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*Interesting facts about the 1614 Monument*

- 16' 14" tall (17' 2")
- Manufactured from 4 pieces of New Hampshire granite
- Weighs 18 tons
- Bronze plaque of Smith's map measures 26" high by 30" wide

# Dedication of the 1614 Monument

Commemorating the 400th anniversary of Captain John Smith's  
expedition to and mapping of New England

August 14, 2014

10:30 a.m.

Rye Harbor State Park at Ragged Neck Point



Map from Captain John Smith's 1614 Expedition

## THE 1614 MONUMENT PANEL ENGRAVINGS

### JOHN SMITH (1580 - 1631)

In 1614 Captain John Smith, who seven years earlier was a founder of the Jamestown Settlement, returned to America and explored and mapped the local coastline from Penobscot Bay to Cape Cod. He was the first European to map the Isles of Shoals, which he named "Smith's Isles." While that name did not endure, with the consent of King James I, "Admiral" Smith named this region "New England."

### ORIGINS OF NEW ENGLAND

John Smith's map and widely read book "A Description of New England" detailed the region's teeming fishing banks, abundant game, clean rivers, vast forests and native people. The book had a major influence in the subsequent wave of English migration to these shores. The map guided the Pilgrims to "Plymouth" in 1620 and led John Winthrop to the "The River Charles" and the founding of Boston in 1630.

### ISLES OF SHOALS

Six miles from this Point lie the Isles of Shoals. Possibly named for the bountiful "schools" of fish surrounding them, the nine islands were home to a prosperous fishing community for over 150 years. On Star Island, two other obelisks were erected on anniversaries of the 1614 voyage. In 1864 a monument was built to honor John Smith, and in 1914 a 46.5-foot monument was dedicated to Reverend John Tucke.

Music by Gary Sredziensky  
Native American culture display and demonstration by  
Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum



## Dedication Ceremony

*begins promptly at 11 a.m.*

*Rep. David B. Campbell*

*Sen. Nancy Stiles*

*Sen. Martha Fuller Clark*

*Executive Councilor Christopher T. Sununu*

*Priscilla Jenness, Rye Board of Selectmen*

*Comm. Van McLeod, Dept. of Cultural Resources*

*Capt. John Smith, as portrayed by Paul Strand*

*W. Jeffrey Bolster, Professor of History, UNH*

*Comm. Jeffrey Rose, Dept. of Resources & Economic Development*

*"America" / "My Country 'Tis of Thee"*

*sung by the assemblage*

*Unveiling of the 1614 Monument*



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