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DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society

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DeTour Reef Lighthouse is one mile offshore in Northern Lake Huron at the eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula between DeTour Village and Drummond Island

Issue 3

We'll Keep the Light on for You!

Winter 2002

Restoration of the DeTour Reef Light Continues

THE BEGINNING

In 1997, due to the effectiveness of modern shipboard navigation, the U.S. Coast Guard decided that they would no longer operate and maintain the DeTour Reef Light. They declared most lighthouses in the U.S. to be excess property and instituted a program to rid them of this property. Government regulations allow for special groups to obtain ownership or long term leases on such property for the purpose of preservation. Dick Moehl, President of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association and dedicated lighthouse preservationist, contacted local resident Bob Jones about forming a preservation society to save the DeTour Reef Light. In January 1998, the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) was formed with its mission being to save our lighthouse. After several years of dedicated work from our volunteers, the DRLPS has been awarded several grants of over one million dollars for education and restoration purposes as described in the adjacent column.

RESTORATION

The first part of our restoration program was accomplished last summer with the completion of the deck crane that will be used to lift restoration equipment onto the lighthouse. The next phase will begin this spring with the restoration of the lighthouse exterior and continue on through 2003 with restoration of the interior.

ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING FIRM CHOSEN

U.P. Architects & Engineers, Inc. of Marquette, represented by Ken Czapski, won the contract for preliminary design and planning along with construction administration and management work of the restoration project. After completion of the architectural and engineering documentation, the work will be bid and construction started on the restoration of the lighthouse.

Grants Awarded for Restoration and Preservation of the DeTour Reef Lighthouse

DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society gratefully acknowledges grant funds of \$1,006,700 awarded to the Society for lighthouse restoration, preservation and education from various state, federal and private sources since 1999. These include:

- 1) \$10,000 (matched with \$10,000 in DRLPS volunteer time) from the *Michigan Coastal Management Program*, Land and Water Management Division, Department of Environmental Quality, awarded in October 1999 and completed in December 2000, to develop an educational display, seven oral history videos and a color brochure. The traveling educational display is currently located at the Drummond Island Historical Museum. DRLPS volunteers Jeri Feltner, Chuck Feltner, and Mike Spears worked on this grant. Jim Woodward of the U.S. Coast Guard in Cleveland provided extensive historical material.
- 2) \$20,000 (matched with \$10,000 in DRLPS cash) from the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program (MLAP), Department of History, Arts and Libraries, State Historic Preservation Office, awarded in June 2000 and completed in August 2001, to restore the lighthouse deck crane. L&B Builders of Drummond Island and Bunker Manufacturing of Sault Ste. Marie performed the manufacturing and installation. DRLPS volunteer Chuck Feltner was grant manager and Mike Spears led the team that provided underwater surveys and recovery of deck crane artifacts that were used on the new deck crane.
- 3) \$1,700 from the *National Trust for Historic Preservation (Donnelley Family Endowed Preservation Services Fund)*, awarded in 2001, to produce a lighthouse existing conditions video by Ric Mixer of Airworthy Productions.
- 4) \$705,000 (matched with \$225,000 in local funds) from the *Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) Waterfront Redevelopment Grant for Michigan Lighthouses*, Department of

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Financial Report – Balance Sheet

DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society Year-End 2001

ASSETS:

. Cash on Hand	\$19,961
. Memorabilia Inventory	\$ 6,553
. Equipment Owned	\$ 9,585
. Boats Owned/Marina Slip	\$56,000
. Historical Material	\$22,700
. Grants Awarded for Restoration	\$970,063
. Grant Reimbursements Receivable	\$30,068
. Lighthouse Leasehold Improvements	<u>\$31,452</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,145,382

LIABILITIES

. Current Sales Tax Due	<u>\$217</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$217

