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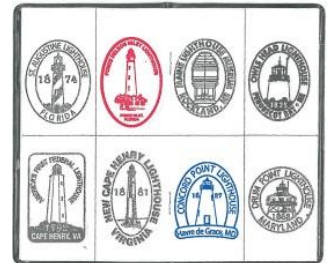
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A New Lighthouse Season Begins

While some areas of the country are still experiencing winter type weather, many lighthouses are starting to prepare to open for the summer. Over the winter, we have been replacing worn out passport stamps, redesigning old ones and creating new stamps for new locations. We also have received quite a few completed passports. See all of the new awards that have been processed at the end of this newsletter. Many of these contain all stamps. This is encouraging, since it means that more dollars are being contributed toward lighthouse preservation. Finally, our regional volunteers are busy checking with their assigned lighthouses to make sure that the information contained on the USLHS website is correct and current. So, it is time to dust off those passports and start planning your visits to America's national maritime treasures.



Program Policies

The Passport Stamp Program is designed to be an educational and fun activity as well as a donation tool for people who like to learn about and visit lighthouses. By always donating at least \$1 when you get your book stamped or receive one in the mail, you are helping to preserve lighthouses and their history. Since many lighthouse lovers have joined the Club since last summer, here are some quick reminders about guidelines we use when evaluating Passports for achievement awards. A complete list of participating locations and guidelines are provided at:

<https://uslhs.org/fun/passport-club>

- A limited number of photos are acceptable. However, **they must be of lighthouses that are participating in the program.** We currently have over 550 locations. Remember, if your book has all stamps, you will receive a special "Stamp Only" flag in addition to your achievement patch or wing.
- International lighthouse stamps (such as those in Canada) are acceptable if they depict and identify the lighthouse. Photos of international lights cannot be counted toward any achievement award.
- If a single location has more than one stamp that identifies the lighthouse, each one counts as a separate entry in your passport book. Passport club holiday stamps and USLHS Tour stamps also count.
- Stickers, postage type stamps, and other non-ink images cannot be counted. Likewise, state and national park stamps that do not have an image of or identify a lighthouse are not accepted.
- If a participating lighthouse listing indicates that a copy of the stamp can be obtained by mail, you must include a SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) and a donation of at least \$1.



Submitting Your Passport Awards

Once you complete your passport book with 60 entries here are your options for receiving your award(s). These are listed in the order of processing preference and speed of return:

1. Scan the images in your passport and attach the scans to an email to: passportclub@uslhs.org
2. Mail a photo copy to USLHS Passport Program, 9005 Point No Point Rd., NE, Hansville, WA 98340. **Include a SASE to receive your patch and/or flag by return mail.**
3. Mail the completed passport book along with **\$4 for return postage and tracking service.** It is recommended that you obtain a tracking number when you mail it to the office. Include your email address so we can acknowledge its receipt.

Note: If you have any questions regarding you completed passport or the status of your award request, please do not call the office. Send your inquiry to: passportclub@uslhs.org.

Holiday Stamp Sales

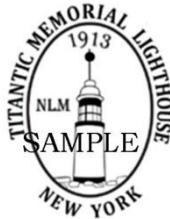
A big **THANK YOU** to all who purchased the most recent Holiday Passport Stamp (Old Baldy) and/or past issues of these stamps. An additional **THANK YOU** to those who included a SASE and/or made an additional donation to the Passport Club Program. With your help, we collected over \$1,750. Some of these funds were sent to Old Baldy and the remainder will be used to pay expenses of running the program.

New Stamps

We receive numerous suggestions about potential stamp locations. The only new ones we are currently accepting are historical lighthouses with an organization that has been formed to help preserve the structure as well as redesigns of current locations. The most common problem with a proposed location is that no one is willing or able to provide access to the stamp and accept donations. We do keep all the suggestions on file and at some time in the future will revisit their potential. For now- here are some new or redesigned stamps that are now available:

Chambers Island

Built in 1868 and Chambers Island through the west Green Bay. The the Door County Madison St., Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. If you attend the annual Door County Lighthouse Festival, you can get a whole bunch of stamps!



(Wisconsin) - New Stamp

automated in 1961, the Lighthouse guided mariners channel from Lake Michigan into stamp is available year round at Maritime Museum, 120 N



Black Rock Harbor Lighthouse (Fayerweather Island) (Connecticut) - New Stamp

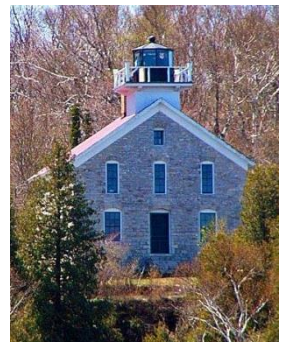
The Maritime Aquarium of Norwalk has added this to the list of stamps available on one or more of their cruises. Check their website for schedules and lighthouses visited. They provide Society members a discount on their cruises and sell passports. Stamp is not available by mail.

