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Issue 13

We'll Keep the Light on for You!

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A Year of Events and Celebrations for DRLPS

Now is the time to make your plans for attending the DRLPS events for this summer. There are many events planned for this year and there's still time to make reservations. Keep an eye out for more information in this issue and future issues of *Passages* for details on all of these great opportunities to support the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society.

11th Annual Fathers Day Cruise on the St. Mary's River - Sunday, June 15

The day long cruise includes a trip to the DeTour Reef Light with many photo opportunities while circling around the Light. After circling the Light, the narrated cruise proceeds upriver and through the Soo Locks. The cruisers are treated to a brunch, buffet luncheon, afternoon snack and an available cash bar.

9th Annual Evening Under the Stars - Saturday, July 12

The evening includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a beautiful gourmet dinner, a unique dessert, music and a silent auction. It will be held on the shore of Lake Huron at Bayside Dining on Drummond Island, MI.

10th Anniversary Gala Celebration - Saturday, August 30

Everyone is invited to the celebration of ten years of restoration and conservation of the DeTour Reef Light. The gala promises to provide some surprises.

2008 Photograph the Light Contest June 1st through August 1st

The DRLPS is looking for unique pictures of the DeTour Reef Light. This contest is open to all amateur photographers and pictures become the property of the DRLPS. Additional information can be found on page 3. The winner will be announced at the 10th Anniversary Gala on Saturday August 30th.



*A beautiful day on the light in the summer of 2007.
A photo like this could be the lucky winner!*

DeTour Reef Lighthouse Tours

This is the 4th year for the Lighthouse Tours. They include boat transportation on a government inspected charter boat piloted by a U.S. Coast Guard licensed captain, light refreshments on the Light, and a guided tour. Each tour is limited to 6 individuals, assuring personal attention by the tour guides. The tour lasts approximately 2 hours. Advanced reservations and payment will be required.

Saturdays, except as indicated:
June 14, 21, 28
July 5, 13 (Sunday), 19, 26
Aug 2, 10 (Sunday), 16, 23

DeTour Reef Light Keeper Weekends (Friday PM – Sunday PM)

The Light Keeper program has received overwhelming interest from Lighthouse aficionados as well as the general public and is in its 4th year. The process of becoming a Weekend Light Keeper includes a personal phone interview, a letter explaining why the individual wants to be a keeper and two letters of reference. Each weekend is limited to 6 keepers.

June 13-15, June 20-22, June 27-29
July 4-6, July 11-13, July 18-20, July 25-27
August 1-3, August 8-10, August 15-17, August 22-24

Applications for the 2008 Lighthouse Keeper Program Now Due

The DeTour Reef Lighthouse Keeper program is increasingly popular with lighthouse lovers and boat watchers. From the first keeper program in 2005 with 13 volunteer keepers, the program was increased to 38 keepers in 2006 and further expanded to 59 keepers in 2007. To meet requests, the lighthouse furnishings were improved in 2007 to accommodate up to six keepers at a time by the addition of bunk beds in the assistant's room. This arrangement is now consistent with the bed configuration during the U. S. Coast Guard manned period. Despite this increased capacity, the program was oversubscribed and some 2007 applicants were deferred until the 2008 program.

Applications are now due for the 2008 program. The program will be offered Friday through Sunday between June 13th and August 24th – 11 consecutive weekends. If all weekends are filled, the Society will consider midweek keeper programs. Four to six keepers will be accommodated each weekend. Singles and couple applicants will be matched with others to achieve the 4 to 6 keeper manning. Applicants may apply as a group to fill an entire weekend. Additionally, the Society will consider requests for stays longer than Friday through Sunday. For more information go to the Society's web page www.drlps.com and click on Lighthouse Keeper Program or email keepers@drlps.com. Priority for assignment of choice of weekends is based on the date of the application.



Keeper Joan Meyer about to serve fresh baked chocolate chip cookies to tour visitors

Being a keeper of DeTour Reef Light is an experience of a lifetime. DeTour Reef Light is the only offshore light (i.e. not land or island based) that offers a volunteer lighthouse keeper program. It is located in Lake Huron at the mouth of the St. Mary's River – the route between the lower Great Lakes and Lake Superior. Approximately 20 ships plus many more pleasure craft pass close by the lighthouse every day. Sunrises and sunsets are spectacular!

