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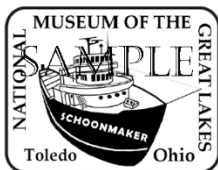
It's Summer Time, Summer Time, Sum-Sum, Summer Time

For you old timers out there you will remember this hard to forget do-wop song sung by the "Jamies" back in 1962. One of the lines went something like this: "Well I'm so happy that I could flip, Oh how I'd love to take a trip." Let's add to that: "Lighthouses are surely on my list - It's Summertime!" We certainly hope that wherever you are that you are enjoying these months that are the prime season for lighthouse hunting and stamp collecting. This month's highlights include a new stamp in Newfoundland, a cruise company that now has 35 stamps and a unique "double stamp" at White Shoal Lighthouse. With over 650 locations, filling up those passports is easier than ever and completed passports continue to arrive on a daily basis. So, keep supporting our maritime treasures and don't forget to make those donations every time you get your passport stamped. Since the last *Stamp Flashes*, we have received 35 passports with all stamps. Assuming at least one dollar was donated for each, this represents a total of \$2,100. So those dollars do add up.

New Stamps

Rose Blanche Lighthouse (Newfoundland)

Next time you are in Newfoundland, make sure you find your way to Rose Blanche – Harbour le Cou, located on Newfoundland's southwest shore. The lighthouse located there was first lit in 1873 and fully reconstructed in 1999. They are now the proud owner of the first USLHS Lighthouse Passport stamp in Newfoundland. While you are there consider staying overnight at the Lightkeepers Inn, a saltbox style house that has been renovated to a 4 bedroom B & B.



National Museum of the Great Lakes (Ohio)

Located in Toledo, the museum is home to the massive cargo ship *Col James M. Schoonmaker*, the flagship of the Shenango Furnace Company built in 1914. As the flagship, she had 5 luxury guest suites in the bow of the ship and catered to company guests, including Andrew Carnegie. At 617 feet she was once known as the Queen of the Lakes. This new Museum stamp depicts the ship and is located at, 1701 Front Street, Toledo.

Bar Harbor Whale Watch Stamp Bonanza (Maine)

The Bar Harbor Whale Watch Company is now the owner of 35 passport stamps! Prior to this summer, they had 8 stamps and now they have added 27 more. 24 of the stamps can also be obtained at other locations, while the remaining 11 can only be found on a BHWW lighthouse cruise. Not all stamps are available on any one of their cruises, so make sure you check their website or contact them directly to find out which lighthouses are featured on each cruise (www.barharborwhales.com). The 5 new lighthouses not previously part of the program are: Machias Seal Island, Moose Peak, Narraguagus, Nash Island and Prospect Harbor. Machias Seal Island is being listed under Maine even though it is manned by Canadians. It should be noted that BHWW for the past several years has forwarded substantial donations collected on their cruises to the Passport Program. So, you can be assured that when you pay those dollars to get your Passport stamped on one of their cruises, they will be used to support the Society.



Oregon Inlet Life-Saving Station (North Carolina)

A new addition to our Life Saving Station collection, this lifesaving station is located near Rodanthe, NC. It was one of the seven lifesaving stations built on the Outer Banks in 1874, The stamp is available at the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center (6 ½ miles south of the station). The station is only available for exterior viewing.

White Shoal (Michigan)

The White Shoal Lighthouse, located 20 miles west of the Mackinaw Bridge in Lake Michigan is undergoing restoration and is now open for tours and even overnight stays. Its red and white spiral bands are unique among American lighthouses. The stamps are only available when you visit the lighthouse. See their website for complete information (www.preservewhiteshoal.org). One stamp depicts the lighthouse with its original white only paint job. A second stamp includes the barber pole striping. Finally, they have a unique two stamp combination with the first stamp showing only the border around the edge (in black) and a second stamp which is used to stamp a red image of the lighthouse in the center of the other stamp. It might be worth taking a trip out there just to get that stamp.



The Mariners' Museum (Virginia)

Another location where the previous stamp went missing, the museum now has a new stamp design with the image of the first order lens from the Cape Charles Lighthouse which is on display. The Museum is located at 100 Museum Drive in Newport News.

“Relatively New” Stamps

The following stamps were announced as “coming soon” in a previous *Flashes* or have been available for several months.

Corunna Rear Range (Ontario)

The range light and stamp are located at the Moore Museum in Mooretown, Ontario, 25 miles south of Sarnia and the Blue Water Bridge connecting Ontario and Michigan. Originally erected in 1890 to guide ships into the St Clair River, the range light was moved to the museum in 1982 and refurbished the following year. In addition to the light, the museum has many historical buildings and displays, including an interactive travelling display once used by the Lionel company to promote their products.

Marblehead Lifesaving Station Museum (Ohio)

Located near the Marblehead Lighthouse, this replica of the 1876 station was completed in 2016. It features a variety of exhibits related to the history of the U.S. Lifesaving Service including a fully restored 27 foot Coast Guard rescue boat complete with launching railway.



