

# FISHERS ISLAND FOG HORN

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News and Information about  
Fishers Island, NY

## YALE REPORT ON FISHERS ISLAND SUSTAINABILITY

The Yale Urban Design Workshop has prepared the document titled *Sustaining Fishers Island: A blueprint for protecting the future of Fishers Island, New York*. This work, in its 6th working draft, is a result of a thorough study of Fishers Island including its unique considerations, assets and constraints, and through conversations with Fishers Island residents/stakeholders and Island Community Board (ICB) members representing different island organizations, and then further assessment of the island's options.

The 110-page report with additional appendices is a comprehensive work and the result of a 20-month process. Following the acknowledgements and introduction including the Executive Summary and Principal Recommendations, the Table of

Contents includes these headings with additional sub-heads flushing out the details of each: Framing The Problem; Plan Methodology, Concept and Implementation; "Wrightville" West End Village; Improving Infrastructure; Getting It Done: Governance and Finance; and Next Steps (at right).

*Sustaining Fishers Island: A blueprint for protecting the future of Fishers Island, New York* will be published on FishersIsland.net. A link will be posted in the corresponding eFog Horn for easy access to the final report.

If you have any questions or would like to take part in a small group discussion, please contact the Island Community Board at [ficommunityboard@gmail.com](mailto:ficommunityboard@gmail.com).

If you would like a hardcopy of the report please send a note to ICB at PO Box 464.

### Next Steps:

- The draft was distributed in early February to the ICB members.
- The ICB members have had a chance to review the proposal and submit any additional comments to Yale Urban Design Workshop Project Manager Andrei Harwell.
- The resulting 'blueprint' will be presented to the Island community this spring by the Yale Urban Design Workshop.
- The ICB plans to have a series of small discussion groups on Island (10-15 people per session) to explore the details of the recommendations.
- The timing of the above is dependent on the ICB's review of the final draft and release of the final report.



**Sustaining  
Fishers Island**  
*A blueprint for protecting the future of  
Fishers Island, New York*

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## EBB AND FLOW

### Birth:



January 30, 2014 ~ Hugo Phillips  
Rutherford to Christopher and Rebecca  
(Lynch) Rutherford

### Ebb and Flow:

[fishersisland.net/category/ebb-and-flow/](http://fishersisland.net/category/ebb-and-flow/)

## FI: MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Photos contributed by our readers. See  
more in the website Photo Gallery.



Tug at the Race June 10, 2010  
by Art Walsh



## FIRE DISTRICT INSTALLATION DINNER 2014

Saturday, January 25, 2014 the Fishers Island Fire District Commissioners and Officers were joined by the volunteer members and their guests at the annual Fire District Installation Dinner. The celebration took place in the Fire House 'barn'.

The Commissioners swore in the Fire Department Officers. These officers include Chief Wayne Doucette, 1st Assistant to the Chief Bob Rogers, 2nd Assistant to the Chief Nate Malinowski and Fire Captain Joe Hirschfeld.

The celebratory evening included dinner, and Fire District Board of Commissioners Chairman Joe Brock was pleased to recognize Fireman Aaron Rice for 20 years of service as a Life Member. Dave Denison will receive his 30-year Life Member pin upon his return to the Island.

Founded in 1927, there are approximately 50 active volunteers currently serving as firemen, Ambulance Squad EMTs, Sea Stretcher captains and navigators. They work closely with Fishers Island's year round doctor, Dr. Chris Ingram.

### **Fire District Board of Commissioners**

Joe Brock, Chairman  
Jeff Edwards  
Paul Giles  
Aaron Lusker  
Jennifer Sanger

Catherine Edwards, Fire District Secretary  
Kristen Peterson, Fire District Treasurer

### **Fire Department Officers**

Wayne Doucette, Chief  
Bob Rogers, 1st Assistant to the Chief  
Nate Malinowski, 2nd Assistant to the Chief  
Joe Hirschfeld, Fire Captain  
Tracy Brock, Lieutenant

### **Fire Department Executive Board**

Greg Thibodeau, Chair  
Tracy Brock  
Wayne Doucette  
Nate Malinowski  
Tim Patterson  
Bob Rogers  
Art Walsh

Kelly Ramsey, Fire Department Secretary

Please visit [www.fishersisland.net](http://www.fishersisland.net) for a full list of 2014 Fishers Island Fire Department Volunteers and photos of the event by Gail Cyphered.



