



## *Before the Mast* *Lightship News Highlights*

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### *From the Captain's Quarters*

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The Massachusetts Legislature passed sweeping economic development legislation which included, as Section 173, what has come to be known as the Permit Extension Act. The purpose of the Permit Extension Act is to recognize that the economic downturn has meant that projects that were otherwise "shovel-ready" may have difficulty in the short-run obtaining financing.

Any permit that is or was in effect for any part of the time between August 15, 2008, and August 15, 2010, is extended for two years beyond its otherwise applicable expiration date. If your permit expired on August 15, 2008, it is now in effect until August 15, 2010.

The only other real question is: What is a Permit? Permits include environmental permits, such as those covering water discharges, wetlands, waterways, and MEPA (but not air or solid waste permits under Chapter 111), as well as approvals under Chapters 40A, 40C, and 40R (but not 40B), and any approval under any local by-law or ordinance. The complete list is found under the definition of "Approval." If you have any questions concerning the Permit Extension Act, please don't hesitate to contact me.

### *As the Crow Flies*

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During November 4 – 7, 2010, *The Massachusetts Association of Insurance Agents* held their annual conference, the Big Event 2010, at the Copley Plaza in Boston. The presentation focused on the homeowner insurance coverage available as of July 2010, associated with the cleanup of petroleum releases from residential fuel oil ASTs. In order to be eligible for the coverage an AST system must have a continuous non metallic fuel oil line from the AST to the fuel oil boiler that includes and oil safety valve. A representative from the local fire department or fuel oil burner technician is required to

inspect and complete a form indicating compliance. If the system was installed after 1990 an inspection is not required. Lightship Engineering presented at the Big Event 2010 and provided an overview of the MCP and case studies associated with the assessment and cleanup residential fuel oil releases. The presentation can be found at [www.massagent.com/events/10web/bigevent10.cfm](http://www.massagent.com/events/10web/bigevent10.cfm).

**Our Round Four question** – In the novel *Master and Commander*, written by Patrick O'Brian, what was the name of Captain Aubrey's first ship? *Hint:* Command given by Right Honorable Lord Keith, Knight of the Bath, Admiral of the Blue and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels. **The answer** – "HMS **Sophie.**"

This past August, the "Perseverance" tagged a 16-foot great white shark during the Martha's Vineyard Monster Shark Tournament. There have been multiple TV, radio and newspaper interviews that included the "Perseverance" Team fishing for sharks on Chronicle, see more at [www.cpfcharters.com](http://www.cpfcharters.com). The "Perseverance" will be the featured Capt and crew on a new Reality Show called *Shark Trackers*. The TV series is scheduled to begin shooting in Mass and Florida in 2011. A promotional advertisement for Shark Trackers can be found at [www.youtube.com/user/TheSharkTrackers](http://www.youtube.com/user/TheSharkTrackers). Don't worry, Capt Mike has his blackberry and will be available and working 24/7, still rendering those LSP opinions!

### *Scuttlebutt*

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Lightship Engineering is working with Global BioSciences (GBI) and a property developer in Baltimore, Maryland, to export Butane Biostimulation Technologies™ (BBT) to China. Lightship Engineering is currently implementing BBT at a Site located in Watertown, Massachusetts. In addition, Lightship Engineering will soon be implementing BBT at the Fisherville Mill Site located in Grafton, Massachusetts, under an EPA-approved grant.