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HISTORICAL MARKER FOR THE DETOUR REEF LIGHT STATION DEDICATED: Citizens Gather to Dedicate and Unveil a Monument of Michigan's Maritime History

by Jeri Baron Feltner

The Michigan Historical Commission (MHC) of the Michigan Department of Transportation has recognized the DeTour Reef Light Station as a significant part of Michigan's history by awarding it an official *State of Michigan Registered Historic Site* (#2252) historical marker. The designation honors the DeTour Reef Light Station as an important and educational part of local and state history.

DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS), sponsor of the marker, had a dedication ceremony to commemorate this significant accomplishment on September 28 at the marker site on M-134 five miles west of DeTour Village. Over 50 citizens attended to share in and witness this exciting historical event. Speakers at the dedication included:

Michigan Historical Commissioner Tom Truscott (who made the official dedication); DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society volunteers Ann Method Green (President), Dave Bardsley (Director), Dick Moehl (Founding Director Emeritus and past President of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association), and Jeri Baron Feltner (Marker Program Chair and Founding Director Emerita); and Marge Ellenberger (Michigan Lighthouse Guide) who presented DRLPS with a framed Lighthouse Guide. Special supporters attending included a former keeper of the DeTour Reef Light Station in 1969-71 Floyd Colvin, Harry and Mike Ashley, brothers of Don Ashley who drowned while boating to shore for supplies in 1971, and Terry Pepper, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers' Association.



DRLPS Team Unveiling Marker - Photo by Anne O'Connell

Michigan Historical Commissioner Tom Truscott performed a perfect dedication for the historical marker. He stated, "The hard work and dedication in restoring the DeTour Reef Light was the most outstanding preservation project I've had the honor of dedicating. The DeTour Reef Light has played a vital role in history of not only our country but the freedom of the world. My heart goes out to all of you in the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society for your unselfish efforts."

"The official State of Michigan Marker for the DeTour Reef Light Station helps bring attention to this community icon treasure and the importance of its preservation," said Jeri Baron Feltner, DRLPS Founding Director Emerita, and Chairperson of the Marker Project. "Educating the public and making them aware of this magnificent Michigan maritime monument with the historical marker is an outstanding way to preserve this important cultural resource and also help promotion of local tourism," Feltner said.

After the dedication, a celebration of the marker and the DRLPS 15th year anniversary was held at the Mainsail Restaurant in DeTour Village.

THANK YOU TO THE MARKER SUPPORTERS

On behalf of the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society, Jeri Baron Feltner, Marker Program Chairperson would like to thank those who supported her with the marker project including State personnel Laura Ashley, John Batchedler, Pat Casey, Brian Lijewski, Mary Patrick, Ron Rushton, Denise Sachau, Matt Siegfried; and DRLPS team: Dave Bardsley (leader of the installation team), Paula Bardsley, John and Sunny Covell, Chuck Feltner, Ann Method Green; Matt Shultz and Duane Barbeaux of X-Factor Construction who donated their services to install the marker, Ron Hill of DeTour-Drummond Building Center who took delivery of the marker, and to Carol Martin (Drummond Island Digest publisher) for donated ad space; to those who assisted at the event: Janelle Dudeck, Marge Ellenberger, Judy Jones, Ann Herr, Dick Moehl, Chuck Muller, Anne O'Connell, Joyce Truscott, and Ted Sledz. Also, thank you to those who contributed funds to the Marker Project: Dave and Paula Bardsley, former keeper Floyd Colvin (in honor of former keeper Don Ashley), former keeper John Decenzo, Chuck and Jeri Baron Feltner. And, a special thank you to all those people who came to the dedication event to experience and support the unveiling of the DeTour Reef Light Station Michigan Historical Marker.



Photo by Jeri Feltner

Dedication of the Detour Reef Light Station Historic Marker September 28, 2013



DeTour Reef Light Sign
Facing West



DeTour Reef Light Sign
Facing East



Tom Truscott & Dick Moehl Dedication Day
Photo by Jeri Feltner



The Dedication Crowd on a Very Windy Day!



