



# THE POMHAM GLOW

Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse,  
A Chapter of the American Lighthouse Foundation  
**Mission Statement**

To ensure the historic restoration and preservation of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse and to improve public awareness, appreciation and access to Pomham Rocks Lighthouse.

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## THANK YOU, DAVE!



## DAVE KELLEHER STEPS DOWN FROM FPRL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dave Kelleher's first experience with the Pomham Rocks Lighthouse began in 1996. At the time, Dave was the Chairman of the East Providence Historical Properties Commission. This group held meetings at different locations. Dave called Exxon Mobile and asked if the group's next meeting could be at the lighthouse. They agreed. Exxon allowed the group to meet outside the lighthouse and explore the grounds, but they were not allowed inside. This was Dave's first trip to Pomham Rocks Lighthouse. After seeing what bad shape the lighthouse was in he began thinking, something must be done to save this lighthouse. Fast forward to 2004 when Dave was the Chairman of the East Providence Historical Society. He received a call from Don and Nancy Doucette asking him if he would be interested in getting involved to save the abandoned Pomham Rocks Lighthouse. The rest is history.

The Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse was founded in 2004 with Dave as its first Treasurer. Dave served as Treasurer from 2004 until 2006. During this time frame, Dave saw the Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse grow. The group raised hundreds of thousands of dollars and completed an exterior restoration. The Friends began to get involved in the community in order to spread awareness about the lighthouse off the shore of

Riverside. One of the first events was the Friends taking part in the Riverside Memorial Day Parade. Dave has participated with the Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse in the parade ever since its first appearance.

From 2006 to 2012 Dave served as Vice Chairman of the board. Throughout those years Dave has volunteered hundreds of hours at numerous of Pomham events, such as the Earth Day clean up, Pomham Santa as an Elf, work trips to the island, a docent on Save the Bay stops to the lighthouse and many more. In the beginning days of this organization, Dave would travel to the local elementary schools to educate 5th grade students on the importance of lighthouse preservation, especially at Pomham Rocks Lighthouse. The group also used to have a membership trip on a dinner boat around Narragansett Bay, which Dave happily recalls going to.

In 2012, Dave became the Chairman of the Friends. He held this roll until 2014. Since then, Dave has been a board member at large and the group's historian. Dave received the prestigious Antoinette F. Dowling Volunteer Award in 2016. This award is present from Preserve Rhode Island and is the state's highest award for historic preservation. Dave received this award at Rosecliff mansion in Newport, RI. Two years later, the Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse were back at the Newport Mansions to accept another award at

Belcourt Castle. The Historic Preservation Award was presented to the organization for their restoration work done by the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission. An award that hangs proudly in our museum. Dave recalls these two events being his favorite in his time with Pomham Rocks Lighthouse. His overall favorite memory is, of course, being a leader in our organization throughout the restoration of the lighthouse. Dave witnessed the lighthouse go from being an abandoned structure to fully restored and opened to the public. He says it is better than he ever imagined it would be, and it is a memory he will cherish.

While Dave is stepping down from the board after 19 years, he will still be involved with the organization, and we look forward to seeing Dave at any event he can attend. Over the last 19 years, Dave has witnessed first hand a total restoration of Pomham Rocks, inside and out. A restoration we know would not have been possible without him. One saying that Dave can always be quoted is that he has always wanted to see the Fresnel lens returned, the picket fenced brought back to the island, and shutters reinstalled on the lighthouse. Of these 3 dreams, we can happily say they have been realized or in the case of the shutters, will be realized within a few months.

At the Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse Annual Meeting on December 1, 2023, Dave officially stepped down from the

board of directors. He was presented a granite plaque recognizing his years of volunteering to our all volunteer organization. As Dave steps down he has one message to those that will take the reigns in the continued restoration and preservation of the Pomham Rocks Lighthouse: "At the end of the day, I hope everyone enjoys volunteering. Whether it be on a committee or as a board member. This is not a paying job, and it is meant to fun. We all share the common goal of preserving this historic lighthouse and I hope each of us get enjoyment out of that."