## MEET THE COMMUNITY

Fishers Island's new website has a special section called Meet the Community. Learn how everyone arrived on Island, what 'hats' they wear, and what Fishers means to them. Please join them (and others) by contacting [info@fishersisland.net](mailto:info@fishersisland.net) - the more the merrier!

<http://fishersisland.net/about-fishers-island/meet-community/>

## FISHERS ISLAND UNION CHAPEL UPDATE

Since Pastor Pam and Gary Vollinger's departure at the end of November, the members of the Union Chapel Transition/Search Committee have been hard at work, focusing on our primary goal of finding a year-round resident pastor for Union Chapel and Fishers Island.

In October we held an informational meeting with Rev. Dr. Thomas Clough, our UCC Conference /Association Minister, who will be assisting our Church and will continue to work closely with us throughout the process. By the beginning of January we had completed our Local Church Profile and our vacancy is now listed nationally in "UCC Employment Opportunities".

To date we have received twelve Ministerial Profiles for our committee to review. Since most of our committee is spread out this time of year, we have been relying on emails and phone conversations as we evaluate potential candidates. It is

important to note that the names of the candidates must be held in strict confidence within our committee; we ask everyone to respect the process. We will make every effort to keep everyone informed as we move forward with our search.

The Congregation of Union Chapel is grateful for the excellent Guest/Supply Ministers and Lay Leadership we have had this winter. It is quite evident why our unique spiritual home has been dubbed by some as "the little church that could". This was especially highlighted during our February 2<sup>nd</sup> Lay Leader Tribute Service to Pete Seeger.

We are blessed with a wonderful community and want to thank you for your continued prayers as we work through the process of finding our next settled pastor.

Committee Members: Nora Howard, Anita Fritze , Harry Hurlburt, Harry Parker, David Burnham, Susie Renna, Diane Dexter, and Sarah Porter



## EBB AND FLOW

### In Memoriam: Peter Rogan

Peter Walter Rogan, 89, of Clearwater, FL passed away on Friday, January 31, 2014 in Largo, FL. He was born on March 8, 1924, in Germany, son of Peter J. Rogan, who was stationed there during WW I, and Lina (Forster) Rogan.

He spent his childhood in Honolulu, HI and Fishers Island, NY. During his adult life he lived in Windsor, CT and summered at Fishers Island, NY before retiring to Clearwater, FL.

He was a veteran of WW II and proudly served with the U.S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific. While there he was involved in several conflicts and fought bravely at the Battle of Okinawa. Upon returning to the United States, he earned a B.S. and M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Connecticut. He earned a 6th year certificate at the University of Hartford. It was at the University of Connecticut that he met his wife, Janet (Freitag) Rogan to whom he was married for 47 years and raised seven children.



He was a licensed Professional Engineer and worked as such at Emhart Corporation before beginning his teaching career. For over twenty years, he was a math professor at Central Connecticut State University and also served on the Board of Education for the Town of Windsor. He was a member of the Hay Harbor Club, the Cove Cay Country Club and a 55-year member of the VFW.

Peter was predeceased by his wife, Janet F. Rogan and son, Timothy J. Rogan; his parents Peter J. Rogan and Lina F. Rogan; a brother Bernard Rogan and sister Ann (Rogan) Leger.

He loved being surrounded by his many children and grandchildren especially at Fishers Island. He enjoyed playing golf, playing bridge, walking on the beach, going barefoot, and gathering mussels and clams for his famous clam chowder. He also loved his many friends from Windsor, CT, Fishers Island, NY and Cove Cay Country Club, FL. Everyone who knew him loved his great sense of humor and he was also an altruistic man known for his generosity. Throughout his life he was a man of deep faith who always placed his trust in Christ.

