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*We'll Keep the Light on for You!*

Fall 2013

## Michigan Historical Marker Honoring the DeTour Reef Light Station Dedication to be held on September 28, 2013

On June 20, 2013, the Michigan Historical Commission granted the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) permission to erect an historical marker for the DeTour Reef Light Station, DeTour Village, Chippewa County, Local Historic Site No. 2252.

A public dedication ceremony for the DeTour Reef Light Station State Historical Marker commemorating the historic offshore lighthouse is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, at 3:00 P.M. at the marker site located at the MDOT scenic parking area on M-134 four miles west of DeTour Village and two miles east of the rest stop. The scenic parking area is the place where the lighthouse is first sighted from the highway. The public is invited to attend the 30-minute ceremony and to a gathering afterwards at the Mainsail Restaurant in DeTour Village at 4:00 p.m. (snacks with a cash bar available).

Located one mile offshore in northern Lake Huron at the entrance to the St. Mary's River in DeTour Passage connecting to Lake Superior, the DeTour Reef Light Station stands as a proud icon to Michigan's maritime history since 1931. The DRLPS, established in 1998 by local volunteers, has restored the lighthouse and has offered public tours since 2005, and is the sponsor of the historical marker. For information on DRLPS, please visit [www.DRLPS.com](http://www.DRLPS.com).



Sample of Historic Marker similar to the DeTour Reef Light Station

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## DRLPS Awarded \$90,000 Matching Grant From Michigan Lighthouse Alliance Program

### Repair of the Roof and Interior of the DeTour Reef Light to Begin in Spring 2014

The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) has been notified by the Michigan Lighthouse Alliance Program (MLAP) that they are the recipient of a \$90,000 grant to replace the roof and repair the interior that has been damaged by the ingress of water.

This grant of \$90,000 is the largest grant that is offered under this program and requires the DRLPS to provide \$30,000 with the MLAP grant providing \$60,000. In preparing for the grant the DRLPS will be spending an additional \$10,000 to cover detailed specifications and design plans that must be completed for the grant to go into effect.

Maintenance chairs have been struggling to determine the cause of moisture damage on the Light for many years which has been most severe during the winter layup. The interior was completely restored in 2004, but condensation and water entry required extensive professional plaster repair in 2009. Don Gries, the maintenance chair until his death in 2009, established a program that records the temperature and humidity every 15 minutes in two locations during the winter layup from October to May, hoping that this data would indicate causal factors. The data has been inconclusive. In 2011 the plaster was again repaired with volunteer labor. Every fall the Guys on the Light (DRLPS volunteers) have searched for potential sources of water penetration through the roof and sides of the light and applied roofing cement in all suspicious areas.

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**MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MARKER PROGRAM**

State historical markers commemorate significant individuals, organizations, places, and events in Michigan history. These markers help communities throughout the state promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. The Michigan Historical Marker Program operates under the direction of the Michigan Historical Commission and the Michigan Historical Center, agencies within the Department of Natural Resources, and partners with the Eastern Michigan University Historic Preservation Program to document and create the text for the markers. The State Historic Preservation Office determines whether the subject matter is eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Sites. The program's first marker was dedicated in 1955 at Michigan State University in East Lansing. Since then, more than 2,000 state historical markers have been erected, making Michigan's program one of the largest privately funded historical marker programs in the nation. For more information on the state marker program visit [www.michmarkers.com](http://www.michmarkers.com).

**DETOUR REEF LIGHT STATION HISTORICAL MARKER**

DRLPS submitted an application to the Michigan Historical Commission for the historical marker in December 2012, and worked with the state for six months for the proper documentation and review of the text. DRLPS will fund the manufacture of the aluminum casting marker which is 42" wide by 54" high with two posts. The marker will also include a "sponsor plaque" stating *DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society* that will hang from the bottom of the marker.

The marker represents the dedicated efforts of scores of people to restore and preserve the DeTour Reef Light Station and make it available to the public, and honors its significance to the state's rich maritime history. Thanks to DeTour Drummond Building Center for taking delivery of the marker and to X-Factor Construction for volunteering to install it. The marker dedication occurs in the 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Society (1998-2013). For more information about the marker dedication, please contact DRLPS Marker Program Chair Jeri Baron Feltner [jeribaron@aol.com](mailto:jeribaron@aol.com) 313-268-6846.

