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STAMP FLASHES

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Summertime Stamp Memories

Collecting USLHS lighthouse stamps and filling up passports is a fun, easy and inexpensive hobby. Well, at least the stamp part is inexpensive (i.e. \$2). Getting to the lighthouse could involve more than a few bucks. Some stamps are harder to get than others. Some you can drive right up to and park near the lighthouse. Others require a short walk or it could be a long walk. You may have to hop on a shuttle bus or even climb aboard a lighthouse cruise boat. Maybe the easiest way is to join a USLHS tour where you just leave the driving and making arrangements to seasoned tour guides. No matter how you obtain the stamp, each one will remind you of that lighthouse and what you experienced getting there. So, you don't just get stamps, you get memories.

Passport Stamps - More Than Just Lighthouses

When Society founder, Wayne Wheeler, created the lighthouse passport program in the 1980's it included only lighthouses. According to him a *lighthouse* (aka light station) has to have a tower attached to or mounted on the roof of a dwelling or separate from the dwelling and the dwelling must have been occupied by *light keepers* employed by the government.* When the Passport Club was created in 2010 we began adding other lighthouse related structures, items and locations including Life Saving Stations, Coast Guard Stations, maritime museums, Fresnel lenses, fog bells and additional navigational aids that might not meet Wayne's definition of a *lighthouse*. This creates other "categories" of stamps you can try to collect. For example, a quick check of our website indicates there are more than twenty stamps that depict one or more Fresnel lenses. Some of these are for the lens itself (e.g. Hog Island Lens) while others are for a museum that houses the lens (e.g. The Santa Barbara Maritime Museum stamp depicts the lens from Point Conception). So, how many "lens" stamps do you have? Or how many Life Saving Station stamps do you have? The bottom line is that by including additional stamps we hoped to encourage more individuals and families to begin collecting and thereby learn about lighthouse history and preservation. If the number of additions to the Hall of Fame is any indication of what has happened, we have succeeded.



*For a complete description of how Wayne defines a *lighthouse* see *The Keeper's Log, Volume XXXVII, Number Three, 2021, pp 27-28.*

Some Reminders

Communicating with the Passport Club

We know you are out there collecting stamps because of the emails we are receiving with updated information. We appreciate you taking the time to let us know of any misinformation we have on our list of participating locations. When an email arrives it is forwarded to the appropriate regional volunteer who reaches out to the site to determine how the list should be changed. With so many locations you invariably uncover some things that have changed since we last contacted them. If you have a question, comment or issue that deals with stamps, Hall of Fame or passport verifications be sure **to send the email to passportclub@uslhs.org**. Our info@uslhs.org address receives a lot of emails, some of which end up in a spam folder. Others wait to be forwarded to the proper person for handling. So, use the passport club email to achieve a quicker response. But, remember even that email is monitored by volunteers, and they will respond as quickly as possible.

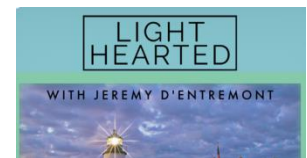


Electronic submissions of Complete Passports

We will no longer accept printed copies of pages sent via the U.S. Post Office. Scan or take photos of the pages and submit the completed passport electronically to the Passport Club email (passportclub@uslhs.org) if you wish to obtain your patches and wings.

Keep Up with Lighthouse News

Be sure to keep up with lighthouse news and the Light Hearted Podcasts featuring Jeremy D'Entremont's interviews with a wide variety of lighthouse supporters, volunteers and preservationists. Also visit the Society's Facebook page for additional up to date lighthouse information.



\$2 Donations

A donation of \$2 is expected for each stamp requested by mail or received on site. We have reports that people are asking for multiple copies by mail but only including a donation for one.

Hall of Fame Listings

Congratulations to Marge Czop, Randy Chase, Yvette Dills, Dean Lohmeyer and Glenn & Jeanine Swanson for achieving the highest level of stamps collecting - Pharos of Alexandria. Also, we would like to acknowledge the newest individuals to become part of the HOF at the I've Seen the Light Level - Kenneth Bade, Robert Hernandez, Dawn Ibach and Arthur Lebo. We hope you enjoyed filling up your first book with stamps and we look forward to receiving more completed passports in the future. Please let us know if there is an error in your listing on the Hall of Fame page of the Passport Program. However, we cannot update it every time a passport is submitted and an award is sent. So, please be patient, it gets updated eventually.



Updated Stamp Information

Peninsula Point (Design #2) & Minneapolis Shoal, MI



A new stamp design was created for the Peninsula Point Lighthouse and is now available at the Delta County Historical Museum in Escanaba. They also now have a stamp for the Minneapolis Shoal Lighthouse which can be seen from the Museum. For availability see their website - <http://deltahistorical.org/>

Ocracoke Island Lighthouse 200th Anniversary Stamp, NC

This stamp is available in two locations, at the lighthouse and inside the Ocracoke Island discovery Center. It will only be available until December 31 of this year and it is not available by mail.

Morning in Maine Sailing Tours Stamps

This boat company is now offering lighthouse sailing tours on Penobscot Bay. Talk about an adventure you can take while getting some stamps - this is it. They are located on the Middle Pier at 3 Police Plaza, Rockland, ME. Unique stamp designs are available on their tours for Indian Island, Owls Head and Rockland Breakwater. For more information visit: <https://amorninginmaine.com/>.



Muskegon South Breakwater Light, MI (Design #2)

The Muskegon Visitor's Center, 610 W. Western Avenue, Muskegon, MI, has a new stamp for the South Breakwater light in addition to one they have for the South Pierhead light. It is listed on the website as design #2.

Lost Lights Series V Now Available

The latest series of Lost Lights stamps featuring the following lighthouses is now available. There are now a total of 20 Lost Lights stamps in our collection. Here are the latest ones:

- Cape Fear, SC
- Charlotte Harbor, FL
- Crabtree Ledge, ME
- Roe Island, CA

To purchase your stamps, visit the Society website.