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## Severe Storm Knocks Out Race Light Damages Homes On Lower Cape

An electrical storm of high potency that hit the Cape End Friday night knocked out the beacon in Race Point Light, leaving mariners without the warning beam for three hours, struck several local homes and delivered major blows in Truro where five persons sleeping at Horton's Trailer Park received lightning burns or concussions. The Winter home of the Bamberger sisters, off Tom's Hill Road, Truro, received considerable damage from a lightning bolt that struck its chimney though the three sisters, Misses Judith, Corinne and Ruth Bamberger were luckily occupying their Summer house on Corn Hill Road. Also damaged was electrical equipment in the nearby home of Walter Prokosch, on Tom's Hill Road.

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### New Keeper Of Light At Race Point Station

Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Charles O. Powell, 34, veteran of 15 years in the Coast Guard, has taken over as keeper of Race Point Light, Chief Boatswain's Mate Manuel Macara, Jr., officer-in-charge at Race Point station, has announced.

The new keeper already has assumed his duties. He and Mrs. Powell are now living in quarters at the light and three of their four children have been entered in Provincetown schools.

Boatswain's Mate Powell, whose home is in Norfolk, Va., said he has been in the north only since last October, when he was assigned to Woods Hole Base. He has replaced William Heelan, transferred to duty aboard a cutter out of Portland, Maine.

This also is the new keeper's first lighthouse job. Previously he has served aboard light craft and at land stations. He also served at Curtis Bay, Md., previous to coming to Woods Hole.

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An aerial view of the ten acres of land surrounding the Race Point Lighthouse which has been declared surplus federal property and will probably to the National Seashore.

## Coast Guard Loses Surplus Acres, Commander Oliver

The General Services Administration of the federal government has declared nine acres of the 10-acre site of the Coast Guard's Race Point Light Station to be "surplus."

The GSA has recommended the surplus acreage be transferred to another federal agency.

On Wednesday, Cape Cod National Seashore superintendent Leslie Arnberger said he assumed the National Park Service would take title to the property.

The nine acres, Arnberger said, would

remain undeveloped.

A building which has served, in the past, as a dwelling for Coast Guardsmen stationed at the Lighthouse (not to be confused with the larger Coast Guard station at Race Point Beach), may be included in the surplus parcel.

If it is, Arnberger said, the building would be used by Seashore park rangers on patrol on the oversand vehicle routes. Arnberger said there were no plans to develop any

section of the property for recreational purposes.

He said he didn't know if any beachfront had been declared surplus.

The Race Point Coast Guard Station has a new commanding officer.

Howard B. Harrison, a 36-year-old Chief Boatswain's Mate who had been stationed at the Coast Guard's Air Station at Otis Air Force Base, arrived in Provincetown this week to relieve Robert Oliver, a Provincetown native who had commanded the Race Point station for the past three years.

Oliver, a 20-year veteran of the Coast Guard, is retiring from the service. He lives in Provincetown.

Prior to the last three years, Oliver served in the Navy, and for the Coast Guard in Groton, Connecticut, the Cape Cod Canal, the Boston Light Ship, and several cutters.

Harrison has been in the Coast Guard for 19 years, and in the Air Force for four years before that.