He is survived by his loving wife Sue Barlow-Rogan and leaves seven beloved children and three beloved step-children: Peter F. and Barbara Rogan; Suzanne Sauve; Thomas I. Rogan and Christine Hart; Joan E. and Dean Marchessault; David A. and Susan Rogan; Paul F. and Shannon Rogan; Jan A. and Glenn Edwards; Andrew Barlow and Jim Behanna; Nancy Barlow and Gary Treadwell; Margaret Barlow-Worth and Jeff Worth. He also leaves 20 cherished grandchildren and four cherished step-grandchildren. Survivors include his beloved siblings Major James Rogan (US Army retired); Harry Rogan; P. Joseph Rogan; and sisters Mary Stather and Gail Rogan-Garill.

A funeral service [was] held Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at Moss Feaster Funeral Home, 693 S. Belcher Road, Clearwater, FL followed by a reception at Cove Cay Country Club. A memorial service will be held in North Stonington, CT this spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Suncoast Hospice and the [American Cancer Society](#).

Posted by: [www.mossfeasterclearwater.com](http://www.mossfeasterclearwater.com)

### FI HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Clean out of your closet, basement and garage!

The Transfer Station

Saturday, July 19, 2014

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



## FEBRUARY GARDENING TIPS

### From Mélie's Garden

On Valentines Day, many lucky people are given orchids. Their blooms are enjoyed for a number of months during the winter. The flowers then fade and fall off leaving an empty flower stalk and a plant with green leaves. I am not an orchid expert and have only grown the easiest type of orchid called phalaenopsis (the moth orchid), but I have had pretty good success with healthy ones in getting them to bloom again.

Once the blooms have dropped, cut the stalk down with sharp scissors to the leaf level and with good care the orchid will bloom again in a year. Or, if the empty stalk is still green, cut it to just above one or two of the lowest nodes and hope that it will encourage a second set of smaller flowers this year. If the stalk has turned brown it will not produce flowers, so cut it down and wait for next winter.

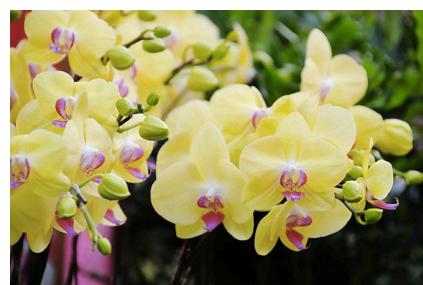
Phalaenopsis orchids grow in the jungle and are known as “mid-canopy epiphytes”. They live in trees, high up in filtered sunlight. During the rainy season, they actively grow in the warmth and humidity. When the dry season comes the plants get more sun light due to the lack of cloud cover and the temperature drops at night. A grower of houseplant orchids needs to try to recreate the jungle environment, as best they can, for the plants to thrive.

In the Northeast, summer nighttime temperatures are in the 70s, and in the winter, house temperatures drop into the 60s or lower. I have a neighbor, in New York, who puts his orchids in the refrigerator overnight to encourage them to bloom, but that

is probably due to the higher overall temperatures in an apartment. I have found that the natural drop of temperature in our house at Fishers Island seems to do the trick after a month or so of cooler weather. My orchids live near a southwest window all year long, with shades often down during the summer to keep out damaging sunlight. The plants seem to be happy in this combination of filtered summer light and drop in nighttime temperatures during the winter.

My plants are grown in terracotta orchid pots filled with a store bought orchid mix. I sprinkle ozmocote, a slow release fertilizer, on the top of the mix. They get a good shower in the sink once per week. After the pot has drained well, I then dry off the leaves near the crown with a paper towel, so that no water is left in any crevices, which would cause rot. I place the orchids back near the southwest window in saucers filled with pebbles. The pebbles allow additional water to drain. An orchid should never sit in water; remember they like to grow in trees. The damp pebbles will create a bit of humidity for the plant for a day or two after watering, which makes a slightly tropical atmosphere. If you have a wood stove or use your fireplace often, orchids will not be happy in the room, unless you run a cool humidifier near the plants.

Once the days start to get longer in February, the orchid flower stalks should start to appear and I am always thrilled to see them. My orchid growing philosophy has always been, “survival of the fittest” and I have had about as many failures as successes. This has brought me to the conclusion that some orchid plants are just healthier than others, no matter how well you care for them, and that’s probably true in the jungle as well. Happy Valentines Day!



