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QUARTERLY MEETING TO BE AT PENSACOLA LIGHTHOUSE!

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

In October, the FLA celebrates five years as an officially incorporated Florida non-profit organization. In that time, we have made great strides in the cause of lighthouse preservation in this state, and we have done this as a completely volunteer organization. Not a penny has gone for salaries or even for travel reimbursement to our officers and board members who, in some instances, have attended every meeting throughout the vast expanse of this state! I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of myself and of the Board of Commissioners, to thank all of our officers and board members who have sacrificed so much in order that this organization can continue its work of saving and preserving Florida's lighthouses. Executive Vice-President Wayne

Hawks; Vice-President for Membership Linda Koestel; Vice-President for Meetings and Special Events David and Alice D'Amicol; Vice-President for Fund-Raising Judie Trotter; Secretary and Commissioner for District 3 Richard Johnson; Treasurer George Diller; Commissioner for District 1 Hib Casselberry; Commissioner for District 2 Brenda Altmeier; Commissioner for District 4 Barbara Revell. THANK YOU ALL!

However, these dedicated people cannot do it alone, and we must all renew our dedication to Florida lighthouses and offer to help however we can. Please let any of these officers know how you can help! SAVE FLORIDA'S LIGHTHOUSES.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!!

By Linda Koestel

FLA memberships expire on September 30th. If your membership expires this year, you should receive a renewal postcard in the mail. Return this postcard along with your check or money order to me either at the October meeting in Pensacola or by mail. As our organization grows, it is sometimes necessary

for us to restrict our meetings and/or trips to MEMBERS ONLY. Keep your membership up-to-date!

E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED!

By Linda Koestel

If you did not receive an e-mail message from me in mid-June about the "FLA July Meeting" or in late July about the "Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation, (FKRLF) Inc." then I probably do not have your correct e-mail address. To update your e-mail address, send a message to me at: membership@floridalighthouses.org with your correct address.

JANUARY, 2002 MEETING/TOUR TO BE AT CAPE FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE

The January, 2002 Quarterly meeting is scheduled for January 19 at the Cape Florida Lighthouse. Boat Tour to Fowey Rocks is also planned. More information to follow.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 20, 2002 meeting to be at Anclote Key Lighthouse in Tarpon Springs. July, 2002 meeting to be at St. Augustine.

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ABBREVIATED MINUTES OF
GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
HILLSBORO INLET
LIGHTHOUSE

July 21, 2001

(Refer to the FLA Website for Detailed Minutes) Meeting called to order by President Tom Taylor at 10:20 a.m. Minutes, Treasurer's Report were read. President Taylor announced the new address for the Association. He announced the passing of the bill sponsored by Senator Latvala and Representative Doug Wiles through the Florida State Legislature and signed by the Governor. A committee is expected to work with state agencies to inventory the funding needs of Florida's Lighthouses. President Taylor announced that the FLA Flash editor was now Barbara McClure. President Taylor invited everyone to the organizational meeting of the Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation for Sunday, July 22nd, at the Islamorada Library, Islamorada. Membership report was read by Vice President Linda Koestel who stated that FLA now has 652 members. President Taylor announced that Sales for FLA were over \$2,000.00 last quarter. President Taylor stated that the Annual Appeal Campaign contributions have been very slow. Vice-Presidents for Meetings and Special Events announced upcoming meetings. The License Plate Committee Report was read. The deadline for submitting signatures will be December 1, 2001. Education Committee Chair Hib Casselberry reported on the history competition and explained the guidelines of the contest. Photographic Committee Chair David Hanko announced plans to have photo contests in the future and that the Arnold Shore collection is planning to be a traveling exhibit. President Taylor announced Website Committee up-dates. The lighthouse reports were given by President Taylor. In other business, President Taylor announced that the

Association would be giving from time-to-time a President's Award for outstanding achievement in lighthouse preservation. George Blanck of Jupiter was presented with this award for his leadership in the restoration project at the Jupiter Lighthouse. Auctions were held with Executive Vice President Wayne Hawes acting as Auctioneer. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

HILLSBORO LIGHTHOUSE
MEETING

By Hib Casselberry

Our meeting at Deerfield Beach was another great success for the FLA, and the credit is due to Hib Casselberry and the volunteers from both FLA and the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society (HLPS). Yes, there were a few glitches in the ballroom, but overall the 120 members enjoyed the weekend activities. Thanks also go to the USCG Auxiliary manning the light station.

For the "Early Birds" who arrived Friday evening, we had a Dutch treat get-together at Joe's Riverside Grill in the Sands Harbor Hotel & Marina in Pompano Beach, where about 40 members and guests attended. The USCG Auxiliary Lighthouse Keeper, Arthur A. Makenian, and his charming wife, P.J., together with Tom Taylor and his mother-in-law, Susanne, were guests of HLPS.

FLA's Board Meeting at the Royal Fiesta in Deerfield Beach met at 9:00 a.m. while the general membership was registering and picking up their packet of goodies in the Ballroom upstairs. There were 14 display tables for members to review including three lighthouse artists and 2 local historical societies, the latter

with old photographs and memorabilia of the area.

The Quarterly Meeting of the FLA began shortly after 10:00 a.m. with President Tom Taylor presiding. There was lively bidding on a three day, two night stay at the Pensacola Beach-Best Western (which was won by Jack Burrie of Lighthouse Point), many other items.

The three main speakers relating to the Hillsboro Inlet Light were the current Lightkeeper, Arthur A. Makenian, USCGA, on the timeline history of this lighthouse, Thomas A. Hasis, owner of Cap's Place Island Restaurant, who spoke on the Knight families in the 1910's to the early 1930's, and George Stone on childhood memories growing up at the lighthouse in the mid-30's and 40's.

After the five course luncheon with a selection of four main entrees we held a "town meeting" round table panel discussion which included the morning speakers and seven local historians. They each took a few minutes at the microphone to discuss their views of the early history around the lighthouse.

The remaining afternoon was spent taking two tours. A shuttle bus took us to climb the lighthouse and view other interesting features of this station including the "Barefoot Mailman" monument. A shuttle boat took us down the Intracoastal Waterway to view the many millionaires' estates along the waterway and the lighthouse view from the inlet waterway.

