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Dear Claire:

As a pleasure boater, I am aware that the Chebucto Head fog horn is not operational and I am asking that you direct the fog horn be fixed in time for the upcoming boating season.

Not all boaters have modern navigation equipment on board as this is not required to obtain the Pleasure Craft Operators Card. Consequently if such a boater should find themselves enveloped in an unexpected fog bank near Chebucto Head, the sounding of the Chebucto Head fog horn can aid in avoiding a situation in which a boater and any passengers become marine casualty statistics.

Such a tragic accident would cost more dollars in search and rescue operations than the upkeep and maintenance of the Chebucto Head fog horn. Then there would be the publicity of the accident and possible causes broadcast on national and local radio and in Canadian newspapers. Finally, there would be the indeterminable impact of any loss of life and the reaction of family members that could lead to further negative publicity or even legal action.

Boaters through paying their taxes expect working aids to navigation as they begin the 2021 boating season. They expect to hear the sound of the Chebucto Head fog horn when the fog rolls in.

Sincerely