NET WORTH **\$1,145,165**

Lighthouses of DeTour Passage



Photos courtesy Woodward Lighthouse History Collection

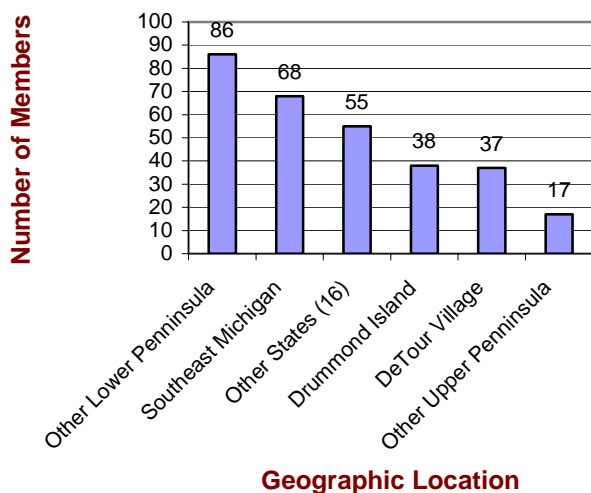
The first lighthouse at DeTour Passage was the DeTour Point Light established onshore in 1847 and rebuilt in 1861. It was replaced by the DeTour Reef Light built a mile offshore in 1931 and automated in 1974. The 63-foot tower rests on a 60-foot square platform in 24 feet of water.

Membership Report

As of February 2002, DRLPS has 301 members in good standing coast-to-coast! Thank you members for your continued support of the DRLPS! Please ask someone you know to join the DRLPS and help preserve the DeTour Reef Light – a magnificent monument to Michigan's maritime history. For those members who have not renewed for 2002 and would like to do so, please contact

DRLPS Membership Demographics

Total Members as of February 2002 = 301



Prepared by Chuck Feltner, 2-24-02

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PURPOSE OF THE DRLPS: 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 its history; to take visitors safely to the lighthouse; and to raise awareness about the importance of volunteers in maintaining and protecting the lighthouse.

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Newsletter Editor: Jeri Baron Feltner

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

\$20 Individual, \$30 Family, \$50 Patron, \$100 Keeper, \$500 Lifetime, \$1,000 Grand Keeper

For a membership application, please contact DRLPS
 PO Box 519, DeTour Village MI 49725, 906-297-5704

Please submit material for the newsletter to:

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DRLPS Happenings

OFFICERS ELECTED AT JANUARY MEETING

DRLPS officers elected for a two-year term are Chuck Feltner, President and Treasurer; Jim Charles, Vice-president, and Jeri Baron Feltner, Secretary.

DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Bruce Glupker of DeTour Village has been appointed a Director, filling a board vacancy.

EXISTING CONDITIONS VIDEO

To aid contractors in the bidding process and with restoration, DRLPS produced a 20-minute video on the detail of construction of the lighthouse. Funded in part by a \$1,700 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation Donnelley Fund, the video was produced by Ric Mixer of Airworthy Productions with Anne Westlund and Chuck Feltner of the DRLPS. It is available at the local libraries.

WEBSITE

Check out the new DRLPS website at www.drlps.com. Thanks to volunteer Sheryl LaMotte, we are working worldwide! Thanks also to initial website workers Dan Serrine, Jeri Feltner, Mike Jambrowski, Russ Norris and Jennie Dreeves. We hope to have a webcam system set up at the lighthouse for live coverage in the future. Stay tuned!

STUDENT KEEPERS OF THE LIGHTHOUSE

Lighthouse projects have been keeping local students busy learning about the DeTour Reef Light. Teacher Brian Nettleton and DeTour and Drummond Island students worked on drawings for the new deck crane. Teacher Russ Norris and students helped develop a new website for the Society, and Brian and Russ took students out to the lighthouse last summer for a narrated tour by Chuck Feltner.



On their way to tour the lighthouse, left to right: Russ Norris, Chuck Feltner, Scott Ellis, Brian Plowman, Jason Lehman, Ellie Plowman, Brian Nettleton, JJ Aldridge, Tracey Hartman, Philip Hartman, John Pieknik, Chad Davis and Jeremy Burton. *Photo by Jeri Feltner 2001*

Currently, Russ and students are working with a DRLPS educational grant in transcribing six oral history videotapes taken of past lighthouse keepers. A future project will involve the students in designing, manufacturing and installing the cabinetry on the lighthouse as part of the restoration effort. The DRLPS is very grateful for their outstanding contributions.

DRLPS PART OF STATEWIDE PRESERVATION VIDEO

Equity Studios produced *To Have and To Hold: A Call to Preserve the Lights of Michigan* which features the DRLPS Board of Directors in a mock meeting and includes several lighthouse preservation groups from around the state. This video will be available in the local libraries.

