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STAMP FLASHES

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Here Comes Summer, School is Out Oh Happy Day!

Lighthouse season is upon us and judging by the number of requests for stamp replacements, it appears that it will be the best summer in several years. While Covid still lingers, families are starting to reappear at the hundreds of lighthouses around the country.

Collecting stamps on your journeys is a great way to provide a journal type record of where you have been as well as involving kids in an activity. We encourage parents to explain to our youth the important role lighthouses have played in our nation's maritime history. You might lead by asking "What's a lighthouse for?" Jack Graham posed this question in a recent article in the Society's publication, *The Keeper's Log* (Vol 37, #1). He suggests a good answer is that a lighthouse is like one of those symbols on a map with an arrow pointing and saying "you are here!" When a mariner sees it, they know exactly where they are. Knowing this allows the ship's captain to navigate toward it, away from it or around it, thereby providing for a safe journey.



\$2 Donations

As previously requested, we encourage everyone to make at minimum donation of \$2 for each stamp collected in person or through the mail. Rising costs have impacted everyone and lighthouse associations and supporters are no exception. This is a great way to collectively help these groups. The impact of these small donations by over 7,200 club members can be significant to the lighthouse community. So, please consider this when you acquire new stamps for your collection.



A Word to the Wise on Stamp Availability

Our regional volunteer stamp representatives contact each stamp location annually to verify where and when a stamp is available. However, stamps often get moved, misplaced or docent/volunteers are sometimes not even aware of the program. If someone tells you that the stamp is not available, please ask around before concluding that our information is not correct. Almost every time we are told a stamp is not where we said it was it turns out that it actually was there. With more than 700 stamps that are not chained to a counter, this is always a possibility.

Lost Lights Series IV

A new Lost Lights stamp series has been created and is now available. The four lighthouses chosen for Series IV are:

1. Brazos Santiago, Texas (Est. 1879)

The Texas port of Brazos Santiago was located on Brazos Island across the Brazos Santiago Pass from South Padre Island.

2. Gull Rocks Lighthouse, Rhode Island (Est. 1887)

Gull Rocks poses a danger to ships on the east passage of Narragansett Bay north of Rose Island.

3. Mare Island Lighthouse, California (Est. 1873)

Mare Island Lighthouse was located at the southern end of the island near the entrance to Carquinez Strait, California.

4. Parris Island Lighthouse, South Carolina (Est. 1881)

In 1881, a set of range lights were lit on Parris Island, South Carolina to guide ships coming into Port Royal Sound.

For additional information and where to purchase these stamps visit:

<https://uslhs.org/fun/passport-club/collector-stamp-series>

Note: When you purchase the stamps, this would be a good opportunity to add a donation to support the Society's preservation efforts.

New Policy for Submitting Stamps for Awards

We are now requesting that if you wish to receive an award for the stamps you have collected to send us your proof **electronically**. You can do this is a couple of ways: (1) scan the pages of your passport and email them to the Passport Club or (2) take a picture of the pages in your passport and simply forward them in an email. This saves us time, postage and prevents them from getting lost in the mail.



Updated Stamp Information

Bolivar Point Lighthouse, TX - Availability

The new stamp for the Bolivar Point Lighthouse, announced in the last Flashes, is now available by mail. See their listing on our website for more information about how to obtain it.

St. George Reef, CA - New Design

The St George Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society now has a stamp of their own with a new design for their lighthouse. This is the fourth stamp that is available for St. George Reef. The others are available at the local Chamber of Commerce and Battery Point Lighthouse in Crescent City and at Tidewind Sportfishing in Brookings Oregon.





Galveston County Museum - New Location & Design

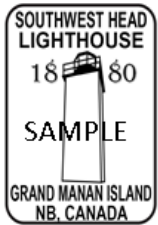
The Galveston Jetty Lighthouse was destroyed by a violent storm in 2000. The lantern room had been removed prior to this and eventually became part of Beacon Square at the entrance to Galveston College. The third order lens was also preserved and is now on display at the Galveston County Museum. A new stamp, depicting the lens, was recently created and is now available at the museum reception desk.

Tillamook Rock, OR - New Design

We have corrected a decade long error on the Tillamook Rock Lighthouse stamp held by the Cannon Beach History Center & Museum. Prior to the formation of the current Passport Club a stamp was created with the word "lighthouse" misspelled. We have worked with the new Board of Directors President to design a completely new stamp. Funny how we never received any comments about this for so many years! In any case, the new stamp is available at the museum or with a \$2 donation by mail.



Swallowtail, Southwest Head and Long Point Lighthouses - New Designs



The Swallowtail Lighthouse is owned by the Village of Grand Manan and managed by the Swallowtail Keepers Society. Recently, the Swallowtail stamp was redesigned to reflect the new, larger cupola that was installed four years ago. In addition, they now have new stamps for two additional locations: Southwest Head Lighthouse (Grand Manan) and Long Point Lighthouse (White Head Island). Finally, they continue to provide a stamp for the Long Eddy Point Lighthouse on Grand Manan. Note: These stamps are not available by mail.

Angel Island Stamps

The stamps for the three lights on Angel Island, California have disappeared so they have been removed from the location listings on the website. At this point in time we do not have any plans to replace them. If they reappear we will relist them and let you know.

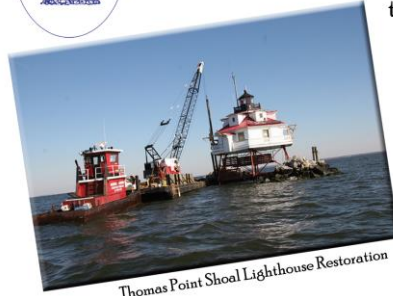


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