



## Southold Historical Museum

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Nautical Museum at Horton Point Lighthouse Reopening for 2024 Season

Each May, Southold Historical Museum reopens the Nautical Museum at Horton Point Lighthouse for the season. Volunteers are getting ready to welcome visitors back once again on May 25, 2024.

For several years now, the Museum has transformed one whole room into a seasonal exhibit space. This season's exhibit is titled "Soaring Over Southold: A Collection of Historic Aerial Photographs." Ranging from 1930-1975, the photographs offer a unique view of the Southold area during the mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century. Visitors will note that much has changed, but much has also stayed the same.

Southold Historical Museum Executive Director, Deanna Witte-Walker stated, "It is both fascinating to see our town from the air and challenging to try to identify some of the structures. I felt like I was playing *Hidden Pictures* or *Where's Waldo*. Additionally, the photos, taken from a plane or helicopter with a still camera are so impressive. Today, drone photography and video are quite common. However, trying to take a clear photo back in the day required expertise."

Southold Historical Museum is looking forward to welcoming first-time and repeat visitors of all ages to explore all the exhibits at the Nautical Museum including those about whaling, fishing the bays, shipwrecks, the lighthouse keepers and more. There is something for everyone to discover. Visitors will also be able to climb to the top of the lighthouse tower, take in the spectacular view, and learn from knowledgeable volunteer docents.

Horton Point Lighthouse is one of seven historic lighthouses located in Southold Township. The tower and adjoining keeper's residence were built on the "Cliff Lot" of Barnabas Horton's original 1640 land grant. The Nautical Museum at Horton Point Lighthouse is open May 25 to September 15, 2024 on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:30am-4pm. Admission is \$5 per adult, \$10 per family, which entitles visitors to a passport that can also be used for admission to the Museum's Maple Lane Complex (open June 29 to September 15, 2024). Note: There is an additional \$5 fee to park in Southold Park District's lot for non-residents.

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