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Spring Has Sprung!

When the ice melts off the pier and breakwater lights on the Great Lakes, a lighthouse lover's fancy turns to thoughts of visiting lighthouses, climbing towers and filling up passport books. Over the winter we have added more stamp locations and more information about sites with multiple stamps so you can fill up those books faster while making donations benefiting lighthouse preservation. Your support of lighthouses insures that these iconic structures will be around for future generations to enjoy. So, buy an extra passport, check the updated information on the website and hit the road on your way to new and exciting lighthouse adventures!

New Stamps

Choptank River Lighthouse – Replica (Maryland)

City of Cambridge, Maryland and Cambridge Lighthouse Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 1235, Cambridge, MD 21613. 410-330-8016. Stamp is located inside the lighthouse, at 1 High Street; which is at Pier A at the end of the Cambridge City Marina at the intersection of High and Water Streets - also know as Long Wharf. Open daily 9-6, May-Oct. By Appointment, Nov-April.

Website: choptankriverlighthouse.org or choosecambridge.com

Email: choptankriverlighthouse@choosecambridge.com

Ashland Breakwater Lighthouse (Wisconsin)

Stamp available at: Spirit of the North Gift Shop in the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. 29270 County Hwy G; Ashland, WI 54806; 715-685-2659. Open daily 9 to 5.

Website: www.nglvc.org

Email: spiritofthenorth@centurytel.net

Alpena Lighthouse (Michigan)

Stamp is located at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center 500 West Fletcher St., Alpena, MI 49707; (989) 356-8805. Open all year, check website for hours.

Website: www.thunderbay.noaa.gov/maritime/glmhc.html

Email: thunderbay@noaa.gov

Swallow Tail Lighthouse (Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick, Canada)

Swallowtail Keepers Society Inc. 50 Lighthouse Road, Grand Manan, NB, Canada E5G 2A2, 506 662 8316.

Stamp will be available: July and August, 10 am-6 pm. Other times by chance or by appointment.

Website: <http://swallowtailkeepers.blogspot.ca>

Email: swallowtail.lighthouse@gmail.com or gmwhale@nbnet.nb.ca

Volusia Bar Lighthouse (Florida)

Located on the west side of the upper St. Johns River entrance on the south side of Lake George, about 3 miles (5 km) northwest of Astor. The lighthouse burned down in 1974, but the original pilings remain. Accessible only by boat. Stamp available by sending a SASE, a photo of the lighthouse remains and a \$1.00 donation to: John Kennedy, 1634 S. Hermitage Road, Fort Myers, FL 33919; (239) 482-3838

Piney Point Lighthouse (Maryland)

Piney Point has a new, official USLHS passport stamp. It replaces the small round stamp they previously provided. If you are in the area, even if you have the first stamp, here is a chance to get another one.

New Canal Lighthouse (Louisiana)

Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation

Stamp located at the New Canal Lighthouse Museum & Education Center

8001 Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans, LA 70124; (504) 836-2215

Website: <http://www.saveourlake.org/lighthouse-history.php>

Email: info@saveourlake.org

More Two Stamp Locations

- **Point Montara Lighthouse (California)** has one small round stamp with the name of the lighthouse on it and a much larger stamp with the lighthouse image, but not the name.
- **North Point Lighthouse (Wisconsin)** has one stamp with an image and the name of the lighthouse and an older stamp that just has an image of the lighthouse.
- **Ocracoke Island Lighthouse (North Carolina)** – One stamp is available at the NPS Visitor's Center near the lighthouse and a **second stamp** is available at the Ocracoke Preservation Society, 49 Water Plant Road, Ocracoke, NC

Featured Tour – Lighthouses & Rock 'n Roll

As mentioned in a previous Flash, Society tours are a great way to obtain lots of stamps. For example the tour of Lake Erie scheduled for September 11–19, 2013, will be visiting 28 lighthouses between Toledo, Ohio and Erie, Pennsylvania. Many of these lights have official stamps and for the ones that don't we will create special tour stamps as described in the last Flash. The tour includes more than lighthouses as we will visit the brand new National Great Lakes Maritime Museum, enjoy two sunset dinner cruises and “get down and funky” at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. For details on this and other upcoming tours visit: <http://uslhs.org/tours.php>.

An Interesting Offer

Michael Mochizuki, one of our Club members from Hawaii, collects elongated pennies & coins in addition to lighthouse passport stamps. He has designed and rolled images of different Hawaiian lighthouses on copper pennies and also created rubber stamps for Diamond Head (at right), Makapu'u, Kilauea Point and Pyramid Rock. He also made one for the 100th Anniversary of the Kilauea Lighthouse. While these “stamps” would not count as passport stamps, if you are interested in obtaining copies of these images as part of your collection of lighthouse souvenirs, send a SASE (no donation needed) to: P.O. Box 512, Aiea, HI 96701.



Got Photos?

We would like to solicit some photos or even short videos depicting people in the act of getting their passport book stamped or showing you (or any family member, including children) with your stamped passport book standing in front of the lighthouse. Get creative and email your photos/videos to passportclub@uslhs.org. We will be publishing the best ones in a future flash and also in one of the Society's upcoming Bulletins. You may even find yourself on the Club website!

Hall of Fame Additions

Here are the newest additions to the Hall of Fame – Congratulations!

- **Jan & Cathy Emrick** - 3rd level - Gold Star status - 3 All Stamp books
- **Julie Lake** - 5th level – 1st wing - 3rd All Stamp book
- **Joyce Waggett** - 5th level – 1st wing - 3rd All Stamp book
- **John Kennedy** - 4 all stamp books
- **James Hill** - 7th level - 7 all stamp books
- **Hendrik E A Schilpzand** - 1st level - 1st all stamp books

Special Recognitions

Congratulations are in order for James Hill who has become only the third Passport Club member to achieve our highest recognition - 7 passport books of all stamps. That is a total of 420 stamps - and he is still adding more. As we add new locations, we may need to create new and higher awards for folks like Al, Mac and James!

We would also like to recognize Hendrik E A Schilpzand for becoming the first international member to fill a Passport with all stamps from U.S. locations. Hendrik, who is from the Netherlands, collected most of his stamps on Society tours to the Florida Keys and California.

What's Next?

The U.S. Lighthouse Society is teaming up with the U.S. Life-Saving Service Heritage Association to create stamps for many of the Life Saving Stations, Life Boat Stations and Houses of Refuge that are open to the public. We will be keeping you up to date on our progress and will add them to our list of participating sites as soon as they are on board. We are continuing to work toward adding Maritime Museums, especially ones that house Fresnel lenses. Also, we will be looking for places to houses stamps for those first order Fresnel lenses that are not displayed in a museum (e.g. Piedras Blancas, Hog Island and Farallon Island lenses). Finally, new lighthouses are scheduled to come on line in the near future.



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