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USCG OPENS KEEPERS' CABINS FOR HLPS TOUR

Visitors Get Rare Glimpse Inside 1907 Structures

On May 14th, Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society tour guests had a rare opportunity to step inside both the **Principal Keeper's and Assistant Keeper's cottages** - buildings usually off-limits to visitors at the Hillsboro Inlet Light Station.

Built in 1905-1906 by G. W. Brown Construction of West Palm Beach, the cottages were part of five buildings that were constructed for a total of

\$21,500 (**\$11 million in today's** dollars) on the Hillsboro Inlet 3-acre property. Originally, there **were three keepers' cottages**, one for the Principal Keeper, and one for each of two Assistant Keepers. Each cottage was a two story dwelling 32' by 18' (two rooms on each floor with a center stair case) and a 32' x 6' front porch. Each had a 12' by 14' kitchen with a wood burning cooking hearth to the rear, with a 12' breezeway between it and the dwelling. Thirty feet behind

the kitchen each family had a small barn with a private outhouse behind it.

When the lighthouse was converted from kerosene to electricity in 1910, only two keepers were needed. The Coast Guard gave the Hillsboro Club the easternmost cottage in the 1930s and it was moved 150 feet to the north onto Hillsboro Club property (that cottage has

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HLPS RECOGNIZED BY NATIONAL WEEK OF THE OCEAN

Receives Community Marine Award for History

National Week of the Ocean, Inc. honored 12 individuals and organizations for their efforts to preserve our marine environment at their 25th Community Marine Awards held at Cinema Paradiso in Ft. Lauderdale on Mother Ocean Day, Saturday, May 7.

HLPS Historian Hib Casselberry and Secretary Jack Burrie were present to accept the Community Marine Award for History for efforts in preserving the Hillsboro Inlet Light Station, from Cynthia Hancock, President and Co-Founder of National Week of the Ocean.

Text from her speech: "Its destiny might have placed its 9-foot diameter Fresnel lens in a

museum, but for the efforts of

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REMAINING 2011 TOUR DATES

Saturday, August 13
following National Lighthouse Day

Saturday, September 10

Saturday, November 19



Hib Casselberry and Jack Burrie accept National Week of the Ocean Award for History from Cynthia Hancock, President of National Week of the Ocean

FROM THE PRESIDENT

For the lighthouse enthusiasts here in Florida and nationwide, there is a significant movement taking place concerning lighthouses. As I reported in my newsletter article in the last issue, the budget cuts on military spending are forcing the Coast Guard to eliminate lighthouses from their inventory. As this article goes to press, the 1878 Fowey Rocks and the 1852 Carysfort Reef lighthouses, each offshore from Miami-Dade County and in the Biscayne National Park, have fallen into that category. Both of these magnificent structures stood as sentinels for well over one hundred and fifty years and are now destined to change ownership.

Our Hillsboro Lighthouse is not immune from its peers. The day will come when the cost of maintaining our light, and the only Broward County landmark, will not be sustained by the Coast Guard, Local, State or National governments. This is why organizations such as ours are created - to be able to preserve these national treasures for future generations - as they should be able to see and touch them instead of just seeing them in pictures.

On June 23rd, the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society conducted its second annual Board of Directors Meeting at the Voyager. During that meeting, Lt. Commander Emma Silcox was presented with the HLPS Outstanding Contribution Award to the Hillsboro Lighthouse Station and the Preservation Society. The plaque read the following: *"LCDR Silcox was instrumental in facilitating HLPS members and the public alike to tour the U.S.C.G. Light Station. And contributing to the improvements of the Lighthouse Keepers Cottages which are on the National Register of Historic Places. HLPS forever will be grateful for LCDR's efforts which have assisted the Society in pursuing the preservation and awareness goals in the service of the general and boating public."*



A few points of interest to bring you up to date on the most recent developments:

- ◆ As of June 17th, Ms. Chelsea Spyker, the MWR Cottage Manager was replaced by Ms. Ashley Purinton as **the new manager. Thanks Chelsea, for all you've done.**
- ◆ As of July 15th, LCDR Emma Silcox, USCG, was replaced by LT Jeffrey Brooks, USCG District 7. Thank you, **LCDR Silcox, for all you've done.**
- ◆ Brick Makers USA will deliver the first batch of bricks for the Commemorative Brick Patio in the first week of September, three months later than originally planned. Ms. Judy Noebel is now exclusively in charge of the Brick Patio project.
- ◆ The live Video Cam showing the inlet sea conditions will be installed during the month of August, and will be visible on our web site.
- ◆ Cottages and Station renovations are complete. The landscape looks great, and the Cottages have never looked as good since my involvement 13 years ago.
- ◆ According to the Coast Guard, major structural repairs of the lighthouse will start sometime in the fourth quarter of this year or early part of next year.
- ◆ **We need donations to replace the ailing Barefoot Mailman statue. It is HLPS's goal to order the bronze statue before the end of this year prior to facing a price hike. Please see the special section in this month's Big Diamond for a contribution form.**

The mission of the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society is to promote the history of the Hillsboro Inlet Light Station and the Hillsboro Inlet area through preservation of structures and artifacts, education and public access tours.

