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## STAMP FLASHES

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### Shout Out to Stamp Volunteers

As the busy lighthouse season winds down, I want to once again thank the 13 volunteers who are working to keep the information about passport stamp locations and stamp availability up to date. The number of stamps and locations keeps increasing and this past season 99% of our over 650 listings were verified as being correct by these hard working individuals. So, if you know or ever meet any of the following individuals, be sure and thank them for making lighthouse stamp collecting such a fun and interesting experience. Without them, the program would cease to exist!

Toni Collins

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Judy Grigg

Chris Laubach

Dave Lindamood

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Sue Moffit

Andy Robinson

Scott & Diane Walbert

We also want to thank those collectors who take the time to let us know when something has changed at one of our participating locations. Keeping this program viable is a real club wide effort.

### 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruises

The USLHS 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruises to view lights in San Francisco, Long Island and Puget Sound attracted a total of 195 lighthouse lovers. Special anniversary stamps were distributed for each of the lighthouses. The Puget Sound cruise was particularly successful with 100 passengers on the new whale watching vessel *Saratoga*. The trip covered 140 miles in 5 hours in perfect weather. It was a photographer's dream with Mount Rainier and the Seattle skyline as backdrops at some stops and great views of 9 lighthouses not often seen from the water. If they do this again, you should try and climb aboard.



### Missing Second (Third) Stamps

One of the common emails we receive is to inform us that a second or even third stamp had been found at one of our participating locations. We get even more emails informing us that a second or third stamp at a location is not available. Some lighthouse volunteers are not even aware of the passport stamp program. While one person knows about one or more stamps, others may not have been briefed as to their existence. We do have some locations where we have indicated that more than one stamp is available. Please read that as "may be available." Also, if you find a stamp that is not listed, we want you to let us know, but we will not be adding that information to the website. We suggest that you ask at each location if they have more than one stamp. If you get one - great! If you don't, move on to the next lighthouse! Maybe they have one.

### New Stamps

#### Lightship Sailors National Memorial, Massachusetts

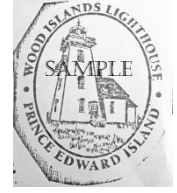
Located in New Bedford, Massachusetts, this memorial is dedicated to all Lightship Sailors and memorializes the names of those that perished in the performance of their duties. The bell from the Vineyard Sound Lightship which disappeared during a hurricane in 1944 is the centerpiece of the memorial. The names of the lost sailors are engraved in a granite block.



You can get the stamp for the memorial at the Waterfront Visitors Center in New Bedford. This year's USLHS Holiday Ornament will feature this memorial.

### Prince Edward Island Lighthouse Stamps

Thanks to some extra effort from Scott & Diane Walbert we have now added seven stamp locations on Prince Edward Island, Canada. These stamps are all locally made and are only available at the lighthouses. Some even have one stamp in English and one in French. Here are the PEI locations:



- Cape Bear Lighthouse, Cape Bear, PE
- East Point Lighthouse, Elmira, PE
- Panmure Island Lighthouse, Montague, PE
- Point Prim Lighthouse, Belfast, PE
- Souris East Lighthouse, Souris, PE
- West Point Lighthouse Inn and Museum, O'Leary, PE
- Wood Islands Lighthouse, Woods Island, PE

Remember, an international stamp which identifies the lighthouse is an acceptable entry in your passport, but photos are not.

### Stepping Stones Lighthouse, New York

The United States Merchant Marine Academy, located in Kings Point, NY, is a federal service academy whose graduates serve the national security, marine transportation, and economic needs of the U.S. as licensed Merchant Marine Officers and commissioned officers in the Armed Forces. Also on the grounds of the Academy is the American Merchant Marine Museum. Using a telescope at the museum, you can view the Stepping Stones Lighthouse. They now have a newly designed stamp for this lighthouse. The museum is open Tues-Fri 10:00-3:00.



