



## FALL 2008 Newsletter

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Please Join Us  
for a Ribbon Cutting and Dedication of the  
Lake Havasu Replica of Wisconsin's

White Shoals Lighthouse  
Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008, 2:00 P.M.  
at the Island Golf Course Clubhouse

Help us celebrate the newest  
navigation light for lake Havasu.

### Lighthouse Club General Meeting

Second Tuesday  
Of each Month  
at

Quality Inn Suites  
271 S. Lake Havasu Ave.  
5 p.m.

Newcomers Welcome!



*The Lake Havasu replica of the White Shoals lighthouse is located on the 15<sup>th</sup> green of the Island Golf Course. The original, shown here, is 20 miles west of the Mackinaw Bridge in Michigan. The bridge connects the upper and lower peninsulas of the state of Michigan.*

## Construction Schedule Update

To date, we have erected SIXTEEN navigation lights, all in the form of historic lighthouses from around North America. See details of Havasu Lighthouses beginning on Page 3.

The **Boston Light**, sponsored by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, is waiting to be placed near the Safety Center. We're still waiting for final approval from Arizona State Parks. We're working on this.

The Club has received funds from the Rowe family for full sponsorship of the **Wind Point Lighthouse** from Wisconsin, which is to be placed near Site Six. We are waiting for permission from Beachcomber

RV Park to place the light.

The **Umpqua River Light** from Oregon is to be erected at the south end of Copper Canyon on the California wide of the lake. The sponsor has sponsored the navigation light as a service to boaters and wishes to remain anonymous.

We've received a sponsorship check from Lyle and Stelline Matzdorff. The Matzdorffs are longtime residents of Lake Havasu City. They were here when McCulloch first came to town. They are sponsoring a lighthouse at Spectator Point on the corner of the Island at the entrance of Thompson

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## Message from the President

It has been a busy summer and start of fall. In August we finished and dedicated the Berwick and Barnegat navigation lights down lake and we're readying for another dedication November 2<sup>nd</sup>. As a club we monitored the course for the IJSA World Finals and received a nice donation from them. They used our non-profit-status liquor license and we made over \$3,000 dollars from that. We have to carry a little extra insurance to provide that license but we use it several times a year and the World Finals earns us more than we need for all our insurance needs for the year.

This newsletter is your official invitation to our upcoming dedication of White Shoals on the Island Golf Course. White Shoals was sponsored by John and Janet Roe and Eric and Ginger Sundin. Between their offer to sponsor and the completion of the lighthouse, Eric passed away. The lighthouse/navigation light is to be a memorial to Eric. In the base we have placed a time capsule with pictures and mementos of Eric and the dedication will also be a memorial for him. Eric was a member of the Lighthouse Club and active in the community so we are hoping for a great turnout for the dedication at the Island Golf Course clubhouse. The golf course and Nautical Inn are helping with the refreshments.

Over the years, we've learned a lot about building lighthouses. We've also been able to recruit some really talented help. (Member Jack Hensley headed up building White Shoals and was helped by many.)

I would also like to say a special thank you to Dub and Dottie Campbell and Campbell Redi-Mix for their donation of the concrete for the base of White Shoals and the Algoma lighthouse that is coming up on the corner of Spectator Point. The Campbells have donated the concrete for the bases of our in-town lighthouses. This has saved the club a tremendous expense and we are very grateful. Thank you.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the dedication on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, see you there.

## Construction Help Needed

If you have a talent and skills that would help our building projects, WE NEED YOU!

- Carpenters,
- Welders
- Anyone who is handy or just wants to help

We can use any and all help and as much time as you can volunteer. If you've got an hour or a day, we will use your help. For information, call Bob Keller - 706-6928. 📞

*Campbell Redi-Mix delivers the concrete for the base of the White Shoals light and club members (L-R) Richarda Butler, Howara Coulson and Jack Hensley begin finishing the concrete.*



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Lake Havasu Lighthouse Club is a non-profit, 501(c)3 corporation. We don't have paid staff; so we need many more volunteers.

We have two more lighthouses to build and place before the end of the year.

**We need more volunteer help!**

Everyone can help in some way. We need:

- Physical help building and painting these new lighthouses
- Help maintaining the existing lighthouses
- Help with some inside office work

If you can help in any way, PLEASE ... Call Bob Keller at 764-1699 to volunteer your services.

