



STAMP FLASHES

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Dog Days of Summer

The “dog days of summer” occur during the period that Sirius, the Dog Star, rises at the same time as the sun (July 3 – August 11). This period is marked by lethargy, avoidance of activity and just plain laziness. We, here at the U.S. Lighthouse Society, can attest to the fact that such inactivity does not apply to lighthouse passport stamp collectors! Passports are selling at record levels, completed passports arrive almost daily at the office, hundreds



more have joined the Passport Club and we continue to add new stamp locations. These locations now include a new group of Life Saving Stations, the sister service of the U.S. Lighthouse Service. You will find these on the Passport Club website at the end of the lighthouse listings for each state under “Museums, Life Saving and Coast Guard Stations.” Remember, these stamps count toward your award levels, just like the lighthouse stamps.

Regional Stamp Inspectors Needed

With 3,000 club members and more than 400 active participating sites, the Passport Stamp Program is in need of some help in order to continue operating. We are seeking stamp enthusiast volunteers who would be willing to become Regional Stamp Inspectors to assist the one volunteer we have working on this program. Each inspector will be responsible for making sure that the information about stamp availability in their region is correct and up to date. You will not have to visit the locations; only make an initial contact (phone or email) and then twice a year check in to make sure the website information is correct. During these communications, we might ask you to pass along additional information about the Passport Program. There is no selling or asking for anything, other than information. A region may be an entire state or even a couple of states or, in some cases, only a portion of a state. Hopefully, each Inspector would handle 20-30 lighthouses. If you would be willing to take on this volunteer position with the Society, please send an email to skip@uslhs.org, indicating your interest and location. I will follow up with more details via email or a phone call. Hopefully, with your help, we can keep this program alive and growing.

Passport Stamp Tote Bags

The perfect accessory for passport stamp enthusiasts is now available from the Society. This tote bag is constructed of heavy cotton canvas and includes a zippered compartment, which is just the right size to carry your passport and passport hunting supplies. It features a selection of custom designed passport stamps and a space where you can attach and show off your award patches. The tote, in addition to being practical, is sure to attract attention and act as a great conversation piece. Order now at: <https://uslhs.org/shop> for only \$33 (includes shipping and handling).



New Life Saving Station Stamps

As reported in our last *Stamp Flashes* we are adding more Life Saving Stations to our passport stamp program. The stamps have a common general design using the oar and boat hook behind a life ring which were part of the official seal of the Life Saving Service. Following is a list of the new stations that are now part of the program and have their own stamp. For more details see their listing on the webpages for participating locations.



Port Orford Lifeboat Station (Oregon)

Located at 92331 Coast Guard Hill Rd, Port Orford, OR 97465. Here you can see a 36 foot self-righting motor lifeboat and visit the museum in the former barracks/office building.



Lewes Life-Saving Station Boathouse (Delaware)

Stamp is available at the Lewes Historical Society, 110 Shipcarpenter Street, Lewes, DE. The 1884 boathouse contains two Monomoy surfboats, a life-car, beach cart and a Lyle Gun.

Yaquina Bay Life Saving Station (Oregon)

750 NW Lighthouse Dr, Newport, OR. Most of you think of this structure as the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse, but when it was discontinued in 1906, it was used as a Life Saving Station until 1932. So, you can get two stamps here – one for the lighthouse and one for the Life Saving Station - same building. Very unique!



Nahant Life Saving Station (Massachusetts)

Built in 1899 by the Life Saving Service, the building was taken over by the Coast Guard in 1915 and has been recently renovated. The station is not open on a regular basis but if you call 508-878-5118 when you visit, someone will come down and show you the station. Stamp also available by mail with SASE, donation & photo. 96 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA.

Quoddy Head Station (Maine)

Built in 1873, Station 1, District 1 remained on the list of active stations until 1970. Today it is a vacation rental (www.quoddyvacation.com) where you can enjoy the natural beauty of Downeast Maine! 823 South Lubec Road, Lubec, ME



U.S. Coast Guard Station, Mackinac Island (Michigan)

In 1915, the newly-formed U.S. Coast Guard built a new lifeboat station on Mackinac Island. The station closed in 1969 and the property reverted to the Mackinac Island State Park Commission which transformed it into the Mackinac Island State Park Visitor's Center. The stamp is available at the Center, located at 7165 Main Street across from Marquette Park.



Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center (Washington)

Cape Disappointment State Park, 244 Robert Gray Dr, Ilwaco, WA . While this is not a former Life Saving Station, they have an extensive exhibit of life saving equipment as well as the lens that was used at both Cape Disappointment and North Head Lighthouses.

Marquette Life Saving Station (Michigan)

Built for the Life Saving Service in 1890, the building housed the Coast Guard until 2009 when a modern facility was dedicated and called Cleary Hall, named after the founding keeper of the Marquette Life Saving Station. Stamp is available at the Marquette Maritime Museum, 300 North Lakeshore Boulevard, Marquette, Michigan. The museum also has stamps for the Marquette Harbor Lighthouse and the Presque Isle Harbor Breakwater (which also depicts the Marquette Breakwater Light). 300 North Lakeshore Boulevard, Marquette, MI



Gilbert's Bar House of Refuge Museum (Florida)

301 S. E. MacArthur Blvd., Stuart, FL. Houses of Refuge were designated as havens for shipwrecked sailors and travelers along the sparsely populated Atlantic coastline of Florida. This is the last remaining House of Refuge in Florida.



Other New Stamps

Fourteen Foot Bank Lighthouse (Delaware)

This is a second stamp with a different design and is available at The Lewes Historical Society, 110 Shipcarpenter Street, Lewes, DE 19958. (302) 645-7670. Open daily 10-5. Website: www.historiclewes.org

Port Clinton Lighthouse (Ohio)

Port Clinton Lighthouse Conservancy, P.O. Box 389, Port Clinton, OH, 43452. Stamp will be available from the docent at the restored lighthouse which has now been relocated to Waterworks Park off of East Perry Street in Port Clinton. Congratulations to the Port Clinton Lighthouse Conservancy for making the restoration possible and finding a permanent location for the lighthouse.



Stepping Stones Lighthouse (New York)

This is a second stamp with a different design and is only available by mail. Send request with SASE, donation and photo to: 1 Bernard Street, Great Neck, New York, 11023-1515.

Hall of Fame Additions

Congratulations are in order for the following individuals who have achieved new award levels. Asterisks indicate total number of all stamp flags achieved.

I've Seen the Light (60)

Linda Donohue*
Catherine Hazelwood*
Joyce Pellam*
Lori Riopelle*

Silver Star (120)

Kathleen Cotterly**
Wayne Cotterly**
Judith Grigg**
Kevin Keith**
Jerry Walker**
Dee Werner*

Gold Star (180)

Karen Bennett
Yvette Dills***
John Hopp***
Cindy Hopp***
Carole McCoy***

Platinum Circle (240)

Jan Cooper*
Tawnya & Corey Rudzinski**
Van Dyke Family*

1st Wing (300)

Al Smith*****
Glen & Jeanine Swanson*****
Scott & Diane Walbert*****
Mary Wilbur***

2nd Wing (360)

Norm Bosse*****

3rd Wing (420)

Dorothy Jarczynski*****
Joyce Waggett*****

3rd Wing + (480)

Julie Lake****
Sharon Mills*****

Remember to check the Hall of Fame listing on the website to make sure your name and award level are correct. Send any corrections to passportclub@uslhs.org