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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Search for New Star Island Executive Begins Old Shoaler to serve as Interim Director Island Open for Business**

**ISLES OF SHOALS, NH** — Star Island Corporation is searching for a new executive director to guide the historic and tranquil island destination in the next phase of its operations.

Star Island Executive Director Amy Lockwood tendered her resignation to the Star Island Corporation (SIC) Board of Directors Monday following the successful reopening of the educational and religious conference center for personal retreats and conferences. The board reluctantly accepted her resignation effective Aug. 4. The board also accepted Lockwood's offer to support the transition to the newly appointed Acting Director and Old Shoaler David Boynton.

"Amy's departure is regretful as she has exemplified significant leadership and ingenuity as part of the Star Island community," said Brad Greeley, president of the SIC Board of Directors. "While Amy will be missed, we welcome the support of David as we enter the next phase of operations at Star Island and begin our search for new leadership."

Boynton, of South Hamilton, Massachusetts, a long-time shoaler, a former corporate project manager and current vice-president of the Star Island Board of Directors, will step into Lockwood's shoes as the interim director amid the search for a new director. "I have a great deal of respect and admiration for Amy's work ethics and business sense as well as her character and we will miss her," said Boynton. "We will continue to work closely with state and local fire officials to make certain life safety improvements continue at Star Island, history is preserved, and also to ensure the island remains a fulfilling place for conferees and those on personal retreat. The safety of our employees, conferees and visitors has been and will remain paramount."

Lockwood will leave the island community to spend more time with her family. "I have thoroughly enjoyed working closely with the Star Island Corporation Members, the board of directors, conferees and staff," Lockwood said. "Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Star Island community."

Star Island, home to the extraordinary Oceanic Hotel, reopened its facilities to planned guests and visitors Sunday, July 22 after safety officials gave the go-ahead during a safety inspection last week. Star Island is now taking reservations for personal retreats through August 3, before the start of the formal conferences. Reservations may be made by contacting the front desk of Star Island's Oceanic Hotel by calling (603) 601-0832. The leadership transition will not affect ongoing conferences and personal retreats.

Star Island Corporation experienced a delayed conference opening due to crucial life safety upgrades. This temporary closure affected conferees who came from throughout the Northeast region and beyond. Lockwood provided essential leadership during this work at Star Island to enhance life safety, said Suzanne May, a member of the SIC Board of Directors.



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“Amy provided the thoughtful leadership, creativity and problem solving skills necessary to carry the Star Island community through a challenging time,” said May. “We are so thankful for her service. She will most certainly be missed as we enter the next phase of operations at Star Island.”

Star Island has worked closely with the Rye Fire Department and New Hampshire fire officials to outline a thorough process to enhance the level of safety at Star Island since it announced a delayed opening in June. Life safety work will continue in the next phase of operations.

The SIC Board of Directors established a committee to review the elements which lead to the delayed opening. It is expected the committee’s progress report will be given to the board at its August meeting.

The nonprofit Star Island Corporation has owned and operated Star Island for religious, educational, and kindred purposes since 1916, providing affordable individual and family retreat. While Star Island is founded on the liberal spiritual ideals of Unitarian-Universalism and the United Church of Christ, people of many denominations and faiths (including none) attend conferences regularly. Each of the Star Island conferences is self-administered by a dedicated group of volunteers and the island is staffed in the summer season by over one hundred young people, affectionately known as Pelicans.

For more information about Star Island, log on to its official website at [starisland.org](http://starisland.org).

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