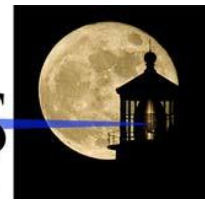




STAMP FLASHES

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Happy New Year

2017 promises to be another great year for the Passport Stamp program. Our regional volunteers are updating information on stamp availability, which will make acquiring stamps easier. Many lighthouse cruises now offer stamps for lights they pass and special "tour" stamps are available to those who join one of the exciting Society tours. Some lighthouses have both old and new stamps and multiple stamps are often available at different locations for the same lighthouse. While we are never exactly sure how many stamps are out there at any one time, we estimate it to be around 800. All of this makes it easier for you to fill up your Passport books and achieve award patches and all stamp flags.



Society Tours 2017 - Special Discount Offer for First Time Travellers

Speaking of Society tours, have you ever encountered any of the following on your own lighthouse trips?

- They were closed.
- They were open but you could not climb the tower.
- It was on private property and you couldn't get close to it.
- It was on a military base not open to the general public.
- The docent couldn't find the passport stamp.
- They were not part of the Passport Program so you were not able to get a stamp.
- The lighthouse cruise you took only went by some of the lighthouses in the area.
- No commercial cruises were available to reach one or more offshore lighthouses.
- It was way too expensive to charter a boat to go out to only one or two lights.



All of these challenges and others can be overcome by joining a U.S. Lighthouse Society tour. The Outer Banks, Maine, Oregon, Hudson River, Central California and Lake Michigan are all on the domestic tour schedule for 2017.

For a limited time, the Society is offering a **\$200 discount per person on any 2017 tour for first time participants**. If you have been putting off joining a tour - this is the perfect time to sign up. Call the office (415-362-7255) for all the details or visit the tour page on the USLHS website (uslhs.org/tours) for more information and a registration form.

Stamps by Mail (Reminder)

We have been able to identify additional lighthouses willing to mail copies of their stamp if you were unable to obtain it when you visited. Check their website listing to see if they provide this service. If so, send a:

1. Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE)
2. Donation for each stamp requested. \$1 is the minimum, but more is better!

Without these two enclosures you will not receive your stamp(s).

Don't Forget your stamp here

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Your NAME
Your ADDRESS
Your CITY, STATE, ZIP

Need Another Passport Book?

To make it easier for you to find a lighthouse or gift shop that sells Passport books, the state by state stamp listings on the website now indicates where they are available. Of course you can also buy them from the USLHS on-line store.

Lighthouse News

Now you can keep up to date on lighthouse news as well as learn more about the historical impact of lighthouses and light keepers. ***U.S. Lighthouse Society News***, a new on-line blog, features short articles on lighthouse preservation, education, history and research as well as news from the Society and its affiliates. To subscribe, go to uslhs.org/news, provide your email in the box next to the SUBSCRIBE button in the right hand column and you will receive each new post as an email. Your email will not be shared with anyone and you can opt out at any time.



Recent postings include:

- Six Reasons to travel with USLHS Lighthouse Tours
- Preservation work at Cape Henry Light Station
- A call for volunteers to provide tours of Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse
- Celebrating Absecon Lighthouse's 160th birthday
- A historical account of early lighthouse keeper appointments by the President.
- Restoring the Graves Lighthouse

Also, if you have an item of interest to the lighthouse community, send it to Candace Clifford, USLHS Historian at candace@uslhs.org for consideration. It could be a dramatic photograph, a restoration project, a new book, an event, or a need for expertise. I would encourage everyone to subscribe to USLHS News as a great way to keep up with what is happening at lighthouses around the country as well as providing interesting historical perspectives. Give it a try - your beacon will shine brighter!

