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STAMP FLASHES

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE USLHS PASSPORT CLUB



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New Stamp Listing Information

Our team of regional stamp volunteers is working hard to make sure that the information posted on our website for stamp locations is up to date and informative. With over 570 sites, this is proving to be a monumental task. Seasonal closures, changing staff and outdated websites are only a few of the issues they face in an attempt to keep information fresh. However, with their able assistance we now are able to provide you up to date and expanded information regarding stamp availability on the Club website.

1. Verified Stamp Locations: To let you know which sites have recently had their information verified by our volunteers the **name of the lighthouse** will be listed in **bold type** as well as the **location of the stamp**. A site without bolded type does not necessarily mean the stamp is not available; it only means we have not been able to verify the information.

2. Stamps by Mail? We now indicate if a location is willing to provide a copy of the stamp by mail. Please note:

- Only listings that specifically state they will provide the stamp by mail will respond to a request AND only if you enclose a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) and a donation. While \$1 is nice, at least \$2 would be preferable. Also remember if you are asking for more than one stamp or more than one copy, you need to include a donation for each.
- To make it easier for those opening the mail, write: **Passport Stamp Request** on the envelope.



3. Who Sells Passports? Listings now indicate whether or not the site sells Lighthouse Passports.

4. Commercial Cruise Stamps: An increasing number of commercial cruise companies are joining the list of those who have stamps for the lighthouses they view. These stamps, with their own unique designs, are only available on the cruise and are NOT available by mail. This is a great way to get multiple stamps and stamps for off shore lighthouses. USLHS has teamed up with many of these companies to provide a special price for USLHS members.



You must have a **membership in USLHS** (not just the Passport Club) and you must present your membership card when purchasing tickets. For complete information about lighthouses visited, pricing and cruise dates, visit:

https://uslhs.org/fun/lighthouse_cruises/featured_lighthouse_cruises

Stamps at the Norwalk Aquarium

The Maritime Aquarium of Norwalk, Connecticut now have stamps for the following lighthouses when you take one or more of their cruises: Sheffield Island, Green's Ledge, Peck Ledge, Penfield Reef, Stratford Shoal, Stamford Harbor, Great Captain Island, Execution Rocks, Stepping Stones, Sands Point and Eaton's Neck. See their website for schedules and lighthouses visited on each cruise.

<http://www.maritimeaquarium.org/fun-learning/teachers-groups/cruises>



New Stamps

Crown Point, New York

The Crown Point Lighthouse located on Lake Champlain was converted from a lighthouse into a memorial for Samuel de Champlain in 1912. You will find the stamp at the Lake Champlain Visitors Center (814 Bridge Road, Crown Point).



Battery Point, California

The Crescent City/Del Norte County Chamber of Commerce in Crescent City (1001 front Street) now has a stamp for the Battery Point Lighthouse. It is different than the other two stamps which are available at the lighthouse and the Del Norte County Historical Society's Museum. So, stop in Crescent City at the right time and pick up three different stamps! It should be noted that this stamp was paid for by a lighthouse enthusiast in the area.



Muskegon South Breakwater, Michigan

While this stamp is not new, it is new to our listings. It is available at the Muskegon South Pier lighthouse during the summer, when open. Check their website for opening schedule.

Burlington Breakwater, Vermont

We welcome our first stamp from the state of Vermont. Depicting both breakwater lights in Burlington, it will be available at the Burlington Waterfront Information Center along the waterfront on College Street. Open Friday of Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day 10am-8pm and then 10am-6pm until Columbus Day.



Keweenaw Waterway Lower Entrance, Michigan

The Lower Entrance Light marks the south entrance to the waterway which cuts across the Keweenaw Peninsula and creates Copper Island, the local name for the northern part of the Peninsula. The stamp is available at the Keweenaw Land Trust in Hancock.

Whitlock's Mill, Maine

The northern most lighthouse in Maine now has a stamp available at the Maine State Visitor Information Center located in the Wabanaki Culture



Center building, 39 Union Street, Calais, ME. See their listing on the USLHS website for open times and days.

Horton Point Lighthouse (New York) Commemorative Stamp

The Horton Point Lighthouse, located in Southhold Township on Long Island, is celebrating its 150th year anniversary in 2017. Already part of the Passport Program with one stamp, they have now created an “anniversary” stamp to help commemorate this event. You can get the stamp when the lighthouse is open to the public, Saturday and Sundays from Memorial Day weekend to Columbus Day weekend.



Coming Soon - New Award Level

With the increasing number of stamps and locations more collectors are reaching our highest award level, which is the third wing for the Platinum Circle. This represents a total of 420 lighthouses. To accommodate and recognize even higher levels of accomplishment, we have created the Diamond Circle award level with 3 additional wings. Those who reach or already have reached the 480 level will receive this patch and wings for each additional 60 lighthouses, culminating with a total of 660. We will let you know in a future Flash when they become available.



2017 Tour Discount

There is still time to take advantage of the 2017 tour offer for first time participants. Receive a \$200 discount off the listed price and visit the lighthouses of the Outer Banks, Hudson River, Cape Cod, Oregon, San Francisco Bay, Southern Lake Michigan or Maine. Details and registration form: uslhs.org/tours or call the office: 415-362-7255.



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)

Diane Bellamy*
John E. Donohue*
MichaelMinchak*

Silver Star (120)

Jane Brakefield*

Gold Star (180)

David Lindamood**
Diane Nuss*

Platinum Circle (240)

Bob Eugley*

2nd Wing (360)

Burch Alford, Jr. *****
Randy Chase *****
Scott & Diane Walbert*****

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Sharon Mills (900)*****

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

Reminder - U.S. Lighthouse Society News

Don't forget to sign up for the U.S. Lighthouse Society News, a periodic news blog that provides you interesting current and historical information about lighthouses and light keepers. For example, did you know that when the U.S. entered World War I in 1917, President Wilson ordered lighthouse tenders to be transferred for use by the War Department & Navy Department? At the same time, lighthouse keepers were encouraged to contribute to the war effort by, whenever possible, growing their own food to help relieve shortages and the high cost of food. Sign up now at:

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