### **PASSING OF CARLENE JOINER**

It is with great sadness we announce that our longtime FPRL Board member, Carlene Joiner, passed away in April. Carlene was one of the earliest members of FPRL when it was founded in 2004. She served on the Board of Directors for many years and was involved with many important decisions regarding the lighthouse's restoration. One of her most prominent duties was as administrator of our Facebook account making sure that our announcements, events, photos, and other activities were published on that platform. She maintained important relationships with many of the contributors to our Facebook account making it a very valuable asset to FPRL. Carlene was also a faithful participant in East Providence Area Chamber of Commerce meetings through the years, keeping our organization informed

about local events and promoting our visibility in the community. A long illness forced Carlene to retire from the Board of Directors in 2022. Carlene's contributions helping to make the fledgling FPRL of 2004 to the success that we are today is immeasurable. She will be greatly missed.



*Carlene Joiner*

## NEW MUGS TO DEBUT AT TASTE OF SUMMER

A new selection of ceramic mugs have just arrived and will be available for purchase at the Taste of Summer event at Edgewood Yacht Club on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The handcrafted pottery mugs, from the noted Deneen Pottery of St. Paul, Minnesota, are the same high-quality mugs sold at inns and fine gift shops throughout the country. The 14-ounce mugs are available in two styles: Tall Belly in peacock and forest green and

Ramsay in cranberry and navy. All mugs feature a distinctive hand-applied glaze that gives them a unique look. An emblem of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse, specially designed for the project, appears on the front. A limited number of mugs will be available at the summer social and the remainder will be sold in the Gift Shop at The Lighthouse. The mugs sell for \$25.



*New Mugs*

## THE 2024 TOUR SEASON IS UNDERWAY!

Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> was the first tour of the 2024 season to Pomham Rocks Lighthouse. The boat was full, the weather was perfect, and the participants enjoyed a smooth ride thanks to Captains Alex Dias and Howard McVay. The tours are better than ever and passengers are treated to an informative visit at a lighthouse full of historically accurate items and details. Other members of the boat crew this season who will help make this experience an unforgettable one are: Captain Dennis Tardiff and First Mates Adam Dias, Charlie Gruetzner, Walter Hobbs, and Rick Lux. Our docent volunteers (and there are many!) are cheerfully guiding the tourists as they walk in the footsteps of our Lighthouse Keepers and learn to appreciate the hard work and sacrifices these Keepers and their families made. And, of course, the visitors will be rewarded with a first-hand view of the incredible restoration that has taken place to keep this history alive.



*Tourist enjoying the Adirondack chairs*

Be sure to check out the website and sign up for a tour soon! Members receive a discount on the ticket price.  
<https://pomhamrocksighthouse.org/tours/>

## POMHAM ROCKS LIGHTHOUSE'S FOURTH KEEPER HONORED WITH MARKER

Thomas Seaver Fishburne (1849 – 1919) was recently honored on June 14 with the placement of a United States Lighthouse Service Memorial Marker at his gravesite in the Ancient Little Neck Cemetery in Riverside, RI. An enthusiastic group from Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse, gathered at the site for the dedication,

delivered by the one of its founding members, David Kelleher.



*Dave Kelleher addresses crowd at gravesite*

Initiated by the late Tim Harrison, of the international publication “Lighthouse Digest,” the markers honor the sacrifices made by Lighthouse Keepers of the United States Lighthouse Service. The bronze markers which hold a U.S. flag, recognize the service and dedication of Lighthouse Keepers to the safety of those at sea.

During his nearly 25-years of service, Thomas S. Fishburne served as keeper at four Rhode Island lighthouses. His first assignment was as First Assistant Keeper at Sakonnet Point Lighthouse in Little Compton from 1890 to 1891. He was promoted to Head Keeper at Sakonnet and remained there from 1891 to 1894. Keeper Fishburne was transferred to Conimicut Shoal Light in Warwick, where he served from 1894 to 1895. In 1898 he was named Pomham Rocks Lighthouse’s fourth keeper. His salary was \$480 a year. He remained at

Pomham Rocks for ten years, his longest assignment.

Keeper Fishburne was recognized for saving the life of a sailor while stationed at Pomham Rocks. He discussed the incident in an interview with the Providence Journal newspaper upon his retirement in August 1914. “About 10 o’clock on a March morning, as I stood outside the lighthouse, I observed a tug boat coming down the river with two barges in tow. Something told me to stop and watch. As the tug was abreast the light, I saw that a deck hand, who had been sent forward, was in trouble. His foot had become caught and he was unable to help himself. I heard him call out, “I can’t hold on any longer.” Then he fell and both barges passed over him,” Fishburne recalled.