DRLPS team at Marker
Photo by Anne O'Connell

THANKS TO JOHN AND SUNNY COVELL

Tours Guides at the DeTour Reef Light and much more...

By Ann Method Green

After seven years of leading tours to the DeTour Reef Light, John and Sunny Covell have retired from the duties as co-chairs of the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) tour program. Members since 1998, the year that DRLPS was founded, they were on the first tour of the Light in 2005, and have been the chairs of the tour program since 2007.

During those seven years as tour guides, they have developed the program and shared their enthusiasm for the Light with tour participants and weekend light keepers. John has written that his continuing goal was to make each tour better than the last one.

Beyond the tours they have participated in many other activities sponsored by the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society. On the annual Father's Day River Cruises, John has shared a virtual tour of the Light with the Cruisers and Sunny has been the official photographer capturing people enjoying the Light and the beauty of the St. Marys River.

One of the first projects that John worked on was the refurbishing and refinishing of a desk that was donated by the late Azor Sheffield. It is now an important piece of period furniture in the keeper's office at the Light. Soon after that, working with DRLPS Historian, Chuck Feltner, John built a 1:12 scale (5' wide by 5' long by 2' high) model of DeTour Reef Light's wooden crib using the original U. S. Lighthouse Service drawings of 1930. He was especially pleased that he could show people on his tours what the lighthouse sits on. "It was the one thing we couldn't show folks when they come out to visit the lighthouse," he explained.

John also became the "Photoshop Expert" cleaning up historical pictures and drawings of the lighthouse. In the process of working with the scans of the original 1930 material, he was able to reveal many details that were not easy to see.

During all these projects Sunny has been at John's side, cheering him on and supporting his efforts. The DRLPS is grateful for all the efforts that the John and Sunny team have put forth for the Light and the Society.



THE DETOUR REEF LIGHT IS A CALENDAR GIRL!

John Penrod's Michigan Lighthouse 2014 Calendar



Yep. We are retired. My 81 year old husband is relieved, and I am missing it already. It has been an honor to be the ones to show off this monument to maritime history for almost 8 years.

I saw these calendars for sale at Meijer here in Grand Rapids the other day. Kinda fun to see MY picture on a Penrod calendar! Finding this calendar at a Book shop in Mackinac City this past July was the high light of my summer!

Remembering the Good Times....Sunny Covell



DRLPS ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2014

On December 6, 2013, at the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) Board Meeting, they elected the Society's officers for 2014. The officers are:



Ann Method Green
President



Sandy Wytiaz
Vice President



David Bardsley
Treasurer



Janelle Dudeck
Secretary

The DRLPS is grateful to Chuck Feltner for serving as Treasurer. His guidance and leadership as Treasurer (2003-2013) as well as President (2001-2004), Restoration Chair, and Grant Writer has resulted in the strong Society that we are today. Chuck will continue as a member of the Board of Directors and the historian for the Society.

Chuck Feltner
Treasurer 2003-2013



Thanks, Chuck for all your time, effort, and dedication.

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

President Ann Method Green joined DRLPS in 2006 as Public Relations Chair and was elected to the Board of Directors in 2008.

Ann has a BS from University of Minnesota in mathematics, and a CDP (Certified Data Processor) from the Institute for Certified Computer Professionals. After 20 years working in sales and market development for the wireless computing market, Ann retired and moved to Drummond Island from Howell, Michigan in 2002 with her husband Ron Green and grandson, Connor Method.

She contributes her time to the Friends of the Drummond Island Library as Membership Chair. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Lighthouse Alliance and is the Treasurer. Having appeared in three productions presented by the Eastern Upper Peninsula Fine Arts Center in DeTour Village, her favorite role was "Vernadette" in the Dixie Swim Club.

She is "addicted" to genealogy research, (her ninth great grandmother was hung as a witch on Gallows Hill in Salem, MA in 1692), and to boating the North Channel on the "Mighty 8th". She loves traveling to visit her gypsy children living all over the world.

