

# Ranger-Guided Activities December 2008 and January 2009 plus Annual Winter Film Festival Schedule

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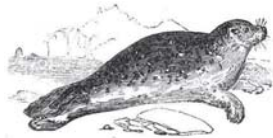
**SALT POND VISITOR CENTER**  
OFF ROUTE 6, EASTHAM.  
508 255 - 3421


THE SALT POND VISITOR CENTER, INCLUDING THE EASTERN NATIONAL BOOKSTORE, AND THE MUSEUM, IS CURRENTLY OPEN DAILY FROM 9 AM TO 4:30 PM (CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY).



OUTDOOR SITES THROUGHOUT THE PARK, SUCH AS ROADS, TRAILS, AND BEACHES, REMAIN OPEN FOR USE, EXCEPT WHEN WEATHER CONDITIONS WARRANT CLOSING OF SOME ROADS.






Red Maple Swamp Trail, Eastham






**Saturday, December 27 - Walk: Where's the Beach?! - 1:30 PM, 45 minutes, 1 mile.** Free. Join a ranger at Coast Guard Beach to learn about Cape Cod's famous sandy beaches and how they change through the seasons. Dress for the weather and be prepared to do some digging in the sand! Meet in the Coast Guard Beach parking area, Eastham. 

**Sunday, December 28 - Talk: Songs of the Humpback - 1:30 PM, 30 minutes.** Free. Known for their alluring songs and acrobatics, humpback whales have been a fascination for centuries. Join a ranger for a talk and activities that highlight the awesome nature of these endearing animals. Takes place inside at Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham.  


**Monday, December 29 - Activity: Brrr! Animals in Winter - 1:30 PM, 1½ hours, ½ mile (if weather permits).** Free. Did you ever wonder what the fish, snails, and horse-shoe crabs of Salt Pond do in the winter? How about the squirrels, great blue herons, and bats? Join a ranger to play games and hands-on activities that will help you learn about animal survival in winter. If the weather is nice, we may also venture outside to look for signs of animal activity, so dress warmly! Meet at Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham.  

**Tuesday, December 30 - Walk: Life on the Edge - 10:30 AM, 1 hour, 1 mile.** Free. Witness the impact the sea has on the shore and the species that live there. Explore the beach below the bluff. Meet at Nauset Light Beach parking area in Eastham, and discuss the issues associated with an ever-changing shoreline. 


**Wednesday, December 31 - Talk: Where the Spark of Magic Happened - 10:30 AM, 45 minutes.** Free. Hear the story of Guglielmo Marconi and his historic world-changing moment atop a cliff in Wellfleet on a January evening in 1903. Includes the short film, "Voice of Cape Cod." Meet at Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham. 

**Friday, January 2 - Activity: Animals Do the Grossest Things! - 1:30 PM, 1 hour.** Free. Survival is the name of the game in the animal world. Discover some of the "gross" things that creatures do for food, protection, defense, and shelter. Create your own animal with its skills for survival. Meet at the Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham.   
By reservation only. Call 508-255-3421 ext 0 to register. 

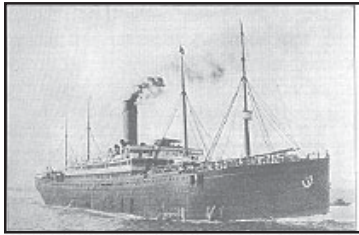


**Saturday, January 3 - Activity: A Sea-Faring Journey - 1:30 PM, 1 hour.** Free. Life at sea is full of adventures. Discover what it was like for the Penniman family by listening to some high sea adventure stories and participating in ship board activities, such as scrimshaw. Meet at the Penniman House at Fort Hill, Eastham. By reservation only. Call 508-255-3421 ext 0 to register. 

All outdoor programs are weather dependent and may be cancelled due to significant snowfall or icy or snow-packed trail conditions. Please call the Salt Pond Visitor Center for current information. Alternate indoor programs will be offered in lieu of outdoor programs under these circumstances.

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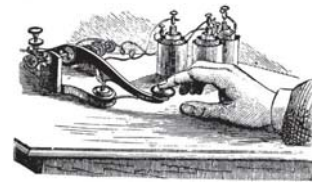
## "CQD! CQD! Here is MKC! MKC! Shipwrecked!"



Steamship Republic

Republic, which was rammed by the Florida in dense fog south of Nantucket on January 23, 1909, 100 years ago.

Jack Binns, the Marconi operator on board the Republic, stayed at his key as his ship was sinking. He became known as CQD Binns, the first hero of wireless as all 1600 passengers and hands were saved.



This message began the first major rescue at sea accomplished by means of wireless communication! In 1909 CQD was the Marconi signal used to call all ships in an emergency. MKC were the letters for the steamship

Dr. Virginia Utermohlen Lovelace, Jack Binn's granddaughter will present a program about this true traumatic story and how important lessons were lost, not learned, as the Republic was hailed as an unsinkable ship, owned by the same company as the Titanic, which sinks three years later.

**Special presentation - Saturday, January 24, 1 PM.  
Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham, 1 hour. Free.**

## Be a Junior Ranger!

### What is a Junior Ranger?



*A Junior Ranger is:*

*...a Care-taker*

*...an Adventurer*

*...a Learner*

*...a Seeker*

*...a Discoverer*

*A Junior Ranger could be... YOU!*

We invite you to become a Cape Cod National Seashore Junior Ranger. You will join a growing group of young people who are interested in the world around them and involved in their nation's history.

If you are between the ages of 5 and 12, you can start the Junior Ranger journey. Just pick up the *free Junior Ranger booklet* at the visitor center, talk to one of the Rangers at the desk, and you're ready to explore Cape Cod National Seashore! Being a Junior Ranger means you understand how special national parks are and how it is up to all of us to help protect them in the future. We hope you will have fun learning about this park and the others. For even more fun, when you get home check out the on-line WebRanger program at [www.nps.gov/webangers](http://www.nps.gov/webangers). Exciting adventures are just a click away!



## "Monsters, Mariners, and Maroonings"

### Cape Cod National Seashore's 2009 Annual Winter Film Festival



Cape Cod National Seashore's Annual Winter Film Festival begins January 18. Movies will be presented Sunday afternoons at 1 PM on the large screen at Salt Pond Visitor Center. The six-week series runs through February 22. The films have a maritime flavor and a direct connection to the sea. Free! Sponsored by Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore. ♿



**January 18 "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea"** - This adaptation of the classic Jules Verne underwater adventure chronicles Nemo's heroic rescue of shipwrecked survivors and their epic journey "20,000 leagues" beneath the waters of the earth.

**January 25 "A Night to Remember"** - This film has stood the test of time as one of the most accurate portrayals of the Titanic's final hours when it struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic on April 14, 1912.

**February 1 "Treasure Island"** - Robert Louis Stevenson's ageless adventure yarn of buccaneers and buried gold is brought to life in this sumptuous Disney production. A swashbuckling classic fit for all ages.

**February 8 "Cast Away"** - After a plane crashes in the Pacific Ocean, a sole survivor fights for his life on a deserted island with nothing but a painted volleyball for a companion. "Cast Away" is a fascinating abstract about the human spirit.

**February 15 "Master and Commander"** - This dramatic thriller pits the captain of the HMS Surprise and his crew against a privateer equipped with better weapons during the Napoleonic Wars.

**February 22 "The Perfect Storm"** - A veteran fisherman goes beyond the normal reach of New England fishing boats to the remote Flemish Cap. He hears about a huge storm building, yet wants to try for an enormous catch and is convinced he can beat the storm back to Gloucester.