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Happy New Year!

While much of the country is still facing more winter, we here at the Society are busy preparing for spring, exciting tours and a new season of lighthouse stamp hunting! Our Passport Club is less than a year old, but this is our 8th newsletter and we have over 500 members. With multiple stamps available in many locations, the number of stamps you can obtain is close to 500. We will be working this year to add more lighthouse locations, as well as life saving stations and maritime museums. So, make sure you have several empty passports ready to go. Future flashes will continue to provide up to date information about stamp availability as well as suggestions on where to find more stamps.

Special USLHS Tour Stamps

Society tours are an excellent way to obtain passport stamps. We always make sure that lighthouses have them available during our visit.

Beginning in 2013, we are developing special stamp “images” for lighthouses visited on domestic tours that do not have a stamp. For each of these lighthouses, an image combining it with the tour patch will be created and distributed to tour participants (see example on the right).

These images can be pasted in passport books and counted toward level awards and all stamp books. Donations will be collected and at the end of the tour one lighthouse will be selected to receive the money. On some tours we may view a lighthouse that actually does have a stamp. This usually occurs when it is viewed from a boat rather than on land. In that case, both the special tour image and the stamp obtained at the lighthouse can be used to complete your Passport book.



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Museum & Lens Stamps



Museums play an important role in preserving maritime history and lighthouse artifacts. Especially valuable are those that have one or more Fresnel lenses on display. Stamps have been created for some of these lenses and more will be created in the future. On our list of participation locations, we will begin listing the location of a lens stamp, usually a museum, following the listing for the lighthouse where the lens was originally housed. In addition, if a museum housing lighthouse artifacts or historical information has a stamp of its own; it will be listed at the bottom of each state’s list of participating locations.

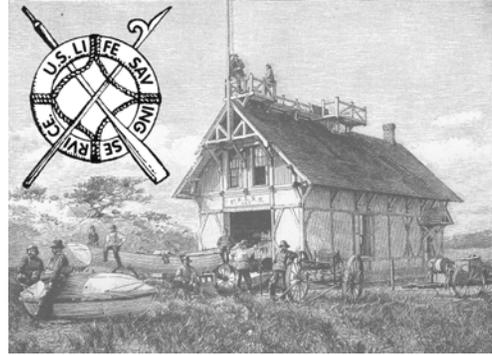
Life Saving Stations

The United States Life-Saving Service grew out of efforts to save the lives of shipwrecked mariners and passengers.

Formed in 1848, it eventually merged with the Revenue Cutter Service to form the U.S. Coast Guard. Life-saving and life-boat stations, like many lighthouses, have become endangered historical structures. The U.S. Life-Saving Service Heritage Association was founded in 1995 with the purpose of preserving these stations and their history. Over the years numerous articles have appeared in *The Keeper's Log*, the Society's quarterly magazine, which document the important role played by this service in maritime history.

Our list of participating locations currently includes a few of these buildings (e.g. Chicamacomico, Ocean City and Tatham). In the coming months, we will begin working to add more surviving life boat and life saving stations to our list of sites where Passport stamps are available. In the meantime, if you are interested in visiting one of these stations, you can find a list on the following website:

<http://www.nps.gov/maritime/lssaces.html>



Updated Listings

Information from participating sites as well as passport club members allows us to keep our listing of locations up to date. The following sites have been updated to include current stamp collecting information:

Michigan

- White River
- Little Sable Point
- Big Sable Point
- Ludington North Breakwater
- Muskegon South Pier
- Grand Haven

Oregon

- Umpqua River

New York

- Roundout Creek

Rhode Island

- Block Island North
- Block Island Southeast

New Stamp Listings

Execution Rocks Lighthouse - New York

Stamp available on trips to the lighthouse from: Historically Significant Structures
201 South 18th Street #1318, Philadelphia, PA 19103; 215-732-7388

Website: <http://www.lighthouserestorations.org>



Plum Island Lighthouse & Pilot Island Lighthouse - Wisconsin

Contact the Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands Lighthouses for info on how to get your stamp

PO Box 61, Washington Island WI 54246, 715-823-6873

Website: www.plumandpilot.org

Email: plumandpilot@aol.com



Harbor Beach Lighthouse - Michigan

City of Harbor Beach / Harbor Beach Lighthouse Society, P.O. Box 8, Harbor Beach, Michigan 48441

989-470-9707. Summer hours: 7 am - 8 pm

Stamp Located at the Harbor Beach Municipal Marina, 1 Ritchie Dr., Harbor Beach, MI 48441

Website: <http://harborbeachmi.org/lighthouse>

Rock of Ages, Passage Island, Isle Royal (Menagerie Island) and Rock Harbor Lighthouses – Michigan

As reported in a previous Flash, these stamps are currently housed at and available from the Society Headquarters, 9005 Point No Point Rd, NE, Hansville, WA, 98340. 4-15-362-7255

Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum - California

Stamp is available at the museum located next to the Samoa Cookhouse

P.O. Box 232, Samoa, CA 95564; 707-444-9440. Hours: 11-4 Tue, Wed, Fri & Sat

Website: <http://humboldtbyamaritimemuseum.com/>

Indian River Life Saving Station - Delaware

Delaware Seashore State Park, 25039 Coastal Highway, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971
302-227-6991

Website: <http://www.destateparks.com>

Blackistone Lighthouse - Maryland

Stamp available at St. Clement's Island Museum, 38270 Point Breeze Road, Colton's Point, MD 20626

301-769-2222. Water taxi to island available weekends June 4 – Sept 30, 10-2pm

Website: <http://stmarysmd.com/recreate/museums>

Old Coast Guard Station - Virginia

24th Street & Ocean Front, PO Box 1035, Virginia Beach, VA 23451; 757-422-1587

Open Mon-Sat 10-5 & Sun 12-5

Website: <http://www.oldcoastguardstation.com>

Email: director@oldcoastguardstation.com

Multiple Stamp Locations

Presque Isle, Michigan

There are actually four stamps available for the two Presque Isle (Old & New) Lighthouses in Michigan. The New Presque Isle Lighthouse Museum gift shop has two stamps for the New Presque Isle Lighthouse (a new one and an old new one) and an older stamp for the Old Presque Isle Lighthouse. The gift shop at the Old Presque Isle Lighthouse has a newer stamp for that lighthouse also.



Many thanks to one of our stamp experts, “Mac” MacFarland, for providing us with this information and copies of the four stamps.

Sanibel Island Lighthouse, Florida

A second stamp depicting the lighthouse is available at The Old Village Gift Shop Located inside the Bailey General Store on the grounds of the **Sanibel Historical Museum & Village**, 950 Dunlop Road Sanibel, FL 33957, (239) 472-4678. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 413, Sanibel FL 33957
Website: <http://www.sanibelmuseum.org> Email: info@sanibelmuseum.org



Whaleback Lighthouse

An alternate stamp is available at the **Kittery Historical & Naval Museum**, 200 Rogers Road Extension, Kittery, ME 03904; 207-439-3080. Open: June- Columbus Day, 10-4 Tues – Sat
Website: <http://www.kitterymuseum.com> Email: kitterymuseum@netzero.net

Member Feedback

Thanks to all of you who have emailed us at: passportclub@uslhs.org with questions about stamp locations or issues with locating a stamp. The Club was designed to provide everyone with the best information possible and with your help we have come a long way in a short period of time. We also appreciate the suggestions regarding possible new stamp locations you have sent. So, as you travel the coastlines of the country in search of lighthouses this year, let us know about your adventures and keep filling up those books!

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their history

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Society Members Tour Cape Arago Lighthouse, Oregon