Milwaukee Breakwater and Milwaukee Pier (Wisconsin)

Both stamps can be found at the North Point Lighthouse, 2650 North Wahl Avenue in Milwaukee.

Huron Harbor (Ohio)

The stamp (same design) is available at two different locations, the Huron Parks & Recreation Office and the Huron Boat Basin Marina office.

Notes from the Field

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum (Virginia)

It was reported in the last *Flashes* that the Museum was home to five stamps. We have recently learned that there are actually only 3 stamps. One each for the museum, the Portsmouth Lightship and the Hog Island Shoal lens.

Destruction Island Lens & Westport Maritime Museum (Washington)

This stamp was reported missing a while ago so it was removed from the website. However, it is, in fact, located with the lens at the Westport Maritime Museum, 2201 Westhaven Drive in Westport. There is also a smaller stamp for the Museum itself. Just down the road, you can also get the Gray's Harbor Lighthouse stamp.

Stamp Collecting Reminders

Stamps by Mail

Some, but not all, locations may provide a copy of their stamp(s) via the mail. Requirements to receive the stamps include one or more of the following: (1) SASE, (2) A minimum \$1 donation per stamp (more would be nice), (3) A photo you took when you viewed the lighthouse. Be sure and check their listing for individual location requirements. Remember, only those listed as providing this service on our website will respond to your request.



Multiple Stamps

Some locations listed on our website may indicate that they have more than one stamp. This information is verified each year by our dedicated volunteers. We often receive emails saying that another stamp was not available. The truth of the matter is that in almost every case we have checked, the second stamp was actually there. The lighthouse staff simply could not locate it. Please remember, most of these folks are volunteers and they may not be fully aware of all the ins and outs of the stamp program. Just accept the fact that they cannot locate more than one stamp, get your book stamped with the one they do have, donate your dollar and move on to the next lighthouse.

New Stamp Suggestions

While we are interested in adding new stamp locations, currently we are adding only historical lighthouse structures (not modern navigational replacements), life-saving stations, Coast Guard Stations and museums with historical lighthouse artifacts (such as Fresnel lenses). Preference is given to locations affiliated with an organization whose purpose it is to preserve the structure. In some cases a non-affiliate organization willing to house the stamp and make it available to the public is also acceptable (e.g. visitors center, Chamber of Commerce). If you feel a location qualifies for a stamp do not send the suggestion to the Passport Club. Have the affiliate or other entity that would be taking care of the stamp contact us directly expressing an interest in joining the program. The easiest way to do this is to have them fill out a request on line at: uslhs.org/fun/passport-club/become-participating-location. Once we have their commitment, we can move forward.

Hall of Fame Additions

Congratulations are in order for the following individuals who have achieved new award levels. Your name appears under the highest level you have achieved. The number in parentheses following a name indicates the total number of all stamp flags awarded. Please let us know of any errors here or on the website. A special shout out to Scott & Diane Walbert who have now completed 13 all stamp passport books, representing 780 entries. They are also a critical part of our volunteer team who connect with the hundreds of stamp locations every year to verify that the information found on our website is correct. Kudos also to Russ Katje, the latest member of the elite "660, 11 Flag" Club!

I've Seen the Light (60) - 1 Passport

Elizabeth Bell (1)
Kelly Bowers (1)
Mike DeYoung (1)
Richard Ingles (1)
Marilyn Koch
Barbara B Kopenkoskey (1)
Shannon Mackey (1)
Alan Pulitano (1)
Jerri Wingo (1)

Silver Star (120) - 2 Passports

Brad Abplanalp (2)
Bre & Bill Beaver (2)
Ginny First (2)
Ida Hoffmann (2)
Airdrie Kincaid (2)
Amanda Levine (2)
Melanine Levine (2)
Andy Robinson (2)
Carol Sibley (2)
James Stein (2)
Sandra Thorn (2)
Matthew Zarzecki (2)

Gold Star (180) - 3 Passports

Kathleen Davis (3)
Reggie Dubay (3)
Jonathan Katje (3)
Cheryl Kelly (3)
Debbie Rossback (3)
Judith H. Smith (3)

Platinum Patch (240) - 4 Passports

Alexander Hamling (4)
David Russell (4)

Wing #1 (300) - 5 Passports

Jane Brakefield (3)
David McAfee (2)

Wing #2 (360) - 6 Passports

Chris Dufford (5)

Diamond Patch (480) - 8 Passports

John & Cindy Hopp (8)
Glenn & Jeannie Swanson (8)
William & Terry Wagoner (8)

Wing #4 (540) - 9 Passports

Michael Mueller (4)

Wing #5 (600) - 10 Passports

Dorothy Jarczynski (10)
Palmer Kane (10)

Wing #6 (660) - 11 Passports

Russ Katje (11)

>11 Passports & >660 Stamps

Diane & Scott Walbert (780) -13 Passports