

## Southold Historical Museum Explores Long Island's Worst Maritime Disaster In July 8 Lecture



"Lexington" by Currier. Courtesy Southold Historical Museum.

SOUTHOLD, N.Y. — Southold Historical Museum once again offer the Lighthouse Lecture Series at Horton Point Lighthouse. The first lecture is titled "The Sinking of the Steamboat *Lexington*: Long Island's Worst Maritime Disaster" and will be presented by Bill Bleyer. The 1840 fire and sinking of the *Lexington* in Long Island Sound claimed the lives of all but four of the up to 150 people on board. The survivors escaped by using cotton bales as life rafts with one drifting for 40 hours in subfreezing weather before landing in Riverhead. The disaster became a milestone in journalism history because young lithographer Nathaniel Currier rushed to make an image of the fire for the *New York Sun*, which put out extra editions using the illustration, one of the first times a daily newspaper had an illustration with a breaking news story. The loss of the *Lexington* also led to an important Supreme Court decision and helped lead to tougher safety regulations for steamboats.

As you can imagine, fans of Long Island maritime his-

tory, and those less familiar, will not want to miss Bleyer's talk as he leaves audiences with a wealth of stories and facts to share with others. The Horton Point Lighthouse lawn offers an intimate and inspiring setting for visitors to come and relax, listen and learn.

Bleyer was a prizewinning staff writer for *Newsday* for 33 years specializing in history and maritime issues before retiring in 2014 to write books and freelance for the newspaper and magazines.

"The Sinking of the Steamboat *Lexington*: Long Island's Worst Maritime Disaster" will take place on the Horton Point Lighthouse Lawn, 3575 Lighthouse Road, at 2 pm, on July 8 (rain date July 9). The lecture is free but donations are gladly accepted and attendees are asked to bring their own lawn chair. For those without a parking permit, there is a fee to park in the Southold Park District lot.

For information [www.southoldhistorical.org](http://www.southoldhistorical.org), 631-765-5500 or [info@southoldhistorical.org](mailto:info@southoldhistorical.org).

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