There were about 40 members who selected to treat themselves to a delightful adventure and dinner at Cap's Place Island

Restaurant on Saturday evening. This was one place where Prime Minister Winston Churchill could get his drinks while he and President Franklin D. Roosevelt held a series of secret war conferences in one of Hillsboro Beach's estates. It is a fascinating place full of history posted on its walls.

This meeting and program were a prime example in getting the families of the past lighthouse keepers and their neighbors to come out and talk about the early days regarding their local lighthouse. The program speakers and panelists were audio taped for reference material for the future. HLPS plans to seek out other past keepers and assistant keepers to obtain their stories. The high school students participating in the Florida's "Lighthouse Award" program may find new sources of information. The Coast Guard District headquarters may help.

SEAHORSE KEY (CEDAR KEY) OPEN HOUSE

The annual Open House for Sea Horse Key Lighthouse located at the Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 20th & 21st. The Open House is in conjunction with the annual Cedar Key Seafood Festival. Visitors may use their own boat to get to the island or use the Island Hopper Tour Group, 352-543-5904. Their tours begin at 8:30 a.m. with the last boat departing at 2:30 p.m. The costs are \$12.00 per adult and \$6.00 per child, plus tax and is on a first come, first serve basis.

FALL TOUR NEWS!

As of the printing of this

newsletter there were 8 openings for the Fall Tour of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana Lighthouses to be held October 9-12, 2001. The openings will be filled on a first come, first serve basis, with check by post mark. Single occupancy is \$335, \$470 out of town. Double occupancy is \$285 each local, \$355 each out of town. All who are pre-registered the balance is due September 10th. Contact adamicol@cfl.rtr.com for specific information.

FLA NEEDS NEW SECRETARY AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS!

After three terms of exemplary service, Richard Johnson would like to step down as Secretary of the Florida Lighthouse Association at the end of his current term in October. Richard will remain District Commissioner for District Three and a member of the Executive Committee. The FLA will therefore need a new Secretary, starting after the October meeting. This position needs to be filled by one of our members who is able to attend all our meetings. (As an officer of the association, required travel expenses can be deducted from your income taxes as a donation to our non-profit corporation!) Notes of the meeting can be done on a laptop computer, by hand, through an audio cassette tape, or any other means deemed necessary. Copies of the previous minutes are on our website, so you can have an idea of what information we need to record. This is a very important and responsible position. The Secretary is not only an officer but also sits on the Executive

Committee, which is the decision-making arm of the association. If you feel you have what it takes to be Secretary of the Florida Lighthouse Association please contact Barbara McClure, Chair of the Nominating Committee, 2610 Via San Marino Court, Merritt Island, FL 32953, (321) 453-7202 or by e-mail at FLAFLASHNEWS@aol.com. THANK YOU!

We also need volunteers, particularly in the St. Petersburg-Largo area to help David Hanko with our new Photographic Committee. We need volunteers to help David with the Photo Contest which he is planning, and we need people to help David and Jackie Hanko compile our hundred of photographs into books for the future. If you can help out in any of these ways, please contact: David and Jackie Hanko, 13500 Balboa Drive, Largo, FL 33774, (813) 596-5631; jackalope@earthlink.net.

OCTOBER 13, 2001 QUARTERLY MEETING AT PENSACOLA

By Dianne D. Levi

The fourth quarterly meeting of FLA will be held at the Mustin Beach Officers' Club, Navy Air Station, Bldg. 253, Radford Blvd., Tel. 850-455-2276, followed by a tour of the lighthouse. The historic Pensacola lighthouse is still an active navigational aid. The present lighthouse is on the national Register of Historic Places and located at the oldest continuous military installation in the continental United States, going back to the establishment of the Spanish Fort San Carlos de Austria in 1698. The Pensacola Naval Air Station is also unique because it is the only base which

has a national cemetery, a national park (Fort Barrancas), and a lighthouse all within its compound. It is also the home of the famed Blue Angels.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the business meeting starting at 10 a.m. in the Ballroom of the "O" Club. After the meeting Commander Neil Hurley, USCG, from Chesapeake, VA, will share his research about the first Pensacola lighthouse built in 1824, which was the first lighthouse on Florida's Gulf Coast. Neil is historian for the FLA and author of the book "Keepers of Florida Lighthouses, 1820-1939". After lunch, Vance Buras from Burkeville, Texas, and Emmett Hatten of Pensacola, will share their memories about life at the present Pensacola lighthouse. Vance's father, Louis Buras, was assistant keeper in the 1920's at Pensacola and then Keeper from 1938-1942. He left the lighthouse service early in WWII to join the Coast Guard at age 51. Emmett's father, James Hatten, was the last civilian keeper at Pensacola.

After the luncheon meeting and program, you may tour the 1859 lighthouse and the Command Display Center housed in the keeper's quarters. You may also visit the site of the 1824 lighthouse near the Navy Lodge and Lighthouse Point Restaurant. In the Navy Lodge lobby there is a display of artifacts from the lighthouse site which you are welcome to view. Please car pool, if possible, to the lighthouse and park in the parking area off Radford Blvd. Leave the area in front of the Keepers' Quarters (facing the water) free of cars for the photographers. The registration form attached with

this Newsletter must be returned with payment to Alice and David D'Amicol at the address indicated by FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2001.

