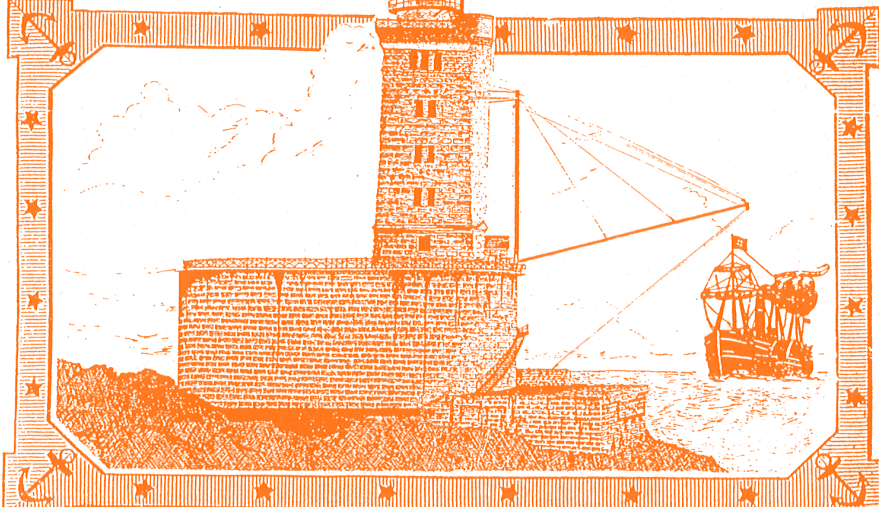


St. George Reef
Lighthouse Preservation
Society



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SUMMER 2024



**UPCOMING LABOR DAY TOUR TO
SAINT GEORGE**

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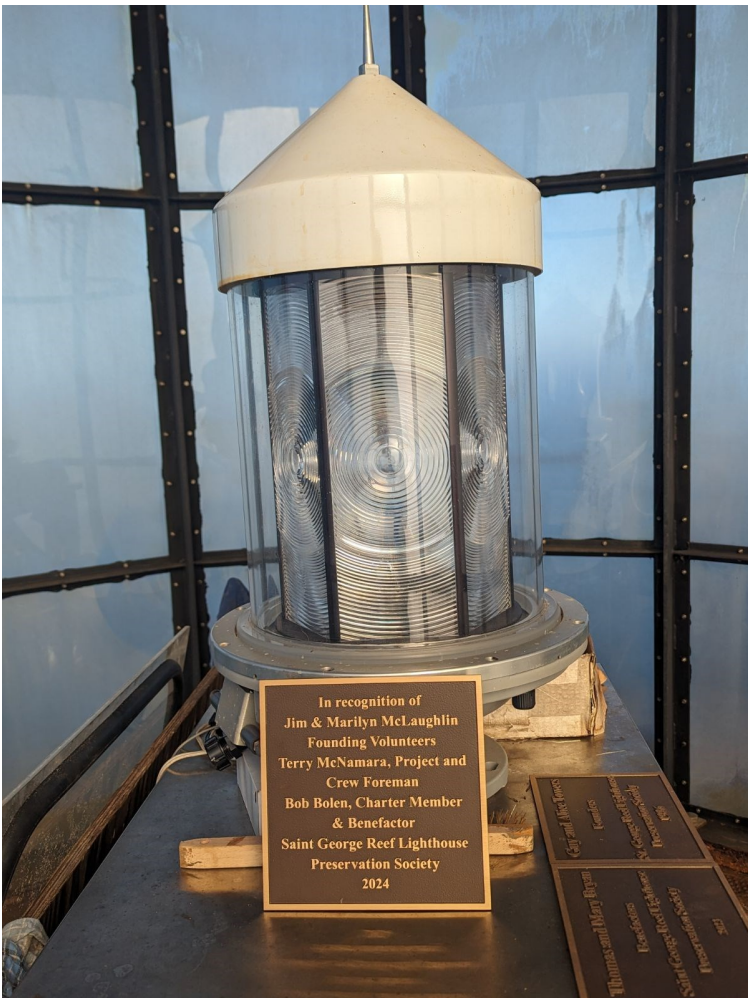
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Independence Day festival
July 4th, 2024
Del Norte County
Fair August 1 - 4 2024
Crescent City