**NOTE:** As a 501(c)3 corporation all donations are tax deductible. This includes you donation of mileage to or from volunteering to help. We need operating expenses as well as operating people. Sign up new members. If they can't help build, their membership dues can still help.

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Bay. In December we received final permission from the Island Golf Course to place the light. Long ago, the Lighthouse Club decided that this corner lighthouse would be one of the tall red lighthouses from Michigan or Wisconsin — a Great Lakes lighthouse. We've received a sponsorship check from the Matzdorffs, and construction of this lighthouse is well along.

The concrete base has been poured and construction of the tower is under way. We expect to dedicate it sometime in December. The lighthouse will be a replica of the **Algoma Pierhead Lighthouse** from Algoma, Wisc.

Sponsors of our lighthouses automatically become members of the Lighthouse Club. Recently one of our members opted to become a sponsor. Bob Fraser has been a member and a helper on some of the building of the lighthouses. Bob and his family have recently sponsored the **Fire Island Lighthouse**.

The lighthouse is in Bay Shore, New York. Bob's hometown is on Long Island, NY; so this lighthouse replica will be placed on the Arizona side of the lake. A site has yet to be determined.



**Algoma Pierhead Lighthouse near Green Bay, Wisconsin.**

Our most recent sponsorship has been by the family and friends of Larry Poole. Larry was one of the earliest members of the Lighthouse Club and a member of the Board of Directors. Larry recently passed away and the **Pemiquid Point Lighthouse** will be built as a memorial to Larry. It will be on the Arizona side of the lake at a location yet to be decided. 🚧

## Havasu Lighthouses

The following is a list of lighthouse names, dates of dedication, locations on the lake, names of sponsors, origin of the replicas:

### **Lake Havasu Marina Lighthouse**

**Built in 2000**

**Location:** Lake Havasu Marina entrance

**Sponsor:** Lake Havasu Marina Original Lighthouse, not a copy of another lighthouse

### **West Quoddy**

**Dedicated: June 30, 2002**

**Location:** West end of Bridgewater Channel on The Island

**Sponsor:** Lake Havasu Yacht Club

**Origin:** Lubec, Maine

### **Cape Hatteras**

**Dedicated: October 27, 2002**

**Location:** PWC Ramp at Windsor Beach State Park

**Sponsor:** Steve Greeley of KJJJ and KNTR

**Origin:** Buxton, North Carolina

### **Robert R. Manning**

**Dedicated: February 2, 2003**

**Location:** Crazy Horse Campground Marina entrance

**Sponsor:** Crazy Horse RV Park and Campground

**Origin:** Empire, Michigan

### **Main Buffalo**

**Dedicated: October 26, 2003**

**Location:** South entrance to Bridgewater Channel on The Island

**Sponsor:** Coldwell Banker - The Judd Group

**Origin:** Lake Erie at entrance to Erie Canal

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### Split Rock

**Dedicated:** January 4, 2004

**Location:** Northwest corner of The Island

**Sponsor:** The Esmay Family

**Origin:** Two Harbors Minnesota Lake Superior

### Currituck Beach

**Dedicated:** October 31, 2004

**Location:** Southeast Corner of Bridgewater Channel

**Sponsor:** Premier Material Technology, Inc of Minneapolis, Minnesota\*

**Origin:** Outer Banks, North Carolina

### Vermilion

**Dedicated:** October 29, 2005

**Location:** North side of The Island

**Sponsor:** Family and Friends of George Darrow

**Origin:** Lake Erie, Vermilion, Ohio

### Table Bluff

**Dedicated:** May 2, 2006

**Location:** Entrance to Havasu Landing Marina

**Sponsor:** Mark Matt of USA Marine

**Origin:** Humboldt, California

### Sandy Hook

**Dedicated:** June 30, 2007

**Location:** Havasu Springs Marina entrance

**Sponsor:** Hotboat.com Forum Members

**Origin:** New Jersey

### East Quoddy

**Dedicated:** September 17, 2006

**Location:** North end of Bridgewater Channel in Windsor Beach State Park

**Sponsor:** Members of community as a memorial to Capt. Vic Reyes

**Origin:** New Brunswick, Canada

\*Supplies our lighthouse beacons 🏠

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## White Shoals Lighthouse

Wisconsin

**Located:** Adjacent to the Green on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole of the Island Golf Course - best viewed from the water.