**THE DETOUR REEF LIGHT STATION MARKER TEXT WILL READ:****SIDE ONE:**

Located where the St. Mary's River enters Lake Huron from Lake Superior, DeTour Passage separates the Upper Peninsula from Drummond Island. It has long been a choke point for Great Lakes shipping. Anticipating increased traffic as a result of the locks planned at Sault Ste. Marie, the U.S. Lighthouse Service built an onshore light station on Point DeTour in 1848. As vessels grew in size, DeTour Reef, which extends a mile from Point DeTour in twenty feet of water, became a greater shipping hazard. In 1929, the Lighthouse Service decided to replace the onshore light with a station atop the reef. DeTour Reef Light Station is one of only six reef light stations in Michigan.

**SIDE TWO:**

Located four miles southeast of here, the DeTour Reef Light Station was constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1931. The 1861 tower, Fresnel lens and lantern assembly were moved from the Point DeTour Light Station. The new station housed resident keepers, equipment and supplies in three stories. The tower rises more than eighty feet above the water and sits atop a forty-one-foot-high wood crib and concrete pier resting on DeTour Reef. The Coast Guard automated the station in 1974 and excised it in 1997. The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society, established in 1998, restored the station in 2004, opened it to visitors in 2005, and took ownership in 2010.

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You are cordially invited to the  
**DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society's**

Michigan Historical Marker Dedication  
of the  
**DeTour Reef Light Station**  
Saturday, September 28, 2013  
at 3:00 p.m.

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at the Marker site located on M-134  
four miles west of DeTour Village at the  
MDOT scenic site parking area

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Dedication by Tom Truscott  
Michigan Historical Commissioner

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Please join us afterwards as we gather  
to celebrate

the Marker Dedication and the  
15<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of DRLPS  
at the Mainsail Restaurant at 4:00 p.m.

410 N. Ontario St.

DeTour Village MI 49725  
(cash bar with snacks provided)

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For more information and RSVP, contact  
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Celebrating 15 Years - 1998 ~ 2013

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In 2012 the DRLPS got estimates for a roof repair that would cost about \$10,000 but were not convinced that it would be a long term repair of the problem. At that time, they also had the Sherwin-Williams Company Marine Consultant out to the light to evaluate the paint adhesion issue. Next, the DRLPS hired an historic architecture and engineering company specializing in restoration of lighthouses. The recommendation was to completely tear off and replace the roof and seal off the gutter system. The recommendations of the architect engineer were reviewed with the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) during an onsite visit in June and additional modifications were added to the already robust repair plan.

Last fall, based on the consultant's recommendation, Jeri Baron Feltner, Chuck Feltner and Brian Nettleton, applied for a grant to repair the roof with the Michigan Lighthouse Alliance Program (MLAP) and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The grant monies are generated from the Lighthouse license plate program. The original schedule submitted for consideration would have had the roof repair in process as of this summer. However, the grant award was delayed by about 2 months and the schedule that MLAP proposed would have the physical roof repair begin in December - not a realistic time to be starting this work. Working with SHPO and an Historic Preservation architect a new schedule has been established and the repairs will begin as early as March 2014.

Before construction and repair can begin, however, the DRLPS is working with SHPO through the 19 steps that first need to be completed. These include detailed specification and scope of work, a bid process with interested bidders onsite to evaluate the scope of work, and multiple approvals by SHPO. The final step, number 28, is when DRLPS receives the grant monies (\$60,000) from MLAP.

Aggravating the known condensation and leak issues, a window in the tower was accidentally left open during a couple strong thunder storms early in the summer of 2013. The rain that entered saturated the ceiling of the dining room and caused extensive damage.