The living quarters are furnished similar to the period of Coast Guard manning, which was terminated in 1974 when DeTour Reef Light was automated. The keeper's room has a double bed, and two bunk beds are provided in the assistants' room. A fully functional 1931 GE Hotpoint electric range with oven and warming drawer, an electric refrigerator, coffee maker, toaster and microwave oven are provided in the galley. The office includes a fully restored 1930's roll top desk, a marine radio, and a glass front bookcase. The bath has a modern toilet, bathtub and shower. Unlike the manned period, water is sterilized with a filtration and UV purification system and sewage is treated with a Coast Guard approved sophisticated marine sanitation system.

The primary responsibility of volunteer keepers is to ready the lighthouse for public tours and to make the tour visitors feel welcome on the lighthouse. Typically two or three two-hour tours will be scheduled each weekend.

A message from the President, Russ Norris

When a small group of citizens from DeTour and Drummond Island got together in January of 1998 to discuss the future of the DeTour Reef Light, a dilapidated structure on the verge of demolition at that time, it is hard to imagine that any of them could have foreseen the chain of events they were about to set in motion. Today, after thousands of hours of volunteer service, over a million dollars in grant money, thousands in donations and ten years of hard work by a remarkably determined organization, the structure has been restored to an incredibly close approximation of its original form. It has become a nationally recognized model for historic preservation and a tremendous source of community pride. Unique in so many ways, the offshore lighthouse presents us with an unparalleled opportunity to connect generations from the past, present and future in historic, economic and geographic terms. Anyone who has had a chance to visit the light, climb the winding stairs to the lantern room and enjoy the spectacular view it presents knows what I mean. As we celebrate the ten year anniversary of the DRLPS we can all take pride that the light continues to shine at the mouth of the St. Mary's River and hopefully will continue to do so for many generations to come. Thanks to all your support, we will continue to keep the light on.

Female Lighthouse Keepers Recognized in New Exhibit

A new exhibit, called “Ladies of the Lights: Michigan Women in the U.S. Lighthouse Service” is now on display at the Michigan Women’s Historical Center in Lansing, MI. Lighthouse keeping in the 19th and early 20th centuries was a rugged life of long hours and hard work punctuated by periods of real peril. Not a profession for the faint-hearted, it was thought to be unsuitable employment for the “fairer sex”.

But at least 50 women in Michigan proved the naysayers wrong. Acting as both assistants and full-fledged keepers, these women served the sailing community with distinction for more than 100 years, often juggling their official duties with the demands of raising a family. And more than one woman gave her life for the Lighthouse Service.

Stirring stories of dedication and determination may be found in this new exhibit, as well as hands-on activities for the young and old.

The exhibit is on display from January 14-June 27, 2008.

Michigan Women’s Historical Center and Hall of Fame
213 W. Main St.
Lansing, MI 48933
517-484-1880
www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org



DeTour Reef Light Photo Contest 2008 Call for Entries

Attention photographers! The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) is looking for good photos of the DeTour Reef Light located in northern Lake Huron at the eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula for the DRLPS first photo contest.

To celebrate ten years of preserving and restoring the DeTour Reef Light (DRL), the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) is having a photo contest. The rules of entry are shown below and the winners will be announced at the 10th Anniversary Gala Celebration of the DRLPS on August 30, 2008 at the Eastern Upper Peninsula Fine Arts Center in DeTour Village, Michigan.

The Grand Prize winning photo will be featured in DRLPS feature stories, the 2008 Collector postcard, and other DRLPS formats. Other winning photos will be included in the DRLPS *Passages* and other magazines publications. Winners will be announced from the following categories:

- ◆ Best shot of the complete Light
- ◆ Best person/people
- ◆ Most unique shot
- ◆ Best sunrise/sunset

Prizes will be announced in the next issue of Passages.

We look forward to your participation in the DRLPS first photo contest. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Method Green at PR@DRLPS.com.

Rules of Entry:

Each entrant may submit a total of five entries and they can be from any combination of categories. The photo contest is open to all amateur photographers who may submit their color or black and white contributions on a CD. Please include a small print of each photo entered. No other forms are acceptable.

Each entry should include (a) the photographer’s name, (b) address, (c) daytime telephone number, and (d) email address. No image will be returned. All rights to the images remain with the entrant. All entries must be postmarked no later than August 1, 2008, and received no later than August 15, 2008.

Each individual’s entries should be in one envelope and mailed to: DRLPS, PO Box 307, Drummond Island, MI 49726. Judging will be done by the DRLPS Board of Directors and the Chairs. All photos will be judged without any identifying information.

