

‘Celebrating Lifesavers at Sea’

The 68th Anniversary of the Tragic Collision of the *SS Andrea Doria* and *MS Stockholm* and the “Greatest Sea Rescue in Peacetime”

July 24–26, 2024
Boston, Massachusetts

Presented by
United States Lightship Museum and
Nantucket Lightship/LV-112



Nantucket Lightship/LV-112 is surrounded by fog, a common occurrence, especially in the summer season, while anchored on Nantucket Shoals Lightship Station, which marked the entrance to the North Atlantic shipping lanes to and from the United States and Europe. Dense fog also occurred the night of the *SS Andrea Doria / MS Stockholm* collision and rescue operation, for which *Nantucket/LV-112* provided communications support.

Reception and Presentations

Battery Wharf Hotel
July 24, 5pm – 9pm

WELCOME
Robert M. Mannino, Jr.
President, U.S. Lightship Museum and
Nantucket Lightship/LV-112

DIVING ON THE *SS ANDREA DORIA* AND ARTIFACT RECOVERY
John F. Moyer

RESTORATION OF *ANDREA DORIA LIFEBOAT NO. 1*
Mark C. Koch, Owner

'SINKING OF THE ANDREA DORIA'
SD Cinematographica, Rome, Italy

MEET THE SURVIVORS
Pierette Domenica Simpson, Narrator
Bruna Capalbo
Germina D'Onofrio-Strobel
Joseph Porporino
Alda Raimengia
Lucy Raimengia
Corrado Sigona
Madge Young-Nickerson

Reception music provided by Groove Authority, with singer Elissa Scarlett Daine

COVER IMAGE: *SS Andrea Doria* lifeboat illustration that appeared on the cover of the Italian newspaper "La Tribune Illustrate," August 5, 1956. Credit: John F. Moyer Collection

Nantucket Lightship/LV-112

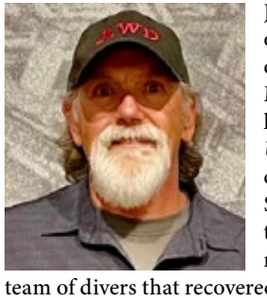
'Statue of Liberty of the Sea'



Nantucket Lightship/LV-112, a National Historic Landmark, is the largest U.S. lightship ever built and famous for serving 39 years on the most remote lightship station in the world. It was built after its predecessor, *Nantucket/LV-117,* was rammed and sunk in heavy fog by the *RMS Olympic*, a sister ship to the *RMS Titanic*, with seven of the 11 crewmembers going to their watery grave. *Nantucket/LV-112* is unique — one of a kind — and its homeport has always been Boston. It was a commissioned lightship 1936 to 1975 with the U.S. Lighthouse Service and U.S. Coast Guard–Boston. Considered state-of-the-art when built, *LV-112* is a "floating lighthouse" exclusively designed to withstand the treacherous conditions of Nantucket Shoals Lightship Station, located 100 miles from the U.S. mainland. As the first beacon and U.S. landmark seen by immigrants entering the United States from Europe, *Nantucket Lightship* was nicknamed "The Statue of Liberty of the Sea." Our nonprofit group, the United States Lightship Museum (USLM) was specifically established to rescue and preserve *LV-112,* and in 2010 brought the ship home to Boston to be restored. In 2012, the National Trust for Historic Preservation selected *LV-112* as a National Treasure. To date, the USLM has completed nearly 70 percent of *LV-112's* restoration. During the *SS Andrea Doria / MS Stockholm* tragedy and rescue operation, *Nantucket/LV-112* was among 25 ships that helped save 1,644 passengers, providing critical communications support *(see back cover).*