*Thomas S. Fishburne*

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(Photo: Providence Sunday Journal Aug. 23, 1914)

“With all possible haste, I launched my skiff and pulled out to where he was struggling,” he continued. “I saw him go down twice as I looked over my shoulder while rowing. He did not come up again, but by more good luck I slipped my arm and

reached into the water where I thought he might be. I felt his head, and taking a firm hold on his hair, I pulled him to the surface, worked him into the stern of the skiff, and his shoulders on mine for a brace, and, raising him by his pants, easily got him aboard,” he noted. The man was not breathing, and Fishburne thought he might be dead, but he asked the captain of the next towboat that arrived to roll him over and give him “first aid for drowned people.” The tugboat captain assured him that he would do all he could to resuscitate the man and said that he would signal Fishburne by blowing three blasts when he came back down river if his efforts were successful.

“The other tug kept on its course as far as Sabin’s Point, when a small boat was put off and one of the crew rowed back to ask if I had seen a man fall overboard and if so, what had become of the fellow. I gave that man a tough balling out for what I declared was a stout-hearted exhibition of abandonment of a drowning man, assuring him, first the incident would be brought to the attention of the Board of Navigation, and that the man, dead or alive, I did not know which, had been taken to Providence.”

Later, Fishburne heard three blasts of the whistle from the other tugboat, “which sounded mighty good to me,” he admitted.

Upon leaving Pomham Rocks in 1908, Fishburne was assigned to Hog Island Shoal Light, in Bristol, at the entrance to Mount Hope Bay. He was stationed at Hog Island

until his retirement, due to failing health, in August 1914. When asked about his experience at his last station, he stated, "There was nothing of interest to me at that station." He believed that if he had remained a month longer, he would have gone crazy.

Thomas Fishburne died in Riverside, RI on July 17, 1919 at the age of 70. After the dedication at his gravesite, Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse members were treated to a tour of the historical cemetery where other famous residents are buried, including the first mayor of New York, Thomas Willett (c1607-1674), one of the Mayflower passengers, Elizabeth Tilley Howland (c1607-1687), and a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient, George E. Read (1838-1910). Following the tour, guests gathered for lunch at Davenport's Restaurant in East Providence.

### NEW SMALL BOAT

The winter months have been a bit busy regarding the two boats owned by the Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse. At the annual meeting last December, it was announced that a marine survey was performed on Lil Pomham by Charlie Gruetzner, a retired marine surveyor was found to be structurally compromised due to moisture intrusion and delamination in the hull and deck and should be taken out of service. It was also announced that a search was underway to find a replacement with a budget of \$30,000.

Charlie started the search for a replacement looking both online and taking road trips down to South Jersey and Massachusetts in search of a new boat. In April we found one in our backyard being sold privately in Point Judith. The boat is a 2008 Century 1801 is an 18-foot center console with 115HP Yamaha outboard engine. Charlie and Dennis Tardiff met with the owner while Charlie performed a survey. We agreed to purchase the boat depending on a successful sea trial. The following week, Charlie and Dennis met with the owner and did a sea trial including a series of tests on the engine, checking for hull flex and insuring all electronic equipment worked properly. The cost of the boat came in at \$10,500 below what was budgeted so what we saved will be allocated to help offset the cost of the new dock.



*Newly acquired small boat*

Now that the new boat is bought, registered, and insured the boat committee turned its attention to Lady Pomham II to get

her ready for the upcoming tour season. On April 24<sup>th</sup> Dennis and Charlie moved Lady Pomham II from the Rhode Island Yacht Club to Safe Harbor Cove Haven Marina in Barrington where the boat was hauled out of the water, blocked, and pressure washed in preparation for the biennial Coast Guard inspection of the hull and internal structural members scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>. After the successful Coast Guard exam and while the boat was on land, we quickly took the opportunity to complete the usual Spring maintenance of sanding the hull below the waterline, applying a fresh coat of antifouling paint, applying sacrificial anodes to the propeller, propeller shaft and rudder. In addition, the teak was sanded, and several coats of teak oil were applied. A very hearty THANK YOU goes out to Dennis Tardiff, Nate and Mary Chace, Rick and Stephanie Lux and Walter Hobbs for all their hard work getting Lady Pomham II ready for the tour season. On May 18<sup>th</sup> Lady Pomham II came back home to Edgewood Yacht Club looking beautiful as ever.