Please remember to use a high image resolution when taking your photographs (see your camera manual). Your images should yield good quality 8” x 10” prints.

Paula Bardsley Recognized for Service to the DRLPS

At the end of the year gathering at Bayside Dining on Drummond Island, Paula Bardsley was recognized by the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society for her outstanding volunteer service as Assistant Secretary and Minutes Recorder for the last 5 years. Paula was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Russ Norris, DRLPS President.

She also received a wall clock, symbolic of the minutes that she recorded for us, embellished with small local stones and a picture of the restored DeTour Reef Light. Paula has never missed a Board of Directors meeting during her five years as Assistant Secretary. Paula continues to serve the DRLPS and will now assume the responsibilities of the Membership Chair. She will also continue to manage the DRLPS database and is our chief source of labels and name tags.

The DRLPS is very fortunate to have Paula share her talents and energy with us!



Paula with her clock in recognition of 5 years of service

A close up of Paula's clock



Reach for the STARS!

Help Keep the Light On Forever!

By Candis Collick

Fundraising is part of preserving a historic maritime light. And trust me, the Society has done its share of fund raising – everything from hawking cup holders to escorting freighter devotees on the St. Mary's River Cruises. Preserving the Light forever takes broad vision and long term commitment – along with a bit of ingenuity and good ole' fashion salesmanship!

Our annual STARS event, held at the Drummond Island Resort and Conference Center, is evidence of that vision, commitment, ingenuity AND the ability to hawk our wares while enjoying the company of fellow Light supporters!

The goal of the STARS committee is simple – to provide their honored guests with elegant, rustic fare of the finest quality in one of the most unique and beautiful settings in the North while also raising funds to help preserve the DeTour Reef Light for current and future generations.

So if you haven't joined us at a STARS event – mark your calendars now and make 2008 the year you attend. You won't regret it!

- NOTE: Remember your ticket purchase to the STARS event is considered a charitable donation and as such qualifies for income tax deduction. Another great reason to polish your shoes, get out your cocktail garb and be ready to mingle, eat hearty and tip a few with our great group of enthusiasts!

Keep an eye on future issues of *Passages* for more information and details about this great fundraising event for DRLPS!

Dick Moehl Named Founding Director Emeritus of DRLPS DRLPS Elects Officers for 2008

At the December meeting of the Board of Directors of the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS), Richard (Dick) L. Moehl was unanimously named Founding Director Emeritus.

Dick is a well known lighthouse preservationist. In August 1997, when he was made aware of the U.S. Coast Guard's excessing of the DeTour Reef Light, he contacted Bob Jones and Jim Charles of DeTour Village. Together they took a boat ride out to the lighthouse to investigate its condition. This boat ride was the inspiration for the community to come together for a common cause to save the DeTour Reef Light. In January 1998, the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society was formed as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) volunteer organization to restore and preserve the lighthouse.

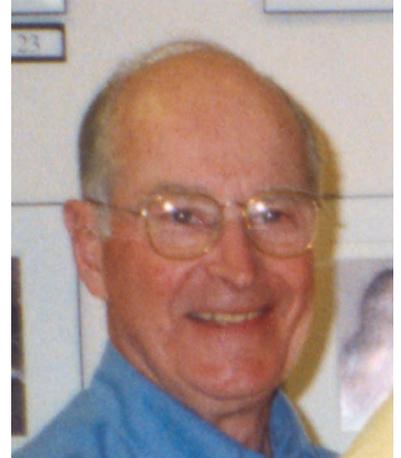
Dick has served as an interface with the national lighthouse community. He is a member of the original DRLPS Board of Directors and has been an integral part of the Society's successes for the past 10 years. He has been President of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association (GLLKA) since 1985, and the project manager for restoration of St. Helena Island Light Station since 1986. He is a staunch advocate of preserving lighthouses, and has testified before a number of Federal House and Senate hearings regarding the transfer process of the nation's lighthouses. These hearings resulted in the passing of the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act.

In 2000, Dick was presented with the Governor George Romney Lifetime Achievement Award, one of Michigan's most prestigious volunteer recognition events.

In 2007, the American Lighthouse Coordinating Committee (ALCC) selected Dick to receive the Holland Award, to recognize his truly exceptional contributions. The Holland Award is the major national honor bestowed by the lighthouse preservation community. Dick is also a past president of the ALCC.

