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Larry Ryan

SPECIAL MAILING TO ALL LSA MEMBERS MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER AND EXCITING HISTORICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

To all our Brother Lightship Sailors, Members and Friends:

Please take a moment to complete the annual membership form on page 5, and return it to Jay McCarthy. We need and appreciate your annual dues to support the operation of the organization.

As I mentioned in the last edition of The Fog Signal, Bob Gubitosi and myself visited Lewes DE in early September on a fact finding trip. While in Lewes we had an opportunity to inspect a building that we considered adequate for our museum, if it could be acquired (please see page 2). This building was subsequently and informally offered to The Overfalls Foundation (OMMF), but their Board felt that, for a variety of reasons, they could not take on the building at this time. The Overfalls Foundation's Board then expressed a desire to see this building go to The LSA and will do what they can to support making this happen. I will be in Lewes in February and am expecting to formalize the arrangement and take title to the building in the name of The LSA at that time.

Please keep in mind, there are many details to work out including having the building moved, repairs and funding. I will keep you abreast of developments as they occur.

Please start making your plans to be in Lewes in October, 11, 12, 13 200⁷. We are planning a ribbon cutting ceremony where the Governor of Delaware will be presiding. The Director of Tourism for the State of Delaware will be traveling to Colorado in early January to work out some details of our move to Lewes and the establishment of our museum and the ribbon cutting.

Please, Please plan on being present. This is a truly a historic event in the history of The LSA, we want all of our members to share in the event.

Your Board of Directors

*Fair Winds,
Larry Ryan*



**FORMERLY THE QUEEN ANNE RAILROAD TERMINAL
LEWES, DE.**

THE FUTURE LIGHTSHIP SAILORS MUSEUM

The museum is only part of our vision to preserve Lightship Sailors History. Our vision will also include a memorial to **ALL LIGHTSHIP SAILORS** that have sailed in the "Little Red Boats", that shared an experience of serving in one of the most hazardous duties under The US Lighthouse Service and The US Coast Guard.

Not only will we focus on our history, we will concentrate our efforts in education, educating present and future generations in the vital service Lightships and Lightship Sailors provided in Commerce, in Peace and in War.

To All Hands,

MEMBERSHIP ... Third Annual Dues Renewal Notice ...

It's hard to believe that a year has passed since the mailing of our second *Annual Dues Renewal Notice*. Many members responded to that mailing with their dues payments, and quite a few were most generous in sending in donations to be applied either to our general fund or to Lightship Preservation. Thank you for your most appreciated generosity.

As we all know, **the Mission Statement for the Lightship Sailors Association, Inc. is to preserve Lightship History and Lightships**. Dues renewal has a very intricate part in helping to uphold this *Mission Statement*, and to assist in keeping this organization alive and functioning. Expenses (just like at home) keep increasing, and we need everyone to do their part.

In order to continue our improvements and make the LSA more open to all Dues paying members. We have made some changes for 2007.

Dues ... there are (3) three Levels of LSA Membership:

Dues are to be paid with the submission of this application. Below are the current dues structures as voted upon by the Board of Directors in July 2005 and by the General Membership at the Annual Reunion in Portsmouth, VA in October 2005 and updated at our Annual Reunion in Seattle, WA in October 2006.

FULL MEMBERSHIP LEVEL;

Annual Dues \$25.00 per year.

USCG Lightship Sailor Veteran

The applicant certifies with this application that he is a Military Discharged USCG Veteran who served as part of the ships company on a commissioned Lightship of the U. S. Coast Guard.

LSA Member

Other USCG Veterans, family members, friends, and anyone that has an interest in Lightships, the men that sailed on them, Lightship history and its preservation.

Both of the above categories, USCGLSVeteran and LSA Member, will pay the same \$25.00 Dues and share the same responsibilities. This includes having the opportunity to be heard and vote on all matters that come before the general membership, be part of a committee, in addition can be nominated and voted onto a Board of Director position. There will be NO distinction between the two categories, other than their titles. USCG LSVET title, provides a tool to help us track and identify USCG Lightship Sailor Veterans. Note: \$5.00 from each \$25.00 Dues Payment made is designated for Lightship Preservation.

GROUP / BUSINESS Member LEVEL;

Annual Dues \$50.00 per year.

Join as a Group or Business, limited to (1) one vote per Group / Business, pertaining to official business conducted during the General Membership Business Meeting. This level was updated and voted on by the BOD and General Membership at the Annual Reunion in Seattle, WA in October, 2006.

LIFE MEMBER LEVEL;

\$300.00 ... this is a one time, Life Time Fee

Any USCG Lightship Sailor Veteran or LSA member may purchase this Lifetime Membership. Newest Paid Level, as voted on by the BOD and General Membership at the Annual Reunion in Seattle, WA in October, 2006.

A 2007 Dues Renewal Notice Form is attached. Please take a few moments to fill out the form completely. This will enable us to update our records with all your current information. If you move during the year, please include us on your US Mail "Address Changed" Forms. Also, please update us on e mail changes. Please print, so we don't make any mistakes.

The picture on this years form is of **OVERFALLS Lightship # 118, host of our 2007 Reunion to be held in Lewes, Delaware on October 11, 12 & 13th**. Please take a moment, mark your calendar and make plans to join us for this years Reunion.

Dues Payment may be made to the "USCG Lightship Sailors Association, Inc.", by either check or money order. Please mail your payment and completed form to;

Jay McCarthy
LSA Membership Director
15276 Lake Wisteria Road
Delray Beach, Florida 33484-4651

Upon receipt of your DUES payment, we will mail out to you, a Membership card signifying that your 2007 dues are paid. This card can be used for your 2007 Income Tax return, as the DUES are Tax Deductible. The Lightship Sailors Association, Inc., is a "not for profit" organization

The Annual Dues calendar year runs from January 1st. through December 31st.

Please direct all Membership questions to Jay McCarthy.

As stated earlier, it is our Mission Statement to preserve and protect Lightships and Lightship History to the best of our ability, and to pass on knowledge to others searching for it. YOU can help to achieve these goals by sharing any pictures or stories you may have for publication in **The Fog Signal**. If you only have originals and wish to keep them, fine, we'll be happy to make copies and return the originals to you. All photos and stories you submit will become part of our future LSA Museum for future generations to enjoy. Please mail Photos (*please identify ships, individuals, dates etc. in photos*) and Stories to;

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Thank you.

Fair Winds and following Seas,

Jay McCarthy

USCG Lightship Sailors Association, Inc.
1st. VP & Membership Director