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Spring Has Sprung

After a particularly brutal winter in the Midwest and Northeast, the Spring Equinox brings with it our first sightings of lighthouses coming to life for the year. During the dark days of the winter we have been able to add a number of new passport stamp locations for you to visit, or revisit, as the case may be. Also, it gave many of you time to send us your completed passports in order to receive your patches and be added to the Hall of Fame. The Passport Club continues to grow in size and is now approaching 2,000 members. Our members have been instrumental in making corrections to the passport sites listing, which helps everyone, especially those of us here at the office, to keep the information as fresh as possible. Also, your lighthouse visits and stamp requests have prompted a number of lighthouses to come to us asking to become part of the program.

Note: The Passport Club website has been incorporated into the Society's new website. Not all of the new stamp locations and Hall of Fame additions shown below have been added. We are busy polishing the lens and trimming the wick, but we will send you an email when the site is complete. For now, to access information about the Program go to www.uslhs.org, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the passport book.

Reiterating Some Stamp Collecting Policies

Since it is a new year it might be a good idea to reiterate some of the most important Club and Passport Program policies regarding stamp collecting:

- If a participating site is closed, you can take a photo and reduce it in size to fit in your passport book. These count as one of the 60 entries, but only books with all stamps qualify for the special "all stamp" flag awards. Stamps, but not photos of foreign lighthouses can be included and counted toward the awards.
- Some locations will send you a copy of the stamp if you provide them with a SASE, a photo you took when you visited and a donation. The listings on the website may or may not indicate if they will do this. So, it is a good idea to call or email them prior to sending anything to avoid being disappointed.
- Some stamps are only available on board a commercial boat tour. They are listed as a courtesy for those who may wish to obtain those stamps. In a number of cases, other stamps for the same lighthouses may be available at different locations.
- There are some sites (e.g. National Parks) that cannot or will not accept donations. In this case, get the stamp and just make an additional donation to the next lighthouse you visit.

New Stamps

Port Austin Reef Lighthouse, MI



Stamp will be available at the Port Austin Chamber of Commerce. Two other locations will be added in the future for the same stamp.

Bass Harbor Lighthouse, ME

This lighthouse becomes the first one that has four different stamps available at four different locations! In addition to the three currently listed, a fourth is now available on board trips with the Isle au Haut Boat Service lighthouse trips, Stonington, ME.

Matinicus Rock Lighthouse, ME

The lighthouse is located off the coast of Maine, approximately 17.4 miles south of Vinalhaven Island and approximately 27 miles from Rockland. Stamp is held by a private party - Send an email to: dmcgaw@comcast.net for instructions.

Blue Hill Bay, ME

Stamp is available on board lighthouse trips with the Isle au Haut Boat Service, Stonington, ME (207) 367-6516. <http://www.isleauhaut.com>



Lorain West Breakwater Lighthouse, OH

Two new locally produced stamps are now available. One is at the lighthouse and the other is at the Lorain Port Authority.

New London Ledge, CT

A newly designed stamp is now available from the New London Ledge Lighthouse Foundation, P.O. Box 855, New London, CT 06320. www.ledgelighthouse.org, info@ledgelighthouse.org.

Baileys Harbor Range Lights and Old Baileys Harbor Lighthouse, WI

The Baileys Harbor Visitor Center in Baileys Harbor, 8061 Hwy 57 Baileys Harbor, WI now has stamps for both of these lighthouses as well as the stamp for the Cana Island Lighthouse.

Plum Island Lighthouse and Pilot Island Lighthouse, WI

New stamps have been designed for these two lighthouses and are available from where the boats depart for Shoreline Charters. www.shorelinecharters.net

Presque Isle Range Lights, MI

Available in the gift shop at the New Presque Isle Lighthouse Museum.

Borden Flats Lighthouse, MA

A stamp is now available for the Borden Flats Lighthouse at the Borden Light Marina, 1 Ferry Street Fall River, MA. They also now have stamps for the **Conimicut Shoal Lighthouse** and the **Hog Island Shoal Lighthouse in Rhode Island**. Bring a photo of these two lights to get your stamps.



Isle of Shoals (White Island) Lighthouse, NH

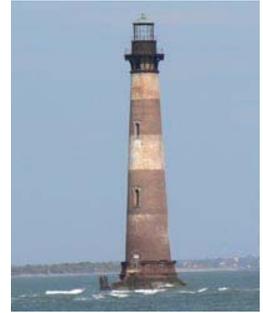
Not open to the public, but can be seen from Odiorne Point, Fort Stark, Fort Constitution, the Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse and on sightseeing cruises with the Isles of Shoals Steamship Company in Portsmouth. Stamp located at the Coast Guard Station Portsmouth Harbor, 25 Wentworth Rd., New Castle, NH.

