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IDA LEWIS LIGHTHOUSE AND YACHT CLUB SUBJECT  
OF UPCOMING "EDUCATION VIA RADIO"

The Ida Lewis lighthouse and Yacht Club is the subject of the upcoming "Education via Radio" program Wednesday, December 8, from 9 to 10 a.m. on WADK, radio 1540.

Lois J. Muessel, a member of the Yacht Club and supervisor of the America's Cup office of the Rhode Island State Yachting Committee, and Dr. Anthony Walsh, professor of psychology and department chairman at Salve Regina -- The Newport College, are the scheduled guests.

The original name of the lighthouse was Lime Rock and it was operated by Ida's father. When he became ill, she took over his responsibilities and became nationally famous for her skill and courage in saving accident victims in Newport harbor. She is officially credited with saving 18 lives and in the 1870's became the first woman to be awarded a medal of Congress. This medal and a boat donated to her by the citizens of Newport, are now on display in the Marine Museum of the Newport Historical Society.

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Shortly after Ida's death in 1911, the light was automated and the lighthouse was connected to shore by a causeway. Seventeen years later the lighthouse was renamed, in memory of Ida. Today, the lighthouse, complete with the original light and physically unchanged, houses the Ida Lewis Yacht Club. In honor of Ida, the Club's burgee (penmant) consists of a red background with a blue symbolic lighthouse and 18 white stars, each one representing a life saved by Ida Lewis.

"Education via Radio" is sponsored by Salve Regina -- The Newport College in cooperation with WADK. It can be heard every other Wednesday through May 4, from 9 to 10 a.m.