



STAMP FLASHES

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The Beat Goes On

As we launch into more uncharted territory in 2021, many lighthouses, cruise companies and maritime museum are anxiously awaiting the day they can get back to normal operations. All agree that there continues to be a great deal of uncertainty surrounding dates, days and hours of operation. However, our dedicated volunteers have begun making their yearly contacts to insure that our website listings of stamp locations are current as possible. Speaking of volunteers, here is a list of those folks who are working to make your lighthouse stamp hunting a hopefully seamless experience. If you know any of them, be sure and let them know they are appreciated!

Wayne Cotterly
Marge Czop
Yvette Dills
Judy Grigg

LaVon Marshall
Wanda Mayo
Sharon Mills
Sue Moffit

Andy Robinson
Scott & Diane Walbert
Marion Zobot

Changes to Listings

Due to the ongoing uncertainty of stamp availability, we will no longer include a location's dates, days or hours of operation. Even under the best of conditions, these are often a function of volunteer availability, weather, construction, season of the year and yes, even a pandemic. Since virtually every location has a website and/or Facebook page, we will no longer include specific information under "Open." Instead, we will simply refer you to the on-line information provided by the location.

Stamps by Mail Reminders

Since traveling in 2020 was greatly restricted, requests for stamps by mail have increased dramatically. When you go this route, be sure the listing says it is available by mail and,

1. Pay particular attention to the address to be used. The location of the lighthouse and address for getting a stamp may be different.
2. Include \$2 for each stamp requested and a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE).
3. Follow any additional instructions regarding payment (e.g. no checks).
4. If required, include something for them to stamp and a photo you took at the lighthouse.

2020 Holiday Stamp

Many thanks to all of you who purchased the 2020 Holiday Stamp featuring the Point Arena Lighthouse. There were some delays in getting the stamps to you as Covid restrictions and USPS gremlins were at work to limit our ability to get them out to you. We appreciate your patience. Income from the stamps is used to help fund the Passport Program and allows us to keep Club membership and awards available at no cost.



What Counts?

Wondering if a stamp counts toward an award level, here are the rules:

- If it is listed on the Club website, it counts.
- If you obtained it from a location listed on the website and (a) it has the name and image of the lighthouse or (b) it only has an image and you write the name under the stamp in your passport, it counts.
- If it was created for a USLHS series or USLHS tour, it counts.
- If it was obtained at an international location and it has both an image and name of the lighthouse, it counts.



Remember you can also use a photo of a listed lighthouse in place of a stamp, but only All Stamp books receive the special Flag award. Photos of international lighthouses not listed do not count. For more information detailing what does and doesn't count see our guidelines at: <https://uslhs.org/fun/passport-club/guidelines>

Listings for Lighthouse Cruises and Accommodations

Volunteer Scott Walbert has just completed contacting all Featured Lighthouse Cruises and Lighthouse Accommodations listed on our website. While some cruises have been cancelled and some accommodations are not open, the contact information is accurate and up to date. If you are travelling this year, be sure and contact these businesses before making your plans.

New Stamps

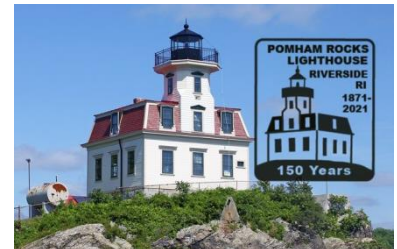
Cape Hatteras and Bodie Island, NC

New passport stamps are now available for both of these lighthouses. This completes the phasing out of all National Park cancellation stamps as part of the USLHS stamp program. To accommodate collectors of lighthouse stamps, an official Cape Hatteras stamp is now available at the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum. The Bodie Island stamp is housed at the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center in Rodanthe.



Pomham Rocks Lighthouse, RI

Pomham Rocks Lighthouse lies in the Providence River just offshore from Riverside, a village of the city of East Providence, Rhode Island. The Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse was formed in 2004 with the mission to restore and preserve the lighthouse while improving public awareness and access. Lit in 1871, the lighthouse is celebrating its 150th anniversary with a special commemorative stamp. To learn more about the efforts of the Friends group, visit: pomhamrockslighthouse.org.



