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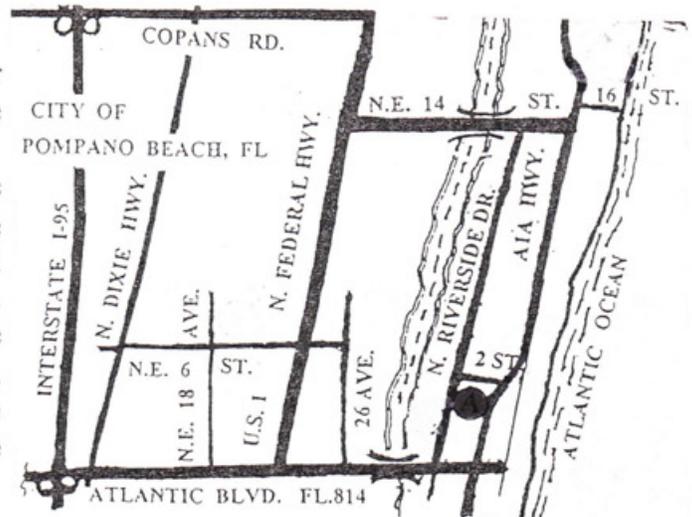
LIGHTHOUSE TOUR SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2004

On Saturday, June 5, members of HLPS will be welcomed via our chartered shuttle bus at the lighthouse by Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team crew, local Coast Guard Auxiliary members, and HLPS volunteers who will be happy to answer any of your questions. Come yourselves and invite your friends to join our society that day at tables set up by our organization at the Pompano City Parking Lot, two blocks north of Atlantic Blvd. on North Riverside Drive. There is a City parking fee of \$1.00 per hour (estimate 2 ½ hours for the tour). A one year membership is \$25.00 for an individual and \$35.00 for a family. This newsletter comes out 4 times each year.

After check-in, receive a wrist band and wait for the chartered bus that will shuttle to and from the Hillsboro Lighthouse Station, with the last trip to the light about 3:30 P.M. and the last trip back to the parking lot about 4:45 P.M.. You may climb the 175 steps to the top of the tower for 360 degree spectacular views. There are many other things to see on the grounds. The original Barefoot Mailman statue has a new plaque you will want to see, telling the story of those brave mail carriers. The quaint keeper cottages' exteriors can be viewed as well as the interior of the mini-museum located in the former radio room. It contains award plaques, old photographs, maps, newspaper clippings and paintings of shipwrecks off this shore. There is an interesting two-lamp automatic socket system used in the 1940s. Our on-line gift shop manager, Joyce Hager, will have our sale items available to you throughout the day at the West Gazebo. You may want to relax in the lovely East Gazebo before you board the bus for the return trip to the parking lot.

NOTES: Neither cars nor people on foot are allowed to enter this Lighthouse Station to see close up or climb the lighthouse at any time. HLPS provides the shuttle bus.

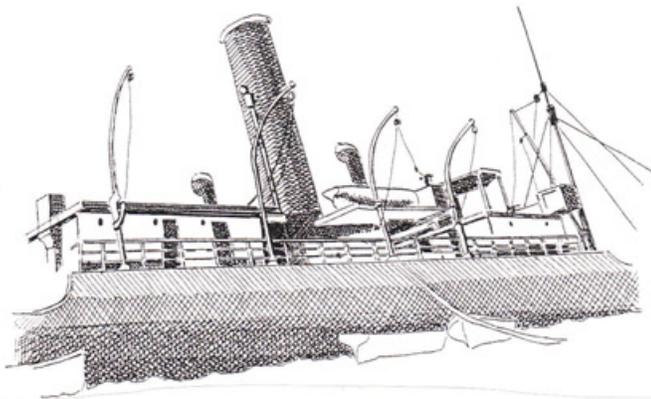
Directions to City Parking Lot: From I-95, exit Atlantic Blvd. East, in Pompano Beach. Continue east about 2 ½ miles and be in the left lane as you cross the Intracoastal Bridge. There is a stop light just after that bridge crossing. Turn left there onto N. Riverside Dr. and go 1 ½ blocks. The parking lot is on the right. If you are coming south on AIA, turn right at Atlantic Blvd. in Pompano Beach. Go just one block to the stop light and turn right again onto N. Riverside Dr., continuing 1 ½ blocks to the parking lot.



