



## Volunteer Ed Stevenson receives Len Hadley Award

Every year, at the American Lighthouse Foundation's annual Lighthouse Gala, volunteers from each of the organization's chapters are presented with the Len Hadley Volunteerism Award. The award is named for one of the founding members of the American Lighthouse Foundation, a devoted volunteer who died in 2000.



*L to R: Bob Trapani, Jr., executive director of the American Lighthouse Foundation; Ross Tracy, chairman of Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses and first vice president of the American Lighthouse Foundation; and Ed Stevenson, volunteer for Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses at the awards presentation at the 2013 Lighthouse Gala on May 4, 2013.*

Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses volunteer Ed Stevenson was presented with a 2013 ALF Len Hadley Volunteerism award during the American Lighthouse Foundation's annual Lighthouse Gala at the Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel in Portsmouth on May 4, 2013. Since getting involved with FPHL late in the 2011 season, Ed has contributed far above and beyond what could be expected of any volunteer. Here are just a few of things he's done:

He has volunteered at virtually every open house at Portsmouth Harbor Light, every nighttime "haunted tour," and every fundraising cruise, along with just about every other event the chapter has held. At the open houses, Ed is always one of the first to arrive for setup, and he has taken the initiative to be one of the small number of volunteers who speak to the public about the history of the lighthouse and its keepers. He's usually in the watchroom or the lantern room, sharing stories of Joshua Card, Connie Small, and other illustrious residents from the station's past, and also sharing information about the still active Fresnel lens.

He has taken an active role whenever there have been work parties to paint the lighthouse stairs and other interior surfaces, as well as the walkway to the lighthouse and other associated structures. He single-handedly built and installed new doors on the storage shed at Portsmouth Harbor Light. He repaired the metal cap on the oil house roof to prevent water from getting inside over the winter.

He repaired the hinges on the lighthouse door, and he replaced a windowpane in Portsmouth Harbor Light that was broken in a winter storm.

Ed has done all of this and more with good humor and a steady, low-key demeanor. When he's not working at the lighthouse or at his job with the Demoulas Market Basket Company, you might see Ed walking his dog, Indy, along the shore in New Castle. As a new member of the chapter's board of directors, he is now part of the planning process for future improvements to Portsmouth Harbor Light and Whaleback Light.

## Family Weekend at Portsmouth Harbor Light, July 6-7

We hope you can join us for our first "Family Weekend" this July 6 and 7.

The lighthouse will be open for climbing (\$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under) from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on both days, and there will be lots more fun and surprises.

On Saturday, July 6, at 2 p.m., a representative from the Center for Wildlife will present a talk on Summer Species and Adaptations with live animal ambassadors from the Center.



On Sunday, July 7, Shannachie will perform live music geared toward a young audience. There will be kids' games and more.



*Shannachie (Patrick Keane and Pat Heffernan)*

## Ralph K. Small, Lighthouse Volunteer, 1941-2013

We're sad to report that one of our family of lighthouse volunteers, Ralph K. Small, 71, of Dover, New Hampshire, died on March 26, 2013, after a brief illness.



He loved his family, the ocean, lighthouses, and lobster. He was a member of several lighthouse societies, including the Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses. Ralph enjoyed volunteering at Nubble Lighthouse and Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse. He was very knowledgeable about the history of the New England coast. He was a wonderful photographer and loved to take photos of his travels and family.

He was a member of American Legion Post 8 in Dover, and the Lions Club.

Survivors include two loving daughters, Pamela (Small) Caswell and her husband Martin of Newmarket, NH; Amy Small of Newmarket; one granddaughter, whom he adored and admired, Emily Small of Newmarket; a sister, Nancy Adkins and her husband Edward of Windsor, Maine; a brother, William Small and his wife Linda of Westwood, Mass.; several nieces, nephews and cousins, his former spouse Judy Marble of Stratham, and her family.

At the request of the family, memorials may be made to the Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses, PO Box 8232, Portsmouth, NH 03802-8232 or at [www.portsmouthharborlighthouse.org](http://www.portsmouthharborlighthouse.org) or Breathe N.H., 145 Hollis Street, Manchester, NH 03101.

## New Postage Stamp Features Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse



Exciting news! The U.S. Postal Service will soon be releasing a new series of five New England Coastal Lighthouse stamps. The set features five lighthouses: Portland Head, Maine; Point Judith, Rhode Island; New London Harbor, Connecticut; Boston Harbor, Massachusetts; and Portsmouth Harbor, New Hampshire!

These five lighthouses are among the oldest in the U.S., and each is on the National Register of Historic Places. Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse was the first lighthouse north of Boston in the American colonies when it was established in 1771.

Howard Koslow created the original paintings for the New England Coastal Lighthouses stamp art. Howard E. Paine and Greg Breeding served as art directors. The New England Coastal Lighthouses stamps are being issued as Forever® stamps. Forever stamps are always equal in value to the current First-Class Mail one-ounce rate.

A Day of Issue event is being planned for July 13, 2013 at Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse. Watch our website at [www.portsmouthharborlighthouse.org](http://www.portsmouthharborlighthouse.org) for details!

## Sunset Cruise on June 21

Join us for a Sunset Lighthouse Cruise aboard the M/V *Granite State*, departing from Rye Harbor on Route 1A in Rye, NH. This annual event is always a fun trip with expert narration and lots of raffle prizes.