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UPCOMING LIGHTHOUSE TOURS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Please join the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society and the Coast Guard Auxiliary for tours of the Hillsboro Lighthouse, scheduled for **Saturday, August 13, 2011** and **Saturday, September 10, 2011**.

Park in the **Pompano Beach City Parking Lot** (fee required) across from the **Sands Harbor Hotel & Marina**. HLPS member volunteers will be at the HLPS Lighthouse Tour table under the HLPS sign at the Sands Harbor Hotel dock.

Transportation to and from the Lighthouse is only by tour boat provided by South Florida Diving Headquarters via the Intracoastal Waterway. The HLPS table opens at 8:45 a.m., with the first boat departing at approximately 9:00 a.m. **Do not go to the Hillsboro Club or try to enter the lighthouse grounds by foot, as you will be denied entry.**

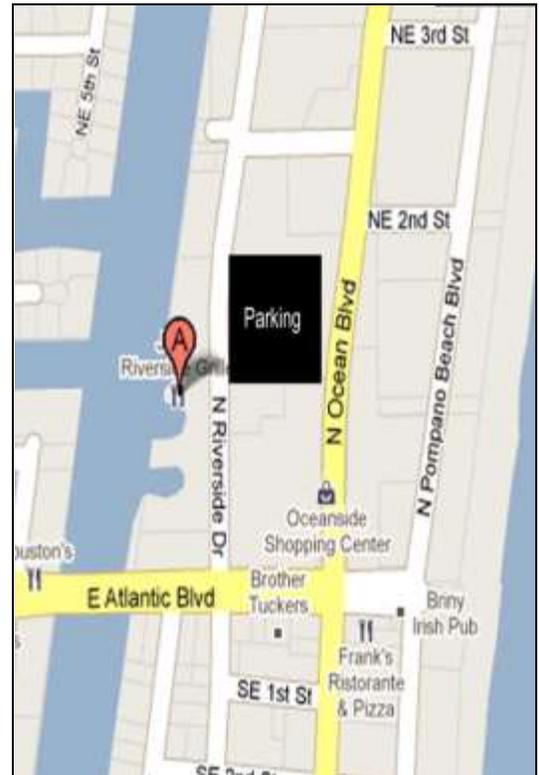
Round trip boat transportation cost is \$15 per person, but is FREE to HLPS members. Annual HLPS dues are \$25 for Individual membership, \$35 for Families and \$50 for

Business or Organization (with the latter limit of 10 people on each tour date). While you can wear flip-flops on the boat, or go barefoot to walk the sandy beach at the Lighthouse, USCG regulations require that **in order to climb the Lighthouse, you must have flat shoes with rubber soles and closed toes. No sandals, flip-flops, or shoes with heels are allowed inside the Lighthouse.** Children must be accompanied by an adult and must be a minimum of 48" (4 feet) tall to climb the tower.

We suggest you allow at least two hours to enjoy the Lighthouse and all that the grounds have to offer. The last boat leaves the Sands Harbor Hotel at 2:30 p.m., with the last boat from the Lighthouse returning at approximately 4:30 p.m. For more information, visit

www.hillsborolighthouse.org and click on **Tours**.

- Sorry, no pets are allowed -



HLPS RECEIVES NATIONAL WEEK OF THE OCEAN AWARD

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lighthouse lovers who banded together to form the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society in 1977. Today the restoration of the light allows the public to take periodic tours, climbing her 175 stairs enjoying the history of the "Big Diamond," as she is called. And her light continues to shine 28 nautical miles out to sea providing safe navigation for more than 40,000 boaters who transit the Hillsboro Inlet annually. This treasure is one of 30 remaining historic lighthouses

lining Florida's 1,200-mile coastline."

