



STAMP FLASHES

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Welcome to the U.S. Lighthouse Society Passport Club Newsletter: Stamp Flashes! If you have not yet received your unique Society stamp and bumper sticker, you will very shortly. We have received a very positive response to the concept of the Club and are confident the number of members will grow significantly in the near future. In the past four years the Society has sold 10,000 Passports and the number of participating sites is now over 300. This illustrates just how popular the program has become.

New Stamps for Hawaii

The Program has recently acquired stamps for the lighthouses of Hawaii. We have found a home for the two on Kaua'i and are currently looking for permanent locations for the others.

- Island of Oahu – Aloha Tower, Diamond Head, Barbers Point & Makapu'u
- Island of Hawaii - Cape Kumukahi
- Island of Maui - Lahaina & McGregor Point
- Island of Kaua'i – Kilauea Point & Nawiliwili – Both stamps are located in the gift shop at the Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge - The refuge and lighthouse are located 2 miles north of Kilauea town on the northernmost tip of Kaua'i. Phone: 808.828.1413.
- Island of Moloka'i – Kalaupapa

If you visit any of the Hawaii lighthouses before the stamps have been placed locally, just send us a photo of the lighthouse with the date of your visit on the back. Include the \$1.00 donation and a self addressed stamped envelop. We will mail you a copy of the stamp to include in your Passport.

New Stamp for Rebecca Shoals (Florida)

A stamp is now available for the Rebecca Shoals Lighthouse. The lantern room from this lighthouse, which was dismantled in 1953, is now atop the privately owned Key Largo Lighthouse. Initially, the stamp will be available to those participating in the USLHS Florida Keys tour next April. After that, it will be in the possession of the Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation. Contact information: Eric Martin, President FKRLF, 1067 Drift Creek Cove, Orlando, FL 32828; 407-658-0046. Website: www.reeflights.org, Email: info@reeflights.org.

Second Stamp Locations

We promised some information about locations that have more than one stamp. Often, one of the stamps is a Society stamp, while the other was created by a locate entity such as a Chamber of Commerce or museum. Here is one example in South Haven, Michigan

- Stamp 1 is at the Michigan Maritime Museum, 260 Dyckman Avenue, South Haven, MI.

- Stamp 2 is a nice South Haven lighthouse stamp available at the South Haven Chamber of Commerce, 606 Phillips Street, South Haven, 269.637.5171, Email: cofc@southhavenmi.com.

Passport Club Community Information Exchange

We are working on a website page for the Passport Club, which will provide an opportunity for members to exchange information. In the meantime, send us an email (passportclub@uslhs.org) if you have:

- Any questions about stamps or their location
- Information you feel will help others obtain stamps
- Suggestions as to how the program might be improved

We will share your information or answers to your questions in a future newsletter. While we will do everything we can to keep our list of sites up to date, we are going to rely on you, the lighthouse stamp hunters, to provide us with information on changes that may have occurred.

A Note of Thanks

The Society would like to reiterate it's thanks to Al King and John "Mac" MacFarland, our Keepers of the Quarter in September, for the excellent work in updating the information on Passport Stamp locations. These two passionate stamp hunters were instrumental in the creation of the Passport Club and will be one of the sources for keeping our website and program up to date.

Coming in the next Stamp Flash

- A program to recognize Passport award level recipients
- Some passport stamp collecting policies
- More second stamp locations
- Stamps for the lighthouses of Texas
- Club member feedback