ORAL HISTORY VIDEOS AVAILABLE AT LIBRARY

Videotaped oral history interviews of people who worked at the lighthouse conducted by volunteers Jeri Feltner and Mike Spears funded in part by the Michigan Coastal Management Program are available at the local libraries. Interviews include 1) Alfred Lemieux, 2) Glen Shaw, 3) Floyd Colvin, 4) Robert Soldenski, 5) James Williams, 6) Ronald Freels, and 7) James Woodward of the USCG.

BROWNIE TROOP HELPS SAVE THE LIGHTHOUSE



With the help of leader Joyce Meyers, members of Brownie Troop 155 made lighthouse models (1 to r) Samantha Bailey, Nicole Melcer, Amanada Papke, Jessica Thon, Tori Coais, Melissa Hammers, and Katie Milne. They donated \$25 to the Society from sales. Thank you Troop 155!

DRLPS's first President and the man whose passion for the lighthouse helped form the foundation of our success, BOB JONES, has been dealing with a long illness. Your prayers for him and his family are appreciated. Cards can be sent to him at 37104 S. Woodsmans Trail 86A, DeTour Village MI 49725. Thank you Bob, we'll keep the light on for You!

NEW OFFICE

DRLPS has an office and storage room located at the Drummond Island Hanger. Board meetings are also held in the Hanger conference room. Thanks to Clif Haley.

USCG LIGHTHOUSE LEASE

On behalf of the DRLPS, Bob Jones signed the historic U.S. Coast Guard 20-year lease to the lighthouse on September 5, 2000, paving the way for restoration and preservation by the Society.

USCG ADDS SOLAR POWER TO LIGHTHOUSE

Solar power was added on the south face of the lighthouse by the cutter *Buckthorn* in the fall of 2000 to power the foghorn and light.

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MAJOR RAFFLE WINNERS

Peapod Boat 1999 Raffle (donated by Jim Ross) was won by Pat Gagliardi of Drummond Island. The raffle raised over \$7,000. Freighter Ride 2000 Raffle in 2000 was won by Dalene & Jay O'Connor of Drummond Island. The trip was donated by the Interlake Steamship Company aboard the S.S. Elton Hoyt 2nd. The raffle raised over \$12,000.

STATE GRANT OFFICIALS VISIT LIGHTHOUSE

Representing state grant organizations, Bryan Lijewski of the State Historic Preservation Office and Carol Skillings of the Department of Environmental Quality climbed the 20-foot ladder onto the deck of the lighthouse for a narrated tour.

MICHIGAN LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT

Steve Belko was appointed Manager of the Michigan Lighthouse Project (MLP), a collaboration of agencies assisting in the transfer of lighthouses to preservation groups. MLP, PO Box 720, Clarkston MI 48347, 248-625-3607.

EXISTING CONDITIONS SURVEY

Cullen Chambers of Tybee Island GA donated his professional services and conducted a survey and prepared an Existing Conditions Report in June 2000 which was the basis of our grant and restoration effort.

LEGENDARY LIGHTHOUSE

The DeTour Reef Light was featured in a PBS TV program "Legendary Lighthouses II" aired nationwide last fall. The video will be available at the local libraries.

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY

Capturing the history in photos and drawings of the *Lighthouses of DeTour Passage*, a traveling educational display completed by volunteers Chuck & Jeri Feltner and funded in part by a Michigan Coastal Management Program grant (our first!), is currently at the Drummond Island Historical Museum.



DRLPS Charter member and volunteer Anne O'Connell at the dedication of the Educational Display at the Drummond Island Historical Museum.

Photo by Jeri Feltner 2001

Volunteer Corner

MARY ROGERS, of DeTour Village attended the very first meeting of the Society in January 1998 and has been working hard on many DRLPS projects ever since. Raised in Sodus, Michigan, Mary, a retired school teacher, and her husband, Bob Rogers, have lived on Lighthouse Point Road since 1996.



Mary with granddaughter Caroline

Mary is Chairperson of the DRLPS Membership Committee and cheerfully contributes regularly to many facets of Society business.

Thank you Mary for your continued support, care and concern and for Keeping the Light on for All!