While getting the plans in place for the repairs to the roof and interior walls and ceiling, our Preservation and Maintenance chair, Brian Nettleton, has been at the Light to make some additional temporary repairs to try to alleviate further damage to the interior. The dining room ceiling has been opened up to allow for better ventilation and Brian and his crew have worked around the attic area and caulked many areas of concern. Before this fall a membrane will be applied to the roof area that should temporarily seal up the existing leaks.

By next summer, the DeTour Reef Light will have a new roof and the interior repairs will be complete. Because of the historic significance of the DeTour Roof Light, the repairs will be consistent with the 1931 design. The DRLPS has met many challenges in the restoration process of this beautiful Light and we intend to meet this one also.

## **“Save Our Lights” Specialty License Plates Funds the MLAP Grants**

The Michigan Lighthouse Alliance Program, administered by the State Historic Preservation Office, was established by the Michigan Legislature in 1999 to assist local groups in preserving and protecting lighthouses, and is funded by the proceeds from the sale of the State's “Save our Lights” specialty license plates. Lighthouse grants are given to state and local governments or nonprofit organizations that are maintaining or restoring lighthouses, and recipients must provide part of the grant award as matching funds. The grant program arose from a concern about the disposal of over two-thirds of the lighthouses in Michigan by the U.S. Coast Guard and was established to assist in the preservation, rehabilitation and protection of these lighthouses.





## Fourteenth Annual Evening Under the Stars 2013 Great Gathering, Great fun, and Great Weather!

The shore at Bayside Dining was filled with supporters of the DeTour Reef Light on Friday, July 5th. Chef Frank Jones and his staff created a delicious meal with a variety of hors d'oeuvres, delicious entrees and desserts with a Stars theme. Lise White and friends were back this year to provide background and dance music.

This year's chair, Lorna Heydinger, shared, "This year's Evening Under the Stars was a huge success thanks to our hard-working team, the staff at Bayside, and the wonderful, generous donations for the beautiful table settings, gifts, silent auction, door prizes and raffle. The weather was perfect, the dinner delightful, laughter abounded, and a great time was had by all."

The Fifteenth Annual Evening Under the Stars will be held on July 8, 2014. Mark your calendars and plan to join in the fun and celebrate the DeTour Reef Light.



Clockwise from upper left: Nick and Julia Meier; Lorna Heydinger (2013 Stars Chair) and Joyce Buckley (6 times past Stars Chair) with Joyce's etched DRL wine glasses; DRL Adirondack chairs painted by Chris Henne; Chris and Joe Henne; Stars for dessert; the elegant setting at Bayside designed and arranged by Darlene Skinner.

Photos by Jeri Baron Feltner



## Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University Selected as DRLPS Archivist

### Archive Will Contain DRLPS Organizational and Historical Material

Frank Boles, Director, Clarke Historical Library, Central Michigan University (CMU), Mt. Pleasant, MI, was invited to attend DRLPS Board of Directors meeting on June 20, 2013, to discuss the process of storing DeTour Reef Light & DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society material at the Library. The DRLPS' goal was to identify a location where their organization and historical material could be properly and securely stored, cataloged, and made available to online and onsite researchers.

A notable lighthouse organization that uses CMU as their depository is the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association. Past President Dick Moehl (who is also a DRLPS Founding Director Emeritus) enthusiastically supports Clarke Historical Library as the premier archival storage facility in the country.

Dick shared, "I applaud the DRLPS's interest in having CMU's Clarke Historical Library be your archivist. The Clarke is one of, if not the best, historical library in the Great Lakes and possibly America. The true historians really know about the Clarke. Establishing a formal relationship with the Clarke is something that you can and should flaunt. It shows smarts and caring to the true historians and academicians. The CMU Clarke Historical Library is and should be the archive for all of our Great Lakes maritime documents. I am working to have CMU become THE Maritime Center for the Great Lakes documents!"

The Clarke Historical Library, established in 1954, is renowned for its exquisite rare collections of Michigan history and the processes used for archival storage and dissemination. For more information on the library visit [www.cmich.edu/library/clarke](http://www.cmich.edu/library/clarke).



At the DRLPS Board of Directors meeting July 25, it was approved that the Clarke Historical Library will serve as the depository for the DeTour Reef Light and DLRPS records.

