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WHO IS THIS?

Keeper Edwin Tarbox (1865-1872)

This photo was sent to us by Tom Crowther who is a descendent of Edwin Tarbox. Any other descendents out there with photos? Let us know.

From the Executive Committee

GoMoos --- What is it????

GoMoos stands for Gulf of Maine Ocean Observing System. This is a national pilot designed to bring hourly oceanographic data from the Gulf of Maine to all those who such as:

- Commercial Mariners
- Coastal Resource Managers
- Search and Rescue and Emergency Response Teams

Wood Island will host a CODAR (Coastal Ocean Dynamics Application Radar) which ocean currents hourly. FOWIL looks forward to having a cooperative relationship modern navigation aid to mariners. It is the natural extension of the purpose and fu lighthouses.

PUT SUNDAY JULY 10TH (RAIN DATE JULY 17TH) ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR
FRESH PAINT DAY



Watch the Newsletter for information on how to volunteer for this fun event.



Progress over the Winter

The Gut froze but FOWIL committees kept right on working. Our beautiful website has gotten spruced up for functionality and a Web Team has been formed to keep the site updated. When you need to know something about Island Tours, Fresh Paint Day or meeting announcements, you will be able to find answers on our Website.

www.woodislandlighthouse.org



Woodchucks

Tour Hosts

There is a large crew of Hosts preparing to give tours on Wood Island this summer. Many thanks to them for taking the time to learn about the history of this place. See when and how on our [Calendar page](#).

Maine Memory Network

The History Group announces that FOWIL has become a contributing partner to the Maine Historical Society's Website.

[Maine Memory Network](#)

Wood Island is represented by twelve pictures on the site at this time, more will be added as they become available. To see the pictures, **Enter** the site then **Search** under **Maritime/Structures/Lighthouses/Wood Island Lighthouse**. This picture of Keeper Thomas Henry Orcutt is on the site and it was donated by Rod Jeffers a descendent of Thomas Henry Orcutt.



THOMAS HENRY ORCUTT
Wood Island Keeper 1886-1

There will be a heavy recruiting effort underway in May to seek out and enlist qualified and interested parties to participate in the beautification program at Wood Island Lighthouse. This group is affectionately known as the

WOOD ISLAND WOODCHUCKS.



Do you know a student who wants to find out about the history of Wood Lighthouse? Check out the [History Page](#) on our website. There is a complete [chronology](#) and list of all the [keepers](#) who kept the light a Island.

Light Runner.... performed superbly last summer and will soon be getting ready for our second season of trips to Wood Island.

Check the [Tour Schedule](#).



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The Friends of Wood Island Lighthouse

is a chapter of the American Lighthouse Foundation. It was formed in the Spring of 2003 specifically to preserve and restore the Wood Island Light Station. Please visit our website for information. www.woodislandlighthouse.org

photo by Cliff Trebilcock (keeper 1970-72)

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