

ARRANGEMENTS

LODGING: On-island guestrooms may be available – please direct inquiries to the Island Registrar at registrar@starisland.org. There are several hotels and bed & breakfasts in Portsmouth and Rye.

BUILDINGS: The Chapel and changing rooms are in separate buildings connected by somewhat rugged and rocky pathways. This could present a problem in case of inclement weather and for those with walking difficulties.

FLOWERS: Floral arrangements or bouquets are to be obtained privately on the mainland. Please refrain from picking island flowers as we would like to preserve the beauty of Star Island for everyone's enjoyment.

RECEPTION: The grounds are available for picnicking with the expectation that you do your own clean up. In some cases, a small post-ceremony reception is possible for an additional fee – please contact the Island Registrar for more information at registrar@starisland.org

SERVICES AND STAFF: Due to conference changeover, we are typically unable to offer staff services, equipment, or facilities beyond the use of the Chapel and two changing rooms.

More information about Portsmouth accommodations, reception facilities, flowers, etc. may be obtained from:

*Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce
500 Market Street, PO Box 239
Portsmouth, NH 03802
(603) 436-3988
www.portsmouthchamber.org*

CEREMONY REQUEST CHECKLIST

To request a ceremony on Star Island, please send an email to registrar@starisland.org with the following information:

- Full names of people to be married
- Complete contact information for people to be married (address, email, phone)
- First and second choice of ceremony date
- Number of guests in party (total number of guests not to exceed 50)
- Name of person conducting ceremony
- Number of changing rooms needed
- Are you requesting lanterns during your ceremony?
- Include a brief description of your ceremony plans

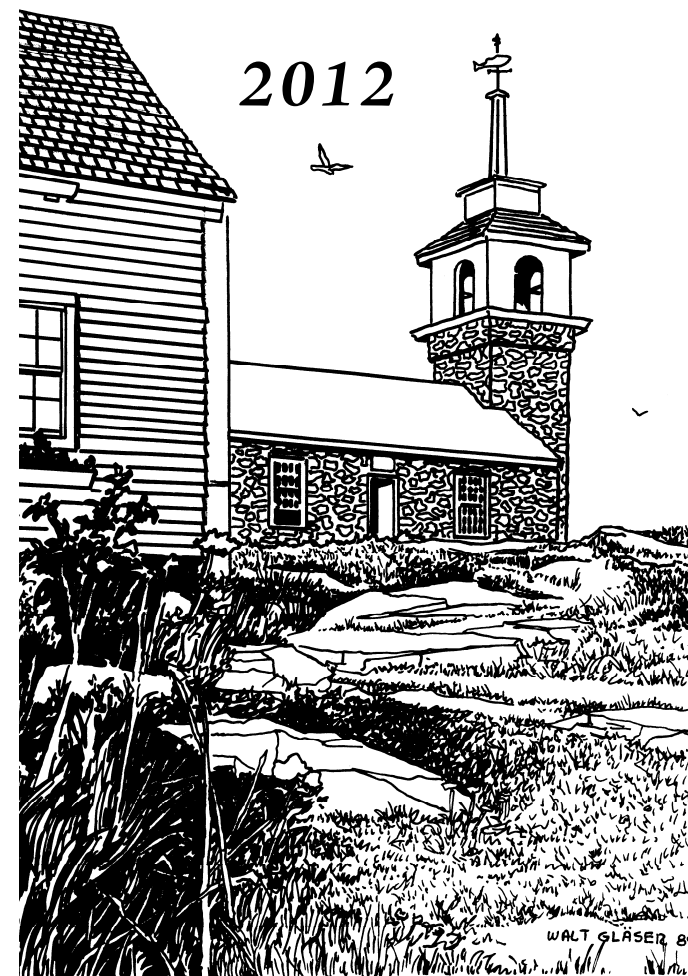
Once you've submitted the information on this checklist, your request is complete. We will respond as soon as possible. If your ceremony is approved, payment for services must be sent to our office within two weeks to confirm your reservation.