John F. Moyer

President, Moyer Expeditions, LLC



John Moyer, of Moyer Expeditions, LLC, began diving on shipwrecks in 1975. He has made thousands of dives on wrecks in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Mexico and the Caribbean. He has dived on the ocean liner *Empress of Ireland*, ironclad *Monitor,* light cruiser *USS Wilkes-Barre*, and was one of the first Americans to dive on the sunken WWI German fleet in Scapa Flow, Scotland. After being granted an Admiralty Arrest of the *Andrea Doria* in U.S. Federal Court in 1993 and named "salvor-in-possession" of the wreck, he led the team of divers that recovered two 1,000-pound Gambone ceramic panels from the ship's Wintergarden Lounge. He is a member of the Atlantic Wreck Divers and the recipient of the prestigious Pioneer of Northeast Diving Award. He has lectured at the Explorers Club in New York City and Philadelphia. His *Andrea Doria* exhibits have been displayed at the Atlantic City Ocean Life Center, Philadelphia Seaport Museum, Heinz History Center, SUNY Maritime College and elsewhere. His work has been highlighted in numerous publications, and he appeared in the film "Andrea Doria: Are the Passengers Saved?". He is the author of "A Conservator's Reflections on the Andrea Doria" and co-author of the paper "The Decay of the Andrea Doria," published by the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.

Mark C. Koch

Deep Sea Diver, Offshore Diving Manager
Collector of Rare History



Originally from Altoona, Penn., Mark Koch moved to New Orleans, La., in 1979 to advance his career as an oil field deep-sea diver. He currently works for Oceaneering International as an offshore manager, overseeing deep-sea diving and remotely operated vehicles (ROV) ships for the oil and gas industry worldwide. He has worked on both the East and West coasts of the United States as well as the Gulf of Mexico, South America Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. As a collector of rare history, Mark is the owner of several historic boats including the *Andrea Doria Lifeboats No. 1 and 13,* a 23-foot replica of the *RMS Titanic*, a Landing Craft Vehicle Personnel (LCVP) boat from the U.S. Navy ship *USS Sumpter* (LST-1181), a training capsule from NASA's Apollo Program, and other boats with a unique history. Mark and his daughters, Estella and Evie, use these vessels to promote the importance of maritime history and regularly give lectures on bringing history to life.

Pierette Domenica Simpson

***Andrea Doria* Survivor, Author, Filmmaker**



In 1956, Piera Domenica Burzio and her grandparents journeyed from Italy to America on the last voyage of the *Andrea Doria.* After surviving the collision, they settled in Detroit, and she attended Wayne State University, followed by graduate studies in France and at Michigan State University. She subsequently taught the languages of French and Spanish in Michigan schools. As an author and filmmaker, Pierette recounted her experience during the catastrophic *Andrea Doria / Stockholm* collision. With her chronicle "*Alive on the Andrea Doria! The Greatest Sea Rescue in History,*" she became the first woman to publish an all-inclusive book about one's shipwreck experience, describing both the human and scientific aspects of the collision and sinking of the Italian luxury liner. She served on the steering committee of the First International Marine Forensics Symposium in Washington, D.C., and was an honorary member of the Marine Forensics Panel of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers. She has co-authored two technical papers on the sinking of the *Andrea Doria* with naval architect, William H. Garzke, and is the first shipwreck survivor to collaborate with naval architects to write technical articles for publication and promote safety at sea. Among published books are "L'ultima notte dell'Andrea Doria" and "I Was Shipwrecked on the Andrea Doria! The Titanic of the 1950s." Her docufilm "Andrea Doria: Are the Passengers Saved?" has garnered two dozen awards at film festivals in the United States, Italy and Canada, including "Best Feature Documentary" and "Best Director." She has appeared in American and Italian documentaries and has been interviewed about the tragedy on numerous broadcasts, including "CBS Sunday Morning." In 2019, she was featured on "Ocean Giants," a two-part documentary aired on Arte, the European culture TV channel.

PLEASE JOIN US ...

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THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JULY 25 AND 26
Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina, 256 Marginal St., East Boston

11AM – 5PM (BOTH DAYS)
***SS Andrea Doria* Artifact Exhibits,**
Lifeboat Viewing, Lightship Tours
Marina pier, under tent
Free, open to public

11AM (THURSDAY ONLY)
Memorial Service on *Nantucket Lightship/LV-112*
Ringing of the *Andrea Doria* Bell for 51 people who perished
Fr. Gary Drinkwater, Rector, Transfiguration Anglican Church, Mechanic Falls, Maine; Chaplain of Portland Propeller Club and the Marine Society
Free, open to public

