



# The Keeper's Log

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## SANKATY LIGHTHOUSE

# Sankaty Site Update

New signs are under way for the Lighthouse site, which we hope, will be unobtrusive and educational. There will be signs depicting the lighthouse keepers, the ruins of buildings, geology of Sankaty Head, and general information about the lighthouse itself and the role it played in the maritime history of the island and country. Two bronze markers are being cast, one is a compass rose with references to shoals and island landmarks; the other will be used to indicate the original site. Each will be mounted on a circle of brick gathered from the site.

The winding path from the entrance to the lighthouse will be just enough to support a Coast Guard truck, when needed to help the GC maintain the light. Otherwise visitors on foot will be able to quietly enjoy the lovely open site by reading the signs or sitting on a round bench, which will be installed on a circular brick terrace, marking the original site.

Work will continue during the fall and spring after the lighthouse is painted and the equipment storage sheds are removed. Dave Champoux's dedicated crew will install more scrub oak, viburnum and grasses. Next spring the construction damage should be invisible and Sankaty will be resting silently in its new location.

—Submitted by Caroline Ellis and Kathy Arvay



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*Volunteers Needed for*  
**SANKATY HEAD LIGHTHOUSE**  
**Open Days**  
Saturday, October 11th & 12th  
Call the Trust at 508 228 9917 for details.

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Susan Ruddick



Scottie and Susan Whitlock, and Connie Keller



William Hobart and Caroline Ellis

## LIGHTHOUSE GALA UPDATE

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### On July 6th we had our first Lighthouse Gala and it was quite a success!

Between our sponsors, ticket sales, silent and live auctions we raised nearly \$90,000. We have to thank all of our generous contributors, committee members, volunteers and sponsors for helping us achieve such a strong first event. Of course, special thanks goes to Mark Donato for his great auctioneering!

A highlight of the evening was when Susan and Perry Ruddick announced the Lighthouse Campaign has raised over \$4.5 million. In addition the gala raised \$90,000 from sponsors, tickets and auction items. Thanks to all who made this possible. Special thanks to Bob Kuratek and the Sankaty Head Golf Club staff and auctioneer Mark Donato.

#### SANKATY HEAD LIGHTHOUSE GALA COMMITTEE

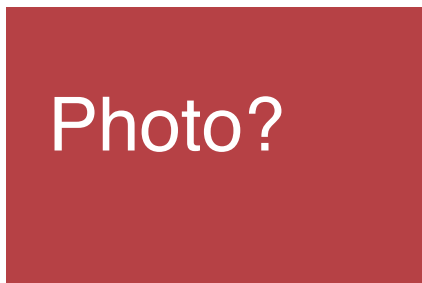
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June Foster with Dick and Barbara Stockton



Merrielou Symes, Carol Coffin and Winnie Mortenson




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Photograph: Rob Benchley

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# THIS SAVED LIGHTHOUSE

### SANKATY LIGHTHOUSE COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

Due out early 2009, this full-color, keepsake book features photography documenting the Sankaty Lighthouse move by Rob Benchley, as well as historical images and commentaries by Bob Felch, Betsy Grubbs, Albert DeSalvo and Steve Sheppard.

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