

## *Guide to Florida Lighthouses*

By Elinor De Wire

Pineapple Press has released a second edition of Elinor De Wire's fine *Guide to Florida Lighthouses*.

The guide includes some 30 lighthouses from Amelia Island on the Georgia border down to the Keys and back up to Florida's panhandle. The second edition, like the first, includes a general history of each light station accompanied with color photos. The new edition includes photos of lighthouses that have been renovated since the first edition was published. Additionally, the reading and resources lists have been updated.

A beautiful and informative book by one of America's premier lighthouse authors is available for \$14.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling from Lighthouse Gallery and Gifts, P.O. Box 2382, Florence, OR 97439.

## *Lighthouses and Life Saving Along the Connecticut and Rhode Island Coasts*

By James Claflin

This compilation of old Life Saving Service and Lighthouse Service photographs with limited text is Jim Claflin's third in the series and similar to the Head Keep's book on California Light Stations (circa 1930)

and another on Light Stations and the Life Saving Service of New Jersey. Arcadia Press as part of their Images of America series publishes all five volumes. The books of the series follow the same format; 128 pages, sepia cover photo, usually two black and white photos to a page and limited text. Still, the book is a delightful collection of old drawings and photos, many never published before.

The book is available from Kenrick Claflin and Son, 30 Hudson St., Northborough, MA 01532 for \$19.95 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling.

## *LIGHTHOUSE - Point Piños, Pacific Grove, California*

By Jerry McCaffery

The best word to describe this new lighthouse book is "comprehensive." Author Jerry McCaffery, who has been a docent at the Point Piños Lighthouse for a number of years, really did his research before writing this book.

Early on, he weaves the history of this second lighthouse to be lighted on the west coast with others in California and other areas of the country to explain architecture and the elements of a lighthouse. Like most books on the subject, he unnecessarily delves into the administration of our country's aids to navigation, lantern rooms and optic developments. If this repetitious material was necessary in this recent release, it should have been condensed. However, that said, it is a meaty book and often explores areas not usually covered in other lighthouse histories. As an example, the tale of the government acquiring the land at Point Piños is a tangled web worth telling.

In addition to the usual explanation of constructing the lighthouse, author McCaffery accurately, and in detail, tells the stories of the three principal keepers at Point Piños: Charlotte Layton, the first keeper, Allen Luce (1872-1893) and Emily Fish (1892-1914). Sidebars featuring several entries from the original keeper's logs, highlight the sections on Keepers Luce and Fish. These vignettes provide a nice touch of color as the chapters pass by.

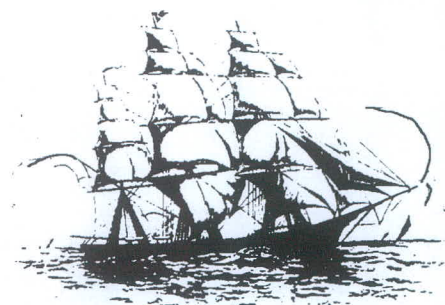
The book contains considerable information on shipwrecks, which took place in the area, most accompanied by photos. There

are also some interesting and informative appendices regarding the various character notes, sources and even a copy of the engineering specifications for the construction of the first eight west coast lighthouses of which Point Piños was one.

The book contains 124 black and white photos, 65 of archival quality. The photos could use hairline boxes (outlines) to make them crisper. Several modern photos are too small and don't read very well or are irrelevant to the story at hand.

Save a few design changes and a few minor negative comments, the book is very meaty and an excellent source for information on the oldest west coast lighthouse in continuous operation, with its original 3rd order lens.

Soft color cover, 8 1/2" by 11", 106 pages, 124 photos. Available at \$15.95 by writing to: Jerry McCaffery, 56 Spray St., Pacific Grove, CA 93950



## *Mains'l Haul: A Journal of Pacific Maritime History*

The *Mains'l Haul* is the quarterly magazine of the Maritime Museum Association of San Diego. Editor Mark Allen has devoted the entire spring 2001 issue to articles on California lighthouses. There are several interesting articles by different authors and the issue is loaded with historic and contemporary photos. You may obtain a copy of Vol. 37, No. 2 (Spring 2001) for \$7.00 (which includes shipping and handling) by writing to the Maritime Museum Assoc., 1306 North Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 92101