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Commodore David Dennett  
Cobbosseecontee Yacht Club  
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Dear Commodore Dennett:

Greetings to the Cobbosseecontee Yacht Club and the extended lake community on the occasion of the dedication ceremony marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ladies Delight Island Lighthouse.

This classic lighthouse, considered to be the only inland waters lighthouse in Maine and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is both an important aid to navigation and treasured icon of Lake Cobbosseecontee.

Katharine Elliott Farr received the island as a wedding gift from her grandfather, Moses Briggs. She deeded the island in 1907 to the Yacht Club, stipulating that a lighthouse be constructed and maintained continuously, and that the light be visible from Belle and Hodgdon's Islands, Manchester and East Winthrop Bays.

The Cobbosseecontee Yacht Club was faithful to her request, not only building the magnificent lighthouse in 1908 and maintaining it in years since, but also restoring it recently with the help of generous contributions from many individuals and businesses.

I would also like to commend those involved for their enthusiastic and effective conservation efforts on and around Lake Cobbosseecontee. Because of their careful stewardship, Cobbossee's water quality, wildlife, and overall environment are being preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Very best wishes for a fun day, good weather, and may the historic lighthouse on Lake Cobbosseecontee continue to shine on!

Sincerely,

DIRK KEMPTHORNE