Thacher's twin towers shine again



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Katie Farel of Rockport puts the final touches on the installation of a new light in one of the Twin Lights on Rockport's Thacher Island.

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ROCKPORT — The unique twin lights of Thacher Island are shining again with the town-managed North Tower glowing white alongside the flashing red of the Coast Guard-operated South Tower.

Dark for more than a year, the North Tower was lighted with the help of a group of students from the Tufts University School of Engineering affectionately known as "the Nerd Girls" and some Rockport middle- and high-schoolers.

The light went out when an underground electric cable that ran from Loblolly Cove to the island deteriorated over time to the point that it was impossible to fix, said Paul St. Germain, president of the Thacher Island Association.

The solution was solar power.

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