### Amagansette Life-Saving Station, New York

A new addition to our series of Life-Saving Station stamps is one for the Amagansette Station, which has been restored to its original appearance and situated in the same footprint where it was built in 1902. The stamp is available in the museum dedicated to the historical preservation of the building and to all who served at the Amagansett U.S. Life-Saving & Coast Guard Station from 1902 to 1944.

### Niagara Upper Range, New York

This lighthouse was moved from its original location where it served as the rear light for the Niagara River Range. It is now on the property of the Buffalo Launch Club, the "oldest power boating club in the world." Located on Grand Island, the Club now has a stamp for this lighthouse.



### Fairport Harbor West Breakwater Lighthouse

The Fairport Harbor West Breakwater Light was built in 1925 at the mouth of the Grand River to replace the Fairport Harbor Lighthouse. Today it is being renovated by a private citizen who now has a stamp for the lighthouse, which will be available during tours and open houses.

### Ladies Delight Lighthouse, Maine

Located on Ladies Delight Island in Cobbooseecontee Lake in Winthrop, Maine, this lighthouse has a very interesting history, especially how it got its name! Let's just say that it could have been called "Ladies Rest Stop." For the full story, visit Lighthouse Friends (<https://www.lighthousefriends.com/light.asp?ID=861>). The stamp is only available by mail from a private party, who is matching all donations. See the listing on our website for details on how to obtain this stamp.



## **New Stamps in the Works**

*Note: The following stamps have been designed but have not yet been made available. They will be available before the next Flashes is distributed, so keep an eye on the website.*

### **Anacapa Island, California**

Thanks to the efforts and generosity of one of our members, two new stamps will be available for this lighthouse located in Channel Islands National Park. One will be held at the Visitors Center in Ventura while the other is only available when you visit the island.

### **Point Adams, Oregon**

Sitting on the southern entrance to the Columbia River, this location has been the site of a lighthouse, a life-saving station and a Coast Guard Station. Today NOAA operates a research facility here. To commemorate the history of this site, two different stamps have been designed and will be made available shortly.

### **Mile Rocks, California**

Two new stamps are being created for the Mile Rocks Lighthouse in San Francisco Bay. These are somewhat unique in that one depicts the lighthouse before the lantern room was removed and the second design illustrates the way it looks today, without the lantern.

## **Notes from the field**

### **Dunkirk Lighthouse, New York**

Very often passport stamps wear out. When this happens, we may have to create a new design for the stamp because the old design is no longer available. This is why, at one time or another, there have been over 1,000 stamps in existence. The Dunkirk Lighthouse in New York is a good example. We could not duplicate their existing design so a new one was created and is now available at the lighthouse.

### **Copper Harbor Lighthouse, Michigan**

This stamp went missing when the company providing boat tours to the lighthouse went out of business. A new stamp (same design) has been made and will now be available at the Eagle Harbor Lighthouse in Eagle Harbor. They will hold the stamp and make it available along with the stamp for their lighthouse until a new company takes over the tours. In the meantime, you can still view the lighthouse from the shore.

### **Guard Island Lighthouse, Alaska**

Lighthouse Excursions, the company that provides tours to the lighthouse has new owners, but the stamp is still available at the dockside office in Ward Cove, Alaska. The stamp is also available by mail with a SASE, donation and photo you took while at the lighthouse. [www.lighthouseexcursion.com](http://www.lighthouseexcursion.com).

### **Point Aux Barques, Michigan**

The Point Aux Barques Life Saving Station is now on the same property as the lighthouse and there is a stamp for both of these as well as a stamp for their Fresnel lens. One stop - 3 stamps!

## **Hall of Fame - <https://uslhs.org/fun/passport-club/hall-of-fame>**

Starting now, additions to the Hall of Fame will be directly posted to the website around the first of each month and not listed in individual Flashes. This way there is less delay in having your name added since there is no need to wait for the next newsletter. We will continue to acknowledge high level individual accomplishments.

This issue we congratulate *Craig Spoto* for achieving his 6<sup>th</sup> wing (11 Passports, 660 stamp) and *Russ Katje* who now has completed 14 passports with 840 stamps. Well done!