



# THE NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP WLV-612

## *Brief History and Ship Specifications*

THE NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP WLV-612 was built in 1950 and was stationed three miles off of the Golden Gate Bridge as the SAN FRANCISCO from 1950-1969. As Lightships were replaced with 40 foot unmanned buoys, the 612 next served off Cape Mendocino in California as the BLUNTS REEF from 1969-71 and in 1971 she went back through the Panama Canal to serve as the PORTLAND in Maine from 1971-75. Finally from 1975-1983, she served as the NANTUCKET on the last Lightship station in the United States 45 miles southeast of Nantucket Island. In 1985, the Nantucket Lightship was decommissioned by the United States Coast Guard as the last Lightship in the United States. In 2000, Bill and Kristen Golden bought the ship on Ebay to preserve her, spent three years refurbishing the Ship and now offer the luxury yacht for charters, vacation rentals and events.

The mission of the Lightship was, a life saving mission, to stand resolute regardless of the peril and guide all to safe haven. The first US Lightship was placed on station in 1820. In 1854, after

hundreds of shipwrecks, the United States Congress established the Nantucket South Shoals Lightship Station to protect trans Atlantic and coastal shipping from the dangers of the treacherous shoals. The WLV-612 is one of a proud line of Nantucket Lightships which were known as the *Guardian Angels* of the North Atlantic From 1854 to 1983, it was the Nantucket Lightship and not the Statue of Liberty which first greeted mariners and immigrants to America. Lightships serving this station were in international waters and were exposed to the dangers of fog bound collisions, enemy attacks and natural disaster from hurricanes and severe winter storms.

The Nantucket Lightship WLV-612 is one of a dozen lightships which remain. The others have all been sunk or scraped as artificial reefs. It is the objective of Bill and Kristen Golden to showcase the Nantucket Lightship WLV-612 as a new model for historic marine preservation so that other ships may be saved for future generations.

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LENGTH OVER ALL:	128 FT.
BEAM:	30 FT.
MAXIMUM DRAFT:	11.5 FT.
MINIMUM DRAFT:	7.5 FT.
MAXIMUM LIQUID BALLAST:	61,000 GALS.
HULL:	STEEL
WHEELHOUSE:	SOLID BRASS
HEIGHT OF MAST:	74 FT.
BEACON; FOREMAST:	DOUBLE FRESNEL CRISTAL LENSES
BEACON; MAIN MAST:	BLACKBOX; 24 LOCOMOTIVE ENG. HEADLIGHTS
FOG HORNS:	TWIN DIAFONES
ANCHOR:	7000 LBS. MUSHROOM
ANCHOR CHAIN:	800 FT. (200 LBS. PER 6 FT.)
ENGINE:	D379 CATERPILLAR DIESEL
PROPELLER:	7 FT. BRONZE
GENERATORS:	65 KW KOLHER, 45 KW WESTERBEKE
FRESH WATER:	11,000 GALS.
HOLDING CAPACITY:	15,000 GALS.
CRUISING RANGE:	4000 MILES
INTERIOR LIVING SPACE:	4000 SQ. FT., 6 STATEROOMS, 6.5 HEADS
EXTERIOR DECK SPACE:	2000 SQ. FT.
TENDER:	26.6 FT. MOTORIZED WHALE BOAT



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## *Reviews*

VACATION RENTAL  
*5 couples*

“We looked at all of our options, and we couldn’t believe it when we found that we could rent the Lightship as an alternative to just renting another luxury home on the island. Talk about ‘on-the-water real estate,’ we had a 360 degree water view, were in the middle of all the action and yet at anytime could escape to the romance and privacy of our own historic yacht.”

FAMILY REUNION  
*35 guests*

“This is the only way I could get the kids together and now they can’t wait to schedule another “Lightship Reunion.”

WEDDING  
*40 guests*

“It was perfect in every way...and just as magical as I hoped it would be. We loved having our wedding party stay aboard with us for a few days before and after the wedding.”

RECEPTION  
INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT BANK  
*70 guests*

“We have chartered the Lightship for five years in a row, and each year it gets better. Now, months before the event, we get calls, ‘are you going to invite us to your event on the Lightship this year?!’”

BUSINESS CHARTER  
*8 overnight guests, hundreds of visitors*

“It was race week and we wanted to make a lasting impression on our clients and vendors. What a home run! Our week-long ‘open house/ship’ was the hit of the island, everyone stopped by for coffee in the morning, a drink in the evening, and a tour of your legendary Lightship.”

NEW YORK YACHT CLUB  
SUMMER CRUISE CHARTER  
*10 overnight guests, hundreds of visitors*

“By the time we reached Nantucket, the Lightship had become the talk of the cruise. The legend of the Nantucket Lightship continues and we definitely added our chapter.”

MEDIA COVERAGE

Travel Channel  
Discovery Channel  
NBC  
Yachting  
Robb Report