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PDA Congratulates Isles of Shoals Steamship Company

Thomas Loughton Celebrates 20 Years of Sailing out of Portsmouth

(Portsmouth) Saying twenty years in business is something to celebrate, Pease Development Authority Executive Director Dick Green congratulated the Isles of Shoals Steamship Company today for two decades of outstanding service. “The Isles of Shoals’ Thomas Loughton is one of Portsmouth’s signature ships and we are proud to have it docked at our Market Street Terminal,” he said.

The Thomas Loughton has been taking passengers for trips out to the Isles of Shoals and on “leaf peeper” cruises since the summer of 1987. Its season runs from late March to October and the steamship company reports they welcome over 30,000 passengers each year.

“Portsmouth is the perfect location for us,” said Isles of Shoals’ Hayley Holmes. “We’re docked just off Interstate 95 making it easy for passengers and tourists. And after a fun sail on the Thomas Loughton, they can make a whole day of it in Portsmouth either shopping, touring or taking in one of the areas great restaurants.”

Port Director Geno Marconi complimented the Steamship Company as being a tremendous asset to the port. “The Loughton is a great example of a working waterfront like ours having tour boat activities operating successfully right along side industrial cargo activities,” he said.