


The
Lobster
Chronicles



LIFE ON A VERY SMALL ISLAND

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 HYPERION

New York

Main State Law
Hot irons 23

plastic tags
mandated by the
state

fishing licenses
every year.

no Sundays
bet. Memorial Day
and Labor Day.

light houses
35 in Maine

transfers to
eligible entities

shorts snappers
legal lengths -
fines or loss
of license

3/4 to 5"

✓ notched -
only state with law

1970's National Park
Service wanted
Island

Bonus -
April - Uncle
Sam

illegal to haul
after official
sunset

I La Hoe
Tails

Lobster season May to Dec.

600 traps (300) 35 ft. trap lot

3 and 4 footers

3 buikies "a gear war"

Broy orange, white, yellow

I was
ultimate
Tombay

no Sundays.

Dad was 41

Mesh bags

Lobster cards

Mom -
a reader

began swordfishing
at 14
no women friends

Robinson Light house

Jeff Buikies - P68

member of committee

had to resign -

not trusted - conflict
of interest

1983

Accident

5

"undemocratic
system of a
fishing boat"
"not cut out for
civil duty"

Elaine - writing checks
no legal action

Law

School

three-fishermen
banding lobsters

factory boat captors
2 stemmen

26% of all proceeds

"my private outlaw fantasy" p105

"world's most dangerous profession" fishing

lost 11 personal friends in 6 separate incidents

"only thing I like about lobstering is working
with my father" p139

Catches any lobsters in the woods?

claws - crusher and ripper

sex - 10 of 20,000 eggs become lobsters

legal sized lobsters is usually 1 year.

"I have been accused all my life
of keeping too much inside" P 169

Fishing rights for our own territory —

75% of island's year round population
relies on lobstering

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1944- Sec. of Interior accepted
half of Island for Acadia National P.
Island Boys George and Tommy

Ed - my favorite weirdo

Ben Mac Donald

one room school house - only 14 in
Main surrounded by water

Victor - catalogue birds - Alabama Flammies
gets out of fishing and had left him
leaves the Island because
of encroachment of fishing zone.

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The Keeper's House Inn

Ted Hopkins - minister at Island's
Congregational Church

Dave Hilty - my best fishing buddy

Clemmer Twins - Nathaniel and Tyler (13
little hellions

Jack Mac Donald
Denny Mac Donald

Pita - crays like a fox (prefers to be called Watson)

grandmother Matthe Belle Robinson Greenlaw

Hannah Baden - swordfish boat
100 ft state of art
Gloucester

Stens - Fabio

George and Tommy

was \$2 a lb.
never interviewed for a job
wants family and children
wouldn't haul alone -
work with dad

brother Charlie
sister's Prof
Rhonda

lobby college

Pounding lobsters - storing - greater profit
in winter

scuba divers

bonus - 65¢ - april - Uncle Sam
hard working lobsterman \$100,000^{over}

Rayson - top producer - Perseverance

George/Tommy - Island Boy Repair

Dad - never had a Buddy in 40 years

Alden - I intimidated men

40 people
in residence
off season

Jack Macdonald
passed away

Gordon Chapin
oldest died

my best friend
Alden

may go
sword fishing