12PM – 3PM (THURSDAY ONLY)
Harbor Excursions of *Andrea Doria Lifeboat No. 1*
Mark Koch, owner
Launched and towed from marina, reservations required



SS Andrea Doria

2PM (THURSDAY ONLY)
Search and Rescue (SAR) Helicopter
Demonstration on Boston Harbor
U.S. Coast Guard First District–Base Boston
Helicopter from Air Station Cape Cod
View from marina pier, free, open to public

2PM (FRIDAY ONLY)
Search and Rescue (SAR) Fast Response Cutter (FRC)
Demonstration on Boston Harbor
U.S. Coast Guard First District–Base Boston
View from marina pier, free, open to public

7:30PM – 9PM (THURSDAY ONLY)
Film screening: “Alive on the Andrea Doria: Are the Passengers Saved?”
Presented by *Andrea Doria* survivor, author and filmmaker
Pierette Domenica Simpson, Q&A with survivors
Battery Wharf Hotel



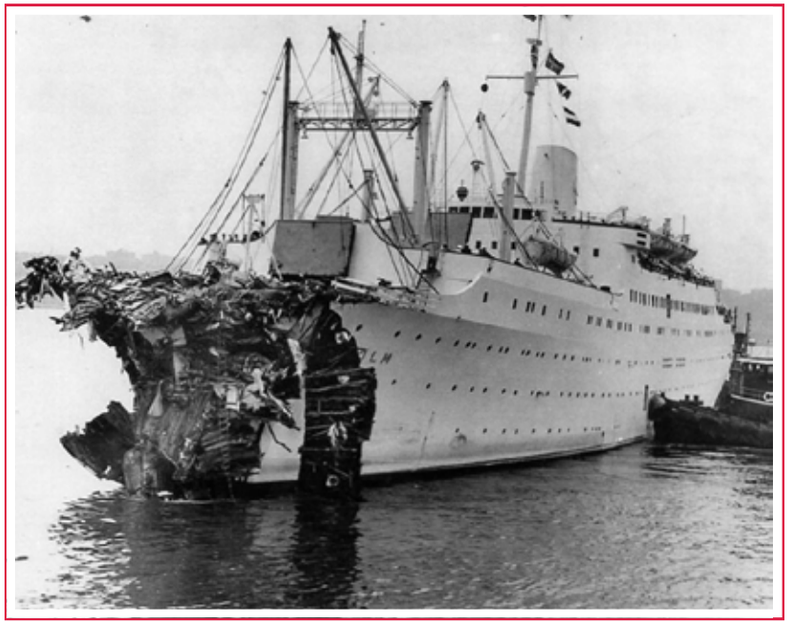
MS Stockholm

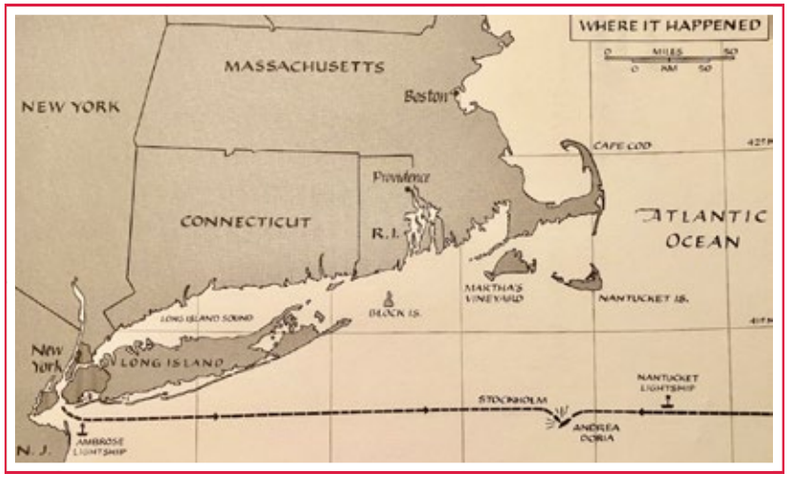
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Rescue Vessels

SS Andrea Doria / MS Stockholm Tragedy

July 25–26, 1956

During the *SS Andrea Doria* and *MS Stockholm* tragedy, the following merchant, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Navy vessels were involved with rescue and communications operations. Of these 25 ships, five ships are known to still exist as well as two *Andrea Doria* lifeboats *(see asterisks*).*

