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USCG LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION, Inc.

2011 2012 **MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM**

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

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- Full Membership – VET or MBR. \$25.00 Annually
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\$ _____

USCG Lightship Sailor Veterans

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

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Fill in as it applies to you:

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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 September 30.

The Fog Horn newsletter is published in paper or electronic (reproducible) format.

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Enclose this form with your check or money order, made out to the:

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Membership Director
7 Ridge Road
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Thanks,

Dave Orszak
Membership Director



THE FOG HORN



I WILL NOT ABANDON YOU

LIGHTSHIP NOT IN
CORRECT POSITION

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WINTER 2011

Writings of The President

Larry Ryan

INTERIM PRESIDENT

- Larry Ryan

1st VICE PRESIDENT

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2nd VICE PRESIDENT

- Bob Gubitosi

SECRETARY and MEMBERSHIP

- Dave Orszak

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- Fred A. Pelger

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- Dave Addicott
- Rick Gryder
- Roland Holloway
- Dennis cosmo

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Bob Gubitosi

Arts and Graphics

- Dennis Cosmo, Past Pres.

Web Master

- Rick Gryder

Chaplain

- Rev. Adrian Van Houten

Director of Veterans Affairs

- Roland Holloway

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My Brother Lightship Sailors, Members and Friends:

Please see the *Secretaries Report* for the formal action explaining the change of presiding officers over The LSA.

As you already know, I chose not to stand for nomination for another term during our annual meeting in October. I felt like it was time to step down after six years and let someone else take charge with some new and better ideas. Ron Janard, had served as our official historian for about 18 months, was nominated and elected by the members. As with all of us from time to time, Ron had some personal matters that made serving out this term impractical. On his resignation, the presidency transfers automatically to our 1st VP, Skip Coleman, he also had conflicts and felt like he could not dedicate the required time to serve out the term. The gavel automatically then transfers to our 2nd VP, Bob Gubitosi. Bob recently had some health issues and preferred not to serve beyond the transition stage. Bob, operating under our By-laws, made a motion to the board of directors that I resume my previous duties for the balance of 2011 as Interim President, the motion carried.

Regarding content of The Fog Horn and The Web Site: We are constantly on the lookout for pictures and stories that we can publish as well as preserve for future generations. I know we have asked before for some of your old pictures, but we are asking again. If you haven't been on line to our website, please do and take a look at what we have collected so far (we were a handsome lot). We are also always looking for articles for publication under our "A Short Sea story" section. Don't be bashful, we will dress it up if needed and make it fit our space. Remember, we exist to preserve our history where our past will not be forgotten.

Plans are underway for our 13th annual reunion October 13-15 2011 in Hyannis, MA. We will dedicate some time for our museum located in the US Coast Guard Heritage Museum in Barnstable, MA. For those of you that missed the 2008 meeting and museum dedication, please try to join us and take a look at what has been a real success. We are indebted to all of the folks at The Heritage Museum, especially Bill Collette, President. We need to show our appreciation for their efforts.

In addition we will have a full official agenda. We had a great time at the 2008 meeting where we enjoyed the hospitality of The Cape.

We continue to receive reports from Lightship Sailors that have encountered difficulties dealing with the VA when applying for disability either from hearing loss and more recently from asbestos related health issues. The difficulties seem to be more related to the local office than the VA itself. It could be partly from the local work load at the particular time, we encourage you to keep applying as your award will be back dated to the first day you apply. For those of you serving on the Cutters in Viet Nam, any claim for agent orange associated health issues now should be automatic.

Thanks, and

HELP US KEEP THE LIGHT SHINING

LARRY



SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT

Robert Gubitosi, 2nd VP

As you know from other reports in this edition of the Fog Horn, we have had two resignations from the Board of Directors, both elected in Savannah, our President Ron Janard and 1st VP George (Skip) Coleman.

Larry Ryan, Past President for six years, has agreed to serve as Interim President by request of The Board of Directors, until an election can be conducted in Hyannis October 13, 2011, this will be an off year election to fill only the two specified positions and only for the one year.