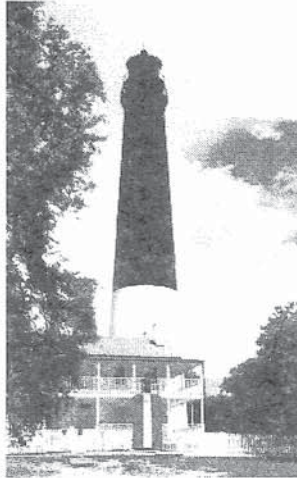


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PENSACOLA AREA

By Dianne D. Levi

While in the Pensacola area for the FLA meeting, take some time to enjoy the historical areas and beautiful white sandy beaches. The area is known as the Emerald Gulf Coast because of its blue-green waters, sparkling white sand and dunes. While the first attempt to settle the area ended in failure because of a hurricane, the flags of five countries would fly over the city in the next four centuries. In 1992, underwater archaeologists located a Spanish galleon from Pensacola's first European settlement attempt in 1559. The Seville Historic District is one of the oldest and most intact in all of Florida, its architecture reflecting modest structures suited to the climate. Within this neighborhood is Florida's oldest church (1832) and St. Michael's Cemetery, deeded to Pensacola

by the King of Spain in 1822. Historic Pensacola Village is a collection of house museums and commercial structures featuring costumed guides. The North Hill Preservation District began around 1870, when great wealth was acquired by men in the fishing, lumber and shipping industries. The Downtown Commercial Historic District preserves the historical integrity of stores, shops, art galleries and warehouses dating from the 19th century. Downtown trolleys can take you on a tour for a quarter. The Wall South at Veterans Memorial Park on Bayfront Parkway is a one-half scale replica of the Maya Lin design in Washington, D.C. A local doctor started The Civil War Soldiers Museum which displays a huge collection of medical artifacts, photographs and realistic dioramas. A life-size diorama of a Confederate field hospital is especially outstanding.

Pensacola Beach (Santa Rosa Island) stretches from Fort Pickens on its western tip to Navarre Beach to the east - 48 miles long. The pure white sand is ground quartz, washed down from the Appalachian Mountains eons ago. It even squeaks when you walk through it and the locals call it "barking" sand. The old Pensacola Bay Bridge is one of the longest fishing piers in the U.S., and you can fish right in the middle of the bay. There is a brand new quarter mile fishing pier at the beach, replacing the one destroyed by Hurricane Opal. Fort Pickens, constructed in 1834, is now an historic attraction in the Gulf Islands National Seashore. Along with the ruins of the old fort, the area offers camping,

swimming, fishing and other activities, exhibits, a bookstore and a museum. The fort was occupied by federal troops during the Civil War and at one time was the military prison for Apache medicine man and warrior, Geronimo.

The world-class National Museum of Naval Aviation showcases the history of aviation through indoor and outdoor exhibits. You are sure to be awed by the Blue Angels Atrium, the Flight Adventure Deck and the IMAX Theater, where a film features the Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Team. Located also at the Naval Air Station is Fort Barrancas built in 1844 and includes the restored water battery originally built in 1797 by the Spaniards. Fort Barrancas and the Advance Redoubt are part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore. Both are open for daily tours, no charge. A self-guided walking tour takes you around the location of the 1698 Spanish Fort of San Carlos De Austria and village or presidio Santa Maria de Galvez, located at Slemmer Avenue. A portion of the fort with two of the Spanish cannons can be seen. A driving tour guide is available at the naval Air Stations's Welcome Center, Bldg. 35, to the right of the Main Gate.

If history and beaches are not your cup-of-tea, there are fifteen 18-hole courses and six 9-hole golf courses in the area. So come spend a few days in the Florida Panhandle, but remember we are in the Central Time Zone, so set your watches back 1 hour.

HISTORY OF THE PENSACOLA LIGHTHOUSE

Based on Thomas M. Garner's Book,
"The Pensacola Lighthouse" - 1994

By Dianne D. Levi

In September, 1822, Florida's legislature presented a petition to the President of the United States, James Monroe. The legislature sought many improvements, including the establishment of a lighthouse at Pensacola Bay, a harbor possessing "superior advantages" over any other in the Gulf of Mexico. The federal government acted promptly, transferring the lightship *Aurora Borealis* from the mouth of the Mississippi River to Pensacola Bay. The ship arrived in June 1823, and was lit June 22, 1823. Although the lightship was a welcome arrival at Pensacola, she provided only a temporary solution. Pensacola still needed a lighthouse. In March, 1823, Congress took the first step by appropriating \$6,000 "for building a lighthouse at or near the entrance of the harbour of Pensacola." In April, 1824, the low bid of New England lighthouse builder, Winslow Lewis, was accepted. In October, the apparatus and building materials arrived and construction began. The site chosen for the lighthouse was a bluff just west of Fort Barrancas, a fortification located immediately north of the harbor entrance. Work progressed rapidly and, on the night of December 20, 1824, the new lighthouse lit the horizon. The Pensacola Lighthouse consisted of a round, whitewashed brick tower, thirty feet in height, eighteen feet in diameter at its base and nine feet in diameter at its top. The lantern, a metal housing with glass window panes designed to protect the lamp from the

elements, rested on top of the tower. The combined height of the tower, the lantern and the bluff on which they were constructed, placed the lighthouse beam approximately seventy-five feet above sea level. A set of stairs inside the tower provided access to the lantern. The light itself consisted of ten individual whale lamps. A fourteen-inch, silver-plated, bowl-shaped reflector backed each lamp. The lamps and their reflectors were arranged on a rectangular frame in two groups of five lamps each. When the lamps were lit each night, a clockwork system powered by weights rotated the platform. Each group of lamps created a beam; the rotation of the beams creating the illusion that the light was flashing. Each "flash" of the lighthouse beam was reportedly visible from fifteen to twenty miles at sea.

The keeper's quarters, a small one-story brick structure with a kitchen attached to its rear, were nearby. (From a recent archeological survey it now appears that the house was wooden on brick pilings with a bedroom loft.) Jeremiah Ingraham became the first keeper of the Pensacola Lighthouse. In August, 1826, he married Michaela Penalber, a woman who would prove a fitting choice for a lighthouse keeper's wife. When Jeremiah Ingraham became ill, Mrs. Ingraham assumed his duties and, following his death in 1840, she became the official lighthouse keeper. Mrs. Ingraham remained on duty at the lighthouse until her own death in January, 1855.

