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Summer is winding down, but there is still a lot of time left this year to visit more lighthouses. We have received numerous emails from club members providing us with valuable information about the status of various stamps and their locations. We have also received an increasing number of completed passport books for verification and patch awards. The Society is very pleased at the number of you who are not only filling your books but also making donations to help lighthouse preservation. Also, we are impressed with how many of you have completed books with all stamps (no photos)!

Submitting Your Completed Books

There are a several ways to submit your passport books in order to obtain your award patches.

1. Send the book itself, in which case you need to send with it a self addressed stamped envelop with sufficient postage so that we can return it to you.
2. Make a photocopy of the pages in the book and send them. We will not return these photocopies.
3. Submit the pages by scanning them and attaching them to an email in a Word or PDF documents.



Participation Locations Mini-List

We have had a number of requests for an updated version of our two page summary of stamp locations. With many new locations and corrections to be made in the old list, it has taken us a while to get this done. However, you will find attached to this email a copy of that updated list. It is still a work in progress and we have some additional work to do on museums and lenses, but the list of lighthouses is up to date.

Society versus Locally Created Stamps

We have had some questions about which stamps, Society or locally created, are valid for the program. While the Society has created a large number of stamps for participating locations, many lighthouses have created their own stamp in addition to or in place of a Society stamp. This is why some locations may have two or three stamps. Since one of the purposes of the program is to increase donations to the lighthouses, as long as the local stamp identifies the lighthouse, it is acceptable as part of the program and you should make the minimum dollar donation when you get your book stamped.

Ways to Score Multiple Stamps

One challenge in collecting stamps is always arrive at a lighthouse when it is open to the public and some lighthouses are only open a few days of the year. One way to solve this problem is to participate in a Lighthouse Challenge or Lighthouse Festival. These events provide an opportunity to get many stamps in a short period of time. Please keep in mind our recommendation to donate \$1 is for each stamp you receive, even if you get more than one at any particular location.

- **Lighthouse Challenges** open many, if not all of the lighthouses in a particular state or geographic region. Some of these include New Jersey, Maryland, Florida Panhandle, Mid Cost Maine, Martha's Vineyard, Long Island and Lights Across the Border. Just put one of these names and "lighthouse challenge" into your web browser and find out when and where the next one is near you.
- **Lighthouse festivals/challenges** are often held for individual lighthouses or for a group of lighthouses. During these festivals/challenges many of the local lighthouses are open for several days and stamps are available at most locations. While some of these may have already occurred this year, keep them in mind for 2013!

Check the following websites:

- Door County Lighthouse Festival
<http://www.dcm.org/events-activities/special/annual-lighthouse-festival/>
- Michigan West Coast Lighthouse Festival
http://www.visitludington.com/stories/west_coast_lighthouse_festival
- Delaware Lighthouse Festival
<http://www.delawarelighthousefestival.com/>
- Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival
<http://lighthousefestival.org/> To be held October 11-14. This year if you can produce stamps from the following lighthouses, you will receive a special completion stamp available for the first time this year: Tawas Point, Sturgeon Point, Middle Island, Old & New Presque Isle, 40 Mile Point, Cheboygan River & Crib and Old Mackinac Point. Remember you don't have to get all of them this year – if you have gathered some of them in the past, that is okay too.
- Long Island Lighthouse Challenge - Long Island Chapter, USLHS:
<http://www.lilighthousesociety.org>
- Chesapeake Bay Lighthouse Challenge - Chesapeake Chapter, USLHS:
<http://www.cheslights.org/challenge.htm>
- New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge:
<http://www.lighthousechallengenj.org/2012LHCNJ/Main.html>

Stamp Updates

New Stamp at Detroit River Lighthouse

Grosse Ile Historical Society

Stamp located at the Depot Museum

25020 East River Road; Grosse Ile, MI 48138; (734) 675-1250

Museum hours: Sundays 1-4pm & Thursdays 10am - noon

Mailing Address: Grosse Ile Historical Society

P.O. Box 131; Grosse Ile, MI 48138

Website Address: www.gihistory.org

Email Address: info@gihistory.org





Charity Island and Gravelly Shoals Lighthouses, Michigan

Previously available at a store in Au Gres, both stamps are now available at the gift shop on Charity Island during their dinner cruise. There are 2 different stamps available, one Society stamp and another locally created stamp for the Charity Island Light in addition to the one for Gravelly Shoals.



Western Lake Superior Stamps

We have some new information which we obtained on the Society's recent trip to Western Lake Superior:

- **Isle Royale** - Stamps for the four lighthouses around Isle Royale have been created (Rock of Ages, Rock Harbor, Isle Royale (Menagerie Island) and Passage Island). Eventually, the stamps will be housed at the park headquarters on the island. Until then, if you visit any of these, send a SASE with your donation and photo proof to the office and we will send you copies.
- **Split Rock, Minnesota** - We found two stamps at the Split Rock Lighthouse. Both are available in the gift shop. One was made for the 100th anniversary and the other is a nice image of the lighthouse.
- **Lake Superior Maritime Visitor's Center** - This location houses a wealth of stamps including the Duluth North Pier, Duluth South Breakwater Inner, Duluth South Breakwater Outer, Minnesota Point and the Superior Entry South Breakwater Lighthouses. When the tour was there we were surprised to find another stamp, this one for the U.S. Lighthouse Service!



Barnegat Lighthouse, New Jersey

The Ol' Barney stamp is available at the lighthouse. The Barnegat Light Museum has a stamp for the first order lens, a stamp for the museum (remember museums with lighthouse displays and lenses count) and a different stamp for the lighthouse. Finally, Andy's at the Light, 202 Broadway, has a one stamp that is the same as the one at the lighthouse (with a different color stamp pad) and an oversized alternate stamp. Both are available at the checkout counter.

Lightship Ambrose, New York

We have had a number of club members contact us about the stamp for the Lightship Ambrose. The South Street Seaport Museum in New York moved to its new location in recent months. After a brief period, the elusive stamp has been located and is now available.



Second Stamp at Sandy Hook

When you visit Sandy Hook (NJ), you can get one stamp at the lighthouse and a second stamp at the visitor's center.

Hall of Fame Additions

Here are the newest additions to our Hall of Fame. Remember, if you have achieved one of these levels and we somehow have left your name off our list, please let us know.

***Indicates an all stamp book**

I've Seen the Light (1st Passport Book)

Dorothy Jarczynski*
Karl Mack

Marcia Martin
Nina Steg*

Silver Star Level (2nd Passport Book)

Machelle Dumain
Cathy Hamlin*
Larry & Jan Lacy

Rita Lazo
Theresa Spero

Gold Star Level (3rd Passport Book)

Joyce Waggett*

Ann Thorne

Platinum Level (4th Passport Book)

Anita Norris*

Special Thanks

Thanks to the following Club members for providing us with some up to date information about our stamp locations. It is only through the assistance of our members that we are able to keep up to date with all the changes that occur at the over 400 lighthouses in our program.

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Blake Sugarberg

Jeannette O'Neal
Carol Caslow

Special thanks to Jeannette and Julie for suggesting new locations for additional stamps.

Keep those emails coming!!

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preserving lighthouses and
their history

Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse Restoration

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Society Members Tour Cape Arago Lighthouse, Oregon