The archival material will include: DeTour Reef Light Station 1930-1931 engineering drawings, historic photographs, correspondence, and logbooks, along with DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society's over 100 binders and several hundred file folders of material developed since the Society's establishment in 1998. This will include corporate documents, correspondence, administrative documents, financial documents, restoration and educational grant files, fundraising information, award certificates, DRLPS team members information, the US Coast Guard 20-year lease document, the National Register for Historic Places document, National Lighthouse Preservation Act for transfer of lighthouse ownership from the federal government to the DRLPS material, membership and tour-keeper brochures, meeting minutes, the newsletters *Passages*, magazine and newspaper articles, bottomlands agreement, presentations given, memorabilia information, former keepers information, photos of team, video and film of the DRL prior, during and after restoration, video and film of DRLPS functions, DRL Fresnel lens and foghorn information, and more.

DRLPS also plans to archive in digital format the Society files currently located on the computers of team members.

Once documented by the DRLPS team, the records will make a gradual transition from the current storage facility at the Drummond Island Hangar to Clarke Historical Library beginning in the fall of this year.



## Michigan Lighthouse Preservation Continues

*Grants funded by specialty license plates announced*

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), part of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), announced this year's recipients of Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program (MLAP) grants. The grants are funded through the sale of the Save Our Lights specialty license plate.

"Michigan has more lighthouses than any other state," said MSHDA Executive Director Scott Woosley. "These unique structures symbolize Michigan and its rich maritime heritage. With this grant program we are able to assist organizations devoted to lighthouse preservation." Lighthouses range from single structures and multi-building complexes on land to isolated offshore structures. State Historic Preservation Officer Brian Conway said, "Michigan is fortunate to have citizens who care deeply about lighthouses and commit themselves to preservation. The isolated locations of many of these buildings present unique challenges. Just getting supplies to an offshore lighthouse can be a monumental and expensive task." Recipient projects are chosen through an annual competitive application process. Grantees must contribute 50 percent of the award amount as matching dollars to the project. The 2013 grant recipients are listed below:

The **DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society** will receive a \$60,000 grant for the **DeTour Reef Light Station** in Chippewa County. The project will repair and eliminate water infiltration by repairing the roof, repairing the watch room deck floor, and repairing water damage to the interior ceilings and walls.

The **Manistee County Historical Museum** will receive \$20,000 for the **Manistee North Pierhead Light and Elevated Walkway**. The museum will hire a consultant to prepare a historic structures report (HSR) and plans and specifications for the rehabilitation of the Manistee North Pierhead Light and elevated walkway.

**Lake St. Clair Save Our South Channel Lights** will receive a \$60,000 grant for rehabilitation work on the **St. Clair Flats Old South Channel Front Range Light** near Harsens Island. The project will involve straightening the existing structure to vertical and installing a new foundation, reinstalling and restoring the limestone base, and repairing brick and stonework.

Since 2000 the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program has awarded more than \$1.5 million in grants for the preservation of lighthouses. "We are grateful to the lighthouse enthusiasts who support this program by purchasing a specialty plate," Conway said. "Without this support, local lighthouse stewards would have a more difficult time paying for the stabilization and rehabilitation of these iconic structures."

You can support the preservation of Michigan's lighthouses by purchasing a "Save Our Lights" license plate through the Secretary of State.

The State Historic Preservation Office is part of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), which provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create and preserve decent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents and to engage in community economic development activities to revitalize urban and rural communities.\*

\*MSHDA's loans and operating expenses are financed through the sale of tax-exempt and taxable bonds as well as notes to private investors, not from state tax revenues. Proceeds are loaned at below-market interest rates to developers of rental housing, and help fund mortgages and home improvement loans. MSHDA also administers several federal housing programs. For more information, visit [www.michigan.gov/mshda](http://www.michigan.gov/mshda)

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## Father's Day DRLPS 16<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Marys River Cruise Weather – The Cruisers Had It All!

