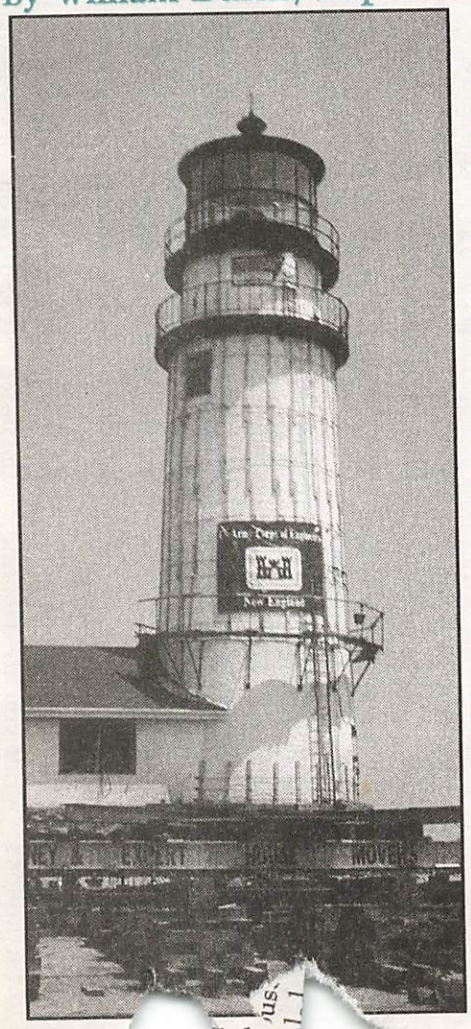
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New Life for Old Lights:

Nauset and Highland Celebrate the Past and Look to the Future

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Highla... Patho...

Two historic lighthouses within Cape Cod National Seashore, Highland Light and Nauset Light, were recently relocated back from the eroding cliffs of the Outer Cape. The relocations were landmark victories for historic preservation on Cape Cod. Yet other dramatic changes in who would take care of the lighthouses in the future and how the public would experience them from the inside out were made as well. Ownership of both lights will pass from the U.S. Coast Guard to the National Park Service. In turn, the Coast Guard and Cape Cod National Seashore are making agreements with private non-profit groups, the Nauset Light Preservation Society and the Highland Museum And Lighthouse, Inc., that will maintain the lights and offer regularly scheduled tours of their interiors. But we need to go back to the lighthouse moves themselves to fully appreciate this success story...

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How to Get In

Highland Light is operated by Highland Museum and Lighthouse, Inc. under a National Park Service concession contract.

* Open daily, mid-May through October.
* Call (508)487-1121 for hours and fees.
* Includes small exhibit in Keeper's House and short video program.

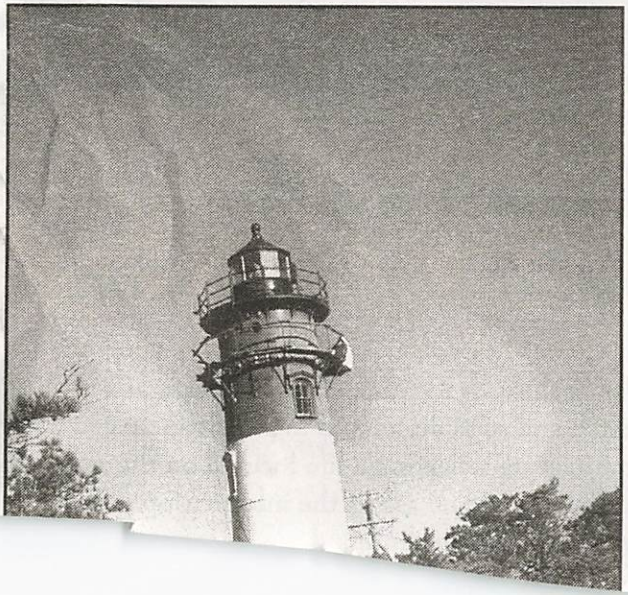
Nauset Light is operated by the Nauset Light Preservation Society, (508) 240-2612, under a pre-existing license with the US Coast Guard.

* Open Sundays, 4:30-7:30pm, free, June 28 - September 6.
* Open Sundays, 1pm-4pm, free, September 13 - October 25.
* Park at Nauset Light Beach parking lot.

Nauset and Highland Lighthouses

In the end, the mover's rugged system of hydraulic rams, I-beams and rails pushed Highland 450 feet west over a two-week period during the heat and dust of July.

Four months later, Nauset settled onto its new foundation 250 feet to the west via flatbed truck in a mere three days. The lighthouses were safe: Highland had barely 110 feet to spare from the edge of the cliff by the time it was saved, Nauset 37.



Who paid what:

Highland:	$1,000,000	Federal
	$ 500,000	State
	$ 150,000	"Save the Light"
Total	$1,650,000	
Nauset:	$ 253,100	Federal
Total	$ 253,100	

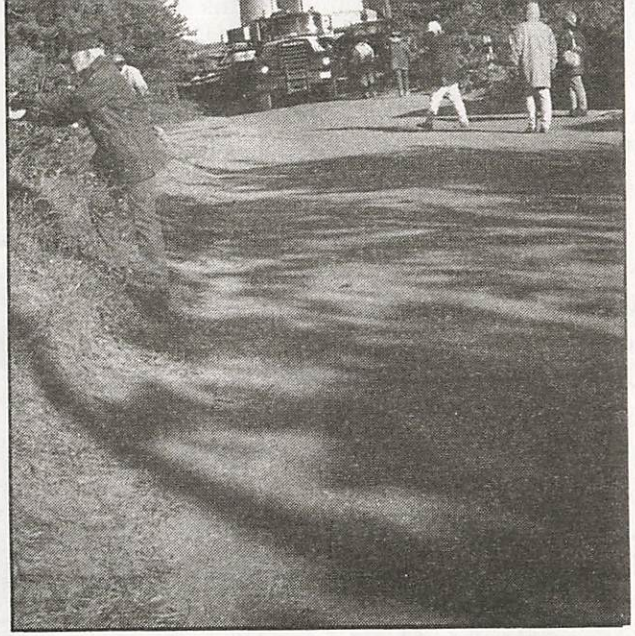
We have new life for our old lights, and the future looks brighter than ever. Come celebrate their history by climbing the stairs that lighthouse keepers once traveled to light the horizon for mariners.

very different structures.

A modern day Thoreau might have compared the lighthouses to boxers, describing Highland as the big bruiser: tall, heavy, more experienced, with massive brick walls four feet thick. Nauset would have been the more agile of the fighters: shorter, lighter, flashier.

Nauset was made to be moved around; after all, it had been built as one of the Chatham twin lights in the 1870s before being moved to Eastham.

At the Highlands, the historic Highland Golf Links that surrounded the Light complicated the lengthy relocation site selection process. At Nauset, private property issues limited the choices.



Nauset Lighthouse move

OTHER LIGHTHOUSES

Three Sisters Lighthouses: short walk from Nauset Light. Contact Salt Pond Visitor Center for hours.

Chatham Light: tours by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Call Salt Pond Visitor Center for tour times.

Race Point Light: Keeper's House currently being rehabilitated for future use by the New England Lighthouse Foundation.

Long Point and Wood End Lights: in Provincetown, exterior viewing only.

"Tale of the Tape"

	Height	Weight	Age	Reach	Material	New distance from cliff
Highland:	66ft	410	141 years	20 miles	brick	450ft
Nauset:	48ft	110	121 years	17 miles	cast iron w/brick lining	250ft