The organization needs candidates from the organization, the minimal requirements are to be a member in good standing, have usable computer skills (except for the annual meeting all of our business is conducted electronically) and be willing to check e-mails on a timely basis. As a further explanation of "minimum requirements", this includes all members in good standing, not just Lightship Sailors.

As our organization is very similar to running a very small business, some business experience would be very desirable. In the coming months we will be reminding everyone of the importance of filling these positions, please consider stepping up and serving.

Fraternally Yours,

Bob



VETERANS AFFAIRS

Roland Holloway, Chairman



My Brother Veterans:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Director of Veterans Affairs.

Information will be published in the newsletter as it comes available in addition to what is already published and available on our Web Site.

ATTENTION ALL RECIPIENTS OF PURPLE HEART

A new project is underway for a search for all Coast Guard recipients of the Purple Heart. This is a project of Health Services Work Life Service Center with HSCS Michael Aviles in charge. The project is to capture the names of all Coast Guard Purple Heart recipients of WWII and Vietnam for the purpose of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor. They are looking exclusively for Coast Guardsmen who have earned the medal during Coast Guard service (not from prior military service other than Coast guard).

You may contact either myself or Larry Ryan, and we hope you do.

If you have questions or need help in locating the correct source for information, please don't hesitate to contact me by either e-mail or phone.

E-MAIL: canukde@atlanticbb.net

PHONE: 302-464-1128

Regards To All,
Roland,



Secretary's Report

Secretary and Membership Director Report

Secretary

For personal reasons, Ron Janard resigned as President and Historian and Life Member. The 1st Vice President, Skip Coleman, also resigned for personal reasons. Larry Ryan agreed to perform as Interim President until re-elections are held in October at the Reunion. This action was approved by the Board of Directors.

Membership

For the 2011 membership year which began October 1, 2010, total life membership was increased to 45 and overall membership is currently at 128.

Please check on-line at our website for confirmation of your membership status. In addition to receiving your membership card, check that I have updated our files correctly. The listing may be accessed by:

- a. Going to: www.uscglightsailsailors.org Press ENTER
- b. Scroll down to Join the Lightship Sailors Association click on the CLICK button.
- c. Scroll down to Check your Membership Status and click on the CLICK button.

Please let me know of any changes required.

Thank you to the members who have included additional contributions with their renewal dues.

The membership renewal form is on the website and included in the Fog Horn. It allows the member to designate if the Fog Horn should be received in electronic form or continue in paper form. The electronic form is less costly to the LSA and offers the advantage to the member to copy any contents of the newsletter including pictures. Think about it.

Thanks, *Dave*

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From the Webmaster

Rick Gryder

I hope your holidays were great this year, and the new year brings everyone good health and prosperity.

We are always in need of pictures from your active duty time. Names of those in photos where you are able to do so, the date, or any other information about the pictures can be used on the site. Also we are looking for USCG vanity plates for cars, trucks or even motorcycles. Good scans are fine or send me the pictures. I will scan them, and return them to you. We are adding pictures almost weekly.

Please Note: The Savannah Reunion Photographs have been added to the LSA Web. Please take a moment to view them.

The LSA Website draws a lot of attention to Lightship Sailors, but to Coast Guard service as well. Please check in often for changes and additions. If you do not have internet access, have a grandchild or relative open a whole new World to you. (it's truly a humbling experience for you and them.)

Happy New Year to all of the LSA Members and their Families.

Rick Gryder / Webmaster rgryder@uscglightsailsailors.org <http://www.uscglightsailsailors.org/>

Regards, *Rick*



A Short Sea Story

Antique Ship's Lights from Coast Guard Lightship

By Ron Janard

This header got your attention, didn't it? Well it also caught the eye of our Web Master, Rick Gryder, who is constantly searching the Web for any information regarding Lightships. This story really begins in early 2005 with our first attempt to obtain artifacts from the LV76. At the time The LSA had some unrealistic visions of a stand alone museum where the different ships divisions would be featured, Deck, Administration, Electronics and Engineering. The then idea was to acquire artifacts, including engine room tools which were rusting away on the LV76. Larry Ryan paid a visit to find the 76 in terrible shape where pumps had to be in operation continually. A request was made for donations, then a request buy the original engine room tools from when it was steam powered. The counter offer was for us to buy (assume the liability for a sinking ship) which we declined.