### In Memoriam: Henry W. Mellon

Henry W. Mellen, 93, died peacefully at his home on January 7, 2014. Devoted husband of Polly and father of Lucinda and Henry S. Mellen, and Leslie and Baker Bell. Beloved grandfather of Hope Bell, Palmer Johnson, Dylan Chase, Molly Bell and Clark Mellen. Loving brother of Nancy Ijams, Helen Corroon, Sylvia Horner (deceased), and Andree Dean. Proudly served in the Pacific during WW II as a Marine Major aviator. A gentle humorous man who loved his family, friends, Church, and the unspoiled beauty of Small Point, Maine. Memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans Families United Foundation, PO Box 14355, Oklahoma City, OK 73113 or by visiting: <http://veteransfamiliesunited.org/donate>. A memorial service [was] held at St. Andrews Church in Kent, CT on Saturday, February 1.

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## FISHERS ISLAND LIBRARY

### NEW WINTER HOURS:

Monday: 1:00-8:00 pm

Tuesday: 5:00-8:00 pm

Wednesday: 1:00-8:00 pm

Thursday: 5:00-7:00 pm

Friday: 1:00-5:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am-12:00 noon

### WIRELESS CONNECTION:

The Library has wireless Internet connection, so use one of our computers or bring your laptop – anytime we are open.

### ADULT BOOK GROUP:

The Library welcomes everyone to join our Adult Book Group that meets at the Library the second Thursday each month at 7:00 pm through June 12.

The book selection for **March 13** is a biography, autobiography or memoir of your choice.

*Check the Library Facebook page, the website [www.filibrary.org](http://www.filibrary.org), or call 788-7362*

## In Memoriam: Robert Livingston Tapscott

Robert Livingston Tapscott, 97, beloved husband of Leslie-Hart Fenn, died peacefully November 29, 2013 at home in Salisbury.

Bob was born on May 30, 1916 in Schenectady, New York, son of Dorothea van Voast and Ralph Henry Tapscott. He grew up in Garden City, New York, graduated from Salisbury School in 1935 and from Princeton University with a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1939. During World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a Gunnery Officer Lieutenant on the Destroyer Escort USS Swearer in the Pacific. Afterwards, he spent more than 40 years working for General Electric as an Engineer.

He married Leslie-Hart Fenn, the love of his life, in 1953 and they raised their two sons in North Haven, Connecticut before retiring to Salisbury in 1982.

An avid outdoorsman and fly fisherman, "Tap," as he was affectionately known to many, pursued many hobbies including downhill skiing, ice boating, model trains, and woodworking. A gallant fellow, he was a devoted steward of St. John's Episcopal Church in Salisbury. Tap served as Treasurer and Senior Warden and during this past year, was Senior Warden Emeritus. Often heard whistling and humming a ditty, he was an exuberant member of the St. John's Choir for many years. For those who knew him, Tap was both a thoughtful listener and gregarious friend.

One of Tap's favorite places to be was at his camp in the Adirondacks where he spent a lifetime of summers with family and friends including his four grandchildren. He remained intellectually curious about the world around him throughout his life.

In addition to his wife of 60 years, Leslie- Hart, he is survived by his two sons, James van Voast and Robert Jr. and their wives, Gretchen and Heidi; and his beloved grandchildren, Emma, Kate, Phillip, and Harrison. He was predeceased by his brother Adrian van Voast. He will be forever missed by all who knew him.

Family and friends [gathered] at St. John's Episcopal Church in Salisbury on Friday, December 20th at 11:00 am to celebrate his remarkable life. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church.

## CEMETERY TREE UPDATE

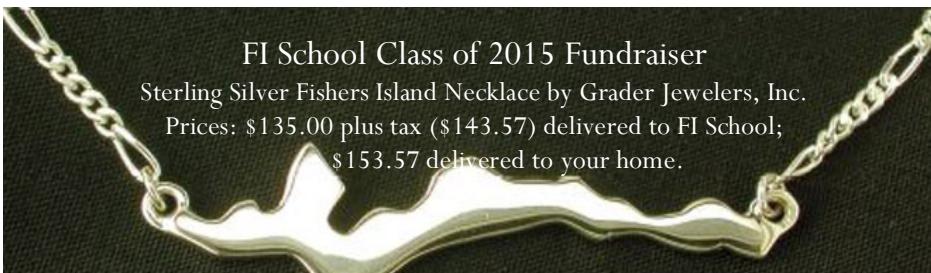
The first stage of the Cemetery Tree Replacing Project has been completed. All dying and storm damaged trees, in all three cemeteries, have been removed. Remaining trees have been pruned to improve their shape and will also enable them to withstand future storms.