He retired in 1998 from Beacon Investment after 32 years. Dick received a BBA from the University of Michigan after serving in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Dick and his wife, Margaret, live in Pinckney, MI.

Officers for 2008 were also elected. Those elected by the DRLPS Board of Directors include: Russ Norris, President; David Bardsley, Vice-President; Glenn Lahti, Secretary, and Chuck Feltner, Treasurer. Ann Method Green, Public Relations Chair, was elected by the board to fill Dick Moehl's vacated directorship.



DRLPS at DeTour's Village Christmas

Organized by the Eastern Upper Peninsula Fine Arts Council, the fourth annual old fashion Village Christmas was held in DeTour Village, MI on December 3. The festival showcases over 40 artists and crafts-persons with their Fine Arts, gifts and food at many locations around the village and is enjoyed by people from around the Eastern Upper Peninsula (EUP). The Village Christmas event is held in period costume to celebrate and enhance the old fishing village on the shores of the St. Mary's River. All of the Village residents, businesses and vendors are encouraged to participate in the Village Christmas experience by dressing in 19th century era clothing and decorating their homes and businesses with an old fashioned theme.

In the spirit of the event, volunteer Rosie Felster of DeTour Village, dressed in a 19th Century period outfit, worked at the DRLPS memorabilia table. (Photo by Jeri-Baron Feltner)



Keepers from 2007 Describe their Experience

DRLPS is unaware of any other offshore lighthouse to offer a volunteer keeper program. We believe that the experience of staying on DeTour Reef Light is unique and unmatched. Good weather or lighting, wind and rain -- full moon or dark night with shooting stars and northern lights – DRLPS volunteer keepers have the time of their lives. Keepers of DeTour Reef Light are asked to make log entries so their experience can be shared with others. The comments below were taken from the 37 pages of the DeTour Reef Light 2007 Keepers Log. (Underlining, capitalization and exclamation are copied as written by the keepers.) Providing this type of experience for others is what fuels the passion of DRLPS volunteers. We hope that you will decide to join these Keepers of DeTour Reef Light.

“...There is water EVERYWHERE – and birds, and mayflies with fancy delicate wings, also far from home. There is no laundry to do, no children to take to or pickup from school, no Yankees or stock market and no piano....Now the children are all grown up...and I hope, I hope.. that someday they will get to come here to this wonderful place. I am so grateful to be here.” --Ellen Taylor, Keeper 2007

“...It was a true vacation – no schedules, phone or deadlines. ... This place is beautiful. I’ve valiantly tried to capture it all on my Canon Power Shot (gone through ten batteries) and I know the pictures will trigger many memories. It is an experience that cannot be replicated... The DRLPS has done a magnificent job. I feel that I know all the rooms, twists and turns of the ladder and could walk through blind folded --- it’s been wonderful to have all the time to explore and enjoy. The close-ups of the freighters, listening to the water, wind and seagulls, watching the sunsets, moon risings (and one sunrise!) talking with Hallie, Byron and sharing the experience with my wife, meeting the tour guests Have made this a weekend to remember. Thanks to all who made this opportunity possible.” -- Dave Meyer, Keeper 2007.

“What a unique experience after weeks of planning we are finally here. A wonderful time was had by all. It was especially nice to share these memoires with our best friendsThanks [DRLPS volunteers] ... for your great orientation ...for your expertise, ...for your sunny smile and personality ...for getting us here & back safely. We had a wonderful time. MOST OF ALL THANK YOU DETOUR REEF LIGHTHOUSE FOR LETTING US BE YOUR GUESTS!!!!” -- Fred & Jan Billin, Ed & Sandy Nieuwenhuis, Keepers 2007.

“Enjoyed watching the passing freighters. The first fully lighted one passed about 10:00 – a beautiful sight. Awoke to rain and the sound of the fog signal at 05:45 ... Very heavy rain and strong winds .. Tour was cancelled due to weather at 08:00. ...Sunny and very pleasant – light breeze. ...We join keepers before us in expressing our appreciation to DRLPS for the super restoration and preservation joy. We are amazed at what you have accomplished. Thank you for the opportunity to stay here. Thank you so much.” Jeannie Stephenson, Pete and Marian LeMere, Keepers 2007