In spite of refurbishing of the

Pensacola light in the late 1840's the lighthouse remained inadequate. In August, 1854, Congress appropriated \$25,000 "for rebuilding on a proper site, and elevating and refitting with the most approved illuminating apparatus, the lighthouse at Pensacola." In August, 1856, Congress appropriated an additional \$30,000 to complete the lighthouse. In April, 1856, a site was chosen for the second lighthouse, the site of the original lighthouse having been determined unsuitable. The new site was located on a second bluff, approximately one-half mile west of the original lighthouse. In September, 1856, the Lighthouse Board requested Captain John Newton of the Army Corps of Engineers to "commence the work". In 1858 construction of the lighthouse was completed, and on January 1, 1859, the new Pensacola Lighthouse was lit for the first time. This new lighthouse consisted of a round, whitewashed brick tower with a small, two-story brick workroom at its base. The tower was 140 feet in height, 30 feet in diameter at its base, and 15 feet in diameter at its top. On top of the tower rested the lantern, a metal structure with glass windowpanes, designed to protect the lamp from the elements. A set of cast iron spiral steps inside the tower provided access to the lantern. The "lens apparatus" recommended by the Lighthouse Board, was the Fresnel System. This system incorporated a single whale-oil lamp inside a hollow beehive shaped lens composed of numerous glass prisms. The glass prisms of the lens focused the light from the lamp into a

number of individual beams, each beam visible for up to twenty-two miles away. A clockwork mechanism, powered by weights, rotated the lens at night, giving the illusion of a flashing light. The lens at Pensacola was a "first order" lens, the largest such lens then available. The combined height of the lighthouse tower, lantern and the bluff on which they rested placed the light beams 150 feet above the surface of the ground and 191 feet above sea level. The first keeper of the second Pensacola Lighthouse, Joseph Palmes, was the son-in-law of Michaela and Jeremiah Ingraham, Pensacola's first lighthouse keepers. Two days after Florida seceded from the Union on January 10, 1861, troops from Florida and Alabama confiscated all Federal property on the mainland, including the lighthouse. On the night of April 12th the Pensacola lighthouse was the first on the gulf coast to be extinguished by Confederate order. With the Pensacola Lighthouse no longer in operation, the need for a lighthouse keeper ended. In May, 1861, Samuel Glass removed "the machinery and apparatus for exhibiting the light" for safekeeping from the Pensacola Lighthouse and on June 30th, having made an inventory of the remaining lighthouse property, Glass was dismissed. On the night of May 9, 1862, Confederate forces evacuated the Pensacola Bay area and destroyed as much property as they could before leaving. Although the war continued elsewhere, Pensacola and the lighthouse were once again in Union hands. The Lighthouse Board opted not to

restore the Pensacola light to its original first order status, but instead installed a smaller, fourth order lens and apparatus in place of the original first order system. On December 20, 1862, the Pensacola Lighthouse, though dimmer, once again brightened the nighttime sky. On April 1, 1869, a first order lens and apparatus replaced the fourth order system. (Letters have been discovered which refer to the delicate lighting apparatus of the Pensacola lighthouse being discovered in Montgomery, Alabama after the war and shipped back to Commandant Armstrong at the Navy Yard.) By the end of that same year a new brick keepers' quarters duplex as well as a passageway connecting the quarters with the light tower were built.

By the mid-1870's the all-white appearance was repainted with the lower third of the tower white and the upper two-thirds now black. By the late 1870's cracks in the tower were appearing and in 1879 repairs were made to the tower, lantern and the keeper's quarters. In 1938 funds were appropriated to electrify the Pensacola light and on October 10, 1939, the electric light was lit for the first time in the tower. In addition to electricity, other modern conveniences were added. Indoor plumbing replaced outhouses and water cisterns. In 1965 the lighthouse was automated. The 1000-watt bulb flashes at 20-second intervals; the beam can be seen for 27 miles. There are two bulbs (a primary and a back-up) controlled by light sensor switches. With automation there was no need for an on-site Keeper and plans were developed

to demolish the dwelling. However, preservationists won out, and the quarters were leased to the Navy. Today, thanks to Richard Callaway, former Cultural Resource Manager for the Navy, the keeper's quarters were restored and opened in May, 1995, as the Command Display Center. Today the first floor has exhibits about the history and industry of the Navy Air Station. There are also artifacts and photos from the first and present Pensacola lighthouses, including information about the keepers and the ghosts. When you tour the lighthouse October 13th, we'll be happy to share those stories with you.

NEW REEF LIGHTS FOUNDATION UNDER WAY

By Tom Taylor

At 1:00 pm., on Sunday, July 22, 2001, ten people met at the Islamorada Library in Islamorada, Florida, Florida Keys, to establish the new Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation. The founding members include Jerry Wilkinson, President of the Historical Society of the Upper Keys; Brenda Altmeier, of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration); Dan Gallagher, formerly with the Pigeon Key Foundation in Marathon; Gail Swanson, a Keys historian from Marathon; Jim Clupper, librarian and historian with the Islamorada Library; Jack Burrie, a resident of Lighthouse Point near the Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse; and a couple of completely unknowns: Hib Casselberry and Tom Taylor. Attending the meeting also on behalf of the United States Coast

Guard were Captain Larry Jaeger, commander of the Aids to Navigation division of the Seventh Coast Guard District in Miami; and Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Cocking, chief of the Group Miami Beach aids to navigation team. Chief Cocking did the research on the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse lens and reported to us on this research at our October, 2000, meeting at Jupiter, last year. Other "founding members" who were unable to make the meeting include Love Dean Winslow, noted author on the "Reef Lights" and *Lighthouses of the Florida Keys*, and a contributor of several articles for our *Florida Lighthouse Trail* book last year; Don Sackrider, a founding member of the FLA from Key Biscayne who will be our major representative from the Fowey Rocks Lighthouse; and Bill and Susan Gordon of Admiral Dive Center on Key Largo, who also have a special love for the Florida Keys and its lighthouses.