### FLAGPOLE MAINTNANCE

During the spring, the flagpole on the island underwent some much-needed maintenance. Since the flagpole was installed during the exterior restoration nearly 20 years ago, the only real upkeep has been stitching and replacing the flags that have flown on top over the years. During the spring, the ropes that hoist the flag and keep

it secured came lose and tore up. We hired All American Flagpoles to come out to the island to not only fix the ropes, but perform some other necessary maintenance to the pole, including the replacement of the brass ball on top, which now shines much brighter. The flagpole is once again in fine condition to fly our flags for years to come.



*Technician fixing the flagpole*

## LICENSE PLATE UPDATE

We are happy to share that the order for the Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse license plate has been placed with the DMV! Your plate will be in the initial distribution of our plate. The lead time for the DMV to create the plate is approximately 3 months. We will share the place, date and time to receive your plate as soon as we have it. Stay Tuned!

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse kicked off the unofficial start to the summer season by strutting their stuff at this year's Memorial Day Parade in Riverside on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. FPRL participants came to honor veterans and show their community spirit and support dressed in their lighthouse red.

Along for the ride, being towed in the parade by Chairman Dennis Tardiff and his daughter Nikki Tiernan, was our new secondary utility boat. After years of faithful service, *Lil' Pomham*, a 1977 18' boat was deemed to be no longer seaworthy by board member Charlie Gruetzner, a retired marine surveyor. After months of research and perseverance, Charlie found an excellent 2008 18' replacement boat with motor that will most definitely provide many years of use and looked fantastic in the parade!

Thank you to these FPRL volunteers who gave of their time on Memorial Day to support the veterans and display our Townie

Pride: Brian Louro, Patty Louro, Adam Dias, Nikki Tiernan, Anne Greene, Dennis Tardiff, Dave Kelleher, Mary Chace, and Sandy Davignon.



*Proudly carrying the FRPL banner during the 2024  
Riverside, RI, Memorial Day parade*

## PIRATE TALK

The FPRL Spring Speaker Series came back in full force on Monday evening, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Weaver Library with a presentation by Luca Rebussini, a sixth-grade teacher in Pawtucket, who discussed *Pirates and Pirate Hunters of RI*. Luca entertained the audience with tales of piracy, explaining the system of democracy and strict codes among the pirates and talked about the many weapons used on board ship. Luca also told tales of pirates who sailed Rhode Island waters, among them Samuel Bellamy and Thomas Tew. Audience members who could answer Luca's questions were even rewarded with pirate booty!



*Luca Rebussini delivering a very informative & entertaining presentation about Rhode Island Pirates*

A big shoutout to Cheryl Campbell, the chairperson of the Spring and Fall Speaker Series for organizing these free presentations in conjunction with Weaver Library. Not to be missed will be the fall presentation on September 30<sup>th</sup> by Eric Jay Dolin, who will discuss his book, *Brilliant Beacons, A History of the American Lighthouse*. Mr. Dolin is a bestselling author of books on American and maritime history, and the environment.

## **FRIENDS OF POMHAM ROCKS LIGHTHOUSE AWARDED \$5,000 THRIVE GRANT**

Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse was recently selected as a recipient of a 2024 general operating support grant from Rhode Island Humanities. The grant is part of the THRIVE grant program, supported by an allocation from the State of Rhode Island. RI Humanities is an independent state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

“We are grateful to RI Humanities for enabling us to expand our museum collection,” stated Chair of Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse Dennis Tardiff. The \$5,000 THRIVE grant will be used to acquire historical items used in lighthouses. Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse received one of 18 grants awarded in May to cultural heritage organizations and local historical and preservation societies. Tardiff, Friends’ Treasurer Adam Dias and Director of Development Nathan Chace attended the public announcement of the grant recipients at a ceremony at the Rhode Island State House in late May.