On September 27th 2010, Rick sent an Email to the BOD and other members he thought may show interest. This had been posted on Craigslist, a national web site, posting mostly anything For Sale or Wanted. Kind of a Bargain Hunters paradise. I know the add got my attention, as Larry Ryan and others. The pictures showed their condition was above average. The Lens looked good, no cracks. We were looking at the Port and Starboard lanterns supposedly off the LV76! Larry contacted the seller, and through telephone conversation, was told the Lights were removed by her Father, a former Skipper of the LV76. The woman is Nancy Mendoza. Her Father was George Mendoza. After some research Larry was able to verify the identity. After some conversation, Nancy offered the Lanterns at a reduced asking price, once she learned of the LSA and our Mission. During the conversation another item was discussed, Nancy also had possession of the Builders Plate, from the re-fit in 1932!

An agreement was completed, for the Lanterns and Builders Plate. More facts came to light, George, being a dedicated Lightship Sailor at the time, somehow had managed to acquisition the Main Mast Light, and had it mounted in his garden. After his Passing, the widow sold the house, never considering the value of the Light.

The Mendoza family was and is, prominent in the northern California coastal area in the Point Reyes area. George had been the last Skipper aboard the LV76 while it was the West Coast Relief, the ship retiring in 1960. It is rather ironic, that our Past President, Larry Ryan was able to negotiate the acquisition of these find artifacts for the LSA Museum. It was the 605 which replaced the LV76, upon its arrival in San Francisco. Larry was a crewmember aboard the 605, which sailed her from the East coast to the West coast. So we have come full circle from buying tools we can't display, to real artifacts from our past.

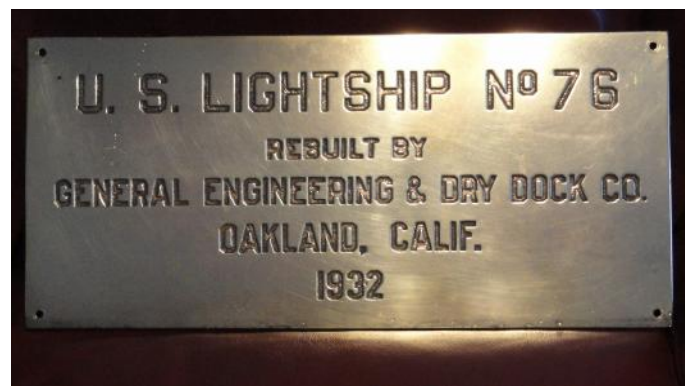
Recently, Nancy Mendoza, daughter of George Mendoza, emailed two photographs of her Father. Unfortunately there are no dates attached. One is of his younger days, circa 1940, the other possibly 1950-1960.

Thank You Rick for your constant detective ability's, via the Web. Also Thank You to Larry Ryan for taking the time to acquire the artifacts, verifying their authenticity, and the background information. Thank You Nancy Mendoza for your thoughtfulness in sending the great photographs of your Father, to share with the LSA. The artifacts and photographs are a welcome addition to the LSA Museum and Web Site. Thanks, Ron



Engine room LV76 Spring 2005

Courtesy Larry Ryan



LIGHTSHIP OF THE QUARTER



LV 76-504

Built in 1904 Retired 1960 Decommissioned September 16, 1960

Originally powered by 325 HP Steam, coal fired

Converted to oil fired 1932

Converted to diesel circa 1965

According to the official records she served her entire career as WEST COAST RELIEF except for the period 1942-1945 as an examination and training vessel stationed at Alameda, CA.

According to documents found on board she also served in the South Pacific as part of "General MacArthur's Navy" where she was employed as SURVEY VESSEL.

All original harbor and beach survey maps were on board when acquired by the owner, Kent Standing, in 1985. The maps are now on file with The National Archives in Washington, D. C.

