

CUSTOM HOUSE MARITIME MUSEUM

Telling the stories of New London's Waterfront



Above: Colchester's third grade class, poet Kate Rushin, and artist Mark Patenode taught us all about the Amistad last week. Above right: selfies with the Amistad hero Cinque.

TIME OUT: Happy Memorial Day. Summer has commenced!

The Custom House Maritime Museum is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 1 to 5 PM.

What's Up at the Custom House - May 29, 2016

nlmaritimesociety.org

New London Maritime Society - *nicely nautical*

Upcoming Events

Historian Jamin Wells is coming to town & will present two different talks at the Custom House on June 21.

CAPT. T. A. SCOTT,
 DIVER, WRECKER
 —AND—
 CONTRACTOR
 OF ALL KINDS
 —OF—
 SUBMARINE WORK.



TOWING

To All Points

Between

**New York
 and Boston,**

—BY TUGS—

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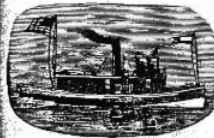
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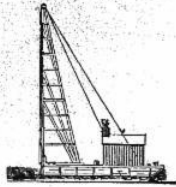
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**WATER FOR
 SHIPPING.**

Raising Sunken Vessels
 or Cargoes.



PILE DRIVING,
 Wharf
 and
 Bridge
 Building.



DREDGING OF ALL KINDS.

Derricks
 for
 Handling
 Heavy
 Weights.



Steam
 Pumps
 at
 Short
 Notice.

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 Telephone Day or Night.

Two talks by historian Jamin Wells
both are on Tuesday, June 21,
 at the Custom House

Jibboom Club #1
at 1 PM

**Chasing Scott: Researching New
 London's 'Master Wrecker'**

Historian **Jamin Wells** first encountered T.A. Scott when investigating a wrecked coal schooner 50 feet under Narragansett Bay. Told "you won't find anything about him", Wells has spent the past decade researching this "great American Hero."

Join him on Tuesday, June 21 as he discusses his fascinating hunt for New London's master wrecker.

Jibboom Club #1 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Please come and bring a friend. Donations are for refreshments, only.



**Dreadful Vampyres and Terrible Calamities:
The Making of the American Beach
at 7 PM**

Two hundred years ago most Americans avoided the beach like the plague. Today it is one of the most visited, most desired, and most discussed places in the the country. Historian Jamin Wells explores the surprising history of this sea change and the impact that shipwrecks had in making our modern beach. \$8 admission, *FREE* to NLMS members.

Space is limited. Please register in advance. Purchase tickets here or call 860-447-2501.

Jamin Wells grew up on, under, and around the ocean. He studied maritime history and underwater archaeology at the University of Rhode Island and earned his Ph.D. in American history from the University of Delaware. Jamin is currently a postdoctoral research associate at the University of West Florida in lovely Pensacola. He is traveling to Connecticut this summer to complete research for his book about the development of the American coast.

2016 Lighthouse Boat Tours begin on Saturday, June 18



FIND YOUR LIGHTHOUSE!

New London Maritime Society

Race Rock Light Station

Explore the region's lighthouses with the one who knows them best.

Take our award-winning, intimate, 90-minute *Find your lighthouse!* tour aboard the 20-passenger *Popeye*.

New London Maritime Society offers a variety of lighthouse experiences. Go to nlmaritimesociety.org to see our full menu of tours to Fishers and neighboring islands, including a day-trip to Plum Island, sunset, & full-moon cruises.

NLMS owns 3 lighthouses: NL Harbor, Ledge, and Race Rock. Included with your boat-tour ticket is free admission to our lighthouse exhibition at the Custom House Maritime Museum & a 10% discount in our MUSEUM SHOP.



"Best Lighthouse Tour"

AS SEEN IN
YANKEE
MAGAZINE



POPEYE



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Find your lighthouse!

Custom House Maritime Museum
150 Bank Street, New London, CT
lighthouse hotline - 860-447-8700

Steal away to New London. It's small and diverse, with fresh seafood, Ocean Beach, and cozy cafes. Special events are held summer Saturday afternoons on Waterfront Park, just steps away from the NL train station and three blocks from the Custom House Maritime Museum.

Advance boat reservations are strongly suggested.

See the complete schedule at
nlmaritimesociety.org

DIRECTIONS: All boat tours leave from the floating dock adjacent to City Pier, directly behind the train station in New London's downtown historic district. The 1833 Custom House Maritime Museum is three blocks west at 150 Bank Street.



New London Ledge Light



Custom House Maritime Museum

Explore the region's lighthouses with the one who know them best.

For 2016, NLMS presents an expanded version of our *Yankee Magazine* award-winning 'Best Lighthouse Tour' aboard the 20-passenger *Popeye*.

Our personal, 90-minute tours leave from downtown NL to cruise out six miles past Harbor, Ledge and Avery Point lighthouses to North Dumpling and Race Rock Lights. Along the way we pass a submarine factory, two forts, a USCG station, & Fishers Island. With luck, we may even spy some seals.