The meeting started off promptly and the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws were discussed, amended, and approved. For the Articles of Incorporation, the Initial Board of Directors was named as follows: Tom Taylor, Jerry Wilkinson, Brenda Altmeier, Jim Clupper, Dan Gallagher, Gail Swanson and Hib Casselberry. Initial office assignments were agreed as follows: President: Tom Taylor; Vice President Jerry Wilkinson; Secretary Dan Gallagher; Treasurer Brenda Altmeier, and Historian Love Dean. The members determined to take up the kind offer from Attorney Frank Greenman of Marathon,

who agreed to file incorporation papers for the organization if we paid the fees. We thus designated Mr. Greenman as our resident agent and will use his office in Marathon as the Initial Principle Office. The group discussed membership and categories of membership. They were established as: 1) Individual, \$10.00; 2) Family, \$25.00; 3) Corporate, \$50.00; and 4) Supporting, \$100.00. The memberships will be annual, expiring on December 31, each year. The eight foundation members present promptly forked over \$10 to Brenda to start our treasury with \$80 and give us enough money to apply for the state charter. Brenda proposed that we develop a brochure that described our organization and purposes, and volunteered to do so as we try to secure support and members. Tom Taylor said that he would work with the FLA and webmaster Tim VeArd to see if a Reef Lights website could be developed. The final project of the meeting was to sign the Articles of Incorporation and get them notarized. As we had not been able to arrange for a notary to attend the meeting, there was a fear that we would not be able to accomplish this very important step this day. However, Jack Burrie saved the day when he announced that he knew of a notary. The notary, Charles McClung, was the cook at the Hawg Heaven Bar and Restaurant. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm, to be reopened at Hawg Heaven a little while later for the signing and notarizing of the new Articles of Incorporation. Hawg Heaven now will forever have a place in

the History of the Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation; but this is the norm for the Keys! What is Ernest Hemingway without Sloppy Joe's? The purposes of the Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation are:

1) To establish a non-profit foundation to establish a regional lighthouse museum and archive to serve as a depository for historic information about the Reef Lights to provide the means for public education, and the research and interpretation concerning the past and present of the Reef Lights and related aids-to-navigation, and to provide the facilities by which to showcase to the general public, through first class interpretive exhibits and video, the historic value of these unique architectural structures in the development of Florida's commerce, in the general development of the Florida Keys, and in the national development of aids to navigation.

2) To promote the preservation of the six historic, iron-pile lighthouses off the Florida Keys, known as the "Reef Lights" -- specifically those lighthouses known as Fowey Rocks, Carysfort Reef, Alligator Reef, Sombrero Key, American Shoal, and Sand Key and to make these lighthouses accessible to the public to the extent that safety and weather conditions permit.

3) To support the United States Coast Guard in the maintenance of these structures as active aids to navigation in the interests of navigational safety and for the preservation of the environmentally valuable Florida reefs.

4) To engage in all lawful

purposes which will benefit the preservation of these lighthouses as permitted under the laws of the State of Florida for nonprofit organizations.

YOU can be a charter member of the Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation by sending a check for your membership anytime before January 1, 2002. Your membership will be good through December 31, 2002. Membership dues are:

- 1) Individual \$10.00
- 2) Family \$25.00
- 3) Corporate \$50.00
- 4) Supporting \$100.00

Please make out your check to the Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation and mail it to:

Brenda Altmeier

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(305) 852-7717

brenda.altmeier@noaa.gov.

The Foundation hopes to publish a newsletter twice a year, possibly in March and October, while the snowbirds are in the Keys. Gail Swanson, already the editor or contributor to several newsletters, will be the editor. Articles about the reef lights submitted for publication should be sent to Gail Swanson, 189 Peachtree Ave, Grassy Key, FL 33050, (305) 743-5448, GailSw2000@cs.com. The new website should be posted by the time you receive this newsletter. It is located at www.floridalighthouses.org/reef_lights.

The "Founding Members": standing l to r: Hib Casselberry, Gail Swanson, Dan Gallagher, Brenda Altmeier, Jack Burrie, and Jerry Wilkinson. Kneeling: Tom Taylor, and the notary, Charles McClung. Not pictured are Jim Clupper, Love Dean Winslow, Bill and Susan Gordon, and Don Sackrider.



BOOK REVIEW

By James Daviner

In my library of reference works I have scores of books on the sea, lighthouses and old steamboats. Favorite among these are the books detailing historical ships and boats. The book *Great Lakes Ships We Remember* comes to mind, or *Way's Packet Directory*, which gives detailed accounts of some old steamboats.

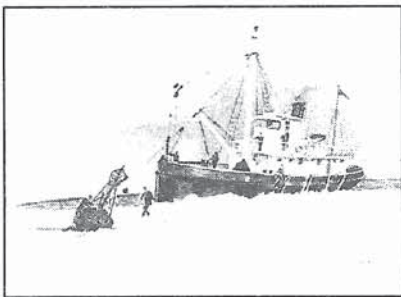
Finally, and copiously illustrated comes a book by Douglas Peterson, retired from the USCG. *U.S. Lighthouse Service Tenders 1840-1939* is published by Eastwind Publishing Annapolis and Trappe, Maryland. It was printed abroad.

A brief history of the U.S. Lighthouse Service and the ultimate merger into the Coast Guard provides fine background information for the reader. Those digging deeper will enjoy the two appendixes discussing hired vessels and detailed maps of various lighthouse districts within U.S. boundaries.

More than just a reiteration of ships statistics, the book reveals insights into what makes them and their complement of men such fine examples in the tradition of the sea. Listed chronologically, the tenders statistical information along with the photographs from various sources including the National Archives and the Coast Guard

Archives and the Coast Guard files, a museum or two, covers a period from 1840 to 1939 when the USLHS merged into the USCG, as noted above.

Details of each tender include the name of the builder, when it was contracted, launched, commissioned and finally its disposition. The reader will also find interesting information showing the tender's cost, construction, machinery and its roster. The book rates an easy four stars and is one that researchers and hobbyists alike might enjoy in their library.



Editors Note: James is a member of the FLA and paints maritime scenes such as that above (Lighthouse Tender Cherry). He lives in Chicago. Visit his website at: <http://www.davinerart.com/index.html>

NEW WEBSITES AVAILABLE TO MEMBER LIGHTHOUSES

By Tom Taylor

Tim VeArd, our new webmaster, has already demonstrated his proficiency in his position with the new look and the many new features of our website. We hope that all of our members will click in on the website and see all that is new. It is located at www.floridalighthouses.org.