VONE RESEARCH & EDUCATION

Stephen Attis is president of Vone Research, a 501(c)3, non profit organization comprised totally of volunteers who devote their time to increase public awareness of Florida's maritime history and oceanic resources. They work in conjunction with governmental and other like-minded agencies to provide research, conservation, preservation and education with respect to our oceanic, historical and archaeological resources.

In December 1997 Vone Research located one of the missing anchors from the *S.S. Copenhagen*, a two year old British steamship that crashed onto a reef 3.3 miles south of Hillsboro Inlet in 1900 to become a total loss. Along with members of the Marine Archaeological Council they returned the anchor to the wreck, placing it near the plaque that marks the Copenhagen as an Underwater Archaeological Preserve.



COPENHAGEN AFTER CRASHING INTO REEF

In January 2004, Vone Research repaired reef damage located just north of the Hillsboro Inlet. This damage was missed during the official repair at the Inlet. The reef suffered damage during the Hillsboro dredging project when a steel cable was dragged over numerous reef systems. Permits were obtained from the State of Florida. This project has been an effort involving students from **Pine Crest School**. The involvement of these students insures that a nucleus of concerned and enlightened citizens will preserve these natural treasures for the future.

Vone Research is currently working with **Pompano High School** to conserve and identify a nineteenth century anchor. This anchor could be from the most historical shipwreck in all of Broward County, the *Gil Blas*. It will be on permanent display at Hillsboro Inlet Park.

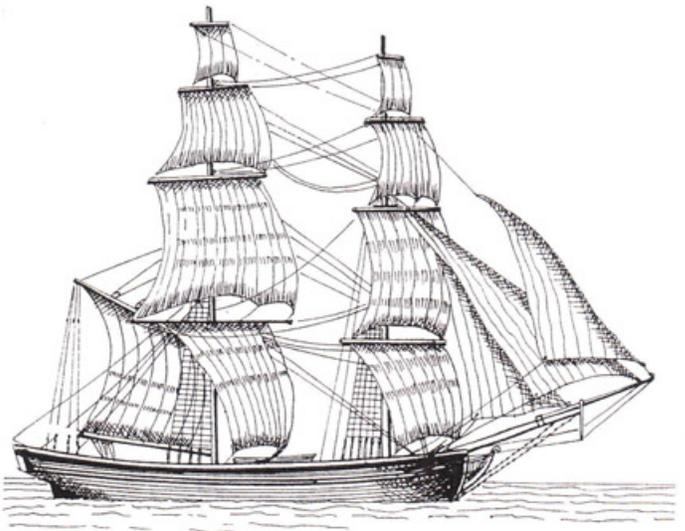
The students from **Pompano High** and **Pine Crest** together with Vone Research have been invited by the State of Florida to compare the artifacts found on the anchor with known artifacts from the *Gil Blas* housed in the State archives.

The wreck of the Spanish brigantine, *Gil Blas*, was nothing unusual. She was a simple merchant vessel, with a simple cargo, that was beached in 1835 during a severe hurricane. She does, however, have the distinction of being part of a string of events that helped halt the development of Southeast Florida for over half a century.

While William Cooley, a salver, was removing the cargo, the Seminole Indians massacred his settlement and killed the women and children who were left behind. Most of the able-bodied men were with Cooley salvaging the *Gil Blas*.

It would be 50 years before the settlers returned to Broward County in numbers equal to the population before the massacre, setting back settlement of this part of South Florida by half a century.

Vone Research's program is called "Touching History". It is geared towards introducing young adults who are in public and private high schools to Broward County's vast maritime history. The artifacts that will be presented to the students will span several centuries. To learn more about Vone Research, visit our website at www.voneresearch.org.



SPANISH SHIP GIL BLAS PRE-1835

These two sketches are by Dave Butler.



Pine Crest High students making cement balls for the coral restoration project.



Pompano High students building an electrolysis tank for the anchor.