South Carolina Maritime Museum, SC

The new museum stamp depicts the Georgetown Lighthouse. Available at the museum, 729 Front St, Georgetown, SC 29440. (843) 520-0111 Website: <http://scmaritimemuseum.org/>

Morris Island Lighthouse, SC

Stamp located at 36-B Center Street, Folly Beach, SC. No regular hours – call in advance. Copy of stamp available via mail. Save the Light, Inc., PO Box 106, Folly Beach, SC, 29439. Note: This stamp will be available after May 5, 2015.



Turtle Rock Lighthouse, PA

As part of the Sedgeley Club, 15 Kelly Drive, Boathouse Row, Philadelphia, PA 19130 the lighthouse is not open to the public. To obtain a copy of the stamp, send a SASE, donation and photo to: Carey Cheyney, 2107 Darby Road, Havertown, PA 19083, c.k.cheyney@gmail.com.

Some Revised Stamp Listing Information & Updates

Jeffrey's Hook, NY

The lighthouse is only opened during special tours but a copy of the stamp can be obtained from the Fort Washington State Parks, c/o Little Read Lighthouse-Urban Park Ranger, 1234 5th Ave., 1st Floor, New York, NY 10029. Another stamp is available from the National Lighthouse Museum.

Sandy Hook, NJ

There are three different stamps available at the lighthouse. The visitor's center is closed due to storm damage. A fourth stamp is available through tours with the National Lighthouse Museum.

Old Coast Guard Station, VA

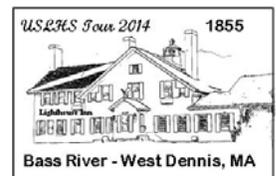
One of our members has informed us that they have a second, older stamp available. It is a little worn, but still legible.

Alcatraz Lighthouse, CA

This stamp is now available at four different locations on the island: The dock information office, cell house bookstore, theater bookstore, and dock bookstore. The design is the same on all the stamps, so it only counts once in your book.

2015 USLHS Tours

Our 2015 tour season has already begun and the Gulf Coast tour has already been completed. The next two domestic tours will be to South Carolina/Georgia and New Jersey. Remember tours are a great opportunity to get some special stamps for lighthouses that are not part of the program. For example, on the SC/GA tour, South Carolina stamps will be available for Bloody Point Front Range, Haig Point, Hilton Head Rear Range and Parris Island, while Georgia stamps will be available for Little Cumberland Island, Sapelo Island Range Front and the Savannah Harbor Lights. At the right is an example of a USLHS Tour stamp from last year's Massachusetts tour.



Stamping Photos from the Field



Hall of Fame Additions

Congratulations to our newest Hall of Fame awardees (Asterisks indicate number of “all stamp” books).

I've Seen the Light (60)

Faith & Bob Conquest
Dee Werner
Bradshaw Roberts
Susan Duke
Jane Brakefield*
Judith Grigg*
Randy Chase*
Carole McCoy*
Charlotte & Kim Schweitzer*
John Hopp*
Cindy Hopp*
Abby Geisen*
Kathleen Cotterly*
Wayne Cotterly*
Catherine Spencer*

Silver Level (120)

Don Hostetler**
Meredith Long**
Yvette Dills**

Gold Level (180)

John Douglas
James Crawford**
Karl Mack ***
Jitendra Trivedi

Platinum Level (240)

Laurel Stockton
Robert St. Clair*
Steven Hagen****

1st Wing (300)

Michael Garay*****

2nd Wing (360)

Winnie & Hobie Statzer**
Rita Lazo***

3 New Flag Books (13 Total)

Mac MacFarland*****

Final Notes

- Remember, all new locations and updated information will be on our new website pages. Also, the most up to date two page summary list will also be available soon.
- Our new website will also provide a listing of lighthouse boat tours that can take you to many of the off shore lights. Many of these operators also have stamps for the lighthouses they visit. If they don't, mention the program to them and maybe they will decide to become a participating location.
- We are in the process of creating new stamps for a number of lighthouses around Gloucester, Massachusetts, the two lights at Sodus Point, New York and Angel

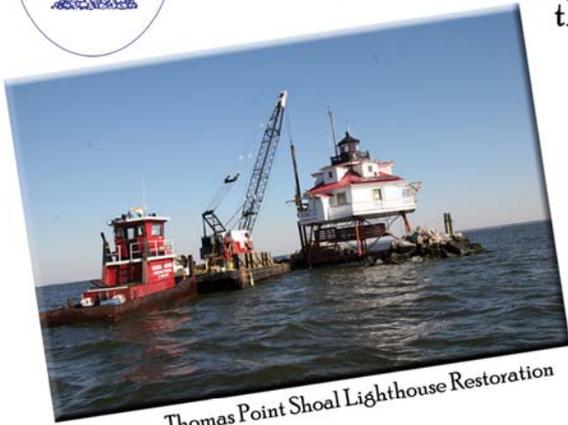
Island, California, which at one time was the home to three separate lights (Blunt Point, Knox Point and Stuart Point). If you have other locations that you think would be interested in stamps, please let us know.

- Finally, a shout out to our anonymous Society and Passport Club member who has provided us with a generous donations to help defray some of the costs of designing, fabricating and shipping stamps for many lighthouses wishing to join the program.



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