Sunday morning, June 16<sup>th</sup>, promised to be an ideal day for cruising up the St. Mary's River for the 110 plus people on the "Le Voyageur" piloted this year by Senior Captain Jack Cork and Captain John Lowes. Larry Piirainen was the engineer onboard. The weather continued to hold at the DeTour Reef Light where Dave Bardsley and Joe Henne were there to blow the 1931 F2T fog horn and provide a virtual walk through for the cruisers. Narration continued and the trivia question of the cruise was: "What percentage of water is within Michigan's boundary."

While cruising up the river, the weather provided a variety of experiences: rain, lightning and thunder and even some pea sized hail. Everyone was able to find a dry and safe area and the cruise continued up the river with stories and songs provided by Woodsmoke Jim and Meadowlark Mary.

Everyone enjoyed the food provided by Esther's Catering of Drummond Island. Second and even third trips through the buffet were not unusual.

Anne Stafford, the chair for the cruise said, "This has been a really fun cruise. Thanks to everyone that participated. The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Father's Day Cruise will be on June 15, 2014. Please join us!"

And for those wondering...the answer to the trivia question is: 42%. (Any suggestions for next year's trivia question are appreciated).

Clockwise from left: The 1931 F2T foghorn is really loud; lots of picture taking opportunities along the river, Harley Curtis (3rd from left) and his boys; Meadowlark Mary and Woodsmoke Jim sang and narrated along upper river. Photos by Jeri Baron Feltner and Ann Method Green





## Katie Henderson and Her DeTour Reef Light School Project

When Katie Henderson's 4th grade teacher at Lakeland Elementary School in Elk Rapids, Michigan, assigned the class a Michigan History Project, she knew right away what her project was going to be—the DeTour Reef Light. Katie has visited Drummond Island many times to visit her grandparents John and Joan Drenth and has seen the Light from the porch of their home, and her grandpa, John, fishes around the Light.

The project was started during spring break and finally completed two months later. Katie ended up adding a timeline to her project because there was so much history connected with the Light. After writing her report, Katie presented her information to her class. Her efforts resulted in a grade of A!

In July, Katie and her mom, Barb Henderson, were able to tour the Light from top to bottom. Katie was thrilled to see the real Light and explored it from basement to the beacon. Weekend Keepers Karen Cote, Jane Benke, Teresa Thomas and Kristine Grunwalt provided snacks and lemonade. The chocolate chip cookies were a real hit.



Clockwise from left: Katie's model of DeTour Reef Light with a working beacon, Katie and her mom, Barb on the Light, Katie with her model, and story board. Photos by: Barb Henderson and Ann Method Green



## Athens High School Student wins Scholastic Presidential Gold Key Award

Alexandria Jones, a high school student who was at the lighthouse last June, took a digital art class this year at her school, Athens High School. Her art won the Scholastic Presidential Gold Key Award. It was then entered into the Michigan Youth Art Festival and traveled all around Michigan. What a great way to view the DeTour Reef Light from a very artistic point of view. Good job, Alexandria! What great experiences our students are having at the lighthouse, and their expertise is wonderful to behold!



## Emily Olender, 13 year old keeper July 28-30

Lives in Sparta with parents Dong and Laura and 15-year-old brother, Patrick

6/29/13 - 6/30/13

Not many people get to say they actually stayed a few days on a lighthouse but I'm so glad my family and I got to do this truly amazing thing! Here is some of the fun stuff we did and saw! Day 1 we came to the light and Dave gave us a brief tour. Then when they left we started unpacking and clearing ~~up~~ our own home away from home. After that we settled down, we fished and broke, and took in the wonderful sights. Then around 11:00 we all got ready for the first night on the light! Day 2 we woke up bright and early so we could see the beautiful sunset, after that we started sweeping up the bugs and power washing the deck for the 11:00 a.m. tour. We made the snacks for our guests while Sunny & John did a great tour. After the tour and the fun we had playing a "war" we got some lunch and settled down to relax for the evening! We fished again and a few friendly people stopped us in fishing boats they wanted to hear the fog horn ~~so~~ so we blew it for a bit.

experiences I've ever had! I hope someday ~~to~~ my family and I can experience this once again truly amazing thing! This is a place I will never forget!