With this new site, we can now also accommodate websites from any member lighthouse

organization that would like to put something up on the web for FREE. The Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation is the first separate lighthouse organization to accept this new idea, and their new site is located at www.floridalighthouses.org/reelights. Hopefully, all lighthouses in Florida will soon have a presence on the web. For those which already have a website, there will be special links to them. Also, we are looking for other, non-Florida links which might be of interest to our members. If you know of such a link, contact Tom Taylor at tom@floridalighthouses.org or Tim VeArd at tim@veard.com.

We also would like to establish an on-line gift shop for our lighthouse vendors. If you have lighthouse crafts which you sell regularly at our meetings, you are eligible to have a page of your own on our site. It will be under the "Gift Shop" button on our homepage. This button will open up to a listing of people and products. Clicking on any one of them will open up their page with a description of what they are selling, and how to contact them for the purchase.

We want this site to be as helpful to our members as possible. Please let us have your comments and ideas. Maybe we can sometime also put up a chatroom! We are VERY grateful to Tim and Lynda VeArd for making all these wonderful possibilities of the Internet available to us as a donation to our Association. THANK YOU TIM AND LYNDA!!!

LIGHTHOUSE REPORTS

Amelia Island: This lighthouse has been turned over to the City

of Fernandina Beach, and they are seeking a state grant for the restoration of the lighthouse. Any one interested in helping in this project, please contact Vicki Wolfinger, City of Fernandina Beach, P. O. Box 668, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035-0668.

St. Johns: We have learned that due to family difficulties, Andy Liliskis needs to step away from work with the Mayport Lighthouse Association. He needs volunteers to fill in the gap and continue work on the museum and lighthouse arrangements. If you live in the Jacksonville area and can help, please contact Andy Liliskis at Mayport Lighthouse Association, Inc., P. O. Box 35, Mayport, FL 32267-0035, (904) 251-2488; FAX (904) 251-3378; e-mail: beaks@leading.net

St. Augustine: The new entrance building and gift shop are a magnificent addition to the historic light station. If you haven't visited in a while, you need to visit again soon. The light station is open daily 9:30 am to 5:30 pm., with later, summer hours starting in late May. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors, and \$2.00 for children. Children must be 7 years old and at least 4 feet tall to climb the tower. Includes restored keeper's dwelling, museum, exhibits on local shipwrecks, and gift shop.

Ponce Inlet: The restoration of the tower has been completed, and it is now once again open to the public. This lighthouse is the only lighthouse which is a National Historic Landmark, and it is the second tallest in the U.S. It is open daily, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (last museum/lighthouse -

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foot admission at 4:00 pm); May 1st through Labor Day: from 10:00 am. to 9:00 p.m.(last admission at 8:00 p.m). Admission: \$5.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children 11 and under. Includes gift shop, three keeper's dwellings as museums, 46 tugboat, and the spectacular Lens Exhibit Building, featuring the first-order lens from the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse.

Cape Canaveral: Col. Horn has left the Air Force Station; however, Emily Perry at the Air Force Museum suggests that interested members should soon meet with Mrs. Chris Lehnertz, who is the wife of the Support Group Commander at Patrick. She is very interested in the lighthouse and has helped raise funds for the new exhibit in the base. Frank Childers reports that Ann Lawton, Director of the Brevard Museum of History in Cocoa, would be glad to host a new Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Association at the Museum and allow lighthouse shuttle vans to use the location. The Museum is located about 8 miles SW of the Main Gate of Canaveral Air Force Station, so it would not be too inconvenient, and would be a good deal until such time that the CCLA could establish a museum of its own. Despite recent news media hoopla, the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse will NOT be moving according to Emily Perry of the Air Force. We already know, too, that the State Historic Preservation Officer will oppose it.

Jupiter Inlet: Carol Dickenson, lighthouse director, reported that last year, with the tower open to visitors 24 hours per week, they had hosted 35,000 visitors. It is expected that they will probably have 40,000 visitors this year.

George Blanck, executive director of the Florida History Museum, was awarded the President's Award by President Taylor for his outstanding work in spearheading the restoration last year of the historic Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse. George is one of the founding members of the FLA and has been heavily involved since the beginning in 1996. The lighthouse is open Sunday through Wednesday from 10 am to 4 pm with the last admission at 3:15 pm. Admission is \$5.00. It Includes nice museum and gift shop.

Hillsborough Inlet: The Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society held its annual meeting on the afternoon of the FLA meeting there on July 21st. David Butler, president of the Society says that the original second-order bivalve lens of the lighthouse had become inoperative in 1992 due to failure of the main bearing. The Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society was founded in 1997 and has worked hard to rehabilitate the lighthouse. One year ago, the new bearing was installed, and in August of last year the Society sponsored a relighting ceremony. The new bearing has been operating for a year successfully, at 2 8-mile range. Mr. Butler thanked the Florida Lighthouse Association for providing the impetus for this project at the Associations previous meeting at Hillsboro inlet in July 1997.

Cape Florida: This lighthouse on Key Biscayne is located at the extreme south end of Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Recreation Area. It was beautifully restored in 1996. It is open Thursday through Monday at 10 am. and 1

pm. for tours. There is a museum in Keeper's dwelling and a video in detached kitchen. Admission to the Park, \$3.75 per car. No additional admission to the lighthouse. The Florida Lighthouse Association will be meeting there on January 19, 2002. It is hoped that an optional trip to Fowey Rocks will also be included.

Reef Lights: The Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation held its organizational meeting on Sunday, July 22nd at the Islamorada Library, Islamorada, Florida. See the related article in this newsletter. Things look good for the foundation to organize a museum for the Reef Lights in the City of Marathon. Tom Taylor is moving to Marathon to help the project along.

Dry Tortugas: No Report

Sanibel Island: Talk is continuing about the Coast Guard's possible transfer of the lighthouse to the City of Sanibel within the next year.

Gasparilla Island and Boca Grande Entrance Rear Range: No report

Egmont Key: Secretary Johnson reported that the Coast Guard proposed to discontinue the light. Comments would be taken until July 27.