After being decommissioned she went through several change of ownerships and name changes, Vessel Claire Anne and then under Canadian registry Vessel Maudi Morgan.

Sometime prior to 1985 all power equipment was removed and registered as a "Barge" then purchased by Kent Standing & CO. 2005 berthed at Vancouver, B.C. on the Fraser River as a floating hulk



LIGHTSHIP SAILOR OF THE QUARTER



Kermit (Morgan) Evans

I was in the Coast Guard from August 1946 until August 1949 after spending a year in the Merchant Marines. All though I served 4 one month tours on the LS 112 on temporary duty, I spent two and a half years jumping on and off of seven Lightships repairing radio beacons and other electronics out of Woods Hole,



MA. I have probably climber more Jacob ladders than most permanent duty Lightship Sailors.

In recognition and in appreciation for the contributions in pictures and stories to the LSA, And In recognition of the 7 different Lightships he spent time on at sea on temporary duty.

The Board of Directors has declared Morgan Evans a true Light Ship Sailor. Since meeting with us the first time for our 2005 meeting in Portsmouth, VA. Morgan has contributed an untold amount of pictures. Now on display at our museum and on the web Site.

Honorary Lightship Sailor

Notice To Mariners

Kermit M. Evans

is from this day forward an
Honorary Lightship Sailor

2011

U. S. COAST GUARD
Identification Card

Kermit M. Evans
Color Hair: Sandy Eyes: Blue
Weight: 170 Height: 5-10
Voc: USCG SSN: 1-2-5551

George H. Coleman
U.S.C.G. LIGHTSHIP SAILORS ASSOCIATION
INTERNATIONAL

George H. Coleman

George H. Coleman
President

Dave Orszak

Dave Orszak
Membership

WWW.USCGLIGHTSHIPSAILORS.ORG

“If your going through hell, Keep Going”
Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)



ROSTER OF LIFE MEMBERS

KRZWICKI, Marty
RAINVILLE, Richard E. "Dick"

PLETNICK, Jerome J. "J.J."
COURSEY, Gerard H. "Jerry"
SCOTT, Gary B. "Earl"
COLEMAN, George H. "Skip"
QUIGLEY, William "Quig"
JENNINGS, Richard W.
WALES, Howard E. "Bud"
COLLETTE, William Jr. "Bill"

RYAN, Lawrence "Larry" R.
WHALEY, Curtis L.
WHALEY, Debra H.
RINGO, Gene C.

FLAGG, Marcia A.

GUYETTE, Floyd E. "Sonny"
GARRAN, John W.
DeFRANCESCO, John M.

WEINBERG, Steven
ORSZAK, David
BESSETTE, Roland
WALKER, Wendell
BLAKELEY, Willis "Jack"
BLAKELEY, Marie
BURGESS, Joseph Fred
HOLMES, William H. "Bill"
BYRNES, Bernard
JENNINGS, Charles "Chuck"
MARX, Peter
FLOCA, Brian

HELBURG, Russell "Rus"
PENFIELD, Peter "Pete"
WALKLEY, Edward
NINIVAGGI, Michael "Nino"

GODFREY, Frank
PETRI, Richard L

BROWN, Richard A
HOLLOWAY, Roland
MASON, David
FRASER, Robert "Bob"
HEIPERTZ, H.F. "Fritz"
LALIK, Peter
HANCOCK, Michael
DINSMORE, Robertson "Bob"
COSTELLO, James D.

114/536 Pollock Rip. 58-59
112/534 Nantucket, '73 - '74
WLV-612 Nantucket, '74 - '75
112/534 Nantucket Jul '50 - '52
WLV613 Relief (Boston) Oct '68-Feb '71
WAL-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
LV114 / WLV-536/LV114 Pollock Rip '67-'68

Founding member

WAL605 Overfalls, Blunts Reef '60-'61
WLV604 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) TAD summer '74

612 Nantucket '74 - Jun '75

WAL 605 Overfalls & Blunts Reef July '60-Dec '60

WAL 115/537 Frying Pan Shoals '60-61

WAL118/539 Boston June '63-Nov '65

WAL 84/50 Relief March '59-Aug '60

WAL 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

WAL 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

LSA Member

116/538 Deleware 67-68

79/506 Barnegat 64-66

91/515 Relief 59-61

189 Diamond Shoals 1946

114/536 Pollock Rip '67-'68

GENERAL QUARTERS Chiefs Corner



CORRECTION

In the Fall Edition of The Fog Signal, page 6 upper right hand a picture was mis-labeled.
The picture is of Bruce and Grace Kent.

