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Winding Down

As the lighthouse visiting season winds down, especially in the cooler climates, we want to thank the almost 500 of you who have joined our fledging Club and contributed to the excitement of hunting for Passport Stamps. By collecting the stamps and making your donations, the collective impact on lighthouses is significant. In the past four years the Society has sold over 10,000 passports. If each one is filled with 60 stamps, the resulting donations total \$600,000. I guess you could say we are working to preserve lighthouses one dollar at a time! Also, the information we have been receiving from Club members is helping to keep our stamp location data current and also increase the number of participating sites. It is like having a whole bunch of District Inspectors out there keeping us on our toes. Check the updated website for new addresses, phone numbers, emails and locations.

State Park Stamps versus Lighthouse Stamps

Many state parks have collectible state park stamps. Some are also the home to a lighthouse and the lighthouse image is on that stamp. An additional

stamp for just the lighthouse may also be available. In this case, both of the stamps can be included in your book with the appropriate donation. A good example of this is at the Quoddy Head State Park in Maine, home of the West Quoddy Lighthouse.

The lighthouse stamp is at the desk in the visitor's center, but the state park stamp is located outside the building in a small box attached to a railing. So, you may have to do some searching and inquiring when you are at one of these locations. However, remember that if the stamp does not depict a

lighthouse it cannot be counted toward completing a book.



Cedar Key Passport Stamp Promotion

Thanks to the folks at the Cedar Keys Light Station for their promotion of the USLHS Passport Program. Pictured are Lighthouse Keeper, Andrew Hobday portrayed by Ken Young, President of the Cedar Key Historical Society and Ranger Pam Darty of the Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge. It was reported that the response to the passport program was outstanding. Great job!



New Stamps

The Unmanned Reef Lights of the Florida Keys Stamps - Between 1921 and 1935 a series of unmanned, automated reef lights were erected in the Florida Keys. These lights mark local hazards and resemble the older reef lights (screw-piles with lanterns) but they did not have a keeper's quarters. The first in a series of stamps for these lights has been created and is now available.



Tennessee Reef Light - Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation
Lighthouse is located south of Long Key in the Florida Keys. Stamp is located with the Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation (FKRLF); (407) 658-0046.
Contact Eric S. Martin - President
Website Address: <http://www.reeflights.org>
E-mail Address: info@reeflights.org

Cape Romain Lighthouse, South Carolina

Stamp located at The Sewee Center, 5821 Highway 17 North
Awendaw, SC 29429; (843) 928-3368
Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9am-5pm closed major holidays.
Website: www.fws.gov/seweecenter
Email: rustin_gooden@fws.gov

Jones Point Lighthouse, Virginia

Jones Point Park, 1 Jones Point Drive, Alexandria, VA 22314
Stamp Location - Chesapeake Chapter, USLHS
P.O.Box 1270, Annandale, VA 22003
Website Address: <http://www.nps.gov/gwmp/jones-point.htm>
Email Address: president@cheslights.org



The Lyceum Museum, Virginia

201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; (703) 838 -4994
Fresnel Lens Passport Stamp available through the Chesapeake Chapter,
USLHS, P.O.Box 1270, Annandale, VA 22003
Lyceum Museum Hours: Monday - Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday - 1 pm to 5 pm.
Website Address: <http://alexandriava.gov/Lyceum>
Email Address: president@cheslights.org

(Note: The museum has 2 lenses (one 4th order with 12 flash panels and one 5th order). The single stamp depicts both of them. These lenses were restored by the Chesapeake Chapter of the USLHS. The original location for each is a bit uncertain, but the best information indicates that the 4th order came from Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse and the 5th order from the Jones Point Lighthouse.)



Lazaretto Point Lighthouse, Maryland

Stamp is located at the Fort McHenry Visitor Center from which point you can view the lighthouse
2400 East Fort Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21230;
(410) 962-4290
Regular Hours: 8am-4:45pm. May 26 - Sept 3:
8am-7:45pm
Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and January 1st
Website: <http://www.nps.gov/fomc/index.htm>
Email: scott_sheads@nps.gov

Multiple Stamp Location

The **Pigeon Point Light Station** in Pecos, California has three different stamps available. One is located at the State Historic Park Bookstore, a second stamp can be obtained at the Pigeon Point Hostel and a third stamp depicting the Fresnel lens is available in the fog signal building.

Cape Lookout, North Carolina has one stamp located at the Light Station Visitor's Center. In addition, the Harker's Island Visitor's Center at the eastern end of Harker's Island has the same stamp and an additional larger stamp that depicts the lighthouse.

Hall of Fame Additions

Here are the newest additions to our Hall of Fame. We are especially impressed with the number of all stamp books we are receiving. They are very impressive. Special kudos to John "Mac" MacFarland who submitted his 7th all stamp book. That is 420 stamps. Congratulations Mac! 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)

Harriet Field Bertie Field*
Vivian & David McGaw*

Silver Star Level (2nd Passport Book)

John B. Douglas Steven Hagen*

Gold Star Level (3rd Passport Book)

Robert St. Clair Amy Lancaster*

Platinum Level (4th Passport Book)

Joyce Waggett* Rita Lazo*

US Lighthouse Society 420 Wing

John "Mac" MacFarland*

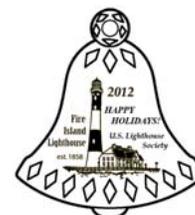
Stamp Bloodhounds

A special thanks to club members Alex Kim, Bill Schmidt, Wyndham Whynot, John Kennedy and Patti Gross who have provided us with valuable stamp locations and availability updates. We would not be able to provide current information to other Club members without your assistance. PLEASE keep those emails coming!

Special Holiday Offer for Club Members Only

Passports books make a great stocking stuffer for you or your favorite lighthouse lover. As a Holiday special for Passport Club members only:

- ❖ Purchase up to 3 passport books for only \$12.50 each, including shipping & handling. With each book you will also receive a copy of an official Holiday lighthouse stamp with the same image as this year's Society Holiday ornament featuring the Fire Island Lighthouse. This stamp counts for one of those required to complete your passport book.
- ❖ OR you can obtain a copy of just the stamp for a \$5 donation which will be collected and forwarded to the Fire Island Lighthouse. As part of the Society's ongoing efforts to support lighthouses around the country, Fire Island will also be receiving 50% of the sales of the Holiday ornaments. If you are interested in obtaining the collectible ornament [click here](#) or visit our website at: www.uslhs.org



This offer expires on December 31, 2012.

Final Thoughts

This is the final Stamp Flash for 2012. It has been a great initial year for the Passport Club. We look forward to continued growth of both members and passport stamp sites. Our next issue will include some updated information about stamps for maritime museums and Fresnel lenses as well as information about special stamps being created for some of the lighthouses on USLHS Society tours in 2013. So, as we look forward to a new year of stamp collecting, everyone here at Society headquarters at the Point No Point Lighthouse on the shores of Puget Sound wish all of you a safe and joyous holiday season.



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Help us to continue our important work of
preserving lighthouses and
their history

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Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse Restoration

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Society Members Tour Cape Arago Lighthouse, Oregon