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## ***News from the National Lighthouse Museum!***

**Sunday, June 25, 2017:** Perfect early-Summer weather greeted our guests for a new kind of event for your National Lighthouse Museum! Andrew Wilson, historian, sailor and librarian at the New York Public Library, gave a fascinating talk about the history of the America's Cup, and its connection to Staten Island. Few in the audience knew that Staten Island had so many yacht clubs in the past, and that so many of them sent competitors to races around the world. The New York Yacht Club Regatta, held just off the Stapleton waterfront, and out through The Narrows, was a preliminary race, and even trans-Atlantic races started here. Often these would attract more than 100,000 spectators. He also told us about some Staten Island area lighthouses that no longer exist.



If you liked to learn more, read Andrew Wilson's blog here:

Part One: <https://www.nypl.org/blog/2017/06/12/clone-found-staten-island-stories-5-defending-americas-cup>

Part Two: <https://www.nypl.org/blog/2017/06/12/found-staten-island-stories-5-defending-americas-cup-1870-1920-part-2>



Nobody's hungry when master chef Al is cooking!

***That wasn't all!***

Before, during, and after the talk, Chefs Al Curtis and Kathy Contino manned the grill, and we all enjoyed lots of food, outside watching the ships entering and leaving the harbor, or inside during the presentation.

***But wait! There's more!***

We were able to watch two of the actual races, by live video feed to our big screen. During the intermission, we were treated to an explanation of how these new vessels differ so much from the yachts that we were accustomed to seeing in the past.



Live from Bermuda!



**City of Water Day is  
In Your Neighborhood**

The National Lighthouse Museum is participating  
in and celebrating  
City of Water Day, July 15, 2017.

We're featuring free Museum admission,  
a children's craft table and  
free site tours at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm.

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**Saturday  
July 15**

City of Water Day is a city-wide effort to celebrate the  
world class potential of the water that  
surrounds us. See more events at  
[www.waterfrontalliance.org](http://www.waterfrontalliance.org)

Learn more about City of Water Day here: [City of Water Day](#)

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James Risk will be our next speaker on July 23rd at 3:00 pm and will speak to us about The Introduction of the Fresnel lens into the USLHE. Risk discusses the history of the Fresnel lens and its arrival on America's shores mid-19th century. To register click here: [Introduction of the Fresnel Lens to US](#)

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Our next big event will be a repeat of the popular Circumnavigation of Staten Island tour, Sunday July 16. This tour sells out quickly, so don't dawdle, secure your seat today! <http://lighthousemuseum.org/visit/lighthouse-boat-tours/>

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Mark your calendar for Lighthouse & Lightship Recognition Weekend, August 4 to 6! <http://lighthousemuseum.org/7th-annual-national-lighthouse-recognition-weekend-gala/>

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The Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11:00am to 5:00pm.

Closed Mondays and all legal holidays.

***We'd love for you to visit!***