Tours commence Saturday, June 18 and run through October!

Find Your Lighthouse tours depart Wednesdays and Saturdays at 11:30 AM from the floating pier adjacent to City Pier, behind the New London Train Station, at the foot of State Street, New London, CT.

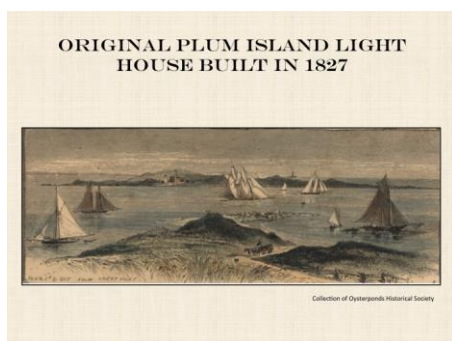
Tours last approximately 90 minutes. Reservations are recommended.

Sign up here: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2557359>

\$50 adults, \$45 NLMS members & seniors, \$35 children 6 to 12.

More 2016 special tours will be announced very soon, including our intimate 6-passenger Sunset, & Full-Moon lighthouse tours, & Ledge Light trips out of New London.

Watch these email blasts for details.



Custom House Maritime Matters Public Access TV

Join us Thursdays at 5 PM, on channel 25 [Atlantic Broadband Community Access television](#) or a [lively discussion of what's happening on New London's waterfront.](#)

Preserve Plum Island's **Chris Cryder** is our guest on Thursday - & he's got some good news to report!

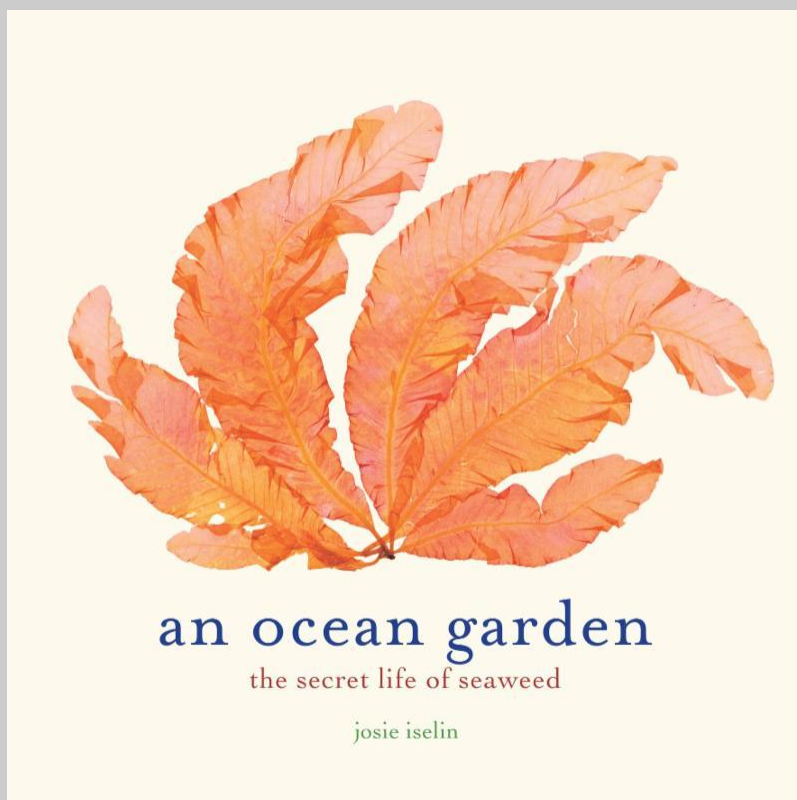
[Preserve Plum Island Coalition](#)

Artist Alan Claude's silk screen prints of **Race Rock Light** and **Ledge Light** are now available at the Museum Shop.



Both Race and Ledge Lights are featured in his 2017 calendars. We currently have the lighthouse prints (in 2 sizes), and both Alan's mini and full-sized 2017 calendars for sale in the Museum Shop. Members get 10% off!

An Ocean Garden: *The Secret Life of Seaweed*
with artist Josie Iselin
Friday, June 24, 7 PM



Join **Josie Iselin** as she reads from her book, *An Ocean Garden: The Secret Life of Seaweed*. Josie will present her stunning imagery of ocean botanica and explain her unique process of using her flatbed scanner to capture the seaweed's underwater essence. Josie will continue with the fascinating biology of seaweed to explain its important place in our near-shore ocean environment.

Please join us for a joyful comingling of art and science!

Books will be available for signing.

Admission \$15, NLMS members \$12. Learn more & [register HERE](#).

There are many ways to support New London Maritime Society.

Take a [Find your lighthouse!](#) boat tour.

