



The Keeper's Log

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A bulldozer operated by Expert House Movers clears away sand and dirt from around the base of Sankaty Lighthouse. Steel carrying beams have been

placed through the bottom of the tower for the ride to its new home.



Sankaty Head Lighthouse move scheduled for October 2007!

Welcome to the first *Keeper's Log* as we inform you about the relocation and restoration of Sankaty Head Lighthouse. **The move is on and it is set to start on October 1.** Our work as a community to save this great Nantucket icon is entering the critical "move" phase and you are invited to have a look. If you cannot visit, we expect to provide a daily update on a blog-like page on the Internet so you can attend virtually. Just go to our home page at www.sconsettrust.org or our new Lighthouse website www.sankatyheadlighthouse.org.

The expected elapsed time for the move is approximately 5 days—from lifting the Lighthouse off its 157 year old foundation up on to a matrix of beams and rollers to lowering it onto its new home 400 feet to the northwest. Come watch, come celebrate, come support this wondrous engineering fete. We'll be there to greet and inform you. If you cannot be on island until Columbus Day weekend, don't worry as the project and site activities will continue apace through the weekend.

Remember the relocation and restoration of Sankaty Head Lighthouse is our legacy to future generations. **Our campaign goal of \$4MM has not been met and Sankaty Light needs your "push" to make it to safe ground.** If you haven't given, please do so now with our thanks.



itself will be outside the chain link fence due to the fact that this is a construction area.

Because the Lighthouse will be moving northwest of its current location, there will be little to see from here after the first two or three days.

The preferred viewing area is along Polpis Road. In the open spaces along the Polpis Road you will get a dramatic view. Bring binoculars!

Parking will be limited, police and volunteers will be on hand to direct you. If possible, arriving at the site via bike or foot is the best option.

Viewing the Move

There will be two viewing areas from which to watch the move. In both areas police and volunteers will be on hand to guide and direct you.

One area is at the north end of Baxter Road. However, no vehicles will be allowed north of Bayberry Lane except for those of residents, so bring your walking shoes! Parking will be on Baxter Road (one side only) south of Bayberry Lane; there will be no parking on Bayberry Lane. The viewing



Lighthouse Bon Voyage

Sankaty Head Lighthouse Campaign

Please support the preservation and relocation of our beloved Nantucket icon.

Use the enclosed envelope to send in your contribution.



Special thanks to the Ruddick Family

Susan and Perry Ruddick were honored July 8 for their extraordinary campaign leadership. They were also awarded the 'Sconset Trust Award at this summer's Annual Meeting for their numerous contributions to the Trust.

Left to right: Pam Holding, Perry and Susan Ruddick, Girard Ruddick, Julie Meade

The Lighthouse move is underway!



Above left: John Mitchell of International Chimney uses a hydraulic chain saw to cut through 47 inches of brick and stone; steel carrying beams will pass through the holes.
Above right: Ground surrounding the Light is cleared away in preparation for the move.
Bottom right: Inside the light, the floor has been removed and the spiral staircase secured; holes cut through the bottom will accept the steel beams.



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Sarah Clunie, 5th Grade
"It's the Nantucket Sankaty Lighthouse lifted up by balloons."

How to Move a Lighthouse

The Nantucket Atheneum and the 'Sconset Trust will present an art exhibit by island students Sept. 25–Oct. 6 in the Lower Level Gallery of the Atheneum. The exhibit, "How to Move a Lighthouse" will be celebrated at a reception for the artists, their families and friends Sept. 29 from 5-6 p.m. in the Lower Level Gallery.



Willow Kane, 4th Grade
"People giving the lighthouse a horse ride."



“Lighthouse Lemonade” Stands Raise over \$1000 for the 'Sconset Trust!

In the summer of 2006 Holly Matteson Pagon and her children began selling Lighthouse Lemonade. This summer she designed a logo and signed up sellers. To date, \$1034.20 has been raised by the children. Each child will be recognized in our upcoming donor report and with a certificate of appreciation.

Thank you to everyone who has participated!

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| Mia Barreda | Carilyn Mann |
| Chris, William & Henry Bilicic | Perry & Tommy Meade |
| Porter & Eliza Bowman | Katie Meekus |
| Penelope Lourie Brink | Cooper Nelson |
| James & Cecily Burge | Mary & Sean O'Reilly |
| Emma, Craig & Robby Cullen | Willow & Sam Pagon |
| Emily Deombeleg | Elyanne Paley |
| Lydia Emerson | Allie Perron |
| Madeline & Lila Fremont-Smith | Gavin Petty |
| Jane Hendrickson | Isabelle & Christopher Rovinski |
| Chase Holding | JP & Read Ruddick |
| Carol & Charlie Hunter | Peyton & Betsy St. Clair |
| Wyatt & Lili Anna Khosrowshahi | Ulian Family |



The media buzz is increasing as the move date approaches!

A British documentary film crew working for **National Geographic, Discovery Canada** and **Five UK** is filming the move for the series Mega Moves. The hour-long documentary will air in early 2008. Our local papers have been very generous in their coverage, and both the 'Sconset Trust and Sankaty Head Golf Club have photographers documenting the move.

Lighthouse Bon Voyage Event

On August 13th, a final community bon voyage was held at the Lighthouse before the construction gate was closed.



Follow the example of our children!

Consider a generous
donation to the
**Sankaty Head
Lighthouse Campaign.**

*We need the support of all
of you to achieve our goal
of preserving this island
icon for generations of
lemonade sellers to come!*

PLEASE USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE
FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION.

Thank you!



We had a Lemonade stand and are giving this money to help the Sankaty Lighthouse.

From Christopher Bilicic, William Bilicic, Henry Bilicic, Cooper Nelson.

“Keeper” gear is here!

Cris Farley, owner of the White Whale at 18 Broad Street is producing apparel commemorating this historic move. Proceeds will benefit the Lighthouse Campaign. Merchandise will be sold at the store, online and at the move site.



18 BROAD STREET

We urge all island businesses to join the effort. Everyone will be recognized in a commemorative book, and business donors above \$500 will have their business card reproduced in a special section.

Our sincere thanks to those island businesses who have already generously supported the Campaign:

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| Santos Rubbish | Congdon & Coleman | Mitchell's Book Corner |
| Island Irrigation | Real Estate | Javatime Design |
| Cary Hazlegrove Photography | Nantucket Memorial Airport | English Trunk Show |
| Rob Benchley Photography | Wannacomet Water Company | Cisco Brewers |
| Kris Kinsley Photography | The White Whale | Nantucket Noose |
| Ernst Land Design Inc. | Nantucket Bank | |

Claudette's Catering, located in the 'Sconset Square, will be open through Columbus Day.

Thank you to all our contributors!



Volunteer with the 'Sconset Trust and enjoy the view!

We need help with the move. Volunteers who can be at an information table in two-hour shifts or help with trash pickup for an hour shift are asked to call the 'Sconset Trust at (508) 228 9917 to sign up. All volunteers will need to attend an hour-long training session on September 29 and 30.



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Be a keeper!