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It's Lighthouse Season!

School's out and summer is upon us. This is the time of the year when lighthouses are open to the public for touring and climbing. It is also the best time of the year to add to your lighthouse passport stamp collection. Be sure and check our current list of participating sites for information on stamp locations and lighthouse contact information. We continue to receive up to date information from our club members, which is extremely helpful to all of us stamp hunters. We are approaching 700 club members and, as we enter the "lighthouse season," more are joining every day. Also, check out the growing number of people submitting their books and being added to the Hall of Fame!

New Stamps

Gannet Rock Lens (New Brunswick, Canada)

Gannet Rock Lighthouse 2nd Order Fresnel lens. Stamp located at the museum in Grand Harbour. 1141 Route 776, Grand Manan, NB, E5G 4E9, Canada; (506) 662-3524. Open June – September. Check website for hours. www.grandmananmuseum.ca; gmadmin@grandmananmuseum.ca

Manistee North Pier Lighthouse (Michigan)

Stamp is available at the Manistee County Historical Museum, 425 River Street, Manistee, MI (231) 723-5531. <http://manisteeuseum.org>; manisteeuseum@yahoo.com

North Manitou Shoal Lighthouse (Michigan)

Stamp is available on trips to South Manitou Island aboard the Manitou Island ferry of Leland, Michigan. Open seasonally (May-October). PO Box 1157, Leland, MI 49654. 231-256-9061 manitoutransit.com; manitou@freeway.net



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St. Clair Flats Old South Channel Range Lights (Michigan)

Stamp is available by contacting Save Our South Channel Lights either by phone or email PO Box 15, Harsens Island, MI48028, (810) 748-1888; www.sosChannelLights.org; SOSLights1@aol.com



Braddock Point Lighthouse (New York)

Stamp is located at the lighthouse, 18 Clearview Ave; Hilton, NY, 14468; 585-366-4419

Hours of Operation varies, please contact for access.

www.braddockpointlighthouse.com; Nandy@townmanor.com

Craighill Channel Lower Front Range Light & Craighill Channel Lower Rear Range Light (Maryland)
Stamp available by sending a SASE & donation to: Chesapeake Chapter, USLHS, P.O. Box 1270, Annandale, VA 22003
www.craighillrange.org; president@cheslights.org

Stepping Stones Lighthouse, Sands Point Lighthouse, Throgs Neck Lighthouse, Blackwell Island Lighthouse and Lighthouse Tender Lilac

New stamps have been created for the National Lighthouse Museum for each of these locations
One Lighthouse Plaza, PO Box 10296, Staten Island, NY, 10301-0296. 855-NLM-SINY (855-656-7469)
www.lighthousemuseum.org; Email: info@lighthousemuseum.org

Some Updates & Second Stamps

Execution Rocks Lighthouse, Lightship Frying Pan Shoals LV-115 and Lightship Ambrose

Alternate stamps for these locations are now available on National Lighthouse Museum tours
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South Bass Island Lighthouse (Ohio)

One stamp is available at the lighthouse (2360 Langram Road, Put-in-Bay). If lighthouse is closed a duplicate stamp is available at 878 Bayview Drive, Put-in-Bay. The same stamp is also available by sending a donation and SASE to: Ohio Sea Grant & Stone Laboratory, 1314 Kinnear Road, Area 100, Columbus, OH 43456.



Lyceum Museum (Virginia)

Fresnel Lens Display - Passport Stamp is now available at the lobby reception desk 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; (703) 746-4994

Brant Point Lighthouse (Massachusetts)

For a copy of the stamp, send request with a SASE & donation to: 54 Somerset Rd; PO Box 41; Nantucket, MA 02554-0041; (508) 228-1941

(Note: Our previous listings erroneously identified this as the “Old” Brant Point Light. This stamp is for the 1901 lighthouse. Currently there is no stamp for the old (1859) lighthouse that is on the Coast Guard Property)



New and Old Cape Henry Lighthouses (Virginia)

The stamps for Old and New Cape Henry Lighthouses have been refabricated with new images. If you have the old images, the next time you visit Fort Story, Virginia, you can get two new images. Both stamps are available at the Old Cape Henry gift shop.

South Manitou Island Lighthouse (Michigan)

One stamp is available from the ranger on the island (in season). Our previous listing indicated that it was at the Sleeping Bear NLS Visitor’s Center in Empire. Our recent tour of the area proved this to be incorrect. An alternate stamp is also available on trips to South Manitou Island aboard the Manitou Island ferry out of Leland, Michigan.