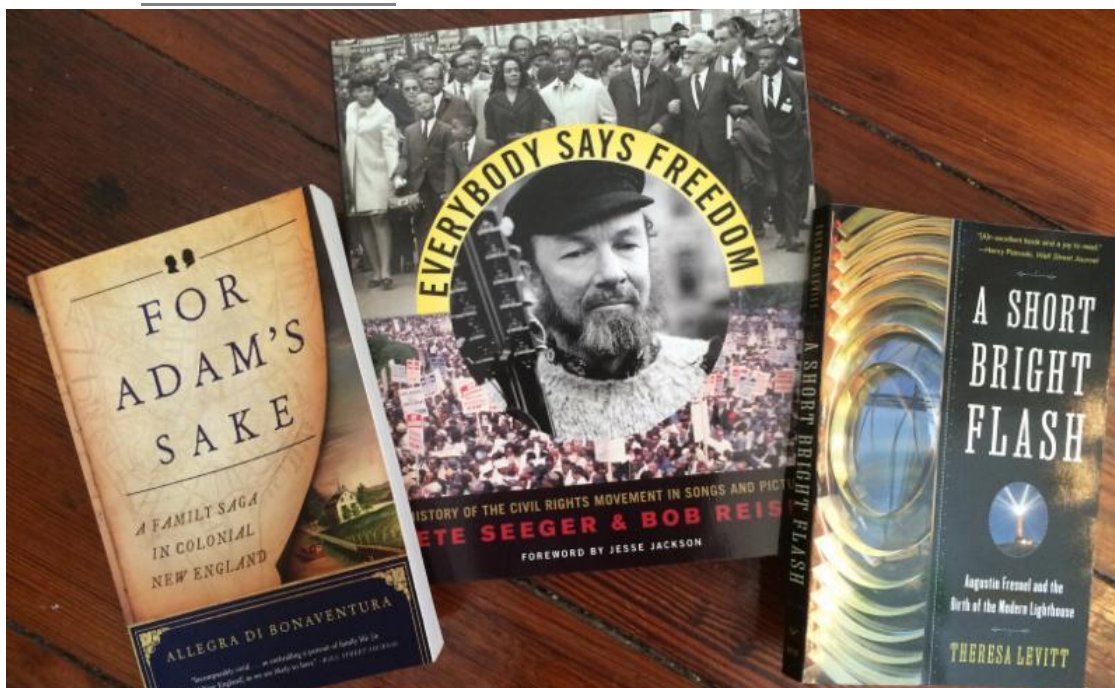
Attend one of our events.

Become a New London Maritime Society member.

Your \$35 individual or \$50 family membership gets you free admission to the Custom House, special invitations, discounts to special events, and 10% off in the MUSEUM SHOP.

Be a Volunteer.

Visit our [MUSEUM SHOP!](#)



New this week: three books - *For Adam's Sake*, & *A Short, Bright Flash* in paperback, and Pete Seeger and Bob Reiser tell the story of the civil rights movement in words, photographs, and music in *Everybody Says Freedom*.

KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S UP

Photographer **David Zapatka's *Stars and Lights*** exhibition is on view at the Custom House Maritime Museum through June 2016.

Right, ***Triple-Header Comix***, from our Spring cartooning class with Jon Buller.

Ed Uditis's collection of **American Submarine artifacts, from WW I through the 20th century**, is under construction & will open soon!



Monte Cristo Cottage reopens on a regular schedule this Thursday, June 2. Hours will be 12 noon to 4 PM, Thursday through Sunday. \$7, \$5 seniors & students.

We just learned that, along with Monte Cristo Cottage, the Custom House Maritime Museum will be receiving **new signage on I-95**. *Thanks!* Our museum and lighthouse boat tour programs brings thousands of visitors to town every year, from as far away as Texas and Maine. We are proud that we will be identified as a [Connecticut Freedom Trail](#) site.

[Custom House Maritime Museum](#) is on Facebook. 'Like' it to keep up with our events as well as news about museums, worldwide, and issues related to our mission of preservation & conservation.

Facebook [New London Harbor Light](#) reports the latest on NL Harbor 'Pequot' Light and about American lighthouse preservation activities. Keep up with NLMS and our efforts to provide public access to Harbor Lighthouse.

Facebook [Race Rock Lighthouse](#) posts news concerning Race Rock Light and of international lighthouse tourism & preservation efforts.

Facebook page [Lighthouse Inn, New London](#) keeps up with developments at that City landmark.

Go to facebook [Long Island Sound Lighthouses Gateway](#), our newest page, to learn more about lighthouse happenings on Long Island Sound.

Facebook page [Sentinels on the Sound](#) presents our Summer 2016 events program along with other NL summer activities. 2016 events already are being posted...

Facebook [Custom House MUSEUM SHOP](#) to see what's new. The MUSEUM SHOP is open Wednesday through Sunday, between 1 and 5 PM, or by appointment. You don't need a museum ticket to get in.



Have a sparkling day!

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