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HARSENS ISLAND / ST. CLAIR FLATS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**SAVE the DATES...plans are underway...**



**Tashmoo Days - 2015 EXPANDED to *Tashmoo Nights*...**

***Prohibition Bash at the Original Dance Pavilion...***

***Dinner, Dance, Live Music & Entertainment***

***Period Dress Encouraged...schedule a night of fun...***

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## From the President

Dear Society Members,

February is always an exciting month on Harsens Island. In the summertime, the old saying goes, we can sit around and watch the grass grow...well in February, this year, on Harsens Island, you can sit around and watch the snow and ice accumulate in even greater quantities.

Temperatures have been below the zero mark for many days and below the ten-degree mark for many more days. So what did folks do this February on Harsens Island...well, they sat around and watched the freighters get stuck in the ice. As noted on page 3, the Arthur Anderson had difficulty headed downstream and needed help to get through; and the Peter Creswell got stuck going upstream and needed lots of help on her journey.

So what else happened in February? NOT MUCH....except: The Tashmoo Days Planning Committee has been hard at work organizing a more exciting Tashmoo Days 2015 event. The Committee met on January 31 and again on February 28.

Progress was evident and there are some exciting new components being added. Tashmoo Nights is taking shape, the early morning Race Program will now feature both a 5K and 10K race, the lecture program is being enhanced by Denne Osgood, there will be a new 'Kids Got Talent' contest/show being organized by Kate Hart who is also helping organize the musical program. The 'Message in a Bottle' 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary being organized by Pam & David Leander is expected to bring descendants from around the country to celebrate. Cletus (Butch) Karamon, whose father Cletus owned the Four Winds (and grandfather owned the Idle Hour) is bringing his talent from the work he does on Broadway and London Theater to enhance the overall program and is also organizing more 'kid oriented' activities for Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Also returning this year will be the First Nations and American Indian Interpretive Program, the Civil War Re-enactor Interpretive Program ...and some really great food...including the 'Smokin Granny' by Chef Jean Paul.

March is also 'Find a Friend to join The Society Month' as this is our annual 'membership drive'. If each of you will bring one new member, you will be doing your Society and yourself a great service. Member's, please don't forget your annual dues. Lifetime Members please also return your updated contact information and all member's, please send in 'Nomination Forms' for this years elections.

Don't forget to sign-up for the two upcoming lectures on March 14 and April 25.

As always, let us know if you have any questions or would like to become more active, we always have lots of things to do...even in the cold February winter days.

Warm regards,  
Bernardo Licata



SS Peter Creswell – Stuck in the Ice...



The Coast Guard worked all night to move her ~ 1 mile

**Watching the Grass Grow or  
Watching the Freighters Navigate the South  
Channel in winter are similar ways to entertain  
oneself on Harsens Island in February.**

**Another way...is to schedule and attend the  
OUTSTANDING Lectures planned for March and  
April.**

**There is never a lack of something to do.**

### Lecture Series

Tony Gramer – March 14



Roger LeLievre – April 25

## **Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Historical Society 2015 Calendar of Events**

*subject to change*

Members are welcome to attend any Board / Membership Meeting to keep apprised of Society activities and to bring issues before the Board.

### **Museum Hours**

**June through September** – Saturdays – 10 AM – 3 PM and Sundays – Noon – 4 PM

**Winter Hours**– By Appointment: Phone a Board Member

### **March**

**14<sup>th</sup>**: 3:00PM at the Schoolhouse Grille, Lecture by: Tony Gramer, World Traveled Diver.

Tony will present: “Doomed for Disaster”, Loss of the schooner William Young.

**21<sup>st</sup>**: 11:00AM at Schoolhouse Grille: Tashmoo Committee Planning Meeting

**28<sup>th</sup>**: 11:30AM at Museum: Board Meeting

### **April**

**25<sup>th</sup>**: 3:00PM at the Schoolhouse Grille, Lecture by: Roger LeLievre, Know Your Ships Author and Publisher.