National Week of the Ocean encourages year-round ocean exploration which encompasses the arts to commerce, history to foods, endangered sea creatures to issues such as offshore drilling or ocean dumping. Its mission of preserving the ocean for future generations is carried out by a non-profit board of directors and volunteer community task force leaders. For more information, visit

www.national-week-of-the-ocean.org. ♦



HLPS WELCOMES NEW PROPERTY MANAGER

HLPS is pleased to welcome new Hillsboro Inlet Station Property Manager Ashley Puriton. Originally from Hamburg, Arkansas, Ashley joined the Coast Guard in 2003, serving as part of the Fire Island, NY Search and Rescue, and the 1st Coast Guard

District Office in Boston, MA. Honorably discharged in August 2010, she now lives in Davie, FL with her husband Nathan, and is a Senior at Nova Southeastern University, studying History and Anthropology.

On your next visit to the Hillsboro Lighthouse, please take time to say hello to Ashley! ♦

USCG OPENS KEEPERS' COTTAGES

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since been razed).

The cottages are now MWR (Morale, Welfare & Recreation) accommodations for active or retired U.S. service personnel and their families, and are complete with air conditioning, telephone, TV and Internet.

"The cottages are an excellent example of vernacular architecture and early Florida architecture," HLPS' Historian Hib Casselberry said. **"They represent the history of the light, and speak to the rustic and rugged nature of the Hillsboro Lighthouse keeper's life. Some original wood flooring and wood wall paneling can be seen today."**

HLPS' effort to preserve the Hillsboro Inlet Light Station has benefited from the support of the community, and the interest in the cottages never wanes.



HLPS Museum in the Assistant Keeper's Cottage



A Guest Room in the Principal Keeper's Cottage

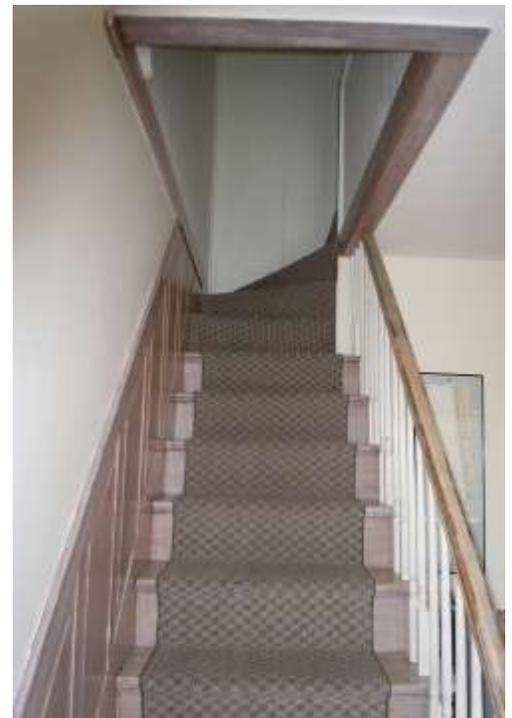
Source: HLPS Member

"I've walked past them so many times on tours and always wondered what they looked like inside," said Joe Suggs, HLPS volunteer and long-time regular at HLPS tour days. **"I think the community is lucky to**

have something this unique and to have people want to preserve it."

If you missed the opportunity to visit the cottages, additional pictures can be seen on www.facebook.com/hillsborolighthouse. ♦

Scan this QR code with a reader app on your phone to see more pictures of the keepers' cabins.



Stairs to the Second Floor of the Assistant Keeper's Cottage



Help Beautify the Hillsboro Inlet Light Station!



The Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society's Commemorative Brick Patio Program gives you the opportunity to have your special message engraved on a paver that becomes a permanent part of the Hillsboro Light Station! An engraved brick is the perfect way to commemorate a special occasion or serve as a lasting tribute to a friend, family member or pet. Whatever the message, your brick represents a unique memory to be cherished for years to come.

This year, create a lasting tribute to those who have been special in your life. A Commemorative Brick in honor of a loved one will carry an enduring message of remembrance for generations.



The Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society was founded in 1997 for the purpose of preserving the historic Hillsboro Inlet Light Station in its original form for the safety, enjoyment, and education of the public. Our mission today is to promote the history of the Hillsboro Lighthouse and the Hillsboro Inlet area through preservation of structures and artifacts, education and public access tours. For more information about the HLPS Commemorative Brick Patio Project, please contact:

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HLPS STARTS FUND TO REPLACE BAREFOOT MAILMAN STATUE AT HILLSBORO INLET LIGHT STATION

A Special Insert

PHOTOS BY CINDY MALANEY

Presiding over the waterfront of Hillsboro Inlet Light Station is a silent, mysterious figure who is in need of replacement.

