



STAMP FLASHES

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Lighthouses and Leaf Peeping

Fall foliage signals the beginning of another wonderful season for visiting lighthouses. While some locations close for the season after Labor Day, there are still plenty of lights to visit and many opportunities to fill up those passport books, including the Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival in Alpena (Oct. 9-12) and the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge (Oct. 18-19). If you have completed one or more passports this summer, be sure and submit them (or copies of them) so that we may add you to our Hall of Fame and send your award patches. This past summer we were very busy as the number of passport club members exceeded 1,500 and many new stamps were added to the list of participating locations. The demand for passports by individuals and retailers was high and actually exceeded our supply for a short time. These numbers are encouraging for passport locations as you leave your donations behind. As the program continues to expand, we will rely on our club members to help us keep the information about stamps and their locations fresh. As collectors, you are well aware of the challenge this presents and we appreciate the emails informing us of discrepancies between our list and reality!

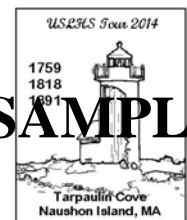
Massachusetts Stamp Bonanza

On the Society's recent lighthouse tour of Massachusetts, we left behind 7 new stamps (see list below) and created special tour stamps available only to tour participants for locations not currently part of the program. Hopefully, some of these locations can be added permanently at some time in the future. Combined with the stamps already available at the lighthouses we visited, participants were able to add a whopping 38

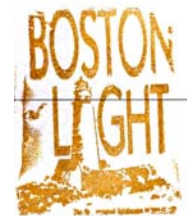
stamps to their passports. Donations for special tour stamps are used to help defray the expense of creating new or replacement stamps for nonprofit locations. A highlight of the trip was visiting Little Brewster Island and the Boston Harbor Lighthouse. The



lighthouse is being completely restored for the 300th year anniversary celebration in 2016 and, unfortunately, was surrounded by scaffolding. However, other than construction workers, we were the only group allowed on the island this year. Passports were stamped and we met the last civilian lighthouse keeper in the country, Sally Snowman, who not only greeted us, she baked us cookies! A real bonus was meeting the Waller family, the new owners of the Graves Lighthouse, who showed up to stamp our books with their recently created stamp (see photo below).



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New Stamps

Massachusetts

- Baker's Island Lighthouse
- Derby Wharf Lighthouse
- Fort Pickering (Winter Island) Lighthouse
- Hospital Point Front & Rear Range Lights
- Marblehead Lighthouse

All five stamps for these lights around Salem Harbor are being housed at the National Park Service Regional Visitor Center in Salem. Both Hospital Point lights are depicted on the same stamp. The rear range light is the steeple of the First Baptist Church of Beverly. The NPS is not set up to handle donations, so if you go there, either send the donation to the Society or give the next lighthouse you visit an extra donation!



Hull Lifesaving Museum (Massachusetts)

The museum has a new Society created stamp as well as their original stamp making it a new two stamp location. The museum is located at: 1117 Nantasket Ave, Hull, MA.

Lightship Nantucket - LV 112 (Massachusetts)

The Lightship is berthed at the Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina, 256 Marginal St., East Boston, MA. Currently, the lightship is open on Saturdays for tours.



Green's Ledge Lighthouse and Peck's Ledge Lighthouse (Connecticut)

Both stamps are available from the Norwalk Seaport Association, 132 Water St., Norwalk, CT.

Sand Island & Mobile Bay Lenses - Fort Morgan Museum (Alabama)

The new stamp at the museum depicts the Sand Island 2nd order lens and 4th order lens from Mobile Bay. The museum is located at the Fort Morgan State Historic Site, 110 State Highway 180, Gulf Shores, AL.



Smith Island Fresnel Lens (Washington)

The Museum of History & Industry (MOHAI) (860 Terry Ave. N, Seattle, WA) has a stamp for the museum which depicts the lens from the Smith Island Lighthouse. They also have a stamp for the Lightship Swiftsure located on the same property.

Marquette Breakwater Light and Presque Isle Harbor Breakwater Light (Michigan)

A new stamp depicting both these lights on the same stamp is now available at the Marquette Maritime Museum, 300 Lake Shore Blvd, Marquette, MI. A new stamp was also created for the **Marquette Harbor Lighthouse** which is also available at the museum.



Pacific Reef Light (Florida)

Another stamp in the series of Florida Reef Lights is now available. It is for the Pacific Reef Light which is located about 3 miles southeast of Elliott Key. It is housed with the Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation (FKRLF); (407) 658-0046. Note: This stamp is for the light, not the lantern room, which is located in Islamorada.

Barcelona Lighthouse & Buffalo South Entrance North Side (Bottle) Light (New York)

The Dunkirk Lighthouse & Veterans Park Museum at 1 Lighthouse Point Drive, Dunkirk, is now home to these two stamps, in addition to their stamp for the Dunkirk Lighthouse. The Barcelona light is located about 20 miles west on Dunkirk alongside Highway 5. The Bottle Light is located on the grounds of the park.