First Lighthouse Restoration Project: New Deck Crane is Ready for Action

Thanks to a Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program (MLAP) grant, the first lighthouse restoration project - manufacturing and installation of a 3-ton deck crane, was completed in August 2001. Grant funds of \$20,000, matched by DRLPS cash of \$10,000 and volunteer time of \$10,000, made this historic event a reality. Chuck Feltner, the deck crane grant manager, stated "The deck crane will be used to move equipment and people onto the lighthouse during the restoration program."



The lighthouse new deck crane completed in 2001 included some original deck crane pieces recovered from underwater by Mike Spears and his dive team.

Photo by Chuck Feltner 2001



Photo by Jeri Feltner 2001

L&B Builders of Drummond Island won the deck crane contract. Happy workers left to right include John Gibbons, Ken Lyke, Charles Bosley, Chuck Feltner, George Socia, and Jonathon Socia.

FUN EVENTS IN 2002 – *Save the Dates!*

Saturday, June 15 at 3:30 at the DeTour Village Hall **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**. No charge. Plan on attending to learn more about your Society and lighthouse restoration. Enjoy the company of other members. Refreshments will be served. Nonmembers also invited to attend this informative and entertaining event.

Sunday, June 16 **FATHER'S DAY BOAT CRUISE** to the DeTour Reef Light and Martin Reef Light. Leave at 11:30 from the DeTour Village Ferry Dock and return at 4:30. Join us on our 5th annual cruise in beautiful northern Lake Huron and the St. Mary's River. \$60 per person includes narrated tour and lunch.



The Braymer and Western family enjoying the Father's Day Cruise to the lighthouse

Saturday, July 6 at 6 p.m. **EVENING UNDER THE STARS**
Third annual elegant event at the Bayside on Drummond Island. Enjoy the ambience, artists, music, dancing and delicious gourmet dinner at the water's edge.
\$100 per person.

Clif and Carolyn Haley displaying their prized Pat Norton painting of the Bayside auctioned at last year's Stars event.



FOR EVENT RESERVATIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL DRLPS 906-493-6711.

How You Can Participate

- Become a member of the Society.
- If already a member, upgrade your membership.
- Buy a DRLPS T-shirt, sweatshirt, hat, etc.
- Make a tax-deductible donation.
- Attend a fundraiser event.
- Make a pledge to our planned endowment fund.
- Sign up to help out with administrative tasks.
- Sign up as a volunteer worker at one of our events.
- Sign up as a committee member.
- Put your name on the list as a potential committee chairperson.
- If you are a contractor, find a way to become involved in the restoration program.

"Ask not what the DRLPS can do for you, but what you can do for the DRLPS."

GRANTS *(Continued from Page 1)*

Environmental Quality, awarded in 2001 and to be completed in 2003 for restoration of the lighthouse and development of safe visitor access. As part of the local match, Rob Bloch donated the historic tug *Philo B Leonard* valued at \$40,000, Passage Boat Works owner Bruce Glupker donated a value of \$10,000 with a ten-year boat slip usage, the Plym Foundation donated \$15,000, and DRLPS member Andrea Rohrbacher donated \$500 and her employer Glaxco Welcome matched it with \$500. The official applicant of this grant is the Drummond Island Township and will be administered and performed by the DeTour Reef Preservation Society.

4) \$241,500 (matched with \$80,500 in local funds) from the Transportation Enhancement Act (TEA21), Michigan Department of Transportation, awarded in 2001 to be completed in 2003, for restoration of the lighthouse. The official applicant of this grant is the DeTour Village Council and will be administered and performed by the DeTour Reef Preservation Society

5) \$20,000 (\$10,000 local match required) from the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program (MLAP), Department of History, Arts and Libraries, State Historic Preservation Office, awarded in 2001 to be completed in 2002, for window restoration.

6) \$8,500 (matched by \$8,500 in volunteer time) from the *Michigan Coastal Management Program*, Land and Water Management Division, Department of Environmental Quality, awarded in 2001 to be completed in 2002 for continued work on historical documentation including reproduction of lighthouse logbooks from the National Archives, transcribing of the lighthouse keepers oral history videos, and preparation of the application for the DeTour Reef Light to be on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Society is very grateful to the grantors and to the local DeTour Village and Drummond Island governments for their faith and support in the DRLPS as the new keepers of the lighthouse. Society gratitude is also expressed to Clif Haley, Chuck Feltner, and Jeri Baron Feltner for their many hours of volunteer work completing the grant applications.