“The fog horn eventually ceased it’s rhythmic drone in the pre-dawn hours of the day – long after the fog had lifted. We were greeted by a magnificent sunrise as several freighters passed by. ...one of them [the fishermen] pulled up to the lighthouse and kindly offered us some freshly caught and cleaned salmon. ... Awakened by the sea gulls, the day began with another beautiful sunrise. At midmorning we celebrated Mass—perhaps the first one to be celebrated here? Surrounded by the beauty of God’s creation, it was a perfect setting. The remainder of our stay was quiet and restful. The traffic through the channel was busy ...Our time here was most special indeed. The DRLPS has done and incredible effort in restoration. We wish that every lighthouse on the Great Lakes has such dedicated preservationists. That you for the opportunity to serve as keepers of such a historic and beautiful landmark. Thanks for the memories!!” Theresa & Keith Kiel, Louie and Colleen Stein, Monsignor Bill Duncan, Keepers 2007.

“...Went to bed to peace and quiet. 4:00am—awakened to seagulls arguing about defecation right to the deck. Shouted an obscenity and awakened Ken, Cindy & Marjorie. ...9:00am Kenny installed plastic owl on railing to scare away seagulls. 9:05am, seagull found sitting on owl’s head.7:00am – Lied to mates about having watched sunrise.” Bill Tudor, Keeper 2007.

“...Windy, rough ride over... JoEllen made raspberry pie, smelled soooo good. It was yummy!!.. Lovely weather, not a cloud in the sky! ...Woke up to a ton of fishing boats – it was the annual [salmon] fishing contest. Many boats passing by and waving. ...Another wonderful day at the light. Good friends, good weather, good food, excellent wine!! So peaceful, great scenes, loved the fireworks from atop the light. ...The moon was shining and all was right with the world! No sooner had we shut our eyes and we heard a God awful scream just outside our window. I felt like Edgar Allen Poe with his fateful raven. The scream was from a seagull. My response was ##!?!?. It was 2:00am. ...We had a great time and hope to come as group again in the future. Awesome get a way. Loved it!: JoEllen McDonald, Susan Collins, Katherine Butler, Laura Priebe, Keepers 2007.

Celebrating Ten Years of Preserving the DeTour Reef Light

The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) will have a celebration to mark ten years of restoration and preservation efforts of the DeTour Reef Light and invites all to take part in this gala affair on Saturday, August 30, 2008, in DeTour Village, Michigan.

In January 1998, a group of concerned citizens put their hearts and heads together and formed a nonprofit organization to preserve the DeTour Reef Light for all to enjoy, and the DRLPS was born. Through the diligent hard work, talent and perseverance of volunteers; much has been accomplished over the past ten years. Major lighthouse restoration was completed in 2004, and first-ever public tours and overnight keeper programs have been offered since 2004.

DRLPS is extremely proud of the accomplishments to restore and preserve this historic DeTour Reef Light as a Michigan maritime monument, and the team is very grateful to all the people and organizations that have helped Keep the Light On for the past ten years, including the dedicated volunteers, members, donors, and government and private organizations.

The 10th Anniversary Celebration to honor the accomplishments and those who have helped make DRLPS successful, and to encourage continued efforts in lighthouse preservation, will take place on Saturday, August 30, 2008, at the Eastern Upper Peninsula Fine Arts Council Cultural Center, 245 Erie St., DeTour Village MI 49725. The agenda will include a social hour with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, and presentations at 7:30, along with an ongoing slide show of the lighthouse prior, during, and after restoration and other DRLPS activities. The lighthouse photo contest winners will be announced, along with the winner of the DeTour-Drummond High School 10th grade student's lighthouse story contest. Special door prizes and welcome gifts will be provided to attendees. Some of the attendees will include former lighthouse keepers. Dinner will be donated and prepared by Sandy Wytiaz of Complete Business Designs of DeTour Village. Ticket cost is \$15 per person, and there will be a cash bar. Additionally, the 1908 Fresnel lens used at the lighthouse is on display at the DeTour Passage Historical Museum and a narrated history of this historic beacon will be provided on August 30.

For reservations and information about this event, please contact DRLPS 10th Anniversary Celebration Co-Chairpersons Sandy Wytiaz (906-297-6801), or Jeri-Baron Feltner (313-268-6846) at DRLPS10@drlps.com, or go to www.DRLPS.com to print out a DRLPS 10th Anniversary Celebration reservation form, and for information on local accommodations. Early reservations are encouraged as seating is limited.

We look forward to sharing this special event with you!