The cruise will pass close to Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse, Whaleback Lighthouse, and White Island Lighthouse in the Isles of Shoals. There is a snack bar on board. Tickets are \$25 each and are available through our website at [www.portsmouthharborlighthouse.org](http://www.portsmouthharborlighthouse.org).

## Five Lighthouses Cruise on September 21

Join us aboard the M/V *Granite State* for the most extensive lighthouse cruise in this area! We will travel to White Island Light, Boon Island Light, Cape Neddick "Nubble" Light, Whaleback Light, and Portsmouth Harbor Light. The cruise will be narrated and there will be a raffle with lots of great prizes. There is a snack bar on board the vessel. Tickets are \$45 for adults and \$30 for children under 12. Visit our website for reservations.



## Haunted Lighthouse and Fort Tours on July 20, August 14, and September 14

Join author and radio personality Ron Kolek of the New England Ghost Project, along with author and lighthouse historian Jeremy D'Entremont, for a rare nighttime walking tour of Fort Constitution and Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse. There are three 90-minute tours on each date, at 7:00, 8:45, and 10:30 p.m.



The fort and lighthouse have been featured on TV, including the popular show "Ghost Hunters." You'll hear about the paranormal investigations at the fort and lighthouse that have indicated the presence of a number of otherworldly residents. Ron will discuss investigation methods, and Jeremy will fill in the history behind the ghostly tales.



Not recommended for children under 12. \$20 per person. Be sure to bring your camera — you never know what you might catch! Visit [www.portsmouthharborlighthouse.org](http://www.portsmouthharborlighthouse.org) for more information and tickets.

2013 Open Houses at Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse are on Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m., through Columbus Day weekend. For details and information on more events, visit [www.portsmouthharborlighthouse.org](http://www.portsmouthharborlighthouse.org)

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## New Book on History of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse

"Well protected and seldom frozen over, the harbor of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, near the mouth of the Piscataqua River, was one of the busiest ports of colonial America. It remains the only deep-water port of New Hampshire's short 18-mile seacoast." So begins *History of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse*, by Jeremy D'Entremont, available for \$8.95 now from Amazon.com.

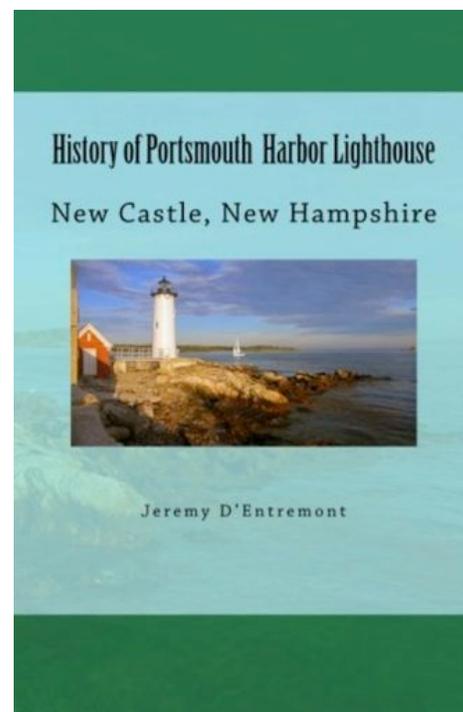
D'Entremont, who is operations manager for Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses, is also the author of more than ten books and hundreds of articles on lighthouses and other aspects of maritime history. His "Lighthouse Treasury" series of books written several years ago and published by Commonwealth Editions included in-depth histories of every lighthouse in the New England states — except for Vermont and New Hampshire.

"The publisher felt there weren't enough lighthouses in those states to merit another volume," D'Entremont explains. "I'm very happy to finally have the chance to publish the history of my favorite lighthouse, Portsmouth Harbor Light."

The book covers everything from the petition by local merchants for a lighthouse in 1765, through the establishment of the light in 1771, its rebuilding in 1804 and 1878, right up through the present day preservation efforts of Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses.

Along the way, you'll meet colorful personalities including Keeper Joshua K. Card and Connie Small, wife of the light's last official keeper and author of "The Lighthouse Keeper's Wife."

The book will also be sold at open houses at Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse and other special events. It's 66 pages, loaded with b&w photos and illustrations.





## Membership in Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses

We'd love to have you as a member. Members receive discounts on FPHL merchandise at events, and receive our newsletter and emails with up-to-the-minute news and announcements. Memberships at the \$100 level and higher also include a \$25 "assistant keeper" membership in the American Lighthouse Foundation. Also, please let us know if you're interested in volunteering at open houses or other events. To join, please fill out the form below and mail with a check or money order (payable to FPHL) and mail to Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses PO Box 8232, Portsmouth, NH 03802-8232. You can also join through our website at [www.portsmouthharborlighthouse.org](http://www.portsmouthharborlighthouse.org).

Annual dues (dues in all categories and other donations are tax-deductible):

Commissioner: \$500 \_\_\_ Inspector: \$250 \_\_\_ Keeper: \$100 \_\_\_ Assistant Keeper: \$50 \_\_\_

Family Membership: \$25 \_\_\_ Individual Membership: \$15 \_\_\_ Child Membership (12 or under): \$5 \_\_\_

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