Additional Education Reports

Lighthouses have become very popular with children as well as adults. At **St. Andrew's School** in Boca Raton, the history of our State is studied in third grade. Early in the school year these third graders each chose a Florida lighthouse and used the internet to study their personal light. They each wrote a report, built a model of it, and then shared the information with the class. In the process, each child wrote a note to **Florida Lighthouse Association** with any questions not answered by available resource material. The package of letters was placed in the hands of Hib Casselberry, FLA's Education Chairman and our HLPS President. Hib and his wife, Martha, answered most of the children's questions and also sent back at least one postcard or news clipping of each light.

On April 7th the Casselberrys were the guests of these third graders at the **St. Andrew's** campus and thrilled by these children's enthusiasm for Florida lighthouses and their knowledge of other Florida history subjects – early explorers, Indian culture, and development of railroads.



Board members Jack Burrie and Joyce Hager pictured with a lighthouse display of Cape Florida done by Liana Harris & Ronnie Castro, students at **American Heritage School in Plantation**, Leslie Porges is their 8th grade teacher.

On April 14th, Stephen Attis spoke to sixth grade students at **St. Andrews** about the coral reefs near Hillsboro Inlet. He showed his Vone Research video on the repair to our reefs. More information about Vone Research is on the previous page.



THE HLPS NAUTICAL ART EXHIBIT, FEBRUARY 2004



The second annual art exhibit was held Feb. 7-8 at the Emma Lou Olsen Civic Center. Thirty-two local artists displayed their nautical paintings including oils, watercolors, pen-and-ink drawings, and stone painting. Photographs, quilts, and scale models were also included in the show. About 300 people viewed the exhibit and were given ballots to choose "Best in Show". George Thompson won for his oil painting, 'Hillsboro Lighthouse'. David Shing took the same honor for his photograph, 'Morning Shower'. On both days, Steven Attis showed his talent as a video designer. Two of his videos were shown several times each day, one of our lighthouse and the other of his company, Vone Research's work assessing the recent damage to reefs just off shore and the beginning of reef restoration he and his firm are doing.



Meet Your HLPS Board of Directors

First in a series

Miriam Hood was born in Evansville, Indiana in 1907. She received her education through the college years in her home town. After studying for a masters degree in French at the University of Chicago, she taught French on the college level. When America entered World War II, this adventuresome lady joined the Navy and received a commission as Lt. J.G. and was assigned to the Bureau of Ordinance in Washington, D.C.

After the war Miriam again taught French. She loved to travel and planned a summer 17 day cruise from Philadelphia to L.A. on a large freighter carrying no more than a dozen paying passengers. It was there she met Dick Hood, the ship's Second Mate. After the cruise they courted by mail and were married in December of that same year.

Miriam continued to teach and Dick became a ship's captain. After retirement in 1966, Miriam entered an oil painting class which led to an absorbing hobby. They traveled the world before settling in Pompano Beach in 1970. Here they became involved in many of Pompano's civic organizations. By 1974 Dick was a Pompano Beach City Commissioner. In 1979 Dick and Miriam (through their work with the Historical Society) were instrumental in repairing the Kester Cottages so the buildings could be used as a museum. Miriam was part of the committee to furnish these cottages with 1925-30's items. The Hoods also served on a committee to restore Pompano's old LaFrance fire engine. The restoration was completed in time for the 1984 July 4th parade in Margate. They rode on it that day and in many Pompano parades, often with Miriam as Grand Marshall. Miriam has also been Grand Marshall of the Holiday Boat Parade.

When Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society began in 1997, it was Miriam Hood who gave a most generous donation. Today she serves on the Board of Directors and still attends most of the monthly board meetings as well as the Historical Society meetings where she is also a board member. We are very proud of your generosity and service to ALL aspects of Pompano Beach history, Miriam.



Miriam Hood exhibiting two of her oil paintings at John Knox Village's 2003 Resident Art Show.

PRESIDENT CORNER

Progress in projects and activities: During the past year the HLPS Board has been discussing ways and means of developing and implementing a maritime museum. It would contain not only historic things concerning our 98 year old lighthouse, but include items about our beaches, offshore reefs, and waterways including protection of animal and vegetation life to sustain a healthy environment. Several ideas are circulating. One would be to have a custom-built museum-on-wheels that we could take to Broward County Schools. Another idea would be to have a video kiosk installed in an outside wall of the building being constructed at Pompano's Hillsboro Inlet Park just south of the lighthouse. Since we have so few tours each year and visitors want to view the lighthouse, that Inlet Park is the best spot for a look-see and a spot where their lighthouse and reef questions can be answered.