DeTour Reef Light with the newly restored deck crane. Note solar panels on left.

Photo by Steve Belko 2001

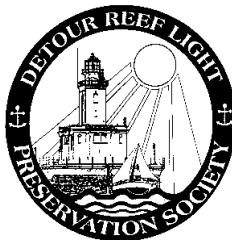
DRLPS Encourages People to Join the Team to Restore the Lighthouse

Preservers of the lighthouse that sits a mile offshore in northern Lake Huron at the eastern tip of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society is having a membership campaign to encourage people to *Join the Team to Restore the Lighthouse!* The Society also asks that current members be sure to renew their annual membership, and to consider upgrading their membership category.

The DRLPS is very grateful for having obtained grant funding of just over one million dollars from Federal and State programs (which requires a percentage of local matching funds) for restoration of the lighthouse. Grant funds, however, cannot be used for operating expenses such as lighthouse and boat insurance, postage, printing, etc. These expenses are funded through memberships, donations and fundraising events. The Society has worked very hard since its inception in January 1998 to become a strong viable organization that is recognized nationwide as the new keeper of the lighthouse. The group's goal is to completely restore the structure inside and out by the end of 2003 and to take visitors safely to the lighthouse in order to experience and appreciate the significance of the eastern UP's maritime heritage.

Membership categories available are: *Individual* \$20, *Family* \$30, *Patron* \$50 (includes a 1931 4x6 black & white photo of the lighthouse), *Keeper* \$100 (includes the previous plus an 8x10 watercolor print of the lighthouse), *Lifetime* \$500 (includes the previous plus your name inscribed on a plaque at the lighthouse), *Grand Keeper* \$1,000 (includes the previous plus a personalized engraved plaque). All categories receive a special membership card and a Society newsletter.

The DRLPS is a nonprofit tax-exempt 501c3 organization and your dues and donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. For a DeTour Reef Light information brochure, please contact Mary Rogers, DRLPS Membership Chairperson, PO Box 64, DeTour Village MI 49725, 906-297-5704 and *Join the Team to Restore the Lighthouse.*



Does your company offer matching gifts? If so, you can double your gift to DRLPS when you make a donation by asking your employer for a matching gift form. Enclose it with your membership ap and or donation to DRLPS, and we'll do the rest.

Lighthouse Memorabilia Items For Sale



Memorabilia Chairman Jim Charles has been working diligently at developing and selling DRLPS quality logo memorabilia items to raise funds for operations. Many fine quality items are available for sale, including:

- ★ Cup with Society logo \$5
- ★ Hat with embroidered lighthouse \$15
- ★ T-shirts \$15
- ★ Golf shirts \$25
- ★ Sweatshirts \$25
- ★ 2002 Calendar Towel \$15
- ★ Cedar Box engraved with lighthouse \$12
- ★ Note pads with logo \$2
- ★ Note cards with lighthouse drawing 10 for \$5

To order any of these fine items, please contact Jim Charles 906-297-2609 (jcharles@sault.com).