Since the interior of the lighthouse was restored in 2018, Pomham Rocks Lighthouse has served as a museum. From June to September, scheduled tours to the island lighthouse bring hundreds of visitors to learn about life in a lighthouse. Displays, photographs and story boards throughout the house depict the history of Pomham Rocks

and the four other lighthouses that once safeguarded East Providence – Fuller Rock, Sassafras Point, Sabin Point and Bullocks Point. The showpiece of the museum is Pomham’s original Fresnel lens, which lit the way since 1871 for ships heading to the Port of Providence. Glass display cases on the lower and upper floors of the building feature historical items used in lighthouses. Included are an oil lamp and glass chimney that was placed inside the Fresnel lens to provide the lifesaving beacon and containers of different sizes, which were used for measuring oil for the lamp and storing it for future use.

“We thank Rhode Island Humanities and Rhode Island’s federal Congressional delegation,” noted Tardiff, “for securing funding to allow us to educate the public on the history of lighthouses and the important role they played in Rhode Island maritime history.”



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General Operating Support Grants

## LIGHTHOUSE SPONSORS ACKNOWLEDGED

Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse thanks East Providence businesses and organizations that participated in its recent Business and Community Sponsorship Drive. The focus of this year’s drive is the replacement of the dock. Used for more than eight decades, it was damaged in recent years by extreme weather conditions. The volunteer group reached out to local businesses and organizations to help raise funds to replace the dock, the lifeline of the island lighthouse. This important New England maritime light station and museum is an integral part of Rhode Island’s heritage and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Built in 1871 to provide boat access to the newly constructed lighthouse, the original wooden dock was severely damaged in the 1938 hurricane. It was replaced in 1939, and served Pomham well for more than 84 years, until the storm surge in the winter of 2022 and more times since, completely submerged it. The dock restoration project will ensure continued access to the island light station. The dock will be rebuilt with historical accuracy and will include a replica boat house, for storage of boat equipment.

Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse acknowledges the support of businesses and groups that have joined in funding this important project. The Annual Pomham Rocks Lighthouse Business and Community

Sponsorship Drive donors include Bell Sponsors BankRI, Coca-Cola Beverages Northeast, Crosby Yacht Yard, East Providence/Seekonk Rotary Club, Feeney Pinkerton LLC and Navigant Credit Union. Key Sponsors are Andsager, Bartlett & Pieroni, LLP and Perry-McStay Funeral Home. Partners include Fred's Service Station and Canonicus Lodge #9. Joining as Boosters are Friends of Katherine Kazarian, Gilmore's Flower Shop, Liberty Tax and Roger Williams-Rumford Grange #52.

### **GREAT GETAWAY RAFFLE TO BENEFIT POMHAM ROCKS LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM**

Since the completion of interior restoration in 2018, Pomham Rocks Lighthouse has served as a museum. Story boards throughout the house depict the history of Pomham Rocks and the four other lighthouses that once safeguarded East Providence. The showpiece of the museum is Pomham's original Fresnel lens, which lit the way for ships heading to the Port of Providence. In addition, glass display cases on both floors feature historical artifacts used in lighthouses. Visitors can view these on lighthouse tours, scheduled from June to September.

When the U.S. Coast Guard decommissioned Pomham Rocks Lighthouse and others in 1974, brass items used were no longer needed. Many lighthouses throughout the country disposed

of them. As a result, historical lighthouse artifacts are rare and expensive. A raffle to benefit the museum will help expand the collection. Prizes include:

Prize number 1 – The Lighthouse Inn – Situated on Nantucket Sound in West Dennis, MA, Lighthouse Inn provides seclusion and relaxation with the convenience of a location central to points of interest. The nine oceanfront acres offer a private sandy beach and heated swimming pool. Your getaway consists of accommodations for two nights for two people. Breakfast is included daily at the Waterfront Restaurant at the Inn. The gift certificate is valid September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 14, 2024. The value of the package is \$800. Prize number 2 - Bayside Resort - Enjoy a Cape Cod getaway at the family-friendly Bayside Resort in West Yarmouth, MA. The package includes an off-season overnight stay in a deluxe queen room that accommodates two adults and two children. A full breakfast and discount certificate toward dinner are part of the package, valued at \$175. The resort features an indoor pool, fitness center, arcade and an outdoor firepit. The Bayside Getaway can be used from September 15<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday through Friday, and the certificate expires at the end of 2025.

