



STAMP FLASHES

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Here Comes Summer!

It's summer time, and the living is easy.....and it is the best time of the year to visit lighthouses. Gift shops are stocked with Lighthouse Passport books, stamps are out of their drawers and ink pads are ready to help you fill the squares in your Passport! Over the winter we have added many new stamps and updated the information on the Passport Program website. Much of the information has come from Club members who have taken the time to share their passport stamp stories about trying to locate stamps. As the number of stamps approaches 500, our listings become increasingly difficult to keep up to date. However, if you will continue to share your discoveries, everyone will benefit, especially the volunteers who run the program! Send updates to skip@uslhs.org.

Life Saving Station Stamps

A new cooperative effort between the U.S. Life-Saving Service Heritage Association (USLSSHA) and the U.S. Lighthouse Society is aimed at building awareness of the importance of preserving Life Saving Stations, Lifeboat Stations and Houses of Refuge. USLSSHA is dedicated to preserving the history of the U.S. Life-Saving Service and early U.S. Coast Guard and is working to save stations and preserve artifacts. As is the case with lighthouses, many of these historical structures are in danger of being lost or falling into disrepair. Complete information about USLSSHA can be found on their website:



uslife-savingservice.org

Currently, stamps are available for the following locations and in the near future, more will be added to our list of participating sites.

- Indian River Life Saving Station (Rehoboth Beach, DE)
- Ocean City Life Saving Station Museum (Ocean City, MD)
- Hull Lifesaving Museum (Hull, MA)
- Tatham Life Saving Station & Museum (Stone Harbor, NJ)
- Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station Historic Site & Museum (Rodanthe, NC)
- Coast Guard Heritage Museum (Barnstable, MA)
- Old Coast Guard Station (Virginia Beach, VA)



Stop by these and other Life-Saving or old Coast Guard stations to learn more about the history of the Life-Saving Service, the surf men who risked their lives to save mariners in distress and view displays of life saving equipment.

Reminders About Mail Requests and Cruise Only Stamps

If you visit a participating stamp location when they are not open and you would like a copy of the stamp, first email or call them when they are open to determine if they will send you one. Remember that you need to send a donation, a SASE and a photo you took when you were at that lighthouse. We are working on including in the location's listing whether or not they will send you a stamp copy, but with so many sites, we have only been able to determine the policy for a few. That is why we suggest you contact them before sending anything unless it specifically states they are willing to mail you the stamp image.

- *If you have been successful in obtaining a stamp by mail, take a moment and send us an email indicating the name of the lighthouse that fulfilled your request so we can add it to the information on our website.*

A number of companies that provide lighthouse cruises have purchased stamps for the lighthouses they visit. Most of them will provide you with the stamp only if you participate in the cruise. We would encourage you to take the cruise, since they will get you up close to some more difficult to reach lighthouses. In some cases, stamps for all or some of the lighthouses viewed on the cruise can be found at alternate locations.

New Stamps

Peninsula Point Lighthouse (Michigan)

Stamp is located in the Rapid River Ranger District Visitor's Center of the Hiawatha National Forest at 8181 US Highway 2, Rapid River, MI, (906) 474-6442.
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/recrea/hiawatha/recrea/?recid=13320>

Copper Harbor Lighthouse (MI)

A newly designed stamp is available aboard Copper Harbor Boat Tours, 14447 Hwy. M26, P.O. Box 162, Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918. (906) 289-4966
Website: <http://www.copperharborlighthouse.com/>

Cross-Sound Ferry Lighthouse Cruise Stamps

The Cross-Sound Ferry Services now has 12 new stamps for lighthouses in Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York.

These stamps are only available aboard one of their two lighthouse cruises. They are not available by mail. Seven of the stamps with different designs are also available at other locations (see listings on the passport club website). These include:

New London Harbor (CT), New London Ledge (CT), Avery Point (CT), Plum Island (NY), Orient Point (NY), Long Beach Bar (NY) and Watch Hill (RI).

The five stamps that are new to our list are:

- **North Dumpling Lighthouse (NY)**
- **Race Rock Lighthouse (NY)**
- **Little Gull Island (NY)**
- **Morgan Point (CT)**
- **Latimer Reef Lighthouse (NY)**

So, a single cruise with the Cross-Sound Ferry can net you enough stamps to fill 20% of your passport!



Olcott Beach Lighthouse, NY

This replica was built in 2003 and now a stamp is available at VacantiARTS 5955 Ontario Street Olcott Beach, NY 14126. This is located next to the lighthouse. Check the list of participating sites for seasonal availability and also how to obtain the stamp via mail.

Coming Soon: Sisters Island Lighthouse (NY) and Rock Island Lighthouse (NY)

These two Thousand Islands area stamps will be available at the Bay House Artisans, 21 James Street, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607. 315-783-5079. Open 7 days a week, May-Oct. Stamp also available by mail with SASE & donation in the off season. Website: www.bayhouseartisans.com. They also have a stamp for **Sunken Rock Lighthouse** which is the same as the stamp available at the Alexandria Bay Chamber of Commerce.



Stratford Point Lighthouse Open House (June 11)

Here is a chance to get a stamp for a lighthouse that is rarely open to the public. U. S. Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound will host a Stratford Point Lighthouse Tour on Saturday, June 11. Free and open to the public from 9 am to 3 pm, rain or shine. Address is 1275 Prospect Drive, Stratford, Connecticut 06615. A lighthouse stamp will be available for those with Lighthouse Society Passports, which will also be on sale the day of the event.

Hall of Fame Additions

Congratulations are in order for the following individuals who have achieved new award levels:

- Katherine Howard – I've Seen the Light
- Jerry Walker – I've Seen the Light (All stamp)
- Susan Conner – Silver Star (2 All stamp)
- Joyce Pellam – Silver Star (2 All Stamp)
- Tawnya & Corey Rudzinski – Gold Star (2 All stamp)
- Randy Chase – First Wing (4 All stamp)

Remember to check the Hall of Fame listing on the website to make sure your name and award level are correct. Send any corrections to skip@uslhs.org.

Welcome Aboard

We want to thank the Club members who have chosen to also become card carrying members of the U.S. Lighthouse Society. Your membership helps us to continue providing a variety of resources including the Passport Program, Lighthouse Preservation Grants Program and our information packed website. Remember your benefits include two great opportunities to collect even more stamps on selected lighthouse cruises offering discounts to members and the ability to join one of our exciting lighthouse tours. For complete details about membership levels and benefits visit: <https://uslhs.org/membership>.