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Spring Has Sprung!

Sure signs of spring include a crow flying past you carrying a stick, daffodils ready to bloom and the last of the snow melting. However, for many of us, we know it is spring when we pull the lighthouse passport books out of the drawer and begin planning our lighthouse visits for the year. There have never been so many opportunities to add stamps to our collection as there are this year. USLHS tours, lighthouse cruises, stamps by mail and over 650 stamp locations all add up to numerous chances to add to your collections. Volunteers are currently hard at work checking with stamp locations to make sure the information we have on our website is up to date. It is their efforts that make it easier for you to get your stamps. However, remember that we can always use updates from the rest of you whenever you encounter conflicting information.

Stamp Collecting Policies

As we begin a new year it is always a good idea to hit the highlights about our stamp collection policies.

- First, and foremost, you should always donate at least \$1 for each and every stamp you get.
- The list of locations with stamps we accept is found at <https://uslhs.org/fun/passport-club>.
- You may use a photo instead of a stamp, but it must be on the list of locations.
- Stamps from international lighthouses are acceptable if they depict and identify the lighthouse. Photos of international lighthouses, with the exception of those on the list of locations, cannot be counted toward awards.
- Stamps by mail are only available from those on the list that specifically state that this service is provided. Be sure and follow the requirements for receiving a stamp by mail as they may vary by location,

Lost Light Stamp Series II

The second in our series of Lost Light Stamps is now available. The series honors the history of those proud beacons that have been lost destroyed by natural disasters, torn down purposefully or replaced with something modern. By purchasing the set of **4 stamps** for only \$11 including shipping (which will fill one page of your LH Passport Book) you will be adding to your official stamp collection while helping to make sure the Lighthouse Passport Program itself remains self-sustaining and free to everyone. To order Series II go to: <https://uslhs.org/shop>. If you missed getting Series I, you can order them from the same site. The set of stamps, along with a history of the light and location, will be shipped to you via 1st class U.S. Mail. The lights chosen for Series II are:

- Bullock's Point, East Providence, RI
- Fort Sumter, Charleston, SC
- Willapa Bay, North Cove, WA
- Ballast Point, San Diego, CA

Keep Up to Date with USLHS News

A great way for lighthouse lovers to keep up with what is going on in the lighthouse community is to subscribe to *U.S. Lighthouse Society News*. This blog contains a lot of current information about lighthouse preservation, education, history and research. You will get weekly emails and you can search past postings for

your area of interest. To receive the News, go to news.uslhs.org and at the bottom of the page enter your email address and click on *subscribe*. Here is where you can also search past blogs by category. Give it a try.

Collecting by Category

Did you ever consider trying to collect all of the stamps associated with a particular type of location? How about life saving stations, museums, lenses or lightships? Maybe by type of lighthouse (e.g. Reef lights, pier lights, breakwater lights, skeletal towers or school house lighthouses).

Two years ago we started expanding the number of Life Saving Stations in the program. This was done with the assistance of the U.S. Life-Saving Service Heritage Association. These were added to a few Coast Guard Station and lifeboat stamps and we now have a total of 20 stamps in this category. This year we expect to add even more of these locations to our list. How many of these do you have?

Indian River, DE
Lewes, DE
Louisville, KY
Wood Island,, ME
Ocean City, MD
Hull, MA
Nahant, MA

Old Harbor, MA
Surfside, MA
Marquette, MI
Mackinac Island, MI
USCG Lifeboat 36460, MI
USCG Lifeboat 36500 MA
USCG Heritage Museum, MA

Tatham, NJ
Chicamacomico, NC
Pier's End, OR
Port Orford ,OR
Yaquina Bay, OR
Narragansett Pier, RI

Another interesting category of stamps are the Lightship Stamps. We currently have 11 locations for these stamps, plus one for a lighthouse tender and one for a lightship bell. They are located in ten different states making it a special challenge to get all of them.

Relief, CA
Overfalls, DE
Chesapeake, MD
Nantucket (LV 112), MA
Huron, MI

Winter Quarters, NJ
Ambrose, NY
Frying Pan Shoals, NY
Lilac Tender, NY
Diamond Shoals (Bell), NC

Columbia, OR
Portsmouth, VA
Swiftsure, WA

New Stamps

California Lighthouse - Aruba

One of the most popular historical attractions in Aruba is the California Lighthouse. Named for the British steamship *California* which wrecked there in 1891, it has been recently restored by the Aruba's Monuments Fund. It is now open to the public for climbing and is visited by many of the more than two million people visiting Aruba each year. We are happy to announce that the lighthouse is now officially a member of our Passport Program. It would be a major addition to any passport. It is not available by mail, so I guess you will just have to get it the next time you are in Aruba!



Huron Harbor Lighthouse - Ohio

The Huron Harbor lighthouse is located at the mouth of the Huron River on Lake Erie. Two stamps with the same design are now available at the Huron Parks & Recreation office and the Huron Boat Basin Marina office, both located in Huron, OH.

Lynde Point and Saybrook Harbor Lighthouses

Copies of these two Connecticut lighthouse stamps are now available only by mail from a private party. Send an email to fenwicklights@gmail.com. You will receive further instructions on how to obtain the two stamps. You will need of your visit (photograph) along with the date, a SASE and a donation. All donations will be matched and forwarded to the USLHS.

Fort Point - California

Fort Point is not a new location, but they have a new stamp to replace the previous one they had. The design is different, so avid collectors may want to get it to add to their collection.

Notes from the Field

The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum

After being closed for some time for renovations, the museum is now open. When you visit the museum you can get three stamps: One each for the museum, Portsmouth Lightship and Hog Island Shoal Lens.

Hall of Fame

Congratulations to the individuals listed below for achieving new award levels. A special shout out goes to Al King who is now in that elite group with at least 11 completed Passports (660 stamps).

Actually, he now has 14 all stamp books (840 stamps). One of his recent submissions was all USLHS Tour Stamps available only to those who participate in our lighthouse excursions. This is a great way to fill up passports quickly. Al is one of the individuals who has been instrumental in expanding the Passport Stamp Program into the popular activity it is today for so many lighthouse lovers. He is a true Wickie!

I've Seen the Light (60) 1 Passport

Brad Abplanalp (1)

Norma Byrne (1)

Mary Ellen & Bill Cole (1)

Don Garvey (1)

Richard Kirkpatrick (1)

Diane Lawrence

Robert Midgley (1)

Cindy Norris (1)

Alana Spencer

Linda Weatherup (1)

Silver Star (120) 2 Passports

David Kellerman (1)

Gold Star (180) 3 Passports

Victoria & Sam Webster

Platinum Patch (240) 4 Passports

Dan Berger (4)

Susan Duke (2)

Kirby Lemon (4)

David McAfee

Diamond Circle (480) 8 Passports

Michael Mueller (3)

Wing #5 (600) 10 Passports

Holly Hinrichs-Dahms (6)

> 11 Passports & >660 Stamps

Al King (14 Passports) (840 Stamps)

John MacFarland (19 Passports) (1,140 Stamps)

Number in parentheses indicates number of all stamp flags awarded. Please report any errors here or on the website to passportclub@uslhs.org