Anclote Keys: Association member Rip Puls reported that the Florida Park Service is constructing a boardwalk, which will provide access to the lighthouse and permit construction of a ranger residence. Vandalism remains a problem. Lead paint will have to be removed from the tower. The Florida Lighthouse Association will be meeting at the Anclote Key Lighthouse on April 20, 2002.

Cedar Keys: The next Open House for the Cedar Keys Lighthouse on Seahorse Key will be Saturday & Sunday, October 20 & 21. This is sponsored by the Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge. See the additional article on this in this newsletter.

St. Marks: Lee Cook reports that the St. Marks Refuge Association is applying for a state matching grant to provide a comprehensive preservation plan for Florida's second oldest lighthouse. The FLA has a \$10,000 CD ready for them to use for a match for state funds when needed.

Crooked River: Barbara Revell: Carrabelle Lighthouse Association will be two years old on July 12, 2001. CLA members are planning a party to help celebrate their accomplishments over the last two years! There have been many accomplishments, the biggest one being the agreement with the Federal Government to transfer the deed to Crooked River Lighthouse to the City of Carrabelle. The party was at C-Quarters marina deck on July 28, 2001, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. It has taken longer than expected for the City to receive the deed, however, when one deals with government bureaucracy one never knows! According to Bill Huie, Federal Lands to Parks manager in Atlanta, the most recent delay was because of an error in the survey. The deed finally arrived in mid-August. Now the CLA and the City can really get started! CLA expects to sign a lease with the City on September 6, 2001. The first goal of CLA was to "Save" Crooked River Lighthouse for the citizens of Carrabelle, Franklin County and Florida. Now the goal is to restore

the lighthouse and open it to the public. CLA has established a Restoration Fund at Gulf State Bank in Carrabelle and CLA is raising money for this fund. CLA is expecting a report in the near future on the exact needs for restoration. The report is being written by Cullen Chambers, known nationwide for his restoration abilities. To raise funds, the CLA has Crooked River Lighthouse T-shirts for sale. The price of the shirts recently was reduced to \$10. Prints of an original painting by the renowned lighthouse artist, William Trotter, will be available. At the party they help a Silent Auction with lighthouse items as well as other items for auction. Membership in the CLA is only \$12 per year payable each January and is pro-rated for new members. If one joins in July then the dues are \$6. Memberships and donations to the Restoration Fund may be mailed to Carrabelle Lighthouse Association, P.O. Box 373, Carrabelle, FL 32322. For further information, please call 850-697-2054 or e-mail crkdrvrlh@aol.com.

Cape St. George: Although the lighthouse is standing straight and seems to have a good sturdy foundation now under it, recent photos sent by Dianne Levi show more erosion around the lighthouse. No known further work has been done on the lighthouse.

Cape San Blas: At last report, the Air Force was still looking for someone to take over the lighthouse. The Port St. Joe Historical Society is trying to establish a lighthouse committee.

St. Joseph Point: No word yet on the lantern mounting project. The

glass has been the sticking point.

Pensacola: Association member Dianne Levi observed that their group has seen a tremendous increase in visitation. The tower is open on Sundays from noon to four during the summer. Because it is managed by the Coast Guard, only Coast Guard Auxiliary members may do tours of the light. She commented on the challenges of working with the Navy, Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the Army Corps of Engineers. They hope to start a local organization. The Florida Lighthouse Association will meet at the Pensacola Lighthouse on October 13, 2001. Just prior to that, the FLA is also sponsoring a four-day tour of some of the lighthouses of Alabama and Mississippi, and Louisiana. See the special information included in this newsletter.

NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome the new members who have joined us in the past quarter: Brenda Altmeier, Andrew P. Arno, Derith M. Bennett, Dave and Holly Bingham, Ryland Bryant, Diane Carroll, Lori Conrad, Lynn Daley, G. Robert Daly, Jack and Roselyn Destefano, Stephanie Ward Dinger, Stanley and Mary Farnham, Irene Garbo, Les and Cheryl Gardieff, Hugh Hoffman, Valerie Iengo, Mike and Arlene Johnson, Margaret L. Lynch, Dorothy Maddox, Preston and Mildred Mauk, Dwight M. McMakin, James H. and Lynn A. Medas, Donald & Joyce Murphey, William F. O'Brien, Alex Paulson, Bill and Amy Pressel, John Roberts, Harry E. Saxton, Jeff and Rita Shapiro, Virginia Stone, Roger and Nancy Strayer, Susan Taylor, Raymond and Patricia Van Heck, Samantha Vann, Bill and Suzanne Walker, Jay and Dee Welch, Todd Whalley, Gwen Williams, Maurcen and Thomas Workman, Jr.

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**FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING
PENSACOLA LIGHTHOUSE, PENSACOLA, FL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2001**

The fourth Quarterly meeting of the Florida Lighthouse Association for 2001 will be at Mustin Beach Officers' Club, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Bldg. 253, Radford Ave., tel. 850-455-2276. Following the meeting and luncheon, the Pensacola Lighthouse and Keepers' Quarters will be open for touring. You will be responsible for arranging your own lodging, but the new Travelodge Inn & Suites at 4 New Warrington Rd. (1-800-578-7878 or 850-454-0280) is offering a special rate for FLA members of \$57 (\$63.65 tax included). Suburban Lodge Extra (only 1 year old) at 3984 Barrancas Ave., tel. 850-453-4140 is located nearby also. For active duty or retired military, there is a Navy Lodge at NAS (\$48 single, \$60 double), tel. 850-456-8676. There are many alternative accommodations in Pensacola and Pensacola Beach.
SEE MAP ON BACK FOR DIRECTIONS

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2001

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2001 SCHEDULE

8:30 A.M. BOARD MEETING – MUSTIN BEACH OFFICERS' CLUB
9:30 A.M. REGISTRATION OPENS AT MUSTIN BEACH OFFICERS' CLUB (LUNCHEON TICKETS)
10:00 A.M. QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION
11:30 A.M. SPEAKER – NEIL HURLEY, HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR, "THE FIRST PENSACOLA LIGHTHOUSE"
NOON – 12:15 – BREAK (for lunch set-up)
12:15 – 12:45 – LUNCH
12:45 – 1:15 – "LIFE AT THE PENSACOLA LIGHTHOUSE" by the children of former keepers
VANCE BURAS AND EMMETT HATTEN

