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*A note to readers:*

This book was compiled primarily from numerous interviews with CCOM Board members, past and present, as well with other members of the East Hampton and Montauk communities. While the author and editors have made efforts to confirm certain historical facts, most of what is contained reflects how individuals remember the events that are discussed. Others who were involved will no doubt recall events differently.

Also, while CCOM was involved to a greater or lesser extent in all the events discussed, this history is by no means intended to minimize the efforts of other groups and individuals who were involved and contributed in many ways.

Finally, on place names in Long Island’s East End: Montauk—along with Amagansett and Napeague—are hamlets, rather than individual villages or towns. All three fall under the official jurisdiction of East Hampton Town. Thus, throughout the book, readers should understand that when “Town” is capitalized, it refers to East Hampton Town.