Oakland Harbor Lighthouse (Quinn’s Restaurant) (California)

We have uncovered a second stamp for the Oakland Harbor Lighthouse (Quinn’s Restaurant). They have a regular stamp and a second much larger stamp that is normally stamped on their “to go” bags. It is too large for the regular spaces provided in the Passport book, but if you are there, you might have them stamp one of the blank pages at back of the book. Both stamps would count.

Point Bonita (California)

A second (different) stamp is also available at the lighthouse but is frequently moved. The Visitor Center is the preferred location (stamp is always located there)

Point Reyes (California)

The participating locations information on the Passport Club website is correct. However, it turns out that the two locations listed (the lighthouse and the Bear Valley Visitor's Center) actually have two different stamps.

Stamp Collecting Tips and Policies

Submitting your passport books

Remember there are multiple ways to submit your completed passport books. If you photocopy or scan your pages and submit them, there is no charge. However, if you send the book to us in the mail, please include \$2 to pay for return postage.

Cancellation Stamps and other Non Lighthouse Stamps

Cancellation stamps for National Parks or other locations that do not depict a lighthouse cannot be counted toward to your award levels. We do accept more than one stamp from the same lighthouse if they are different and contain an image of the lighthouse

Always Inquire About Second Stamps

Veteran stamp hunters suggest that you always ask if a location has a second or alternate stamp. Many times there is one available, but it is in a drawer or behind a counter. On the recent USLHS Tour of Northern Lake Michigan we uncovered 3 locations that had more than one stamp. Unfortunately, many of these stamps are oversized and don't fit into the book squares. When this happens you can always use the extra pages in the back of the passport book.

Dirty Stamps? Dry Ink Pads?

As we reported in a previous Flash, it is always a good idea to carry an ink pad of your own. Some locations have not replaced their pads in some time and it results in a poor image. Also, these stamps are almost never cleaned. You can get a better image if you carry with you some **non-alcoholic** baby wipes, which can be used to clean some of the excess ink build-up off the stamp. Be sure they are non-alcoholic; otherwise you might damage the stamp.

Passport Stamp Hunters in Action

Here are a few photos of passport stamp hunters in action (L to R): Mary Lee, USLHS Passport Fulfillment Officer, watches as Glen, a club member from Goose Creek, South Carolina, stamps his book on a cruise to the lighthouses of Northern Lake Michigan; Hendrik, our first international member to complete an all stamp book, collects his stamp for the Santa Cruz Breakwater light; The Point Vicente Interpretive Center is a bonanza of stamps for the Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor area lights – Ann works to get them all in their book while Nina and Amy wait their turn.



If you have photos of getting your book stamped – send them in and we will post them in a future Flash.

Hall of Fame Additions

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

I've Seen the Light" Patch

- 🚦 Frank Harmon
- 🚦 Brenda F. Romero
- 🚦 Rosemary Royce - 1st All Stamp
- 🚦 Al Smith – 1st All Stamp
- 🚦 Andrew Van Buskirk – 1st All Stamp. At age 11, Andrew is one of our younger Passport Club members. Way to go Andrew!

Silver Star Patch

- 🚦 Donna & John Bishop – 2nd All Stamp
- 🚦 James Crawford – 1st All Stamp
- 🚦 Leah Samuels – 1st All Stamp
- 🚦 Lisa Sidorsky

Gold Star Patch

- 🚦 Marge Czop
- 🚦 Steven Hagen - 3rd All Stamp

Platinum Circle

- 🚦 Amy Lancaster - 3rd All Stamp

“Hyper” Stamp Levels

The following have made additional accomplishments after obtaining 420 stamps and 7 all stamp books

- 🚦 Al King III - 8th All Stamp Book (480 stamps)
- 🚦 John “Mac” MacFarland - 8th, 9th & 10th All Stamp Books (600 stamps)
- 🚦 James Hill - 8th & 9th & All Stamp Books (540 stamps)

If we have failed to acknowledge your accomplishments on the website, please let us know so we can make that correction.

Upcoming Flashes

Future Flashes will bring you new information about stamps for maritime museums, Fresnel lenses, Coast Guard museums and Life Saving Stations. Of course we will continue to bring you up to date information about lighthouse stamp locations and availability. Have a great summer!

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