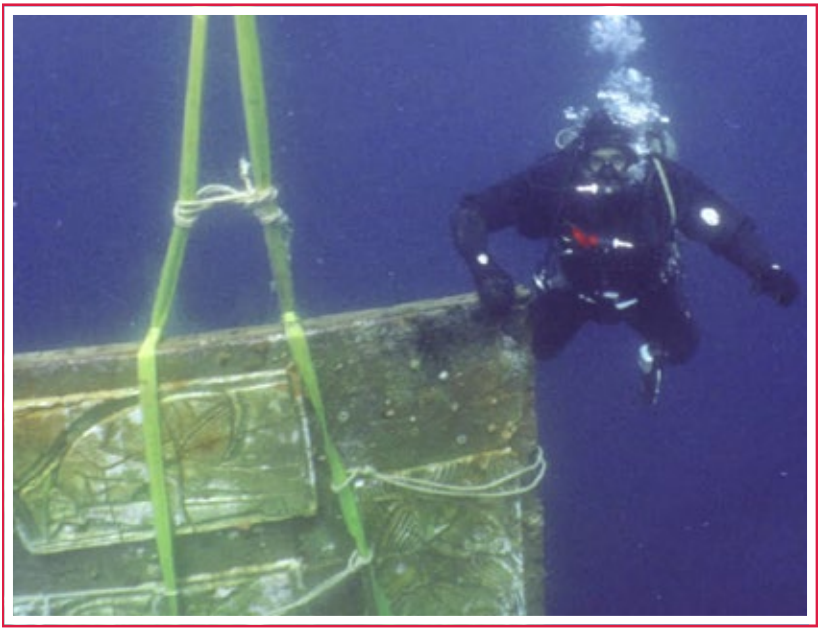
SS Andrea Doria — Sank 20 miles west of *Nantucket Lightship*
* ***MS Stockholm*** — Repaired/refitted, name changed to *MV Astoria* and continued as a cruise ship until 2020, presently for sale
* ***Nantucket Lightship/LV-112*** — Museum ship in Boston Harbor
* ***USCGC Acushnet*** *(WMEC-167)* — Still in service under private ownership
* ***USCGC Hornbeam*** (*W-394*) — Renamed *Rum Cay Grace*, for sale
* ***USCGC Yeaton*** (*WSC / WMEC-156*) — refitted, renamed *RV Planet*
* ***SS Andrea Doria Lifeboat No. 1*** — Restored, traveling exhibit
* **SS *Andrea Doria Lifeboat No. 13*** — Privately owned, unrestored
SS Ile de France — Scrapped
SS Cape Ann — Scrapped
USS Heyliger (*DE510*) — Sunk as target ship
USNS Private William H. Thomas (*T-AP-185*) — Scrapped
USS Edward H. Allen *(DE531)* — Scrapped
USCGC Legare (*WSC-144*) — Status unknown
USCGC Evergreen (*WMEC-295*) — Sunk as target ship
USS Edward H. Allen (*DE-531*) — Scrapped
SS Lionne — Abandoned 1965
SS Manaqui — Presumed scrapped, c. 1963
SS Free State — Scrapped
MV Tarantia — Scrapped
USNS Sgt. Jonah E Kelley — Scrapped
USCGC Owasco (*WHEC-39*) — Scrapped
USCGC Tamaroa (*WMEC-166*) — Sunk as an artificial reef
USCGC Yukutat (*WAVP-380*) — Scrapped
USCGC Campbell (*WPG-32*) — Sunk as target ship
Laura Maersk — Presumed scrapped
Relief Lightship/LV-114 — Scrapped

Vessels that rescued 1,644 passengers/crew and took them to the Port of New York

SS Ile de France — 730 survivors
MS Stockholm — 545 survivors
SS Cape Ann — 168 survivors
USNS Private William H. Thomas — 156 survivors
USCGC Hornbeam — 45 survivors, mostly crew



Andrea Doria sinking to her watery grave, July 26,1956



John Moyer recovering ceramic friezes by Italian artist Guido Gambone from Andrea Doria shipwreck