



***In this issue:* Profiling Joe Watts, Honorary Campaign Co-Chair  
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“*Island Magic*” is the title of the lead article in a media guide, an advertising supplement and promotional for the June 2011 Gosport Regatta, published by Seacoast daily newspaper Foster’s Daily Democrat. “*There’s just something special about an island, beckoning us ashore for respite, for perspective, for a chance to find ourselves or each other again,*” says Foster’s writer Ryan Alan.

Shoalers have known that forever. It is a sentiment that is at the heart of the success of the Shining the Star Campaign. “For me, there is something wonderful about the connections and legacies we form on Star. Friendships start strong and span decades. Generations of families return year after year,” said Joe Watts. “It’s impossible to define, but



for me it has something to do with the strange and wondrous brew of interesting people and spectacular place. It’s what made it so easy for me to say yes when asked to serve as honorary co-chair of the Shining the Star Campaign.” Over the course of Joe’s evolution from conferee to Pelican to General Island Manager Joe has gotten to know Star Island in a way that very few get to experience. Joe is on a first-name basis with most of the regulars among the 3,000 who attend conferences each summer. “I

know the difference the campaign is making for everyone – like the improvements to the showers and the new floors in Founders. The projects we are doing now will have such a positive impact on guest’s experience of Star,”

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One of the projects on the schedule for 2011 is the reconstruction of Cottage A. Partial support for this project has come from a source new to Star Island, which received grants of \$25,000 each from two foundations based in Manchester NH. A one-to-four challenge grant from the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation will be used to leverage an additional \$100,000 in private donations for the project. The grant from the McNinch Foundation will support accessibility improvements to two guestrooms on the first floor and will add a new accessible bathroom to be shared by these guestrooms. The construction project will get

underway this fall and will continue into the spring of 2012. It will be a very different looking cottage by the time conferees arrive for the 2012 season.

Another exciting bit of campaign news is the reconstruction of the bathroom on the second floor of Oceanic. It will become the standard for all other construction projects in the future. Before and after photos are featured below.



During Demolition

Same view after re-construction

Bathroom stalls are constructed of white bead board that is made of plastic but has the feel and look of wood, making it both durable and sanitary. Note also the crown molding topping the columns and joining walls to ceiling. Johnny Kadlik, Tietjen Hynes, and the Carp Crew deserve great praise and recognition for delivering outstanding results.

None of this would be possible without the generous support of the 105 individuals and families who have pledged to date and the three grants awarded to support these capital projects. To date the Shining the Star campaign has raised \$3,225,119 with \$1,875,415 for capital projects. We will continue the quiet phase through the end of 2011 and complete the one-on-one solicitations, and launch the public phase of the campaign in the spring of 2012.

To all who have already signed on (listed on the following pages), thank you. We are grateful for your leadership and your *shining* example.

With Star Spirit,

John Bush

Irene Bush

Campaign Co-Chairs

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