1:30 – TOUR OF THE PENSACOLA LIGHTHOUSE/KEEPERS' QUARTERS
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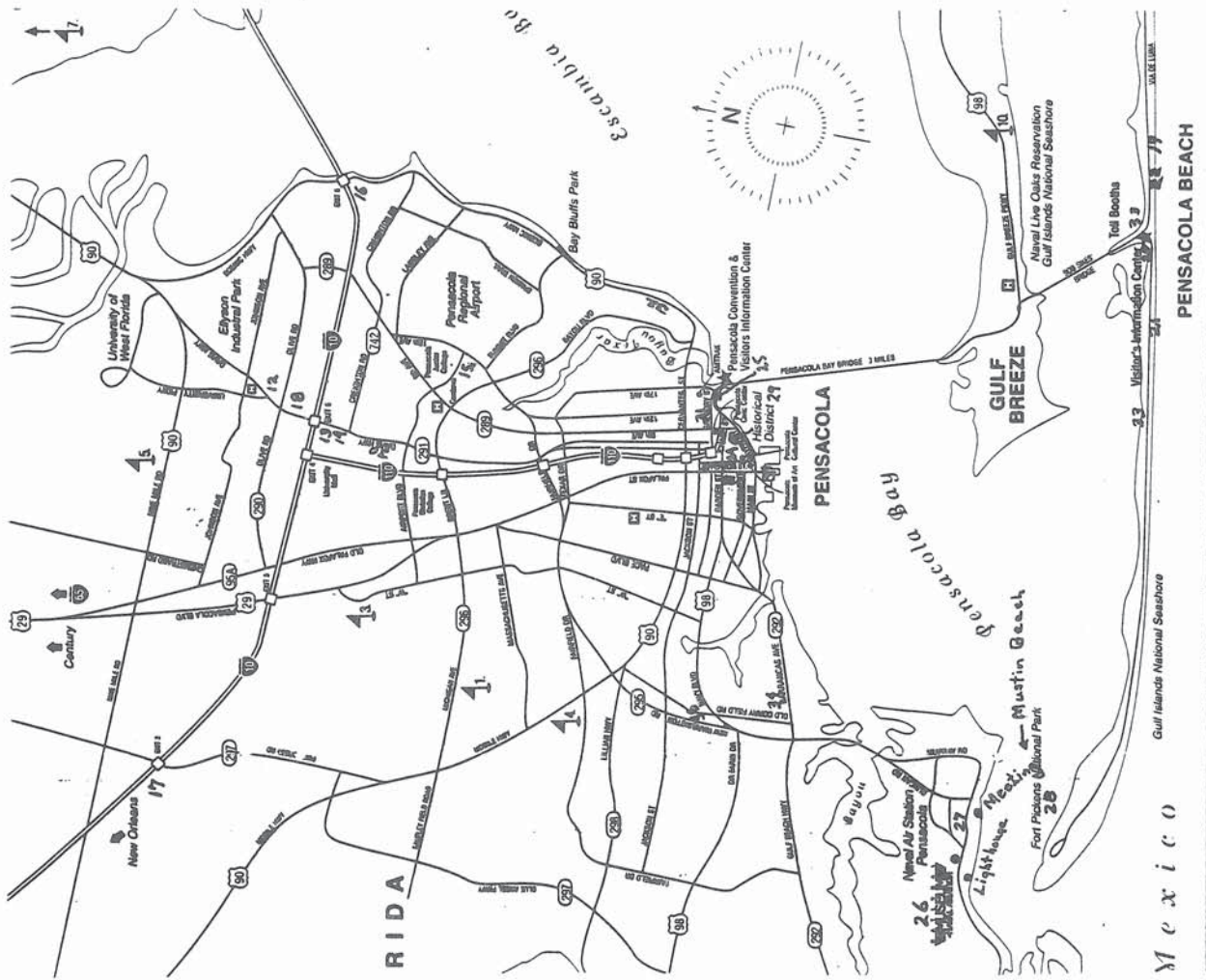
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 - 21 - The Dunes (\$70-125) 1-800-83-DUNES
 - 22 - Hampton Inn (\$69-129) 1-800-320-8108

- ATTRACTIONS**
- 23 - Civil War Soldiers Museum - 108 S. Palafox Place; \$5.00
Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (excellent)
 - 23 - Blue Morning Gallery - 112 S. Palafox Place - original art (lighthouse pictures)
Mon. - Sat. 9:30a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 - 24 - T.T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum and Historic Pensacola Village
320 S. Jefferson Street & 205 E. Zaragoza St.
Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 - 25 - Veterans Memorial Park and Wall South - Bayfront Pkwy.
 - 26 - National Museum of Naval Aviation - 1750 Radford Blvd., Naval Air Station
Museum Free; IMAX Theater - \$4 (Fly with the Blue Angels)
Open Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (excellent)
 - 27 - Fort Barrancas - Naval Air Station, Taylor Rd. - Part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore, Free, Open Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Oct 13-14 - Tour 2 p.m.
 - 28 - Fort Pickens - Pensacola Beach, part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore
Open daily - entrance fee; Oct. 13th - Candlelight Tour - 7 p.m.
 - 29 - Seville Square area - oldest section of Pensacola - historic; restaurants & shops

- RESTAURANTS**
- 30 - Davis Hwy. area - Bennigan's; Darryl's; Roadhouse Grill; O'Charley's
 - 31 - Downtown - Copeland's; Corky's Ribs & BBQ; Dharma Blue; Hall's Seafood (waterview); Landry's Seafood House (waterview); Lilo's Trattoria (overlooking the harbor); Mr. Manatee's (outside deck on water)
 - 32 - Scenic Hwy. area - The Angus (beef and seafood); Scenic 90 Café; Skopelos (fine dining, waterview); New York Deli
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