



# STAMP FLASHES

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### **Winding Down**

As the lighthouse season winds down, especially in the cooler climes, we are beginning to see the fruits of your stamp hunting and collecting. The number of passport books being submitted is increasing and, since we started the "stamp only" flags, we have awarded 93 of them. The number of members in the club has grown to over 1,000 and with your assistance we now have over 475 participating locations. Especially rewarding is the number of families that are collecting the stamps together. It is the younger generation who will, hopefully, carry on the tradition of lighthouse preservation.

As you can see from the list of new stamps below, we have been busy filling requests from many locations. Much of this is due to your asking nonparticipating lighthouses for stamps, which in turn motivates them to turn to us for help. In addition, your inquiries directed to the passport club email have been a gold mine of opportunities and information helping us to keep the website up to date.

### **New Stamps**

The following provides information about where new stamps are located. For complete contact and availability information, see the Passport Club website

#### **Head Harbour Light Station (East Quoddy) – NB, Canada**

210 Lighthouse Road, Wilson's Beach, Campobello Island, NB, Canada

#### **Cedar Point Lighthouse (Ohio)**

Maritime Museum of Sandusky, 125 Meigs St, Sandusky, OH 44870. This stamp also features, in the background, one of the many roller coasters at the Cedar Point Amusement Park



#### **Grand Marais Harbor Light (Minnesota)**

Cook County Historical Society Museum, (Historic Lighthouse Keeper's Residence), 8 South Broadway, Grand Marais, MN 55604



#### **Saint Joseph Pierhead Lights (Michigan)**

Saint Joseph Michigan Inner and Outer Lighthouses  
The Candlestick Maker, Inc. 408 State St., Saint Joseph, MI 49085

### **Goat Island Lighthouse (Maine)**

1. Kennebunkport Conservation Trust Headquarters  
57 Gravelly Brook Road, Kennebunkport, Maine 04046
2. Goat Island, Cape Porpoise Harbor, Maine 04014 (boat travel required).

### **Curtis Island Lighthouse & Indian Island Lighthouse (Maine)**

Owl's Head Interpretive Center & Gift Shop, 186 Lighthouse Road, Owls Head, ME

### **Petit Manan Lighthouse & Mount Desert Rock Lighthouse (Maine)**

Bar Harbor Whale Watch Company Lighthouse Tours, 1 West Street Bar Harbor ,ME 04609



### **Ano Nuevo Light Station (California)**

Marine Education Center Bookstore, Año Nuevo State Park; 1 New Years Creek Rd., Pescadero, CA 94060

### **Point Conception First Order Lens (California)**

Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, 113 Harbor Way, Suite 190, Santa Barbara, CA 93109



### **Sullivan's Island Lighthouse (South Carolina)**

Fort Moultrie Visitor Center, 1214 Middle Street, Sullivan's Island, SC 29482.

### **Boca Chita Lighthouse (Faux) (Florida)**

Convoy Point, 9700 SW 328 Street, Homestead, Florida 33033; (305) 230-7275.

### **Straitsmouth Lighthouse (Massachusetts)**

Stamp is available at the boat house on Thacher Island during the summer. Oct-April send request, SASE and donation for copy of stamp to: Thacher Island Association, PO Box 73 Rockport, MA 01966

## **Revised/Update Listings & Second Stamps**

A new stamp with a different design is available for **Fowey Rocks Lighthouse (Florida)**. It is available at Convoy Point, 9700 SW 328 Street, Homestead, Florida 33033. The other stamp is available from Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation (FKRLF), 1067 Drift Creek Cove, Orlando, FL 32828; 407-658-0046

A second identical stamp is now available for the **Assateague Island Lighthouse (Virginia)** at the lighthouse. The other stamp is at the Front Desk of the Visitor's Center.

Two stamps with the same design are available for the **Owl's Head Lighthouse (Maine)**. One is at the lighthouse and gift shop and the other is at the Maine Lighthouse Museum.

The stamp for **Cove Point Lighthouse (Maryland)** is now located in the visitor's center at the lighthouse.

The stamp for the **Cape Ann Lighthouse (Massachusetts)** is available in the boat house on the island in the summer. Oct-April send request, SASE and donation for copy of stamp to: Thacher Island Association, PO Box 73 Rockport, MA 01966; (617) 599-2590, <http://www.thacherisland.org>.

## Special Festival and Challenge Stamps



Often, special stamps are created for a lighthouse event. This includes regional festivals as well as lighthouse challenges. If you attend one of these events, make sure and ask if there is an event stamp. Examples include a stamp made for the Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival held each fall in

Alpena, Michigan and the Maryland Lighthouse Challenge completed back in September.



## Photos from the Field

Sometimes we have to get on our knees to get a stamp. Anita Norris is shown below getting her passport book stamped kneeling on the pier at Presque Isle (Erie, PA). Speaking of challenges, James Hill, collected the Choptank passport stamp during the Maryland Lighthouse Challenge. And, all of us stamp lovers could not pass up taking a picture of this giant stamp we saw in Cleveland during the Society's tour of Lake Erie in September. Just think of the size of the passport book you would need for that one!



## Add Lighthouse Keeper to your Resume!

Here is your chance to stay at a lighthouse while helping the U.S. Lighthouse Society's preservation efforts. Between 8 am November 10<sup>th</sup> and 8 pm on November 17<sup>th</sup> (Eastern Time) you can go on line and bid on one or more opportunities to spend some time at a lighthouse. To place a bid, go to the Society's home page at [www.uslhs.org](http://www.uslhs.org) for a direct link to the auction site. For example, you can win a week's stay for two at the New Dungeness Light Station located at the end of a 5 ½ mile long spit in the Strait of Juan de Fuca near Sequim, Washington (below, right) or spend a couple of nights next door to the Society's headquarters in the keeper's duplex at the Point No Point Lighthouse on Puget Sound (below, left). There are many more – so check it out beginning on November 10<sup>th</sup>.



If you don't take a shot at the auction, there are many other opportunities where you can spend a couple of days a week or even a week at a lighthouse. Some have been converted into a B & B, while others are vacation rental. Keeper programs offer lower rate accommodations in exchange for you performing keeper duties like giving tours and performing light maintenance. Finally, there are host keeper opportunities where you perform keeper duties in return for cost free accommodations; usually an RV hookup or small apartment type housing. For a complete listing of all types of accommodations in 14 states go to the U.S. Lighthouse Society website page:

[http://uslhs.org/resources\\_be\\_a\\_keeper.php](http://uslhs.org/resources_be_a_keeper.php). And remember, if you are the keeper – your will be the one stamping passport books and taking donations!

## Thanks!

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## Hall of Fame

Congratulations to our newest Hall of Fame awardees

### I've Seen the Light

Alex Kim\*  
Nancy McDorman  
Gary Rouette\*  
Richard Royce\*  
Johnny H. Shen\*  
Judy Stephens\*  
Ted Van Buskirk\*

### Silver Level

Al & Betty Smith\*\*  
Harvey Goldstein  
Keith Kennedy

### Gold Level

Hendrick Schilpzand\*

### Platinum Circle

Cathy & Jan Emrick\*\*\*\*

### 300 Level (1<sup>st</sup> Wing)

Bill Schmidt\*\*\*

### 360 Level (2<sup>nd</sup> Wing)

Anita Norris\*\*\*

Asterisks indicate number of all stamp books

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