Lighthouse Preservation Conference to be held on June 11-13

The Michigan Lighthouse Alliance, an affiliation of Michigan lighthouse stewards and stakeholders, will be holding a conference on lighthouse preservation, June 11-13, 2008 in Traverse City, MI. Conference sessions and panels will cover all aspects of owning, restoring, and preserving historic lighthouses. Themes include economic development, technical assistance, moisture control, insurance insights/problems, and organizational development. For those interested in obtaining a lighthouse or those that are already involved in lighthouse preservation, this conference will be an educational must. The National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act transfer process will be briefly covered for new stewards.

Speakers will represent a wide range of individuals, corporate, private business, federal and state agencies, local governments, and nonprofit organizations. The technical speaker program will consist of major issues facing lighthouse organizations, whether it be finance, management, gift shops, or technical restoration topics such as moisture control and peeling paint. Industry experts will be giving us their advice. The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society will be giving a presentation titled "Onshore and Offshore 'Keeper' Programs". Mike Hershberger and Dave Bardsley will be preparing the presentation, which will be given by Mike. He will be speaking from experience as he was a keeper in 2005 and has also written an article for Lighthouse Digest describing his experience. He is also a well known lighthouse photographer (see www.harbor-of-refuge.com).

You may register online at our new web site www.michiganlighthousealliance.org. An online conference registration form and electronic payment through PayPal will be available by January 3rd, 2008. Please reserve the date and register now! Plan on attending this advanced topic lighthouse conference. For more information or questions on the conference please contact Sally Frye at (231) 590-4004 or by e-mail at info@michiganlighthousealliance.org. If you want to stay updated on the conference, please e-mail Sally and we will e-mail you updates as they are published.

DRLPS Public Tours Receive High Marks

Tour visitors to DeTour Reef Light are requested to grade a number of aspects of the tour and also provided space for comments. The numeric scoring is based on the following scale: Exceptional = 1, Good = 2, Needs Improvement = 3.

Average scores for the 2007 tours were:

Friendly and Courteous:	1.04
Service and Knowledge:	1.00
Charter Boat Quality:	1.00
Condition of Facility	1.04
Content of Program	1.04
Pricing	1.50
Overall Quality of Visit	1.00

Some of the comments were:

- A great place & well restored light. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to visit DeTour Reef Light.
- Fabulous tour!! Thank you.
- I thought the people were all very friendly. Remind people to bring their wallets.
- Great Program. Exceeded my expectations.
- I understand the cost is to cover fuel, the charter, etc. but wonder if you would get more takers if you could charge less or have a family fee or group fee.
- Very nice time.
- Thanks for a great time.
- Wonderful--keep up the good work.
- This was great! Video was informative, good background. Perhaps a map showing light location and channels would be helpful.
- Pricing reasonable for the quality. Amazing volunteer accomplishments!
- Amazing!
- Impressive restoration!

Two hour Lighthouse Tours are scheduled each weekend during the 2008 summer as follows:

Saturdays: June 14, 21, 28

July 5, 19, 26

August 2, 16, 23

Sundays: July 13 and August 10

The tours are limited to 5 persons per tour, are lead by trained DRLPS tour guides and include light refreshments at the lighthouse. Tours depart from Fort Drummond Marine on Drummond Island. Transportation for the 6 mile round trip to the lighthouse is included and will be aboard a fully licensed and inspected charter boat operated by Sturgeon Bay Charters and U.S. Coast Guard licensed Captain Ivan Gable. For more information go to www.drlps.com and click on Lighthouse Tours or email tours@drlps.com.

The New Website is Coming!!

After many months and countless hours, the new DRLPS website is closer than ever to being ready for the public to see. Webmaster Matt Sawyer and Chuck Feltner have been diligently working on making the new site a fantastic spot on the web to stop by and visit. It will feature new navigation, an entirely new layout and an overall updated look. Our current site has served us well for many years, but since Matt has joined the Preservation Society, he's been itching to put his knowledge to work on building the new one. It's taken a long time to get it put together, but as they say, good things always take time.

Keep your eyes peeled on www.drlps.com for the new site. When the new site rolls out, let us know what you think!



DETOUR REEF LIGHT PRESERVATION SOCIETY



Presents the 11th Annual

ST. MARY'S RIVER CRUISE and THROUGH THE SOO LOCKS Also see the DeTour Reef Lighthouse up close!

Father's Day ★ Sunday, June 15, 2008 ★ \$95 per person

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW ~ TICKETS ARE LIMITED ON THIS POPULAR CRUISE!

