



STAMP FLASHES

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Enhanced Website

New features have been added to the Society's website and the list of Passport Program participating sites has been updated. The mini-list that



summarizes all locations is now current and has more than 500 places where you can get a stamp. Note that Passport Program information is now located in the “**Fun**” section of the website along with some other entertaining lighthouse activities. You can directly access the page by clicking on the Passport at the bottom of the home page. Also, you can keep track of your lighthouse visits and passport stamps as part of the Lighthouse Enthusiasts Community, an interactive database found in the “**Resources**” section of the website.

The “**FUN**” section of the website also contains additional lighthouse related activities including:

- A listing of lighthouse accommodations. Find a B&B, vacation rental or volunteer host opportunity and live the life of a lighthouse keeper with your family.
- Lighthouse cruises that take you offshore to view difficult to reach lighthouses. Many of these cruises have stamps for the lights they visit. If you are a member of the U.S. Lighthouse Society, present your membership card and receive a discount.
- Festivals and Events involving lighthouse. This includes a number of “Lighthouse Challenges” that are great for visiting lighthouses that are not open on a regular basis and for getting more stamps.
- A “Kid’s Corner” that contains lighthouse related activities, books, and videos for entertaining and teaching children about lighthouses.

Passport Stamp Collecting - A Family Affair

Collecting lighthouse stamps is an activity that can be fun for the whole family. The number of families enrolling in the Passport Club is on the increase. It is encouraging to see youngsters getting interested in lighthouses. They are our hope for the future preservation of lighthouses. We are very interested in receiving pictures of children getting their passports stamped or photos of them at lighthouses. With your permission, we would love to include them in a future Flash or on our website to show others how much fun this is as a family project. Just email the photo(s) to passportclub@uslhs.org along with a description of who is in the photo and where it was taken.

O Canada!

The popularity of our stamp program is spilling over into Canada. New stamps are now available for Ontario's Point Abino and Port Colbourne (Inner & Outer) Lights on Lake Erie. Thanks to Tony Pasek of the Chesapeake Chapter for donating the Point Abino stamp. See details under new stamps. Also, Quebec sells a Passephare or lighthouse pass (\$30) that can be used to gain entry to seven lights of the Lower St.



Lawrence and Gaspé. On the 2014 USLHS St Lawrence Tour, participants were each provided a Passephare, which also includes photos of additional lights that are not accessible. Stamp collectors were able to obtain four stamps that had an image of the lighthouse. These included Pointe-Au Pere, La Martre, Cap Madeleine and Cap-Des-Rosiers. Our policy regarding foreign lighthouses is that if they have a stamp, we can count it towards your awards and all stamp books. See the list of participating locations for other Canadian stamps. Remember, that we cannot count photos. We would be interested in receiving images from anyone who has a stamp from other lighthouses outside of the U.S.



Stamp Collecting Goals & Guidelines

If you are new to the Passport Club we encourage you to review the Goals and Guidelines for the program on our website at: <http://uslhs.org/fun/passport-club/guidelines>. Here you will find information on:

- Obtaining stamps by mail
- Multiple stamps for the same lighthouse
- Achievement Awards
- Limited availability stamps
- Foreign lighthouses
- Locations that do not accept donations

OVERSIZED Stamps

Stamps created by the USLHS are designed to fit in the squares on the pages of the Passport. This allows four stamps per page. Some locally designed stamps take up more than a single square. This is okay, but make sure that you compensate for the missing stamp by including another stamp on one of the blank pages in the back of the Passport. You need to have a total of 60 stamps in order to receive your Achievement Award.

New Stamps

Following are new stamps that are now available. Check the list of participating locations on the website for detailed information, including contact information and addresses.

Manitou Island Light Station (Michigan)

Stamp is located at the Keweenaw Land Trust office in Hancock most of the year (E.L. Wright Office Building) and occasionally at scheduled cruises and fundraisers.



Point San Luis (California)

The lighthouse has a newly designed stamp (different from their old stamp) available at the lighthouse gift shop during tours.