RJ, Laura, Dong  
Emily Olender  
from Grand Rapids MI

We are very pleased with the responses we have received since offering "family packages" for the Lighthouse Keepers Program. Parents are encouraged to bring their family and children are able to stay at half price. What a great bonding experience for all involved, not to mention the kids get to experience history first hand! It is an experience they will remember for the rest of their lives and perhaps influence their career choices. Again, what a great opportunity for parents and children alike!

More kids on the Light!

This has been the summer for kids to visit the Light. Nicholas (age 8) and Alexander (age 9) Benitez on tour with Keepers Jane Benke and Teresa Thomas. It's quite a view at the top of the DeTour Reef Light. Alex liked climbing the spiral tower ladder, and Nicholas thought the climb up the ladder onto the pier deck was "cool".

(which is pretty darn awesome by the way!) after we blew the fog horn it got pretty quiet around here. Some of us napped, others read or kinda just hung out. Then we all played a game with some picture clues on the big bench. We had to look closely at the picture to find out exactly where it was taken! We found the place! And a few hours later ~~we~~ we started cooking an 2<sup>nd</sup> lighthouse dinner spaghetti & garlic bread mmmmm yummy! After a great dinner we washed the plates then headed on deck to watch the beautiful sunset! While we were ~~there~~ watching, the sun a fighter passed us (Paul Tegriha I think) so we blew the fog horn and did a salute. And the fighter gave us a response!! Yay we were so super happy. After that we got our stuff ready to go to bed then we all hit the hay. Day 3 we all got up at different times some watched the sun come up others stayed asleep. Around 7am we started packing to leave the light. All I can say now because we're leaving soon is this was one of the best vacations



## 2013 Keeper Comments excerpted from the DeTour Reef Log Book

**June 27-28:** “It has been very peaceful and quiet, a nice and relaxing place to spend some quality time with someone. We wish the weather was a little more clear, but we still enjoyed our experience. Now we will head to the top of the lighthouse for one last spectacular look around. ....Thanks DRLPS for the upkeep & maintenance of this lighthouse – it truly is a unique experience you provide.”

**June 28-30:** “What an incredible stay at DeTour Reef Lighthouse. ....[A] truly unique experience ... We all enjoyed an amazing three days. ... The accommodations are most comfortable and our keeper duties were what made the experience feel so personal. ... I will be back next summer with my sister and niece.”

**July 5-7:** “Went up to the light to enjoy a beautiful sunset. ...Movies, coloring and popcorn commenced for the remainder of the evening. ...Ann went for her morning swim around the lighthouse...”

**July 12-14:** “We enjoyed our afternoon out in the sun, watching freighters and fishing boats. We played a lot of bridge. ....Last Day. How quickly it passed! Elaine won our 15 rounds of officially audited scores. We will probably play a few unofficial rubbers this morning. A large freighter sailed down river this morning and enthusiastically saluted us four times. Of course we responded with equal enthusiasm. We have really enjoyed our stay... Thank you for this amazing opportunity.”

**July 19-21:** “As for the lighthouse...what can we say. Wow! Breathtaking! Thinking of the history the light has seen; the weather it has withstood; the beautiful sunsets, and the view! We were overwhelmed. Much time was spent in the sun, watching the ever-present waves & listening to the sounds of the light. We explored every nook & cranny, cooked & ate like kings, napped, sounded the foghorn. But mostly, we laughed a lot & thoroughly enjoyed our stay. We hope to have the opportunity to return one day. Thank you DeTour Reef Light!”

**July 26-29:** “As the day progressed so did the storm. Tornado warnings were issued for DeTour. We actually saw a funnel cloud forming in the southwest (got a cool picture). That was the good news – the bad news was the leaking light. ...Despite the drips peeling plaster and aroma of mold, we had wonderful day in a wonderful place with wonderful friends. ...Although the day was cool, we sat outside in the sun for a while. In the evening we gave up on the puzzle we started and relaxed watching a cute movie. [Next morning] Another great day at the light!! The sun was finally shining & we enjoyed reading, relaxing and lunch outside as we watched the ships and sailboats go by. We finished the day with a grilled steak dinner. Then more relaxing & reading. ... It has been a lovely, relaxing weekend with good friends.”