DRLPS Gives Thanks

To each and every member and donor and volunteer. To Bob & Judy Jones, Jim Charles, Clif Haley, Chuck & Jeri Feltner, Dick Moehl, Barb & Tom Snider, Mary & Bob Rogers, Judy Leemgraven, Larry Baron, Zosia Ciko, Robert Lyons, Karl & Halina Hildenbrand, Dotty & John Witten, Sue Heilman, Sylvia Krolokowski, Anne O'Connell, Mickey & Dave Trotter, Sheryl LaMotte, Anne Westlund, Joyce Buckley, Brenda Feltner, Arlene Lyons, Meta Geyer, Carol Martin, Carol & Leigh Melvin, Sis & Denny Bailey, Frank & Barbara Taylor, Sherry Duntley, Cathern Shovan, Betty Wallis, Anne Stadler, Barb & Jim Gusfa, Pat & Roger Norton, Sherry & Garret Vermuelen, Elna Van Houten, Mike Spears, Dock Borth, Chris Pemberton, Ric Mixter, Bob Evans, Garey Eilertson, Skip Simmons, Jim Woodward, Cullen Chambers, Tim Wagner, Terry Pepper, Steve Kempainen for the original deck crane winch, USCG Cutter Buckthorn crew, Mike Jamroziak, Jennie Dreeves, Russ Norris, Brian Nettleton, and students, Rob Bloch for donation of the 28' historic tug *Philo B Leonard*, Dixon Gerber for donation of a 20' Bayliner boat, Bruce Glupker for donation of a DeTour Marina boat slip for ten years, Donnelley Family NTPH Fund for \$1,700 video grant, Plym Foundation donation of \$15,000, Nick Noyes donation of \$1,000, Andrea Rohrbacher donation of \$500 in stock matched by her employer Glaxo-Wellcome, Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival Sharing Program donation of \$1,080. Thanks to Clif Haley and Chuck Feltner for the boat rides out to the lighthouse, and to the DeTour Village Council and the Drummond Island Township for the use of their town halls and support as grant applicants, and to Clif Haley for use of the Drummond Hanger office, conference room and storage facilities, and grant writing wonders.

LIGHTHOUSE RESTORATION PLAN

TEN POINT RESTORATION PROGRAM

1. Establish worker and material transfer systems.
2. Acquire and install emergency equipment and people support systems.
3. Make the building weathertight (windows, doors, etc.).
4. Restore building exterior.
5. Restore necessary utilities to modern standards.
6. Restore the interior of the building.
7. Design and install a security system.
8. Plan, design, and install safety railings, guard rails and safety signage.
9. Design and construct public restroom facilities.
10. Plan, design, build and install tour-boat-to-lighthouse lift system for public tours of lighthouse.

RESTORATION PROGRAM KEY STEPS

- September 1999 - Asbestos and lead paint management plan by Environmental Testing & Consulting, Inc.
- April 2000 – Required historical documentation completed.
- June 2000 – Professional “Existing Conditions” survey and report carried out to Department of Interior Standards for Historic Structures by Cullen Chambers.
- July 2000 – Asbestos and lead paint abatement program completed by USCG and Dore & Associates
- September 00 - Prepared a detailed restoration plan, budget and work schedule.
- July 2001 – Historically accurate replica of pier deck crane manufactured and installed and made operational on the southeast corner of lighthouse by L&B Builders.
- November 2001 Existing Conditions video made for contractors by Airworthy Productions.
- January 2002 – Architectural and engineering services contract awarded to U.P. Engineers & Architects.
- July 2002– Award contract to general contractor.
- Summer 2002 – Restore exterior.
- Summer 2003 – Restore interior
- November 7, 2003 – Grand Opening Ceremony on the 72nd anniversary of the DeTour Reef Light.
- Spring 2004 - Tourism to the lighthouse begins!

CHECK OUT THESE LIGHTHOUSE WEBSITES

www.drlps.com, terrypepper.com/lights,
sos.state.mi.us/history/preserve, gllka.com

The Vision of the DRLPS



Standing proudly as a magnificent monument to Michigan’s maritime history, the DeTour Reef Light will be restored and preserved by the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society for all today and the future to enjoy. Our long-term plan is to completely restore the lighthouse inside and out, to make it accessible to people with safe docking and boarding facilities, and to develop an onshore viewing and educational center. We plan to restore the lighthouse with original period furnishings and equipment. Other important goals include strategic planning and budgeting, volunteer management and membership development.

Our ongoing vision is to enhance public awareness of the history of the Lighthouses of DeTour Passage and appreciation for the maritime heritage of this region; and to make the DeTour Reef Light a premier tourist attraction in the Eastern Upper Peninsula as the best example of an offshore lighthouse in the nation. Please join us in this worthwhile endeavor and become a member of the DRLPS team.

