

A Fun, Friendly, Fanzine Convention

# Ditto 11

Newport, Rhode Island

*6 to 8 November, 1998*

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## Hotel Information

*Newport Harbor Hotel & Marina*

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*Rate guaranteed until 7 October 1998*

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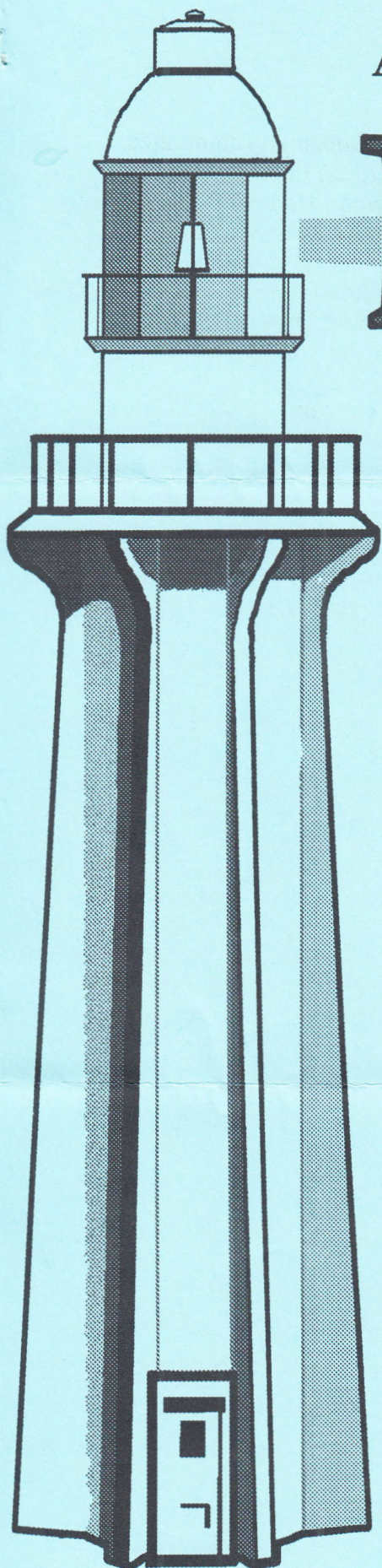
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Ditto is "the other" fanzine convention, with its own traditions, a friendly atmosphere, and an orientation that includes other aspects of written communication and amateur publications as well as traditional paper fanzines.

Ditto was started in 1988 in Toronto as a one-shot response to some fans' inability to attend Corflu. It was such a success that it became a repeating event held in the fall of each year.

In 1998, the 10th anniversary Ditto is being held in *Newport, Rhode Island*, from the 6th to the 8th of November. The 1998 Ditto is sponsored by MCFI, and the committee consists of George Flynn, Mark Olson, Priscilla Olson, and Bob Webber

Newport is easy to get to: Rhode Island's T.F. Green International Airport operates in all weather. A short shuttle ride to Newport provides a sneak peak at the Rhode Island scenery.

For those preferring ground transportation, Newport is an easy driving distance from New York City or Boston. Newport can also be reached directly by bus, or by rail to Providence and bus to Newport. Our hotel is a short walk from the bus station in Newport.

Rhode Island (mottoes: "The Ocean State" and "America's Ocean Playground") is a particularly appropriate place for Ditto, a convention for fanzine fans who need more than one fanzine convention a year. The state was founded in 1636 by Roger Williams, a puritan who found his coreligionists in the Massachusetts Bay Colony a little too mundane. Rhode Island has been home to countless

amateur publishers and fanzine fans, including H.P. Lovecraft, Don D'Ammassa, and Ditto 11's own George Flynn. We're not quite sure why the smallest state should produce such a high proportion of fanzine fans. Maybe it's something in the water: the US Industrial Revolution started in Rhode Island in the 18th century.

Newport, where we're holding Ditto this year, is built at the entrance to Narragansett Bay. This bay is sometimes referred to as the "Cradle of the American Navy." On 12 June, 1775, Rhode Islanders decided that the acts of the British crown in pursuing deserters and repressing smuggling were intolerable, and the state legislature created a navy. This navy, with its home in Newport Harbor, consisted of two armed sloops, *Katy* and *Washington*. Their mission was to lift the blockade imposed by Britain and exemplified by the frigate *HMS Rose*. Although this effort was not entirely successful, the *Katy* successfully engaged the sloop *HMS Diana* and drove her ashore. The success of the *Katy* encouraged the Continental Congress in the construction of further warships.

In the 19th century, Newport became the playground of the super-rich, who competed in building "summer cottages" in Newport, costing up to a billion 1998 dollars. These mansions are spectacular (like the Brighton Pavillion, but more elaborate and perhaps a bit more tasteful), and many of them will be open for tours during Ditto 11. Today, Newport is probably best known for the Newport Jazz Festival and as a yachting center and former home of the America's Cup race

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