The set-up of any type of HLPS museum will require coordination with other organizations. If you have any other ideas or are willing to help with these proposed projects, please contact me, Hib Casselberry, at 954-942-2102.

Lighthouse enthusiasts from all over the United States have commented about HLPS's multi-paged website. They say it is one of the best on a single lighthouse. Have you checked lately onto www.HillsboroLighthouse.org ? It includes a photo album, maps & charts, up-to-date information, and our on-line gift shop. Back issues of our quarterly newsletter, *Big Diamond*, can also be viewed.

NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS SINCE H.L.P.S.'s DECEMBER '03 NEWSLETTER

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Bishop, Gary & Pat
Burns, Greg & Patricia
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Cooper, Phyllis
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Eaton, Les
Evans, George W.
Feinberg, Dick
Feltus, Ruth

Foglesong, John & Kim
Ford, Nancy & Bill Molina
Friend, David
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Gruneisen, Don & Lois
Haddow, William & Marjorie
Hamilton, William & Charlotte
Harper, Rob & Kristin
Kezer, Barbara
Lynott, Joseph & Helen

McClelland, Loretta
Miller, Rick & Melinda
Morton, Phyllis
Noble, Richard & Pat
Rafalko, John & Sharon
Russack, Jeanne
Siegel, William & Sandra
Skirdlant, Ronald
Spear, Mike & Denise Gibbs
Stremlo, Gail
Taylor, Ben
Thompson, George & Patricia
Tracey, Dr. Charles

Travers, Mary Edith
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Weitze, Michael & Darlene
White, Edward
White, Ronald
Workman, Thomas & Maureen
Yarbrough, Larry & Annette
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CORRECTION: December 2003 newsletter page 4, had a picture of Keeper Benjamin Stone's children, all who lived at the lighthouse as children. It was taken on the steps of the keeper's dwelling at the October open house tour. The lady in the picture is Harriet Stone Simmons, not Fred Stone's wife Sue. Our apologies to all concerned.

VOLUNTEER HELPERS H.L.P.S.

Holiday Lights at Lighthouse Tower

Jack Burrie, Paul Bradley, Hib Casselberry, Joyce & Mike Hager, Ray McAllister, Dave & Christy Pease, Kim Sanecki. And USCG - ANT Miami: MK1 Chad Novato, FN Paul Hicks, & SN Jeremy McGibbony.

Art, Photo, & Video Exhibit, Feb. 7 & 8, '04

Stephen Attis, Paul Bradley, Jack Brill, Jack Burrie, Martha & Hib Casselberry, Joyce & Mike Hager, Dr. Ray McAllister.

Barefoot Mailman Welcome & Crossing Mar 1st

Barefoot Mailman, Michael Bornstein
Hillsboro Club box lunches: Dan Dodge, Patty Lohr, Doreen Abbatiello; Boatman at Inlet: Bill Huggins; Welcomers: Hib Casselberry, Joyce Hager, Barbara Hastings, Shirley Huggins, Denise & Michael Spear

Presentation by Sheldon Voss:

Early SE Florida Pioneers, Light Keeper & Mailmen

Presentations at Schools:

St. Andrews, Boca Raton. Florida history, lighthouses: Martha & Hib Casselberry

St. Andrews, Boca Raton. 6th grade science class:

Stephen Attis & Hib Casselberry

DONATIONS:

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Workman - Unrestricted
Mr & Mrs. George McCullar - Drinking Fountain Fund
Capt. & Mrs Larry Yarbrough - BF Mailman Plaque Fund
Bob Banks - Several table easels
Greg Burns - Original framed watercolor
Emil Chendea - Two framed photographs
Sheldon Voss, Boca Raton Chapter DAR honorarium

PROJECTS NEEDING FUNDING:

Plaques for the Barefoot Mailman statue pedestal.
Drinking Fountain.
Native Tree Replacement.
Museum & Storage Space
Boat Landing Fund.

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Morning Shower, 1st place photo at February 2004 HLPS Art Show by David Shing