Do to the generosity of many on the Island, including donations from The Fishers Island Conservancy, The Union Chapel and Our Lady of Grace Church, new native trees will be planted in all three cemeteries this spring.

The Cemetery Committee would like to thank all who have participated in this effort and we look forward to having the three cemeteries restored with beautiful healthy new trees during the next few years.



The Fishers Island Cemetery Committee



To order please contact Mrs. Bean (631) 788-7444 or [linda.bean@fischool.com](mailto:linda.bean@fischool.com)



### FI PINT GLASSES

Fundraiser for the FI School Class of 2017.  
Pint glass with green or blue Fishers Island  
in baked enamel – dishwater safe!

Get a set for yourself & give them as gifts!  
Sets of four come wrapped for gift-giving!

\$6 for one; \$20 for set of four

To order contact:

[gcyphered@fishersisland.net](mailto:gcyphered@fishersisland.net) or  
[helen.rozwadowski@gmail.com](mailto:helen.rozwadowski@gmail.com)



### FI SUNGLASSES

A FI School Class of 2015  
Fundraiser. Perfect for men or  
women. Price: \$13.00.  
Contact Mrs. Bean (631) 788-7444  
or [linda.bean@fischool.com](mailto:linda.bean@fischool.com)

PIZZA NIGHT Hosted by  
the FI School Class of  
2017

Save the Date!  
Friday, February 28, 2014

## FISHERS ISLAND INTERNET SURVEY

Just as important as having telephone  
service or electricity, **reliable high  
speed Internet access is required for  
our community.**

Upgrading and modernizing our Internet  
network will require major funding. We  
are researching several grant and loan  
programs through the federal government,  
all of which call for **extensive  
community support.**

**We are collecting survey responses  
from all community members, and  
businesses and organizations.**

If you haven't yet completed the short  
survey, **please visit the survey links at**  
<http://fiuc.net/internet-survey/> to  
respond as an individual or organization,  
or both.



## RACE ROCK LIGHTHOUSE RAFFLE

Wrapped Canvas Print - 30" x 20" and ready to hang. \$5 per Ticket or  
5 for \$20. To purchase tickets contact a member of the Freshman  
Class or Mrs. Battista at School. Drawing to be held February 28,  
2014 at the Class of 2017's Pizza Night at Fishers Island School.

## 2014 COMMUNITY BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Available for purchase to support the FI  
School Class of 2014's fund raising efforts.

Calendars are \$10. Cash and checks are  
accepted. Checks may be made to FI  
School. Please contact Chris Dollar to  
make a purchase at [c.dollar@fischool.com](mailto:c.dollar@fischool.com)



## ACCESS FISHERSISLAND.NET ON YOUR IPHONE

**Did you know you can access [FishersIsland.net](http://FishersIsland.net) on your iPhone? It is free and easy!**

Just follow these simple steps and gain access to news, photos, events, and the Island Directory for example.

1. Go to the Internet browser on your phone (many have Safari) and search for [FishersIsland.net](http://FishersIsland.net)
2. Click the arrow at the bottom of the screen.
3. You will see the icon button in the middle of the screen. Click 'Add to Home Screen'. Name the button whatever you like. Then Click 'Add' in the top right corner.

## FISHERS IS ON FACEBOOK

Just visit **FishersIsland.NY** [www.facebook.com/FishersIsland.NY](http://www.facebook.com/FishersIsland.NY) and 'Like' the page.

This Facebook page feeds information from the new website and contains news and photos, announcements and upcoming FI calendar events.