**Light sequence:** Red light flashing 60 times per minute

**Sponsored by:** John and Janet Roe and Ginger Sundin as a memorial to Eric Sundin.

**Dedication:** November 2, 2008

The Straits of Mackinac is the body of water between Lake Michigan and Lake Huron, two of the largest of the Great Lakes. Over this body of water is the famous Mackinaw Bridge connecting Michigan's upper and lower peninsulas. Through the Straits pass all the boat traffic from Lake Michigan, which means Chicago, Milwaukee and all the other major water ports of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. Because of the flow of water between the lakes, shoals built up to the west of the passage and became a hindrance to shipping. By the late 1880s shipping had increased to the point that something had to be done to warn ships of the dangerous shoals, some miles long and risen to the point of breaking the water's surface.

The Lighthouse Board would have preferred a permanent light station, but it was decided that lightships would answer the problem much sooner. Three lightships were built to protect shipping from White Shoal, Simmons Reef and Grays Reef the three areas needing immediate attention. The lightships were completed and turned over to the Lighthouse Service on September 15, 1891 and designated LV55, LV56, and LV57. The lightships served as an immediate solution to the problem, but because of problems getting



**Lighthouse Club members working on the White Shoals Lighthouse.**



**Ginger Sundin and Jack Hensley (above) ready the White Shoals Lighthouse tower for painting (below). The lighthouse was built by Jack Hensley and Lighthouse Club construction crew members.**



them on and off station between the seasons, the Lighthouse Board petitioned Congress in 1906 for funds for a permanent light station on the shoal. Congress responded favorably in March 1907 and appropriated \$250,000 for the light.


Work began in 1908 but could only be carried out during the warmer months. Since the light would not be on land, a permanent island would have to be built that could hold the weight of the 120-foot-tall lighthouse. A wood crib was constructed and towed to the site and filled with 4,000 tons of stone. It sank to the bottom with the top two feet below the surface. Then a stone block base was constructed on that, bringing it two feet above the water, and then a concrete base was constructed and the tower was placed on it.

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## Support our Club - Buy at Bashas'

The Bashas' fundraising program, "Thanks a Million for Friends and Neighbors," started on Sept. 1, 2008 and ends March 31, 2009. You can support our non-profit club by using our Club I.D. when you purchase groceries. For each dollar spent, with a minimum of \$2,500 in total sales, Bashas' will donate 1% of the total sales to the Lighthouse Club. Last year we received \$80 plus and this year we'd like to far exceed that.

How do you start shopping for our Club? Use our 5-digit number below; take it with you to Bashas'. The cashier will punch in the number and it will print on your receipt to confirm you have signed up. You only need to do this the first time. Then every time you shop at Bashas', a portion of your total sales will be donated to the Club. If you already have a number registered with Bashas' you can register three different numbers for three different organizations. If you don't shop at Bashas' ask friends or family who do to use our number and help a worthy cause. Just give the number to the cashier once and it's on file every time you shop.

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Having to stop during the harsh winter month it took two years to complete and was finally dedicated on Sept. 1, 1910.

The lighthouse tower is 121-feet tall and the focal plane of the light is 125 feet above the waterline. A second order Fresnel lens was installed and the 1,200,000-candlepower light was visible 28 miles in clear weather and rotated once every 32 seconds. The Lake Havasu replica of White Shoals has a three-and-a-half-nautical-mile range and flashes 60 times a minute.

In 1930 the light was converted to electricity which increased the output to 3,000,000 candlepower. In 1976 the




(L-R) Jim Conway, Jack Hensley, Howard Coulson, Ray Albert and Al Bittner.

station was totally automated with the installation of a 12-volt DC solar powered light. The second order Fresnel lens was dismantled in 1983 and relocated to the Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point Light Station where it is displayed to this day.

A Coast Guard crew arrived at the station in 1990, and the tower was repainted with its current "candy cane" red and white spiral daymark. With the application of this daymark, White Shoals stands as the only tower on all of the Great Lakes to feature such a diagonally banded paint scheme.

