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## SAVING STRAITSMOUTH THE STORY

**By Paul St.Germain**

As mariners approach the numerous reefs, shoals, and ledges of Rockport Harbor, three lighthouses on Thacher and Straitsmouth Islands serve as navigation aids. The Thacher Island Association (TIA) raises funds for the historic preservation and operation of these islands and their various historic structures.

In 2010, a joint effort was launched by the Town of Rockport, Mass Audubon, and TIA to make much-needed improvements to Straitsmouth Island to provide safe access to naturalists and the general public. Straitsmouth Island will open to the public this summer for the first time in 180 years!

Paul St.Germain, President of the Thacher Island Association and Cape Ann author and historian, has lived in Rockport for over 25 years. He has written four books for the popular *Images of America* series; all four are focused on Cape Ann's maritime and industrial heritage.

Drawing from his personal experience as well as historical archives, Paul will provide a virtual tour of Straitsmouth and its fascinating history. Join us at 7pm to hear this exciting story!



**Guest Lecture Series  
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**At the Parker River  
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**Straitsmouth Island is a  
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**The lighthouse is on  
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of Historic Places**

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