**July 31- Aug 2:** “Relaxed out on the deck – saw many fishing boats this morning; played dominos on a make-up table. Rain shower at 3:15pm. No visible leaks. ...playing games in dining room. Enjoyed dinner and a movie. Saw a beautiful sunset, but the stars in the night sky were the real show!! An awesome way to end our last night on DRL.”

**Aug 2-4:** “Stay was beautiful, extremely relaxing, and meditative. The proof of any stay is a new place is whether you will return or not. We will return in 2014. ...For two days three guys previously unknown to one another spent two days sitting on this ‘rock’, totally enjoying themselves, recording the flags and registries of ships from Japan, Bulgaria, Norway and both sides of our international border. We enjoyed each other’s lasagna, sherry cake, grapes, and Doritos, battened down the hatches, squawked back at the gull recording and tried to figure out the engineering and construction of our beacons island home. Good time had by all, with the determination to return.”

**Aug 9-11:** “Explored, relaxed, talked & snooped our weekend “get away” while wind picked up and temps dropped. Lighthouse is solid on its bed of rock foundation and we all felt this is exactly the place to be if out on the water when a storm brews. ...Keeper duties of sweeping, dusting and washing away seagull droppings were quickly finished. We all need time to watch more freighter, sailboats, & fishermen about the water. Even more time was needed to launch kites, read books, & take pictures. ...Fresh air, wonderful company, prime location, life is good. ...We’ll miss --- bird squawker (not!), fishermen circling the light, amazing sunsets/sunrises, drafty windows, warm beds, kites flying off top tower, stories, games, laughter and more quiet nights, foghorns, lazy reading time, stairs & spirals; judging N/S/E/W by the sun, water, water, everywhere, endless stars at night. And especially -- knowing we share a very long and time-honored tradition of keeping the light on in the magnificent Great Lakes.”



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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Each	Color	Size	Quantity	Total
1	2011 ornament celebrating rehab of DeTour Reef Light Foghorn 4" round – limited edition	\$18				
2	Weekend Puzzle – DeTour Reef Light - 360 pieces – 12"x18" photo by Sunny Covell	\$16				
3	Retro Ceramic Coffee Mug with line drawing of DeTour Reef Light circa 1931	\$10				
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, yellow, red, gray) with Lighthouse Crest	\$15				
7	Visor with Lighthouse Crest (navy , tan)	\$10				
8	T-Shirt w/Lighthouse Crest (evergreen, navy— S, M, L, XL, 2XL – not all sizes/colors available)	\$20				
9	Golf Shirt w/Lighthouse Crest (Men's in black, Ladies in red — S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$32				
10	Denim Shirt with Lighthouse Crest (unisex — S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$39				
11	Crew Neck Sweatshirt w/Lighthouse Crest (stone, evergreen, navy — S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$28				
12	Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt with Lighthouse Crest (navy — S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$35				
13	DeTour Reef Light Counted Cross Stitch Kit 5"x7" designed by Hallie Wilson	\$10				
14	Plastic To-Go Mug with Society Logo	\$3				
15	Note Pads w/Lighthouse Logo (pack of 3 — 50 sheets per pad)	\$2				
16	Crystal Cube w/ internal 3D etching of DeTour Reef Light - small	\$17				
17	Crystal Cube w/ internal 3D etching of DeTour Reef Light - large	\$22				
18	Lighthouse Model 3" Little Light of Mine by Harbour Lights (Price has been reduced)	\$15				
19	DVD of the Lighthouse before/during/after restoration/keeper experience, 2 disc set	\$15				
20	Polar Fleece Zippered Vest (burnt orange– S, M, L, XL, XXL)	\$38				
21	1931 Limited Edition Lighthouse Window Pane (9 1/4 x 11 x 1/4 inch) w/Etching of Lighthouse	\$300				
22	Custom Framing for item #21	\$150				



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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. In 2010 the DRLPS was designated a Preserve America Steward by First Lady Michelle Obama.

**PURPOSE:** the purpose of DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society 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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