The Lake Havasu White Shoal Lighthouse/navigation light was built by a team headed by club member Jack Hensley with the welding done by member Howard Coulson. The three-and-a-half-mile-range light was donated by Premier Materials of Minneapolis, Minn.

The light was sponsored by John and Janet Roe and Ginger Sundin as a memorial to Eric Sundin. 

### Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixers

We are members of the Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce. Join us at the Monthly Mixers on the Third Thursday of each month at the locations below. \$8/person includes two drinks, appetizers and an opportunity to meet people from your community.

November 20<sup>th</sup>, Neat Pool, 52 Scott Drive.

December 18<sup>th</sup>, Yellow Book USA, 155 Paseo del Sol #101. 

### LIGHTHOUSES

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#### Alpena

**Dedicated: November 5, 2006**

**Location:** Across from Site Six on The Island

**Sponsor:** Mohave County Board of Supervisors

**Origin:** Alpena, Michigan

#### Mount Desert Rock

**Dedicated: April 1, 2007**

**Location:** Grass Island on the California side of lake

**Sponsor:** Shirley Robinson, Friends & Family

**Origin:** Frenchboro, Maine

#### Barnegat

**Dedicated August 3, 2008**

**Location:** Two miles north of Cattail Cove, Arizona side

**Sponsor:** Ruth Navin and family as a memorial to their grandfather

**Origin:** Barnegat, New Jersey

#### Berwick

**Dedicated August 3, 2008**

**Location:** Arizona side of lake across from Parker Dam

**Sponsor:** Cajun Mardi Gras Group

**Origin:** Berwick, Louisiana

#### White Shoals

**Dedicated planned for November 2nd, 2008**

**Location:** 15<sup>th</sup> Green on Island Golf Course

**Sponsor:** John & Janet Roe and Ginger Sundin as a memorial to Eric Sundin

**Origin:** Lake Michigan, 20 miles west of the Mackinaw Bridge



## Know the Light ... Save a Life !

The Lighthouse Club receives lots of compliments on the great lighthouses we've installed around Lake Havasu. Boaters love 'em, tourists love 'em, and lighthouse enthusiasts are awed at finding a little town in the middle of the Arizona desert that has more lighthouses than many of the states located on the sea actually have. A recent article in Arizona Highways listed the 25 best weekend getaways in Arizona. The Lake Havasu Lighthouses was on the list. But these are not mere lighthouses. These are navigation lights built in the image of existing lighthouses. The Club's intention is to put navigation lights around our lake to make night boating safer.

A question often asked is "Why do we have different colored lights in different lighthouses?" The color of the light is determined by the Coast Guard. The Colorado River (remember Lake Havasu is just a wide spot on that river) is a federal navigable waterway and is under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Coast Guard.

The lights are red or green depending on their location. There's a saying "Red, Right, Return" that identifies the correct color. If you are "Returning" from the open sea, the lights on the "Right" will be "Red." At one time, the Colorado flowed all the way to the sea emptying into the Sea of Cortez. Returning from that sea or going north on the river, the lights on the Right, or the Arizona side, would be Red.

There is, however, an exception on Lake Havasu. The Coast Guard has allowed the Lighthouse Club to put "Flashing Amber" lights at Safe Harbors. When a boater is in trouble or having a problem, a "Flashing Amber" light means he or she can find help of some kind where that light is located, such as a phone, a launch ramp, businesses and/or campers.

These "Flashing Amber" lights can be found at the following:

- The Havasu Marina
- The Crazyhorse Marina
- Havasu Landing
- Windsor Personal Watercraft launch ramp
- Havasu Springs
- Site Six (coming soon)

Spread the word to your boating friends. Watch the lights. They might just save your life.

### Club Socials

*Building Lighthouse/navigation lights, maintaining them, working on fund raisers, and all the other things we do is fun but also work. For a little non-work activity we've planned a monthly breakfast boating social that is usually held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Winter is coming and boating may not be a great choice of a get-a-way but we'd still like some kind of social for members. Our dedications have been great get togethers but we'd like to hear from members who may have different ideas. There's been some talk of some kind of Christmas gathering this year. If anyone would like to help or has any ideas we'd love to hear them. If you'd like to help contact our Social Director Fran Bittner at 855-4558 📞*