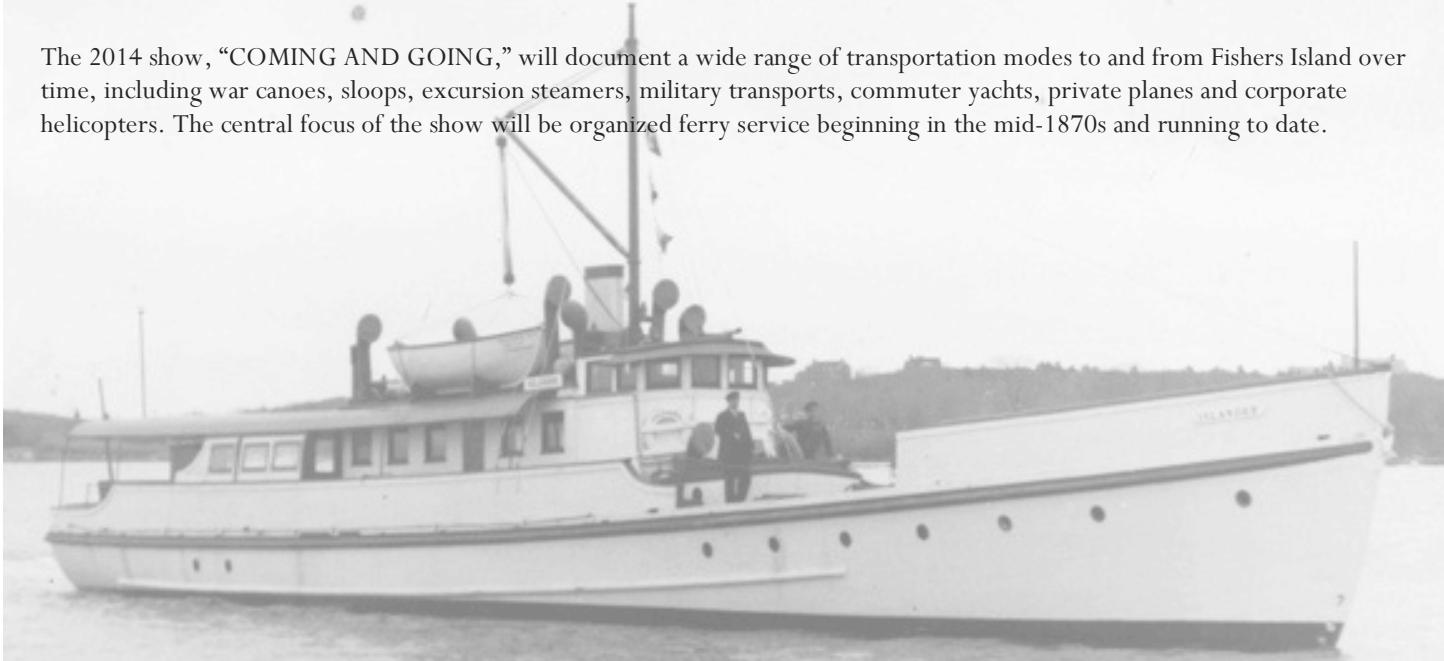
## FISHERS ISLAND FOG HORN P.O. BOX 464, FISHERS ISLAND, NY 06390

If you have something you would like posted on FishersIsland.net or in the Fog Horn - a story idea, an event 'save the date', photos to share, suggestions or an interest in advertising, please contact Jane Ahrens at (631) 788-7487 or [info@fishersisland.net](mailto:info@fishersisland.net).

To place an event on the Community Calendar at [www.fishersisland.net/events/](http://www.fishersisland.net/events/), contact Sarah Porter at (631) 788-7683 or [fishersislandevents@gmail.com](mailto:fishersislandevents@gmail.com).

## WANTED: IMAGES & ARTIFACTS FOR HLF MUSEUM'S 2014 EXHIBIT

The 2014 show, "COMING AND GOING," will document a wide range of transportation modes to and from Fishers Island over time, including war canoes, sloops, excursion steamers, military transports, commuter yachts, private planes and corporate helicopters. The central focus of the show will be organized ferry service beginning in the mid-1870s and running to date.



If any members of the extended Fishers Island community have images or artifacts of possible use for this show, please contact Pierce Rafferty, Director, H. L. Ferguson Museum, by e-mail: [fimuseum@fishersisland.net](mailto:fimuseum@fishersisland.net) or by phone: (631) 788-7239. Specific wants include: images of Jock Whitney's seaplane; seaplanes landing in Hay Harbor; the use of Middle Farms Flats as an airfield; yesterday's commuter yachts; today's commuter boats; activity at Elizabeth Field; and interior views of Fishers Island ferries.