New Stamps

Seacoast Science Center Stamps

The Seacoast Science Center, located in Rye, New Hampshire (570 Ocean Boulevard), now has a stamp for their Center as well as stamps for the following lighthouses & life saving station:

- White Island, NH
- Wood Island Life Saving Station, ME
- Boon Island, ME
- Portsmouth Harbor, NH
- Whaleback, ME



Located in Odiorne Point State Park, you can see all four of the lighthouses and the life-saving station from their windows. The Center conducts lighthouse walks and talks in addition to their major focus on marine science education. Donations for the stamps help support their lighthouse program and are shared with Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Light and Wood Island Life Saving Station Association.

www.seacoastsciencecenter.org

Summersville Lake Lighthouse, WV

The only lighthouse in West Virginia has been added to our list of participating locations. A stamp has been available for some time, but it was not listed on the website. The lighthouse was erected overlooking Summersville Lake in Mount Nebo, West Virginia on October 17, 2012. It is 104 feet tall and stands 2,164 feet above sea level. Visitors can climb 122 steps to reach the gallery for views of Summersville Lake and the Gauley River National Recreation Area. Open daily



April-October and by reservation November-March. www.summersvillelakeretreat.com/summersville-lake-lighthouse.html

Point Wilson Lighthouse, WA

A new stamp is available for the Point Wilson Lighthouse near Port Townsend, Washington. Since the tower is viewable, but not open on a regular basis, a new stamp can be found at the Fort Warden Visitor's Center and Gift Shop, located near the lighthouse in Building 200 (the old Fort Commanders Office Building). www.fwfriends.org/giftshop.php

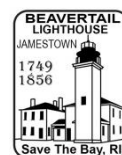


Stonington Lighthouse & Museum

The Stonington Lighthouse & Museum (7 Water St, Stonington, CT) in addition to the stamp for their lighthouse, now has stamps for Latimer Reef (NY), Watch Hill (RI) and Morgan Point (CT) lighthouses. (860) 535-1440. Website: <http://www.stoningtonhistory.org/index.php?id=7>



The mission of Save The Bay is to protect and improve Narragansett Bay, home to numerous lighthouses. Three different lighthouse cruises are available throughout the summer and stamps are available on board. If you take the Ultimate Lighthouse Tour, you can fill 1/4th of your Passport book with stamps for: Beavertail, Bristol Ferry, Castle Hill, Conanicut, Conimicut, Dutch Island, Hog Island Shoal, Lime Rock, Nayatt Point, Newport Harbor, Plum Beach, Poplar Point, Prudence Island and Rose Island. The Center is located at 100 Save The Bay Drive, Providence, RI. www.savebay.org/lighthouse



Hall of Fame Additions

Congratulations are in order for the following individuals who have achieved new award levels. If you received more than one patch since the last listing; you are listed under the highest patch achieved. Asterisks indicate total number of all stamp flags achieved.

I've Seen the Light (60)

Janelle Brawley*
Katherine Howard
Dave McAfee*
Kelly Goetz
John Hancock*
Joyce Huber*
Laurel Kamin*
Russ Katje*
Carrie Reichardt*
Craig Smith*
Amanda Staggs*
Emmaline Van Dyke*
Jerry Walker*
Stephanie L. Whittington*

Gold Star (180)

Burch Alford, Jr.***
Bill Bates*

Platinum Circle (240)

Diane & Scott Walbert****

1st Wing (300)

Karl & Linda Macjk*****

2nd Wing (360)

Palmer Kane*****
Nancy McDorman*****
Ann Thorne**

Silver Star (120)

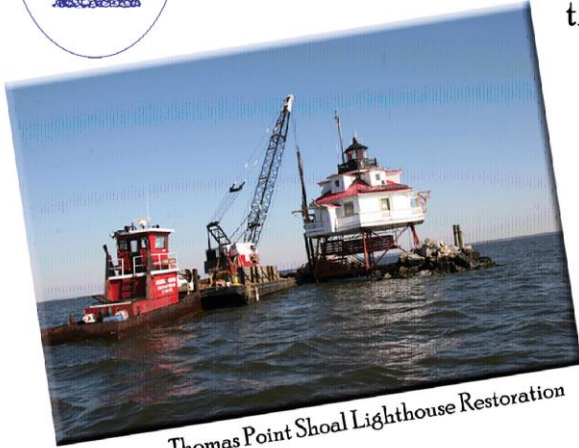
Leona Barney**
Susan Conner **
Susan Duke
Lavon Marshall**
Diane Nuss*

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 passportclub@uslhs.org



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Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse Restoration

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Society Members Tour Cape Arago Lighthouse, Oregon