**A plaque honoring
 volunteers Jim and
 Marilyn McLaughlin,
 Terry McNamara, and
 Bob Bolen. Placed in
 lantern room at the
 Lighthouse**



Message from the President: John Zimmerman



Saint George Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society has a bright future. Going forward this year, we have in place a robust board and we are making progress on several fronts. Our Facebook page and web page are getting serious attention by our new board members Juan and Ciri Orozco. Jen Lewis, Point Cabrillo Lighthouse administrator is also assisting. We will soon be applying for grants based on a report we will soon receive from an engineering consulting firm.

The board welcomes Juan and Ciri Orozco, Marla Benson, Richard and Merrilea Hoff and Nick Mavris. The infusion of their talents and energy will; along with our existing board, take the society to a new level. Alice Towers, Marilyn Mclaughlin, Taudine and Taylor Andrew all deserve our thanks for serving on the board last term. Our thanks to Russ and Marshann Burnette for serving as Vice President and Secretary respectively, the last two years.

Memorial day weekend brought 91 new tourists to Saint George. The weather was nice and the everyone enjoyed their time there. Redding Helicopter Services provided transport and we appreciate them getting everyone safely out to the Rock. Our thanks to volunteers Brian Zimmerman, Jen Lewis, Nick Mavris, Tim and Rick Weiland, Bryan Hoff, Ranell Chisman, Debra Hollaway, Marla Benson, Jane Watkins, Jim Peters, and MerriLea Hoff.

The society will have a booth at both the July 4th event in Crescent City and the Del Norte County Fair August 1st-4th, 2024. We will be taking reservations for our Labor Day tour. The tickets will be \$430/person. We require a 50% deposit to secure a seat. Reserve your seat soon as they go quickly. Please consider donations to our cause and signing up as a supporter. It all helps!

RAFFLE ALERT!

WIN AN OVERNIGHT STAY TO THE ST. GEORGE REEF LIGHTHOUSE!



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- THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME!



CALL , VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR SCAN THE QR TO PURCHASE A
CHANCE (OR MORE!) TO WIN!

GOOD LUCK! SEE YOU ON THE LIGHTHOUSE!



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LABOR DAY WEEKEND HELICOPTER TOURS to the St. George Reef Lighthouse!

Dates:

- **Saturday August 31, 2024**
- **Sunday September 1, 2024**
- **Monday September 2, 2024**

Cost

- \$430 per Person paid in full**
- **May Deposit \$215 during booking with final \$215 due at flight check in.**

Location

**202 Dale Rupert Road
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Richard Hoff
Vice President, Shore Operations



Harlan Watkins
Vice President, Project Manager

As a child I fell in love with lighthouses. They always represented to me a place a safety, a beacon in the storm. A distant lamp that lights the way. When we moved to Crescent City and I saw this beacon in the distance off shore. I marveled at not only its strange beauty and architecture but also wondered about the men who built it. Thus, I started to read up on this amazing building on the distant rock. I knew I wanted to get involved and I had to get out there and see it.

Fast forward to today, I am now the Vice President of shore operations and have enjoyed the thrill of visiting the St. George Reef Lighthouse. This past Memorial Day was a wonderful experience as I was the first docent that our guests heard from. Sharing the history of the steamer Brother Jonathan and its loss on Dragon Rock, the conception of the lighthouse and some of the stories of its construction.

It was a thrill to see the faces of our guests as they departed the helicopter as they returned from the lighthouse. The smiles went from ear to ear. Some who even shared hugs and commented on what a thrill it was walk the stairs that so few have dared to even consider climbing.

I wish to express my heart felt thanks to both our shore staff and off shore staff. Without these amazing volunteers these tours would not be possible. As an organization we cannot survive without the tireless efforts of these volunteers.