If you have other questions or concerns, please contact us at:

*Star Island Corporation
Benedict-Morton House
30 Middle Street*

*Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801
(603) 430-6272 ~ office@starisland.org.*

STAR ISLAND WEDDINGS



The enclosed information is for those who are considering a small, quiet ceremony on Star Island. The simple stone chapel on Star is a meaningful site in which to be married.

DATES IN 2012

Weddings, civil unions, and other ceremonies (e.g. renewal of vows) can be accommodated on “changeover” days between conferences. The available dates in 2012 are:

Saturdays June 16 through September 1. There may be opportunities for weekday weddings September 2 through Friday, September 14.

Because of the number of requests we receive each year; first preference will be given to those who have an affiliation with Star Island, such as present or past conferees, staff members, volunteers, or their children. Please indicate your connection with Star Island in your request email.

Typically we can only host ceremonies, not receptions. In some cases a small post-ceremony reception is possible for an additional fee – please let us know well in advance if you are interested.

MAKING A CEREMONY REQUEST

To request a ceremony, please email the Island Registrar at registrar@starisland.org with the information requested on the “Ceremony Request Checklist” on the back of this brochure. We will respond to you as soon as possible. Once confirmed, please call the island (603-601-0832) one month before the scheduled wedding to be sure everything is in order. Ask to speak with the Island Registrar.

FEEES

We charge a fee of \$750.00 for the use of the Star Island chapel and changing rooms. If candle lanterns are requested, an additional \$50.00 service fee is added. In order to confirm your reservation, payment for services should be sent to the Star Island Corporation office within two weeks of approval of your request.

IMPORTANT ISLAND POLICIES

The Star Island Corporation does not hold a liquor license. Smoking and the lighting of matches, candles (except candle lanterns in the chapel), incense, or any other related materials is prohibited in all Star Island buildings. Outdoor smoking is limited to a handful of locations, including the pier and designated first-floor porches. **Smoking in any other area is prohibited** – due to the danger of brush fires, smoking is not permitted on the grounds on any part of the island, including the rocks.

LICENSES

Special clergy licenses for non-State of New Hampshire residents can be obtained for a small fee at:

*Secretary of State
State House
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-3242
www.sos.nh.gov/marriage.htm*

Star Island belongs to the township of Rye, New Hampshire. We are unable to issue licenses for ceremonies and clergy. Licenses for weddings (including same-sex marriages, which are legal in the State of NH) can be obtained from the Town Clerk who can provide information on fees, waiting periods, and expiration dates:

*Town Clerk
10 Central Road
Rye, NH 03870
(603) 964-8562*

TRANSPORTATION

Ceremony participants and guests make their own boat transportation arrangements with a charter boat company. Typically, the maximum number of people allowed in the entire group is 50. In order to ensure that everything runs smoothly, all boat transportation arrangements must be confirmed by the Logistics Coordinator at logistics@starisland.org. If any wedding guest is an early arriving conferee, please have him/her inform the Conference Registrar.

Be advised that a chartered boat may not run if seas are too rough. Therefore, ***you should be sure to make contingency plans for another location.*** If weather and sea conditions are such that there is a possibility that the return boat will not run, passengers will not be permitted to disembark from the boat out to the island.

We are generally unable to accommodate passengers overnight with limited notice (though there may be room for a limited number of guests (such as you and your wedding party) with advance notice – if interested, please contact the Island Registrar).

Charter Boat Companies:

*M/V Captain's Lady, 149 Passengers
(800) 427-1333
captainsfishing.com*

*M/V Thomas Loughton, 348 Passengers
(603) 431-5500
islesofshoals.com*

*M/V Seafari, 20 Passengers
(207) 439-5068
seafaricharters.com*

*M/V Uncle Oscar, 20 Passengers
(603) 964-6446
uncleoscar.com*