Ned's Point Lighthouse, MA

Located in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, this lighthouse was named after a local farmer, Ned Dexter. First lit in 1838, it originally had a bird cage lantern which was replaced by an octagonal lantern with a fifth order lens in 1857. Decommissioned in 1952, it was reactivated in 1961 and adopted by the local Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla who repaired and renovated the tower. More recently, the Friends of Ned's Point Lighthouse was formed to raise funds to further restore the light. You can help their efforts by donating at their website friendsofnedspointlighthouse.com



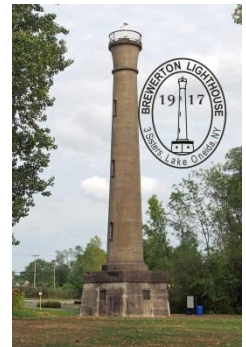
Spectacle Reef, MI

Built using an underwater crib atop a reef shaped like a pair of eyeglasses, Spectacle Reef Lighthouse is 11 miles east of the Straits of Mackinac at the northern end of Lake Huron. The most expensive lighthouse built on the Great Lakes took four years to complete since most of the work had to be completed during the summer. The Spectacle Reef Preservation Society was formed in 2020 with the goal of making the light station accessible to the public and to operate as an education center. While the lighthouse is being renovated the passport stamp will be available to volunteers when working at the lighthouse. The lighthouse will not be open to the public until renovations are completed. In the meantime, it is available by mail with a SASE & \$2 donation. See their Passport Club listing for details and visit spectaclereef.org for more information and an opportunity to donate to their restoration efforts.



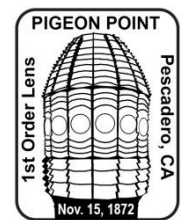
Oneida Lake Lighthouses - Three Sisters, NY

Oneida Lake is the largest lake entirely within the boundaries of New York State. When the Erie Canal was built, a portion of the canal utilized the lake from the east end at Verona Beach to the west end at Brewerton. Identical lighthouses were built at these points and a third constructed on Frenchman's Island at the southwestern part of the lake. The three lights made navigating the lake at night possible and came to be known as the "Three Sisters." New stamps for Brewerton and Frenchman's Island are available at the Town of Hastings Community Planning & Development in Central Square, NY and the Verona Beach stamp is available at the lighthouse.



Pigeon Point First Order Fresnel Lens, CA

Thanks to the generosity of long time super collector James Hill, a new stamp for the 1st order lens at Pigeon Point is now available. The lens was originally installed at the Cape Hatteras lighthouse but was moved to Pigeon Point in 1871 and first lit in 1872. The light was deactivated in 1972 and the lens moved from the tower to the fog signal building in 2011. Hopefully, when the tower is totally renovated, the lens will be returned to the lantern room and the annual lighting event will again take place.



Stannard Rock Lighthouse, MI



Twenty five miles from the nearest land, Stannard Rock Lighthouse has been called "the loneliest spot in the world." Named for Captain Charles Stannard who charted the reef in 1835, the lighthouse is considered an engineering marvel. Built in 1882, it is still an important aid to navigation and its isolation makes it a unique site for a wide variety of climate research conducted by the Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP) and other organizations. The new stamp is available from SWP, located in Marquette, MI. See the complete listing on the Passport Club website and visit <http://superiorwatersheds.org> for more information about SWP's efforts to restore the lighthouse.

HOF & Summary List Updated

Hall of Fame entries have been updated as of March 1. Congratulations to all those who joined for the first time or moved up a level. The summary list of stamps at participating locations has also been updated and now lists a total of 727 stamps. Michigan has the greatest number of stamps with 107 followed by New York (71) and Maine (70). If you add

second or third stamps at a single location, retired stamps, redesigned stamps and USLHS tour stamps, the total number exceeds 1,200. This explains how those folks listed on the Hall of Fame at the Pharos of Alexandria level have been able to amass so many stamps. You can find the summary list at: https://uslhs.org/sites/default/files/assets/full_page_mini_list.pdf

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