I look forward to many years of service with the St. George Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society. We are always in need of volunteers, not only to assist as docents but laborers to make repairs to the building, to take reservations for tours as well as other assignments. We desperately need people to serve on the many committees that make all this happen. Please volunteer you will love every minute of it!

Just an update on the continuing work being done at St. George Reef Lighthouse. Over the past 20 to 30 years of restoration work there has accumulated a vast quantity of debris and refuse. During the last three trips to the island, some 1600 pounds of trash has been removed and it appears that there is still several hundred pounds of material needing to be removed.

The rusted and unstable stairs from the watch room to the lantern room has been removed, rebuilt and reinstalled.

Part of the old metal conduit in the spiral staircase has been removed in preparation of installing the first of two upgraded electrical systems. The first system is to be powered through our solar and battery system and the second to be powered by generators.

Many of the repairs made to the tower has had to be redone due to ongoing damage done by water from the winter storms. The 26 windows and 10 shutters that have been our main defense in stopping this damage are failing and need to be replaced. We have begun removing the old windows on the laundry and galley levels and will replace them temporarily with factory produced double pane tempered glass windows.

Plans have been drawn up to install a water treatment system to allow us to capture rain for our water needs and a self-contained composting sanitary system. Time and money are all that is needed to finish these projects.

Your on-going assistance in helping in the restoration of this lighthouse is greatly appreciated.



Volunteers Marla Benson and MerriLea Hoff taking reservations



Redding helicopter services crew



Memorial Day Volunteers

From the left: Jim Peters, Nick Mavris, Rannell Chisman, Harlan Watkins, Tim and Rick Weiland, Jen Lewis and Brian Zimmerman

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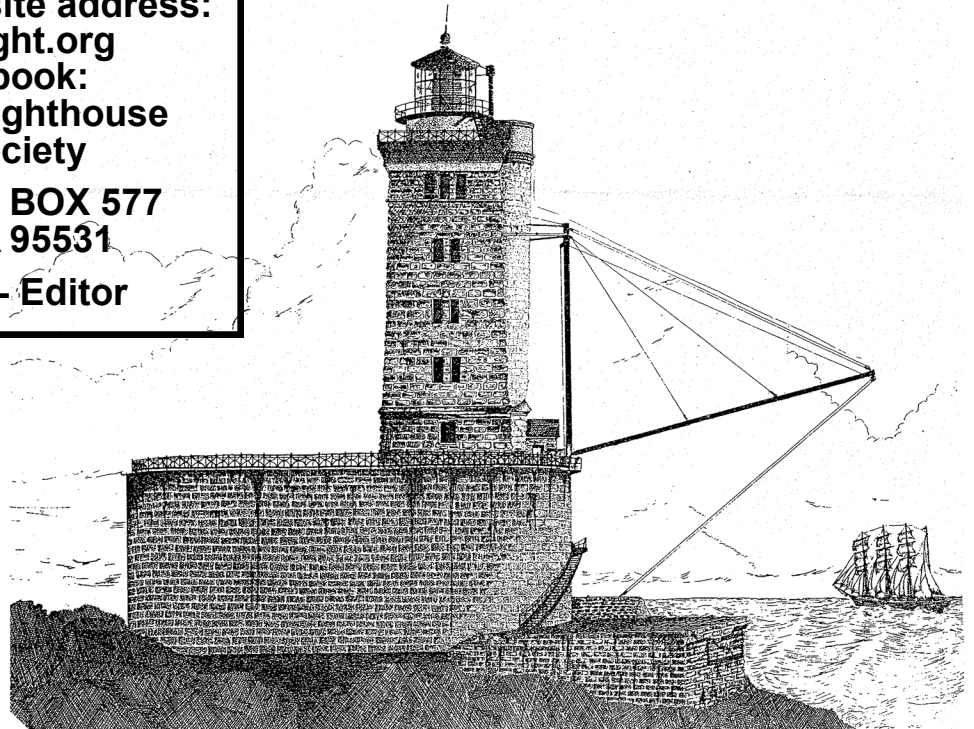
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Design for the proposed Light House at N.W. Seal Rock near Crescent City, Cal.

