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# STAMP FLASHES

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## USLHS Passport Membership

We welcome all of you who have recently joined the Society as a Passport member or higher level. For stamp collectors the benefits are numerous and well worth the yearly membership fee. You should have already received the 2022 & 2023 Passport Club and Society Membership stamps. In addition, all USLHS members receive:

- Access to the detailed (password protected) list of participating lighthouses. You should have received the current password recently. If not, be sure and call the office.
- Holiday ornament stamp and achievement award patches at no charge.
- An email subscription to the current Stamp Flashes newsletter providing updated information about everything related to the passport program.
- 50% discount on the Lost Light Series stamps, previous holiday stamps and any future stamps issued by the Society. Note: Stamps created for USLHS tours are only available to tour participants.

## Passport Membership versus Passport Club

The difference between the old Passport Club and the new Passport membership is as follows:

**Passport Membership:** This entry level of Society membership is designed specifically for those primarily interested in the Passport Stamp Program. Benefits are enumerated above. Higher levels of membership (e.g. Keeper, Prism) have additional benefits, including the Society's publication, *The Keepers Log*. All Society members are entitled to the same benefits as Passport members. For a description of all of the membership levels visit:

<https://uslhs.org/membership/join-renew>.

**Passport Club:** These individuals joined the original free club which now is being phased out. These non-Society members can still participate in the passport stamp collection program, submit their completed books for awards (for a fee) and be listed in the Hall of Fame. They will not have access to the detailed list of participating locations or the current issue of the *Stamp Flashes* newsletter.

## Passport Achievement Awards Submissions - Update

**We are now only accepting submissions for awards electronically.** Scan or take photos of your Passport pages and send them in an email for verification to [passportclub@uslhs.org](mailto:passportclub@uslhs.org). **Do not mail** the Passport or scanned pages to the



Society office. Once verified, Society members will receive their patch and a certificate of completion. Non-Society members will be provided information as to where they can purchase their award patches. Remember, in order to obtain your awards and be listed in the Hall of Fame your Passport must contain 60 acceptable entries. For a list of what is acceptable please visit the programs goals and guidelines web page:

<https://uslhs.org/fun/passport-club/guidelines>.

## **Passport Stamp Locations: Two Listings**

[Summary List of All Participating Lighthouses](#) (no password required): Identifies all locations (lighthouses, museums, life-saving stations, etc.) that have at least one stamp. Fresnel lenses are listed only if they are not located at the lighthouse (e.g. museum). This is a good check list if you want to keep track of places for which you have a stamp. It does not indicate where, when or how the stamp is available.

[Detailed List of Participating Locations](#) (Member only - password required): Provides information about where stamps are available and contact information. In addition to lighthouses, this includes commercial cruise companies, retail outlets, visitor's centers, museums and other non-lighthouse locations. If a mail option is offered, details about how and where to obtain the stamps are given. Be sure to use the correct mailing address which is often different from the address of the lighthouse or museum.

## **Updating the Stamp Listings**

Beginning early in the spring, our regional volunteer stamp representatives contact each stamp location to verify that their listing information is correct. Depending on the geographical location and availability of lighthouse staff, this process takes several months. We try our best to have it completed by Memorial Day. After that we encourage you to send us an email if you have new information about a listing. It will be forwarded to the appropriate representative for follow-up. Remember that if someone tells you that the stamp is not available; ask around before concluding that our information is not correct. Unlike most NPS cancellation stamps, our stamps are not chained to a counter so they often get moved. The dedicated USLHS volunteers doing the heavy lifting for the stamp program are:

Marge Czop (Michigan)

Sharon Mills (Northeast)

Yvette Dills (Southeast)

Sue Moffit (Midwest)

Nicole Grashik (Michigan)

Andy Robinson (West Coast)

Judy Grigg (Michigan & West Coast)

Scott & Diane Walbert (Northeast)

Wanda Mayo (South)

Marion Zobot (East Coast)

Only with the help of these volunteers can Passport Program continue to be a fun and educational aspect of lighthouse adventures.

## **New Stamp Information**

### **Detroit Area Lighthouses**

Three new stamps for lighthouses in the Detroit area are now available with the proceeds going to preservation efforts of the Save Our South Channel Lights Organization. These stamps are currently only available by mail. Send your request to [nicole@uslhs.org](mailto:nicole@uslhs.org). You will be provided with mailing instructions. Be sure to include a \$2 donation for each stamp requested.

- **Lake St. Clair Light** - Located in the middle of Lake St. Clair this light, first lit in 1941, replaced a series of lightships that were positioned there beginning in 1878.

- **William Livingston Memorial Lighthouse** - This light was built with funds provided by the Lake Carriers' Association as a memorial to William Livingston (1844-1925) who served as its president from 1902 until his death in 1925. It is unique in that it is the only marble lighthouse in the United States.
- **Windmill Point Light** - The original Windmill Point Light was built in 1838 at the Detroit River entrance from Lake St. Clair. The current steel plated tower is on a short steel pier projecting into the river and is a very popular fishing spot.



### Point Bolivar, Texas



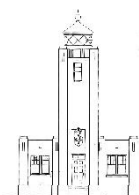
The current cast iron Point Bolivar Lighthouse tower was first lit in 1872. 2022 marked the lighthouse's 150<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. The Bolivar Point Lighthouse Foundation now has an anniversary stamp to go with their original lighthouse stamp. See their listing for information on how to obtain this new stamp.

### Kewaunee Pier Lighthouse, Wisconsin

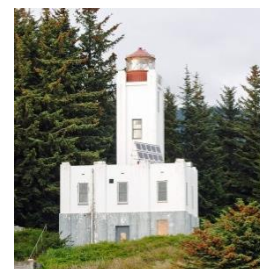
Kewaunee Pier now has two stamps. One is available year round at the Lighthouse Gift Shop in Kewaunee. The new stamp with a different design will be available at the lighthouse on tour dates. Check their website for upcoming tour dates. This lighthouse was recently added to the National Register of Historic Places.



### Sentinel Island Lighthouse, Alaska



In 2004 ownership of this lighthouse was transferred to the Gastineau Channel Historical Society under the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000. They have been working to restore the current Art Deco style structure completed in 1935 (replacing the original lighthouse built in 1902). The stamp will be available at the lighthouse from May to October.



### Found Stamps

#### Angel Island, California

We reported last year that the 3 stamps for Angel Island, California, had gone missing. They have been found and now all 3 (Point Blunt, Point Knox & Point Stuart) are once again available at the Dock Conservancy Store on the island.

### Inland Lighthouses

The Passport stamp program currently has a number of participating locations on inland lakes or waterways (other than the Great Lakes). Some examples include the three lights on Oneida Lake (NY), Ladies Delight (ME) and the Louisville Life Saving Station (KY). We often get inquiries from collectors asking if we can add an inland light. Some of the criteria we use when considering adding a stamp are (a) it must be an active aid to navigation for at least a part of the year with preference given to those with historical significance; (b) an organization associated with the light must be willing to pay for the stamp and make it available at or very near the light on a regular basis; (c) The stamp cannot be only available by mail; (d) revenue generated from donations must be earmarked to help maintain the light. Every location is a bit different and exceptions can be made. Our decision to add a stamp is considered by a group of individuals with a connection to and familiarity with the program.