Our apology to all
The editor

CHANGE OF FORMAT

In future editions of The Fog Horn we will discontinue publishing the entire list of LIFE MEMBERS strictly in the interest of space. We will continue to publish the names of new LIFE MEMBERS that have signed up since the last edition was printed.

We will publish the entire list in the Winter Edition annually.

SPECIAL ADVISORY

We will be conducting a special off year election in October during our annual meeting.
This election will be to nominate and elect two positions on the board of directors for one year terms of office, to fulfill the current term expiring in 2012

We will be electing a President and a 1st VP.

Please consider stepping up to the plate and help to lead this organization.

You may contact either Larry Ryan, Interim President@Lryan8@gmail.com or Bob Gubitosi, 2nd VP @Lv112gubbie@earthlink.net for additional information.



COAST GUARD VANITY LICENSE PLATES

We Are still looking for pictures of Coast Guard Vanity license plates. Typical are the two shown. We would like to express our pride in our former service.



If you sent in pictures in the past, they have been misplaced, please resend to the editor.

COAST GUARD HERITAGE MUSEUM

Lightship Sailors Section



Door greeter wearing the official uniform of The USCG Lightship Sailors Assoc.
The idea here was to help identify both our members and to express to the public that our organization was both active and strong. While we can not have a physical presence on a daily basis, we wanted a “stand in “ in our absence. This was an original idea of Ron Janard (also donated the mannequin). We are continually looking for ideas and donations of artifacts to preserve our history.

We hope to have a good turn out in October, especially those that have not seen the museum.



OUR BROTHER LIGHTSHIP SAILORS THAT HAVE CROSSED THE BAR



Lightship Sailor Veteran

Crossed Over

LSA Notified

Terrance E. Vient
613 Ambrose 1966-1967

August 12, 2010

August 10, 2010

Howard L. Holt
Barnegat 1953-1954

August 22, 2010

August 22, 2010

YOU ARE RELIEVED OF THE WATCH, REST IN PEACE

In a letter received from June Holt

“ My husband, Howard lost his battle with cancer, and went to the Lord on August 22, 2010. He had always hoped The Barnegat would someday be restored. Perhaps he is standing watch in Heaven. Take care and Thanks to all that served.”

June Holt

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Rev. Adrian Van Houten

To our Lightship Sailors, Members and Friends:

The year 2010 has come and gone> As I look back at the strides The LSA has made, I give thanks for the many talents the Lord has provided to manage and administer all of the elements that makes The LSA what it is and what it means to so many.

Like so many volunteer organizations, we regularly have encountered obstacles from our very beginning. Working as a team we have always managed to ethically and civilly resolve issues that may seem to some to insurmountable, they are not!

We had a great meeting in Savannah including what I believe to have been our greatest Memorial Service of all time, and am convinced everyone had a fantastic time. We left Savannah charged emotionally and entered into the Christmas Season in awe being thankful for the greatest gift of all, God sending his Son to be born in a manger. We celebrate these gifts throughout the meeting, in many ways, one of many would be in the music that has become a staple in the many different events. One of those is a song titled “Freedom isn’t Free”. The song talks about a mother watching her son go off to war. She receives the news that her son has died in battle and she wept and cried as she mourned his death Freedom isn’t Free. The second verse: A mother watches her son as he hangs on upon the cross paying the debt for something he has never done. She watches Him die on that old rugged cross to forgive us from our sins, you see, “Freedom isn’t Free”. Our salvation had a price to pay, the life of Jesus Christ.

Our men and women are at war here and abroad to keep our freedom here in The USA. Let’s keep them in our prayers. May God Bless You All,

Chaplain Adrian