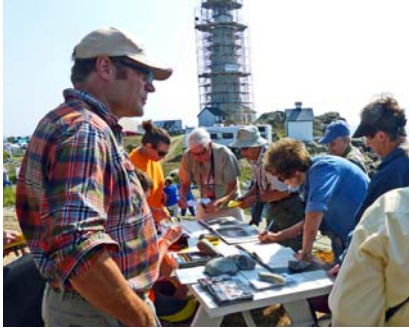


Other Stamp Updates

A special thanks to our Club members who have provided some of the following updates.

- **Bald Head Lighthouse (North Carolina)** - A redesigned stamp has been created for the Bald Head Lighthouse, NC
- **South Manitou Island (Michigan)** - In the off season (Nov-April) a stamp is available at the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Visitors Center, 9922 Front St; Empire, MI 49630; (231) 326-5134. <http://www.nps.gov/slbe>
- **Turkey Point Lighthouse (Maryland)** - An additional (second) stamp is available at the campground check-in office for Elk Neck State Park. It is in the entrance booth by the park store. The stamp says Elk Neck State Park and it has a picture of the lighthouse in the center of it. It is circular.
- **Bass Harbor Lighthouse (Maine)** - A third stamp is now available for this lighthouse at the Southwest Harbor & Tremont Chamber of Commerce, 329 Main Street, Southwest Harbor, ME. We added this stamp to make it easier for collectors to get at least one stamp for this lighthouse. This works especially well in those cases where one of the stamps is only available on a lighthouse tour.
- **Marshall Point (Maine)** – Three stamps have been found at this lighthouse. They are available in the museum/keepers house.
- **Rockland Breakwater (Maine)** – In addition to the stamp provided at the Maine Lighthouse Museum, another stamp can be found at the Owls Head Interpretive Center.

Photos from the Lighthouse Trail



Left to Right

- Dave Waller, Owner of the Graves Lighthouse, brought his stamp for the Society group to the Boston Harbor Lighthouse.
- Mary Lee, Passport Club Inspector, stamps books with new Salem Harbor stamps
- Ann pastes special tour stamps for Buzzards Bay into her book

Document Your Lighthouse Visits and Passport Stamps

This winter when you are taking a break from lighthouse hunting you can work on documenting you lighthouse visits and passport stamps you have obtained. The Society website has a great resource which allows you to do this and more! You can input lights you have visited, which ones you have stamps for, display comments about lights you see, cross reference with Society tours, plot the locations of lighthouses using different methods including GPS and Google Maps™, communicate with other contributors via email through the website, share your lighthouse photos and download GPS coordinates that can be stored on your GPS device. The list of features goes on and on.

- To get started go to: <http://uslhs.org/resources/resources.php>. You will need to create a profile for yourself and set up a user name and password. There is no cost associated with using this resource and your email information is never shared with any other organization.
- Once you have created your profile, under “Your Info” click on “Passport Summary” or “Visit Summary.” Here you can input information about your visits and also which passport stamps you have received. This site has maps, photos, a list of others and how many lights they have seen.
- After you input your data, you can look at a map that shows which lights you have been to and which ones you have yet to visit. There is a ton of fun information available. Just click on the various pages to see what is available.

2015 Tours - More Lights, More Stamps

Domestic Society tours in 2015 include trips to Northern California, Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, South Carolina/Georgia, New Jersey, the Gulf Coast and Maine. As you know by now, these trips are not only an opportunity to see lots of lighthouses, many of which are very difficult to access on your own, but also a chance to fill up those passport books with stamps. Details will be available on our website in the next couple of weeks.

Hall of Fame Additions

Congratulations to our newest Hall of Fame awardees (Asterisks indicate number of "all stamp" books). Special recognition goes out to Hilary Seery who has completed 8 passport books with all stamps (that is 480 stamps)! We have a number of collectors who have exceeded our 420 level and new higher level awards will be created this winter to recognize their accomplishments.

I've Seen the Light (60)

Mary & Amanda Billerbeck
Zuzana Malachi
Lisa Mintz
Tony & Carolyn Pearson*
Mick Sybal
Charlene Taylor

Gold Level (180)

Harriet Field***
Bertie Field***
Leah Samuels**

Silver Level (120)

Bonnie Brown
Louis Carilli
Peggy Carilli
Karl Mack*
Dick Richardson*
Tawnya Hurt Rudzinski

Platinum Level (240)

Norm Bosse***
Mary Lou Fournane**
Susan Koblin*

1st Wing (300)

Marge Czop**
Jan & Cathy Emrick*****
Judy Newblom*

2nd Wing (360)

Frank & Jacki Grabowski
Holly Hinrichs-Dahms
Jeannette O'Neal*
Bill Schmidt****

3rd Wing (420)

Hilary Seery*****



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