Prize number 3 – The Cove at Yarmouth - Enjoy an off-season overnight stay at The

Cove at Yarmouth in West Yarmouth, MA. Located near beaches and golf courses, accommodations feature indoor and outdoor pools, scheduled activities, a recreation center, spa and fire pits. The certificate expires December 30, 2025 and is valued at \$149.

Prize number 4 – Essex Steam Train & Riverboat - Win tickets for 4 people to experience a weekday narrated journey on vintage rail cars through the countryside, then board a riverboat for a cruise along the Connecticut River. In all, it's a two-and-a-half-hour excursion, valued at \$180.

Prize number 5 – Elite Dining Package - Savor flavors from near and far with gift cards to local restaurants. Sample delights from the sea or traditional fare in a casual, relaxed atmosphere.

Value: \$100

The drawing will take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse tent at the Looff Arts Festival at Rose Larisa Park, 701 Bullocks Point Avenue, Riverside. You do not need to be present to win. The owner of the first ticket picked will choose their prize. Then the owner of the second winning ticket will choose from the remaining prizes, and so on. Great Getaway Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. They will be sold at the Looff Arts Festival or just fill out these ticket

stubs enclosed at the end of the newsletter, share with friends and family, and send them with a check, made payable to Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse, c/o 81 Harris Street, Riverside, RI. 02915. Call 401-742-2751 with any questions.

## INTERIOR PAINT RESTORED TO ORIGINAL COLORS

Volunteers of the Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse have undertaken the task of restoring the 1871 interior rooms of the lighthouse back to their original paint colors. After the completion of the interior restoration in 2018, the house had fresh, neutral coats of paint covering its walls and looked amazing for its public debut. The docents noticed that several tourists would always ask, "Are these the original colors?" And since the colors were not original – with the exception of the blue in the parlor where the 4th-Order Fresnel lens is now displayed – FPRL's Vice-Chair and Museum Coordinator, Alex Dias, decided to do something about it.

After extensive research and microscopic examination of the interior wall plaster in each room, Alex came up with a list of original Victorian colors found on the first layer of paint throughout the lighthouse. After a few trips to the paint store to obtain an exact match, Alex, along with FPRL chairperson Dennis Tardiff, purchased the necessary paint and supplies – and from there, the volunteers got to work.



*Freshly painted walls with one of the volunteer crews*

Many thanks to the following for their assistance in restoring original color to Pomham Rocks Lighthouse: Adam Dias, Nikki Tiernan, Rick Lux, Gary Point, Judianne Point, and of course Alex and Dennis. This project will be completed before the start of the 2024 tour season in June. Tourists will be now be greeted by an historically accurate palette that will give this Victorian treasure a whole new (or old?) complexion!

## A NEW CAPTAIN HAS COME ABOARD!!

It is with great pleasure that we announce that FPRL now has a new Captain for our 26' Passenger launch, the *Lady Pomham II*. Captain Howard McVay holds an unlimited U.S.C.G Masters Oceans license and over his 35-year career as a ship pilot, has safely completed over 6000 ship movements. He is a longtime Riverside resident and is very familiar with the operating area of the *Lady Pomham II*. Captain McVay has volunteered to pilot her for our tours sharing the duty with our other two Captains, Dennis Tardiff and Alex Dias. We heartily welcome Captain McVay into the FPRL fold.



*Howard McVay (Left)*

Friends of Pomham Rocks <b>Great Getaway Raffle</b>	<b>FRIENDS OF POMHAM ROCKS LIGHTHOUSE</b> <b>Great Getaway Raffle</b> <b>PROCEEDS BENEFIT POMHAM ROCKS LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM</b> Donation: \$10 each or 3 for \$25 Make out check payable to: Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse c/o 81 Harris Street, Riverside, RI 02915 Drawing on 8/10/24 at 6 PM – Pomham Tent at The Looff: East Providence Arts Festival at Rose Larisa Park <a href="http://www.pomhamrockslighthouse.org">www.pomhamrockslighthouse.org</a>
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# EVENTS

- **A Taste of Summer**

**Location:** Edgewood Yacht Club

**Date:** July 20, 2024 (Saturday)

**Time:** 5:00pm – 9:00pm

**\*FPRL MEMBERS ONLY EVENT**

- **Annual Meeting**

**Location:** Squantum Association

**Date:** December 14, 2024 (Saturday)

**Time:** 4:00pm – 8:00pm

**\*FPRL MEMBERS ONLY EVENT**

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