In 1973, the ten-foot-tall stone statue by artist Frank Varga was erected in front of The Barefoot Mailman restaurant in Hillsboro Beach. When the restaurant went out of business, the town moved the statue in front of the Town Hall. In 2003, the statue was moved to the Hillsboro Inlet Light Station, where it has suffered at the hands of Mother Nature and the occasional vandal.



The damaged Barefoot Mailman statue at Hillsboro Inlet Light Station



Missing fingers on the Barefoot Mailman statue

Nearly 40 years of exposure to the elements has left the statue in dreadful condition, with broken fingers, a broken heel, chipping concrete and peeling paint plaguing the statue. Vandals **broke off the statue's dagger, inflicting**



Broken dagger on the Barefoot Mailman statue

nearly irreparable damage to the monument.

The Project

To preserve the memory and commemorate the careers of the Barefoot Mailmen, and to honor the **“legend” of the most famous Barefoot Mailman** of all, Ed Hamilton, the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society (HLPS) has created a campaign and fund to replace the concrete statue with a bronze version of the same.

The estimated total cost for the permanent bronze replica is approximately \$45,000, and donations over \$500 would place **the donor's name on the Keepers' bronze plaque** at the base of the new statue.

Cultural Value to the Light Station

“HLPS primary desire is to honor the Barefoot Mailmen and certainly to **recognize Ed Hamilton's mysterious disappearance at the Hillsboro Inlet,**” noted HLPS President, Art Makenian. **“While we are seeking grants to assist in offsetting the effort, HLPS is seeking donations and sponsorship that will enable the replacement of this lasting tribute to one of America's iconic figures.”**



Damaged heel on the Barefoot Mailman statue



Special Contribution Form

Yes! I would like to make a special contribution to support the Hillsboro Inlet Light Station. Please direct my contribution to support the program or programs I have marked.

Please accept my donation in the amount of: \$ _____

- Barefoot Mailman Replacement Fund
- Hillsboro Lighthouse Repair Fund
- General Fund (donations to this fund will be used for the program greatest need)
- Please send me more information on planned giving
-
- Yes, this is an honor or memorial gift

Honoree Name: _____

- Honor (living)
- Memorial (deceased)

Your Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email Address _____

Send your check or money order, made payable to "Hillsboro Inlet Light Station" to:

Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society
PO Box 0326

Solicitation of Contributions Registration #CH8700.

100% of your contribution supports the Hillsboro Inlet Light Station.

LIGHT STATION RENOVATION UPDATE

Site Evolving as Work Continues on Cottages and Grounds

"It happens in a hurry," said Art Makenian, president of the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society, talking about the renovations being performed at the Hillsboro Inlet Light Station. At the May 14th tour, visitors were able to see that the roof of the Principal Keeper's cottage was in the process of being replaced and the porches and decks of both cottages had been repaired and re-stained.

In addition, plumbing for the Light Station's new automatic sprinkler system had been installed. After completion of the sprinklers, it is expected that the property will have its sea grapes removed, new sod, shrubs and palm trees planted, and finally a new property gate installed. ♦



Aerial View of Maintenance at the Hillsboro Inlet Light Station

Source: HLPS Member

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APRIL 16TH & MAY 14TH LIGHTHOUSE TOURS

HLPS Workers at Sands Harbor Hotel	April 16 May 14	Annie Garrick, Linda Peck, Susan Taylor, Edie Weaver Annie Garrick, Linda Peck, Susan Taylor
Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCG Auxiliary Division 3)	April 16 May 14	Gene Cain, Pat Feighery, Marie Duda, Jane Mueller Liz Clark, Jack Doyle, Gail Edelman, Jerry Edelman, Marvin Merrit, Joe Pomponio
HLPS Workers at Light- house	April 16 May 14	Jennifer Burns, Jack Burrie, Hib Casselberry, Ed Dietrich, Steve Hoczak, Art Makenian, Tim McGuire, Dave Noderer Jennifer Burns, Jack Burrie, Hib Casselberry, Ed Dietrich, Steve Hoczak, Art Makenian, Ray McAllister (boat), Tim McGuire, Dave Noderer, Joe Suggs
Gift Shop	April 16 May 14	Joyce Hager Joyce Hager
Buy-a-Brick	May 14	Judy Noble
Barefoot Mailman	April 16 May 14	Ben Ellis Ben Ellis
Water Transportation from South Florida Diving Headquarters	April 16 May 14	Coral Princess Coral Princess
Provided tables and chairs at the Lighthouse	April 16 May 14	USCG Station Manager Chelsea Spyker USCG Station Manager Ashley Purinton

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