INCLUDES: • Donuts • Lunch • Snacks • Tour Narration • Cash Bar offered by Soo Locks Boat Tours • and a chance to win special door prizes

Relax on the Soo Locks Boat Tours 65-foot double-decker boat and --

★ Cruise to the DeTour Reef Lighthouse

★ Cruise and enjoy the historical narration and sites of the rich history along the St. Mary's River

★ Delight in the unique experience of going through the Soo Locks with the big Lake freighters.

Boarding begins at 9:45 a.m. at the Ferry Dock in DeTour Village, and leaves the Dock at 10:05 a.m. Return via bus from Soo Locks Boat Tours Dock #2 in Sault Ste Marie to DeTour Village about 6:00 p.m.

ALL PROFITS BENEFIT THE LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION AND EDUCATION EFFORT.

DRLPS is a nonprofit 501c3 organization established in 1998 to preserve the lighthouse located one mile offshore in northern Lake Huron at the eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula between DeTour Village and Drummond Island.

Your donation is tax-deductible as allowed by law • EIN 38-3387252 • MICS 27001 ♦ Visa, MasterCard, Discover, AmEx accepted
Tickets are limited ♦ Please make your reservations early ♦ Thank you for your support of the DRLPS!

We'll Keep the Light on for You! ★ DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society ★ www.DRLPS.com

Please send to: DRLPS ♦ PO Box 307 ♦ Drummond Island MI 49726 ♦ Anne Stafford, Chair ♦ RiverCruise@DRLPS.com ♦ 906-297-6051

11TH ANNIVERSARY DRLPS RIVER CRUISE JUNE 15, 2008 DEPARTS FROM DETOUR VILLAGE MI

Name: _____

I can't go on the Cruise but want to make a tax-deductible donation to the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society in the amount of \$_____.

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Number of Cruise Tickets: _____ \$95 each x _____ = \$_____ (Refundable up to 7 days prior to Cruise)

Names of others in party for nametags (required to board the boat): _____

Enclosed is my payment of \$_____ Check or Money Order Payable to DRLPS

Visa MasterCard Discover Account No. _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____

Memorabilia Order Form—DeTour Reef Preservation Society

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email (very important) _____ Phone _____

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Price Each	Color	Size	Quantity	Total
1	Decal with Society Logo	\$1				
2	Bumper Sticker with Society Logo	\$1				
3	Cup with Society Logo	\$3				
4	Embroidered patch of DeTour Reef Light— 2 3/4 inch square	\$6				
5	DeTour Reef Light Collectors Pin— 1 1/8 inch	\$6				
6	Hat (khaki, khaki/blue, or wheat/pine) with Lighthouse Crest	\$15				
7	Visor with Lighthouse Crest (navy)	\$10				
8	T-Shirt w/Lighthouse Crest (stone blue or light green — S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$20				
9	White Golf Shirt w/Lighthouse Crest (unisex — S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$32				
10	Denim Shirt with Lighthouse Crest (unisex — S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$39				
11	Crew Neck Sweatshirt with Lighthouse Crest (stone — S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$28				
12	Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt with Lighthouse Crest (birch — S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$35				
13	Sterling Silver Charm of Lighthouse	\$20				
14	Tote Bag with Lighthouse Crest (natural/red trim or natural/navy trim)	\$28				
15	Note Pads w/Lighthouse Logo (pack of 3 — 50 sheets per pad)	\$2				
16	Note cards, ivory, showing Lighthouse in 1931 (10 cards & envelopes)	\$8				
17	8x10 Color Photo of 2004 Lighthouse	\$10				
18	8x10 Black & White Photo of 1931 Lighthouse	\$10				
19	DVD video of the Lighthouse before/during/after restoration	\$20				
20	2007 Ornament (tear-shaped glass etched with Lighthouse image)	\$16				
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International Lighthouse Challenge Announced

Three different lighthouse groups have announced a "Lights Across the Border Lighthouse Challenge," that will take place on Saturday, August 9, 2008. The Challenge will include Head Harbour Lighthouse and Muholland Lighthouse, both on Campobello Island, New Brunswick, Canada, and Lubec Channel Lighthouse, West Quoddy Lighthouse and Little River Lighthouse in the State of Maine in the United States.

