gryder

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The drawing will be part of the auction at the conclusion of the annual banquet.

ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

Conducted by Auctioneer Adrian Van Houten

We conduct the auction as a secondary source of funds to help offset our fixed expenses. All items are donated (or explained at the time if circumstances exist such as minimum offers).

This year we already have several items of interest, including:

Turned wooden bowls and a high end 12" model of the 36500 that many of our members were well acquainted being transported to an from station—By Adrian and Sharon VanHouten

A Nantucket Basket donated by Rick Bennett, Founding Member and Past Secretary.
As everyone knows, these baskets became famous when made by the crew of the
Nantucket Lightships and sold all around New England.

We would welcome any other items of interest, a receipt will be furnished suitable for tax deduction purposes.

CAPE COD CENTRAL RAILROAD LUNCH TRAIN

252 Main St. Hyannis

(right turn out of hotel, .2 miles, right turn on Yarmouth Rd, right turn on Main St for .2 miles)

We will be touring the Cape to Cape Cod Canal and return to Hyannis on Friday October 14, 2011.

We suggest car pooling to the nearby station, arriving no later than 11:00 AM.

The seating will be traditional railroad style with four per table, each car seats 64. Any overflow will be in the next car made up of public guests. **When making your reservation please check the box for your menu choice:**

"Breast of Chicken Francaise" or "Pan Seared Salmon"

Our choices MUST BE PROVIDED prior to the meeting.

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity: An optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

Updated 07-10-2011

CROSSED OVER THE BAR
2011

Lightship Sailor Veteran	Crossed Over	LSA Notified
George Rongner 86/511 Buzzards Bay 1955-1957	February 15, 2011	February 15, 2011
Charles Reed Relief 106/528 1943-1949	July 6, 2010	April 14, 2011
Lowell Holmes Relief 110/532 Feb 1944-1945	August 31, 2010	February 25, 2011
Joseph Cody Delaware 116/538 May 1966-'67	October 11, 2010	April 21, 2011
George Williford Relief 91/515 1960-1961	June 16, 2011	June 17, 2011

YOU ARE RELIEVED OF THE WATCH,
REST IN PEACE

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Rev. Adrian Van Houten

Dear Sailors & Mermaids.
Hello again in the middle of a hot, hot summer season. Here in Michigan we are so fortunate to be near lake Michigan that in 10 minutes we can be at the beach to cool off. That's not what this note is about though. The year is zooming by us and we can't seem to catch up. We need to take time each day to reflect and look back at each day to be thankful for the blessings that Lord has given to us. As we look forward to the time in October on Cape Cod to reflect back on the time when we served on the Lightships. WE all have good and harrowing events to reflect on. Let us be praying about the business of the LSA. New president, board members and business at large our social and banquet times. A time to reflect and remember those who crossed the bar at the memorial service, and enjoy New England. Give your best each day the Lord has given you to give back to others. I will be praying for safe travels on your journey.
God Bless, your Chaplin,
Adrian

It was so hot the other day I saw a dog chasing a cat and they were both walking.
Then I saw a dog chasing a rabbit. The rabbit lay down and gave the dog an IOU.

"The two enemies of the people are criminals and government, so let us tie the second with the chains of the constitution so the second will not become the legalized version of the first".
Thomas Jefferson