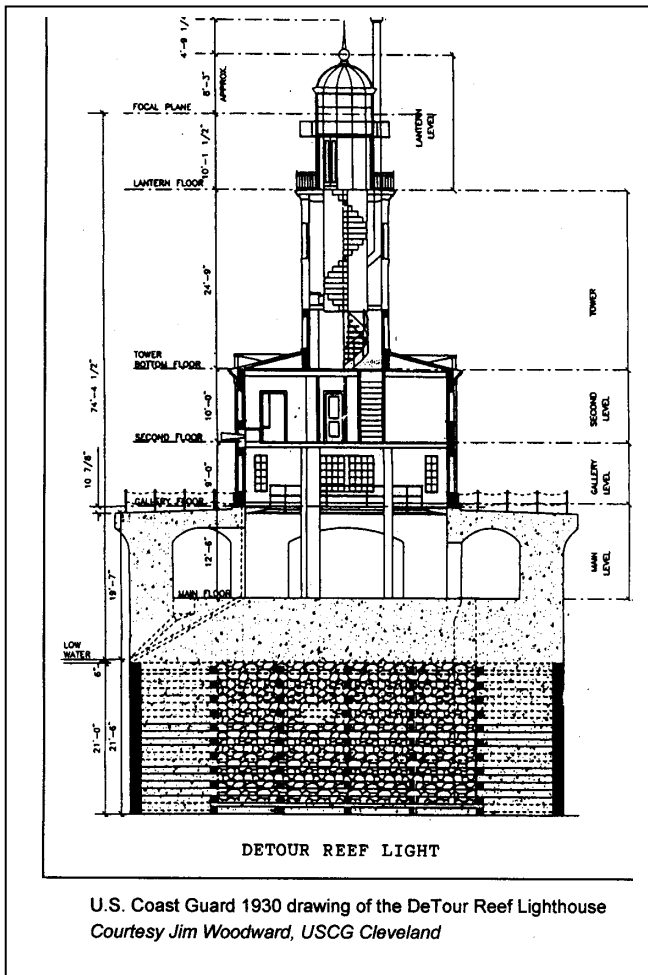
Order Your Lighthouse License Plate and Help Save a Lighthouse!

With more lighthouses than any other state, Michigan needs your help to keep them shining long into the future. Show everyone you care about Michigan’s historic lighthouses by purchasing a lighthouse license plate. Your purchase of a lighthouse license plate will contribute to the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program for the restoration of these irreplaceable monuments. Contact your local Secretary of State or on the internet at www.sos.state.mi.us.



The new license plate depicts the beautiful White Shoal Lighthouse in the Straits of Mackinac using a photo by DRLPS charter member John Wagner

THE DRLPS TEAM INCLUDING ALL MEMBERS, DONORS & VOLUNTEERS	
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Administrative Assistant: Anne Westlund, MEGA Consultants Accountants: Anderson Tackman	



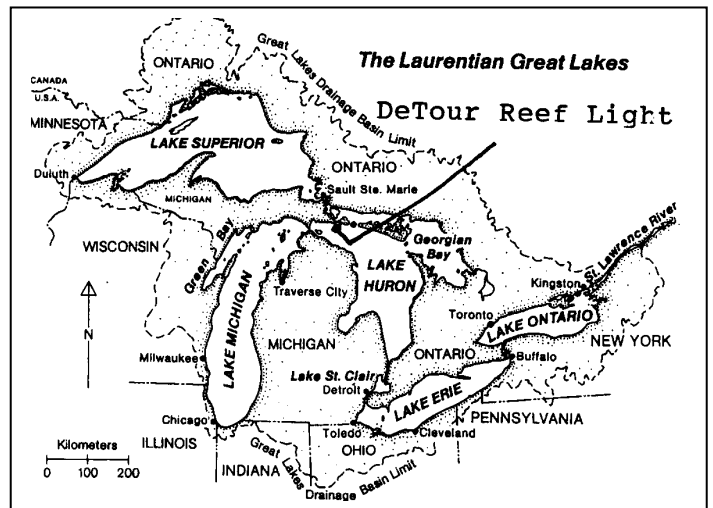
Letter Box

I am donating these items (framed painting of the lighthouse and a wooden lighthouse model) to the Society in memory of my late husband, Ronald Laakso. I thought you could use them as a raffle item or whatever you decide.

He was originally from (born and raised) Drummond Island. We frequently visited his family and he believed in preserving the history of the area. In his younger years, he worked on the ships on the Great Lakes and remembered all the lighthouses along the way.

Good luck in your preservation of the Lighthouse.

Sincerely, Linda Laakso
 DRLPS Charter Member



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