Titanic Memorial (New York) - New Design

This stamp is a correction for a “whoops” stamp which has been out there for a while with the word “Titanic” misspelled! One of our observant members spotted this and informed us of our error. If you have the original with the misspelling, you now have a “special” stamp. The corrected version is now available from the National Lighthouse Museum. Maybe they will give you copies of both on one of their cruises!

Pottawatomie (Rock Island) Lighthouse (Wisconsin) - New Design

Located in Rock Island State Park in Door County, the Potawatomie Lighthouse is the oldest light station in Wisconsin and on Lake Michigan (1836). Stamp is located at the lighthouse from Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day.



Amelia Island (Florida) - New Design

Here is some trivia for you - What is the western most lighthouse on the east coast of the United States? The answer is Amelia Island Lighthouse, which now has a new stamp and design replacing an older, locally designed stamp.

You can get the stamp at the City of Fernandina Beach Parks and Recreation Department, 2500 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL.

Newburyport (Plum Island) Lighthouse (Massachusetts) - New Design

This stamp replaces a locally produced stamp and is available at the lighthouse in Newburyport. 2018 Open Houses will be on every third Sunday of each month from May through September: May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, and September 16. All are from 1 to 4 p.m.



Little River Lighthouse (Maine) - New design

Little River Lighthouse became the first lighthouse in New England and third lighthouse in the nation to have its ownership transferred from the federal government to a nonprofit under the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000. They now have a new USLHS designed stamp, which is available at the lighthouse. One great way to get this stamp is to spend the night in the fully restored 1888 keeper's house. Then there is a real nice story to go along with the stamp.

Port Sanilac Lighthouse (Michigan) - New Stamp

Thanks to the efforts of Jeff Shook, President of the Michigan Lighthouse Conservancy and owner of the lighthouse, it is now open for public tours. A stamp is located at the lighthouse during tours and a duplicate stamp is available at the Sanilac County Historic Village and Museum, 228 South Ridge Street, Port Sanilac.



USCG 36460 Motor Life Boat (Michigan) - New Stamp

Jeff Shook is also the owner of this 36' life boat which was featured in the Disney movie "The Finest House." It is on display at the Michigan Maritime Museum, 260 Dyckman Ave, South Haven, MI. A real plus is that you can not only get your stamp at the boat, you can also take a 20 minute ride aboard it. A duplicate stamp is also available at the museum.



New Stamps/Designs Coming Soon

Rock of Ages Lighthouse (Michigan) - New Stamp

Cape Decision (Alaska) - New Stamp

Rose Island (Rhode Island) - New Design

A Couple of Notes from the Field

Kudos to the **Maritime Aquarium of Norwalk** for donating the proceeds from stamping passports on their cruises to the New England Lighthouse Lovers (NELL). Last year this amounted to \$467. So, you see, those dollar donations do add up!

We have received several emails indicating that lighthouses are not responding to mail requests. We have determined that these locations go dark during the winter and do not respond to any mail. One

even closes its P.O. Box. If the lighthouse you are contacting is in a "winter" state, it might be a good idea to wait until the spring or summer. Also, please remember that most locations are only staffed part of the year and during their open season may have a limited number of volunteers. Bottom line, be patient!

The **Old Coast Guard Station in Virginia Beach** is now called the **Virginia Beach Surf & Rescue Museum**. As a result, they no longer have a stamp, which identified it under its former name. For now, they have been removed from the list of participating locations.

Hall of Fame Additions

Congratulations are in order for the following individuals who have achieved new award levels. A special shout out to Burch Alford who has submitted 12 completed passports with all stamps. That is 720 stamps. Congratulations, Burch!

If you received more than one patch since the last listing, your name appears under the highest level achieved. Asterisks indicate total number of all stamp flags achieved.

I've Seen the Light (60 Stamps)

Dan Burger/Sheri McNally*
Frank Jordan*
David Kellerman
Patricia Lynch*
Cynthia Metzger
Leena Minkinen
Wendy Norwitz*
Theresa Redmond*
Martin Wainer*
Melissa Wantuck*
Naomi Zimmerman*

Silver Star (120 Stamps)

Yvonne Bennett
Jane Carr**
Michele Deluge/Robert Head**
Alex Hamling**
Craig Smith*
Craig Spoto**
Jerrold VanKirk*
Stephanie Whittington*

Gold Star (180 Stamps)

Jane Brakefield*
Melissa Horn***
Kirby Lemon***
David Russell***

Platinum Circle (240 Stamps)

Yvette Dills****
Harvey Goldstein**
Jit Trivedi*

2nd Wing (360)

Russ Katje (6)*
Bill Bates****
Cindy Hopp (6)*
John Hopp (6)*
Kevin Keith***

3rd Wing (420)

Tawnya & Corey Rudsinski****
Hobie & Winnie Statzer ***
Glenn & Jeanine Swanson (7)*

Diamond Circle (480)

4th Wing (540)

Palmer Kane (7)*

6th Wing (660)

Burch Alford (12)*



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