



# Sound Waves

A Monthly Newsletter from Save Our Sound

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### Alliance News & Notes



As we move into spring, we are looking forward to being out in the community—hosting events, meeting with supporters, and continuing conversations with those who care deeply about Nantucket Sound. These gatherings are an important opportunity to connect, share updates on our work, and hear directly from the people who make this effort possible.

This month, we are especially pleased to host a stakeholder event, bringing together many of the individuals and organizations who have supported our mission. It is a meaningful opportunity to discuss the progress we have made and provide an update on where we stand in our efforts to

secure **National Historic Landmark** designation for Nantucket Sound.

Stakeholders are at the heart of this work. Since launching our preservation campaign, the Alliance has brought together nearly 100 stakeholder organizations in support of federal action to protect the Sound. These include municipalities across the Cape and Islands, historic preservation groups, chambers of commerce, tribal entities, environmental organizations, and many others—collectively representing hundreds of thousands of individuals who value Nantucket Sound and recognize its importance.

Being a stakeholder is straightforward: it means standing in support of the permanent protection of Nantucket Sound. It reflects a shared understanding that this extraordinary place—so vital to our environment, economy, and coastal heritage—deserves lasting recognition and care.

We are always looking to grow this coalition. If you are part of an organization, business, or community group that shares this commitment, we invite you to join us. If you would like to get involved or have your organization included, please contact **Sandy Taylor at [sandyt@saveoursound.org](mailto:sandyt@saveoursound.org) or call 508.775.9767.**

Thank you for your continued support and for being part of a strong and growing community dedicated to protecting Nantucket Sound. We look forward to seeing many of you in the months ahead.

Warm regards,

**Audra Parker, President & CEO**

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## Celebrating ACONS: Continuing the Conversation

Last month, we took a look at how far **ACONS (A Celebration of Nantucket Sound)** has come since launching in 2020. Created to spread awareness of Nantucket Sound and the need for its protection, ACONS continues to bring together individuals and families from across the region and beyond for engaging, expert-led conversations delivered virtually.

We also revisited our very first webinar, ***Lighthouses of Nantucket Sound***, with leading New England lighthouse historian **Jeremy D'Entremont** (featured in our 'Spotlight' section below), for an informative and memorable start to a series that continues to grow and evolve.

If you haven't had a chance to explore ACONS yet, you can view **all 30+ past webinars** anytime on our website ([www.saveoursound.org/acons](http://www.saveoursound.org/acons)) and discover the many stories, perspectives, and areas of expertise that make Nantucket Sound such an extraordinary place.

Looking ahead, we have three exciting programs coming up this spring and summer:

**April 30 - Land Conservation on the Cape & Islands**

**June 4 - Seashells and the Stories They Tell**

**July 30 - Nature at Work: From Cranberries to Coastal Habitat**

We hope you'll join us for these upcoming conversations as we continue to explore, learn, and celebrate Nantucket Sound together.



*This month, we put a spotlight on author, photographer, and maritime historian **Jeremy D'Entremont**. Jeremy has been called the leading expert on New England's historic lighthouses. He is the author of more than 20 books, including *The Lighthouses of Massachusetts*, *The Lighthouse Handbook: New England*, *All About Nubble Light*, among others. Jeremy is the historian for the **U.S. Lighthouse Society**, former president of the **American Lighthouse Foundation**, and founder of **Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses**. He has appeared on the History Channel, the Travel Channel, and National Public Radio speaking about lighthouses and other subjects. He also produces and hosts a podcast called "Light Hearted" for the U.S. Lighthouse*

*Society. Jeremy was our very first **ACONS webinar** guest speaker back in 2020. You can view his fascinating presentation on lighthouses on the shores of Nantucket Sound on our YouTube page and on our ACONS page of the Alliance website.*

## **1. What does Nantucket Sound mean to you?**

I have so many great memories of places along the boundaries of the Sound—on the Cape, Martha’s Vineyard, and Nantucket—as a tourist, lighthouse researcher, and lecturer. My older brother worked summers on the Vineyard and I first visited there as a young boy, almost 60 years ago. I’ve driven a jeep out to Great Point on Nantucket, had wonderful stays at the Lighthouse Inn in West Dennis, and gone seal watching at Monomoy. Although I’m not a sailor myself, I’ve treasured excursions on the Sound on ferries, sightseeing boats, and sail vessels. The Sound and its shores are a resource that needs to be protected and never taken for granted.

## **2. What are your favorite spots to visit around Nantucket Sound?**

I’ve always loved Edgartown, especially early morning walks to the lighthouse. I love the wildness of Monomoy and Great Point, and the quaint feel of Nantucket’s downtown historic district. But just put me on a boat anywhere in the Sound and I’ll be happy.

## **3. The Cape and Islands are home to some of the most iconic lighthouses in the country. Are there one or two around Nantucket Sound that stand out and hold particular meaning for you?**

This is always a hard question because I love them all – some for their beauty, some for their history, and some for my personal associations. I’ve loved my visits to remote Great Point on Nantucket, and the little lighthouse at Brant Point (second oldest light station in the country) is always such a warm and welcoming sight from the ferry when arriving at Nantucket. So I’ll go with those two and one more—Edgartown Harbor. It’s tied into my memories of Martha’s Vineyard going back to the 1960s, and my wife and I also has a wonderful vacation in Edgartown in the 1980s.

## **4. You've written more than 20 books and hundreds of articles – what first sparked your fascination with lighthouses?**

I grew up in Lynn on Boston’s North Shore. When I was growing up, the maritime historian Edward Rowe Snow was often on Boston radio and TV, telling tales of shipwrecks, pirates, lighthouses, and all the things that make the New England coast so captivating. In the 1980s, when I was living in Winthrop, MA, I produced a series of videos on Snow’s life. That’s when I caught the lighthouse bug in a big way. I also credit my general interest in maritime history to my late stepfather, whose ancestors were shipbuilders and sea captains based in Maine’s Casco Bay.



**5. Can you tell us a bit about the organizations you work(ed) for and the work you do today?**

I've had an association of about 30 years with the **American Lighthouse Foundation**, and I served as president for about 10 years. I also founded a local chapter, the **Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses**. I've also worked closely for many years with another leading lighthouse preservation and education organization, the **U.S. Lighthouse Society**. I became the official historian for the Society in 2019 and I've

***Brant Point***

produced and hosted about 400 episodes of the Society's podcast, ***Light Hearted***.

**6. Do you have a favorite lighthouse view along the shores of Nantucket Sound at sunrise or sunset?**

I find the walk along the waterfront in Edgartown and then down the trail to the lighthouse to be one of the prettiest anywhere, especially early in the morning. And I've experienced a couple of breathtaking sunsets at Nobska Lighthouse in Woods Hole, where Nantucket Sound meets Vineyard Sound and Buzzards Bay.

**7. What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?**

Visiting lighthouses! Just kidding (sort of). Movies are my first love, and I'm an avid student of cinema from silent films to the present day. I also love watching the Celtics, walking in the woods, and traveling to new places.

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Nantucket Sound Historic Landmark Act

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