New Point Loma Lighthouse (California)

Along with the Old Point Loma stamp, this one is now housed in the Visitors Center at the Cabrillo National Monument in San Diego.



Point Abino Lighthouse (Ontario)

Stamp will be available during tours the 2nd & 4th Saturdays, June-Sept. Visit website for tour details: <http://www.palps.ca/>

Titanic Memorial Lighthouse (New York)

The Memorial is located at the intersection of Pearl and Fulton Streets in Lower Manhattan. The stamp is available from the National Lighthouse Museum.

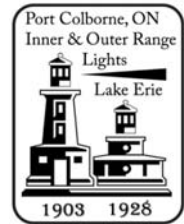


Angel Island Lighthouses (California)

Three new stamps, one for each of the lighthouses on Angel Island (Point Blunt, Point Knox and Point Stuart), are now available at the park bookstore on the dock of Ayala Cove on Angel Island. Each stamp, in addition to the name of the lighthouse, contains the phrase - 1 Island - 3 Lighthouses

Port Colborne Inner and Outer Lights (Ontario)

During regularly scheduled tours, the stamp depicting both lights is available at the Sugar Loaf Marina. Open during Canal Days August 1-3, 2015 and by appointment from June to September. At other times stamp will be at 147 Tennessee Avenue, Port Colborne, ON.



The following stamps have been designed and will be available soon:

Guard Island Lighthouse (Alaska)

Identical stamps are available through Lighthouse Excursions on PV Lighthouse Endeavor and PV Totem Princess, in Ketchikan, AK.

Cape May (new design), Cross Ledge and Elbow of Cross Ledge Lights (New Jersey)

These three stamps will be available from Cape May Whale Watcher on board their Grand Lighthouse Cruise, Delaware Bay Adventure, Cape May, NJ

Cape Romain (South Carolina)

A new (second) Cape Romain stamp will be available from Coastal Expeditions four times a year on their tours to Lighthouse Island, the home of the New and Old Cape Romain Lighthouses. www.bullsislandferry.com/index.php?page=Cape-Romain-Lighthouses-Tour

2015 USLHS Tours

Domestic USLHS tours to the Gulf Coast, South Carolina & Georgia and New Jersey have been completed. Space is still available on the tours of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Door County, Wisconsin and Maine. Details are available at: uslhs.org/tours. Remember, this is a great way to fill up a Passport. On the Michigan tour alone, you can get as many as 35 stamps!



Hall of Fame Additions

Congratulations to our newest Hall of Fame awardees (Asterisks indicate number of "all stamp" books).

I've Seen the Light (60)

Dave & Sue Bula*
Patricia Carter*
Reggie Dubai*
Patti Goudzwaard
Cheryl Kelly*
Al & Teri Kruger*
Sandi Mooney
Debbie Rossback*
Diane & Scott Walbert*
Allen Walkski*
Kathryn Woodson*

Platinum Level (240)

MaryAnne Garay***
Beth Hofmann*

2nd Wing (360)

Dorothy Jarczyński****

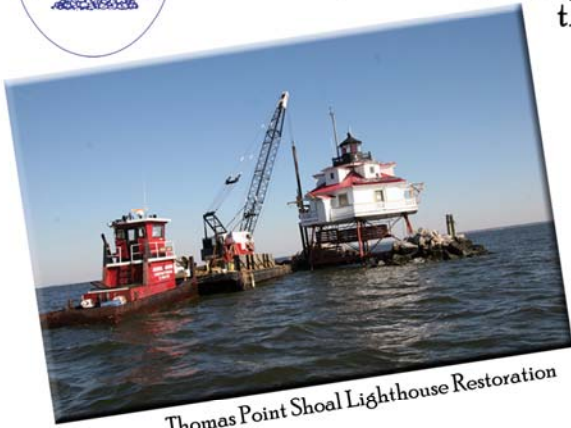
3rd Wing (420)

Michael Garay*****
Holly Hinrichs-Dahms**
Anita Norris*****
John Kennedy*****



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