



# UNITED STATES LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY

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## STAMP FLASHES

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE USLHS PASSPORT CLUB

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



## *Holiday Flashes - 2019*

### Happy Holidays!

As 2019 comes to a close and we look forward to the New Year, the USLHS Passport Stamp Program continues to grow in popularity. The number of collectors, stamp locations and award submissions are at an all-time high. Virtually all of the Passports being submitted for awards qualify for the all stamp flag. This represents thousands of dollars being donated to the stewardship of lighthouses. Program volunteers, as well as dedicated collectors, are keeping us busy updating stamp availability information on our website. Finally, the number of new stamps is increasing as old stamps wear out and new designs are created, giving you even more opportunities to return to your favorite lighthouses and add to your collection.



We hope you find the stamp program to be fun, educational and rewarding as you look forward to new lighthouse adventures in 2020. This is the final issue of Stamp Flashes for 2019. We will be going dark until next spring. All of us here at the USLHS Passport Program wish you and your families a joyous holiday and a most prosperous New Year!



### Stamps by Mail

The stamp by mail option is available for a number of stamps. Please be sure and follow any instructions provided on our website in order to obtain these stamps. Some require a photo, some do not require a donation or SASE and some are available only on a seasonal basis. **Please do not** send requests to locations that do not specifically provide for a by-mail option. This can cause an unwanted problem for them, disappointment for you and negative feedback for us.

### New Stamps - New Locations

#### Point Adams Lighthouse & Coast Guard Station, OR

Point Adams, Oregon has been the site of a lighthouse as well as a Life-Saving/Coast Guard Station. The 1939 station house is the most intact building remaining, but the 1889 boathouse still remains. The main building is now home to the National Marine Fisheries Service/Point Adams Research Station. While you can view the facility, it is not open to the public. Two different stamps are available depicting the different buildings that occupied the site. Both are available at the Columbia River Maritime Museum in Astoria, OR and another set (same two stamps) is located at the Fort Stevens State Park Military Museum and Gift Shop in Hammond, OR just a couple miles away from the restored station.



#### Anacapa Island, CA

Thanks to the efforts of stamp collector Tina Metzger and Lauren Boross, Channel Islands NP Supervisory Park Ranger, we now have two stamps for the Anacapa Island Lighthouse. One is available at the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center in Ventura or by mail (no donation or SASE required, just a request). The second stamp with a different design is only available on the island in the Fresnel lens building.



## Frankfort U. S. Coast Guard Station, MI

This new stamp is available at the Elizabeth Lane Oliver Art Center (which is the restored 1934 Coast Guard Station) located in Frankfort. The Oliver Art Center and City of Frankfort worked together on a 3.3 million dollar project to prioritize restoration and repurposing of the Coast Guard Station because of its unique geographical situation and historical significance.



## New Stamps - New Designs for Existing Locations

### Chesapeake Bay Lighthouses

As mentioned above, when some stamps wear out, new designs are created. This is the case for the following three Chesapeake Bay lighthouses: **Pooles Island, MD, Sharps Island, MD and Wolf Trap**. All three are available from the Chesapeake Chapter of the U.S. Lighthouse Society.

### Cape Arago Lighthouse, OR

Another newly designed stamp for an existing location is for the Cape Arago Lighthouse in Oregon. It replaces the stamp at the Sunset Bay State Park Office. Note: This stamp is different than the one located at the gift shop at nearby Shore Acres.

### Mile Rocks Lighthouse, CA

Two new stamps for the Mile Rocks Lighthouse are now available. One has an image of the current structure (lighthouse missing) and available at the Fort Point National Historic Site bookstore. The other (historic lighthouse still in place) is located at the Lands End Lookout Visitors Center. Neither stamp is available by mail.



### Nobska Lighthouse, MA

Located near Woods Hole, Massachusetts, the Nobska Lighthouse has replaced their old stamp with a new design. Visit their website, [friendsofnobska.org](http://friendsofnobska.org), to find out when tours of the lighthouse will be available. This stamp is also available by mail

### St. Marks Lighthouse, FL

A special stamp was created for the re-lighting of the replica 4th order Fresnel lens in the historic St. Marks Lighthouse. The light was last seen lit in 2000. The event on October 31, 2019 commemorated the 88th anniversary of the founding of the National Wildlife Refuge.

## Holiday Stamp Offer for Club Members Only - Good Until 12/31/19

The USLHS is proud to present their 2019 Christmas Ornament Stamp featuring the National Lightship Sailors Memorial, located on the waterfront in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Lightships provided a critical role as navigation aids in areas where it was not possible to build a lighthouse. Duty aboard these vessels has been recognized as the most dangerous assignment for the U.S. Lighthouse Service and the U.S. Coast Guard. The memorial is dedicated to all Lightship Sailors and the names of those who perished in the performance of their duty are inscribed in the granite base. This includes the crew members lost on the Vineyard Sound (1944), the Nantucket / LV-117 (1934) and LV6 Cross Rip (1918). The memorial also features the Vineyard Sound bell which was recovered in 1963. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the ornament and holiday Passport stamps will be donated to the USCG Lightship Sailors Association International, Inc. to help preserve and maintain the memorial.



The holiday ornament stamp, which costs only \$5, can be used as part of an all stamp passport book. If you missed the previous Holiday Stamps featuring the lighthouses at Split Rock, Bald Head Island, Boston Harbor, New Dungeness, Cape Ann, Southeast Block Island and Fire Island Lighthouses, you can obtain all seven for only \$25. Just complete the attached order form and submit with your payment. Please note that you must **send a Self-Addressed Stamp Envelope** with your request(s) and payment in order to receive your stamp(s) by return mail. All stamps will be mailed after the first of the year.



## The United States Lighthouse Society

### Passport Club – 2019 Holiday Offer Order Form

Please print, fill out, and mail the form below with your payment and SASE to:

U.S. Lighthouse Society  
Passport Stamp – Holiday Offer  
9005 Point No Point Road NE  
Hansville, WA 98340

### Holiday Stamp(s) Order Form

#### Quantity

\_\_\_\_\_ 2019 National Lightship Sailors Memorial Stamp - \$5 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Previous Holiday Stamp Package featuring 2018 Split Rock (2018), Bald Head Island (2017), Boston Harbor (2016), New Dungeness (2015), Block Island Southeast (2014), Cape Ann Twin Lights (2013) and Fire Island (2012)  
Set of all 7 - \$25 (Please note: These are not being sold individually)

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional donation to support the Passport Stamp Program

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed

**Remember to include a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive your stamps by return mail.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/MC # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit Sec. Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Order must be received by December 31, 2019.  
All stamps will be mailed in early January 2020.**