

# SOUNDSIDE LEARNING THIS WEEK ON CORE SOUND



December 11, 2023

## COMING UP AT CORE SOUND...

- **Currently – Mid January:** Gallery of Trees
- **December 31:** *Anchor Drop @ 7:00 PM* at Shell Point (weather permitting)

## Sound Reading Material For You and Your Child



### Santa on a Surfboard By Laura Sharp

It's Christmastime, so that means making snowmen, sitting by the fire, and drinking hot cocoa...right? Not at the beach!

Santa on a Surfboard brings readers on a fun-filled journey into the world of Christmas in Australia: a sandy celebration under the sun.

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## I Walked to the Landing

By Corey Lawrence

I walked to the landing Like daddy and his before  
Boats sure are different up and down the whole shore

There's nary a net for feesh. Just rods with a lure  
How this has happened, I'm not really sure

There's nary a mooring where the men would pole out  
Not a single fish house left that I know about

The white sandy beaches are now covered in rocks  
And houses with views of long stretched out docks

They keep building houses higher, and boat lifts are higher too  
But the tide is gonna do whatever the tide wants to do

Even the lighthouse is different; she's just not the same  
A weak blink of light instead of a strong mighty beam

With every walk to the landing, it seems to change more  
Still...I'm glad to of grown up along this salty shore

And just as I turned  
to go leave,  
I thought I heard her  
whisper to me....

“Boy, is that you?  
Where did you go?  
It's been so long, and  
I've missed you so!”

So, I paused a minute  
longer to enjoy where I  
was standing  
This evening I'm glad  
that I walked to the  
landing!



photo of Manny & Corey Lawrence

## Let's Remember Together

*Throughout December, I will be sharing some special holiday memories from Down East friends. I hope you enjoy them and that they encourage you to reflect on your own treasured traditions.*

While I have a lot of favorite Christmas memories, I also have a favorite Christmas tradition. Being a descendant of Portsmouth Island, my favorite tradition is taking a boat ride over each December and decorating the village for Christmas. The church, life-saving station, and post office along with each house gets a Christmas wreath placed on their doors. Some of these structures get some added greenery, and this year Christmas flowers were also placed at the family cemetery. Doing this gives me time to reflect on my ancestors and other residents. I often wonder how they may have celebrated Christmas. It's a small way to keep this sacred place with such a rich history alive. --Gregory Gilgo, *Atlantic*

## SCIENCE for YOU

### Make Your Own Snow

- Mix 3 cups of baking soda with a 1/2 cup of hair conditioner. (White colored conditioner works best for snow!)
- Use your hands to mix it all together.
- Now see what you can build!



Photo taken this past weekend by Gregory Gilgo on Portsmouth Island.