

## Florida Lighthouse Trail

Edited by Thomas Taylor

The Florida Lighthouse Association recently published a nifty book and guide to Florida's lighthouses.

The book/guide is divided into four sections, each representing an area of Florida's 1,000-mile-long coastline; The Florida East Coast, The Florida Keys, etc. Within the sections are chapters, each devoted to a separate light station. A number of authors wrote the chapters, usually by an author who is most familiar with a certain station. Love Dean, as an example, has researched and published two books on the Reef Lights. Her submissions cover this area.

Each chapter provides site facts about the station, written directions to the station and a small map. Thomas Taylor, a historian of lighthouses and especially those of Florida lighthouses, edited the book/guide. He has written several feature articles for *The Keeper's Log*.

Capping off this interesting and useful book are the line drawings of architect Paul Bradley, a consistent contributor to *The Keeper's Log*. His drawings appear on the table of contents page of our magazine as well as in some articles.

This book is chock full of interesting information and you'll certainly want to add this to your library, especially if you plan a tour of the lighthouses of the Sunshine State.

Soft cover, 6" x 9", 192 pages with 90 black-and-white line drawings. \$12.95 plus

shipping and handling from our affiliate, Lighthouse Gallery & Gifts (800) 320-2130.

## Cape Meares and Its Sentinel

By Clara M. Fairfield and  
M. Wayne Jensen, Jr.

The Tillamook County Pioneer Museum has just published a soft cover book on the Cape Meares Light Station.

The book begins with information about the native inhabitants, settlers to the area, the world's first lighthouses, colonial lighthouses, first west coast lighthouses, the Lighthouse Administration and finally, by page 15, it starts to discuss the creation of the Cape Meares Lighthouse.

Congressional authorizations, early surveys and some interesting letters and plans regarding construction of the station comprise the next 45 pages.

Following the trials and tribulations of the construction is an interesting section on the keepers, their families and visitors. This section is laced with interesting photos. Then comes two sections that you may, or may not, be interested in: Saga of the Road and Other Improvements, and National Wildlife Refuge.

One of the most enjoyable sections of the book, *The Cape Through the Years*, appears near the end. This section is loaded with wonderful photos of yesteryear and is worth the price of the book alone. Sketches of other Oregon lighthouses round out the book.

Overall not a bad effort. A harder finish paper would have helped the photos and some style changes would have provided a more professional look. Still, for \$14.95, it's a bargain and a comprehensive look at one of the light stations of the beautiful Oregon coast.

Soft color cover, 8 1/2" x 12", 128 pages, 115 photos, numerous drawings and maps. \$14.95 from Lighthouse Gallery & Gifts (800) 320-2120 and tell them we sent you.

## New Dungeness Lighthouse

By James Isom

Society member, and New Dungeness Light Station volunteer, Jim Isom has put together a wonderful history of that light station.

The twelve-chapter book takes the read-

er from early coastal explorations, land claims, commerce and Indian life in the area – and continues through the establishment of the light station. A chapter on lenses, lamps and lanterns, and another on fog signals, details the aids used at New Dungeness over the years, as well as instructing the reader on how they work.

Another chapter, *Life at New Dungeness*, is a wonderful look at the life of the keepers and their families over the years and what they endured at this remote station.

This is followed by a history of our Society obtaining the station, the establishment of the New Dungeness Chapter in 1994 and some details about the National Wildlife Refuge, which surrounds the station. Information about visiting the lighthouse is included. At the end are a detailed chronology, glossary and list of the keepers stationed at New Dungeness over the years.

It's apparent that the development of this book on our light station was a labor of love by Jim Isom. He certainly deserves high marks for his extensive research and for ferreting out the various plans and illustrations that add so much color to the book.

Soft cover, 8 1/2" x 11", 92 pages, numerous black and white drawings and photos. Order your copy of *New Dungeness Lighthouse* for \$19.95 plus shipping and handling from: New Dungeness Chapter, U.S. Lighthouse Society, P.O. Box 1283, Sequim, WA 98382.

## The Florida Keys - Volume 3 - The Wreckers

By John Viele

Not a lighthouse book per se, although it does contain a short section devoted to the "Reef Lights" of the Florida Keys and the keepers' involvement with wrecking.

This is a very well researched and vastly interesting read on the wrecking trade. If you've read extensively of lighthouses and early days of shipping, you most certainly have come across tales or mention of "Moon Cussers", "Moon Rakers" or "Wreckers." For many years, people living along remote coastal areas of America, England and other countries considered it providence if a vessel and its cargo was tossed up on their shore. It was their God-given right to salvage the cargo. It was, in some cases, their livelihood. Often



any survivors were killed.

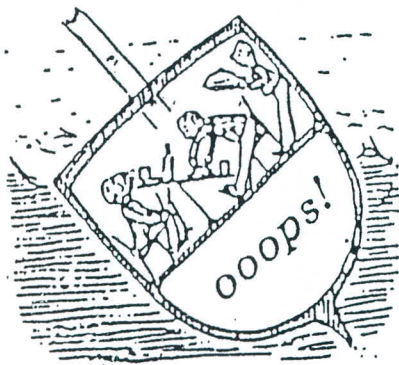
The establishment of a lighthouse to assist the mariner and reduce the number of wrecks was considered by these coast denizens as an ungodly act.

This Volume 3, of the Florida Keys series, goes into great detail about the wrecking trade in that area of our country. Certainly, the low-lying Florida Keys, a treacherous necklace of reefs strung out along the Gulf Stream, is one of the most dangerous water routes of the world. It's a perfect setting for wreckers.

This book starts with the early Spanish mariners and sails along – bringing into play all the nationalities involved, vessels, equipment, legal actions, hostile natives, “Those Damn Lights”, the Civil War and the twilight years of wrecking.

A wonderful read and a well researched look into an unusual maritime trade by John Viele, a retired Navy submarine commander and director of Key West's Maritime Historical Society.

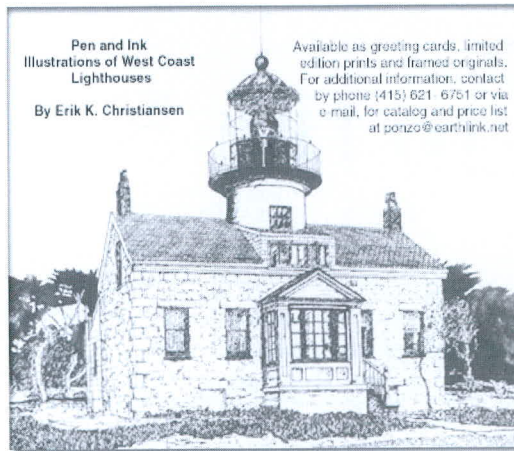
Hard cover, 6" x 9", 224 pages with 74 photographs and line cut illustrations for \$16.95. Contact the book's distributor, Pineapple Press, Inc. at (800) 746-3275 or visit their website at [www.pineapplepress.com](http://www.pineapplepress.com).



The cover photo of the winter *Log* was identified as the Cape Mendocino Lighthouse, when in fact it is a photo of the Point Conception Lighthouse (the cover story).

On page 41 we identified the 3rd place winner of our 16th annual Photography Contest as Jerry Owens, when in fact, it was Jerry DREWS. the city of Kent, WA was correct. We're sorry about that Jerry.

How do these gremlins get into each and every *Log*?



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