The Friends of Head Harbour Lighthouse, West Quoddy Head Light Keeper's Association and Friends of Little River Lighthouse, a chapter of the American Lighthouse Foundation, are planning the event to draw public attention to the lighthouses and educate others about their efforts to save the structures and preserve the history of the lighthouses of Washington County and Campobello Island. Co-sponsoring the event along with the lighthouse groups are the University of Maine-Machias, Machias Savings Bank, and Lighthouse Digest Magazine. Other co-sponsors are expected to join shortly.

The event will start at Head Harbour Lighthouse on Campobello Island in New Brunswick, and finish with boat trips, weather permitting, to Little River Lighthouse in Cutler, Maine, and then conclude with an evening cookout supper on the mainland in Cutler. Attendees will be encouraged to hike the trails along the ocean at West Quoddy Lighthouse and there will be exhibits areas set up at or near each lighthouse. Some of the lighthouses will also be having events the following day.

The event will have special T-shirts and other souvenir items that will only be available for sale on the day of the event that will feature the logo of the "Lights Across the Border Lighthouse Challenge." Participants will be given a map, which will be stamped at each location to prove they were there, and everyone completing the Challenge will receive some type of a completion souvenir, which is still being designed.

Although people are not yet required to have passports to cross to and from the United States to or from Campobello Island, Canada, the law may change by the time of the event. If the law does change, participants will be required to have a Passport and are encouraged to apply for one now, if they don't yet have one.

Although the event booklet, which will include advertisements from a large segment of business firms in the area, history of the lighthouses and maps, will not be mailed out until the springtime, pre-registration, which is \$15.00 per person, is encouraged before the event. Registration from fifteen days prior to the Challenge and up to the day of the event will increase to \$25.00 per person. More information can be obtained by calling Kathleen Finnegan at 207-259-3638 or Junia Lehman at 207-733-2457.

Those wishing to participate in the event are encouraged to book their overnight accommodations early because the area has limited accommodations, especially in the summer months. Working in partnerships with the lighthouse groups to help with promote the event and assist people in finding accommodations are the Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce at <http://www.machiaschamber.org> and the Cobscook Bay Area Chamber of Commerce at <http://www.cobscookbay.com>.

Registration for the event can now be made by mailing \$15.00 per person to:

Lights Across the Border Lighthouse Challenge
P.O. Box 671
East Machias, ME 04630
USA

An update from behind the pages of *Passages*

As the last issue of *Passages* went to the printer, Matt and Sheila were expecting their first child any day. Just 11 days after finishing Issue 12, the newest addition to the Sawyer family made her much anticipated arrival. Taryn Davis Sawyer was born on October 28 at 1:13 pm. She was 7 pounds 9 oz and 20.5 inches long. As this issue works its way to the printer, she is 4 months old and growing fast. Before we know it, she will be crawling, walking and working her way around the house. We look forward to summer and bringing her to Drummond Island and one day, taking her to the lighthouse. But for now, we will enjoy every day with our newest addition.





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DeTour Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society

DRLPS is a volunteer nonprofit 501c3 organization established in 1998 to restore and preserve the DeTour Reef Light. Donations are welcomed and are tax-deductible (EIN 38-3387252, MICS 27001).

The Light was automated in 1974. In 1997, the lighthouse was declared surplus property by the U. S. Coast Guard due to sophisticated navigational systems aboard ships, and the Coast Guard's not having the funding to care for the structure in accordance with historic preservation guidelines. In January 1998, local citizens joined together to save the Light.

The lighthouse was built in 1931, and proudly stands guard a mile offshore in northern Lake Huron at the far eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The structure rises 83 feet above the water and marks a dangerous reef to help guide ship traffic from and to Lake Huron and Lake Superior via the strategic St. Mary's River.

The DRLPS received the 2005 Governor's Award for excellence in historic preservation, and the Superior Award in 2006 from the Historical Society of Michigan. The DeTour Reef Light is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

PURPOSE: the purpose of DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) is to establish, support and promote efforts in the preservation and restoration of the DeTour Reef Light; to achieve the safe keeping of the building, artifacts and records; to educate and inform the public on lighthouse history; to enhance public awareness of the value this lighthouse and its keepers brought to our nation's development; to make the DeTour Reef Light a premier tourist attraction in Michigan's Upper Peninsula as the best example of a faithfully restored offshore lighthouse in the Nation; to provide the public safe access to the lighthouse; to raise awareness about the importance of volunteers in maintaining and preserving the DeTour Reef Light and the DRLPS for generations to come.

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