Vice President Sandy Wytiaz has been on the DRLPS Board of Directors since 2007 and is the Memorabilia Chair for the Society. She and her husband Bob moved to the Upper Peninsula from Birmingham, Michigan and have been full time residents of DeTour Village for the last 17 years.

She recently retired from the insurance business after 23 years. Sandy is active in many community groups. She was one of the founding members of the EUP Fine Arts Council and presently serves as their President. She has also been in the cast of productions of Steel Magnolias, Blythe Spirit, and Dixie Swim Club.

Sandy is on the Board of Directors for the Harbor View Assisted Living Community. She is active in the DeTour Friends of the Library, and has done volunteer work with Hospice of Chippewa County, worked with the DeTour Botanical Gardens in their fundraising campaigns and serves on the DeTour Village Zoning Board of Appeals. Sandy and four other DeTour ladies have a retail business "The Timberdoodle Mercantile" located in DeTour Village.

Treasurer David Bardsley has been a Director of the DRLPS since 2002, and Chair of the popular DeTour Reef Lighthouse Keepers program. He continues to be a major contributor to the restoration program at the DeTour Reef Light and has previously held the offices of president and vice-president.

Dave rides in the annual “Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska” raising money to provide college scholarships, and he is also active in a nondenominational, nonprofit, nationwide Christian prison ministry at the Hiawatha Correctional Facility in Kincheloe. He is active in several community organizations including Senior Lunch Program volunteer, Drummond Island Lutheran Church Elder and Vice President, Lions Club, and Drummond Island Moose Lodge.

He retired from Ford Motor Company as an executive in Heavy Truck Operations after 29 years of commercial truck product development. As a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, he was assigned to the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission Division of Naval Reactors and USN Naval Ship Systems Command as nuclear engineer on Admiral H. G. Rickover’s technical staff.

He received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering with distinction from Stanford University, a Masters in Engineering Administration from George Washington University, and an Equivalent Masters of Science in Reactor Engineering from the Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory.

Dave is an avid outdoorsman and citizen environmentalist who lives with his wife Paula on a private 26-acre island just north of Drummond Island.

Secretary Janelle Dudeck joined the DRLPS in 2008 in the position of Recording Secretary. In August 2008 she was elected to the Board of Directors and became the Secretary.

She is the Vice President of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Fine Arts Council (EUPFAC) and has been a board member since 2000. She is the chair for the EUPFAC fundraisers Restoration Races and A Village Christmas.

Janelle grew up in DeTour Village and is a graduate of DeTour High School. She attended Lake Superior State University as a business major and, after graduation, accepted a position in California. While in California, Janelle volunteered for a non-profit dog rescue group for several years. She designed and built one of the first websites that utilized the Internet for the placement of homeless pets. She worked for 15 years as a Senior Business Analyst where she managed large Information Technology projects and traveled the country doing training on new IT products. She moved back to DeTour Village in 1999.

She and her husband, Gary, own the River Bend Resort (www.riverbendresort.com). She is partner/owner of the Timberdoodle in DeTour Village. Janelle is also an artist making hand-designed jewelry, beaded flatware and works in pastel and watercolor. She is an artist /member of Pilot House, an artist cooperative in DeTour Village.

Janelle is the mother of two active boys (Jake and Leo) who play baseball, participate in local theater and love to swim and camp.

ARCHIVAL STORAGE OF DRLPS & DeTOUR REEF LIGHT MATERIAL

Frank Boles, Director of the Clarke Historical Library (CHL) at Central Michigan University, met Jeri Feltner at the DRLPS storage office at the Hangar on September 23rd with a van to take DRLPS material back to the CHL for cataloging and to make this information available to researchers both at the facility and online.

We have more material to gather (an ongoing project!) for archival storage at CHL, especially in digital format. (Note that it takes a couple of months to get the project going at CHL). Our storage now looks empty but what a great opportunity for people searching for information on DeTour Reef Light!



Before

After

DETOUR REEF LIGHT PRESERVATION SOCIETY HISTORY TIMELINE: A Chronology of Major Accomplishments From Our First Fifteen Years (1998-2013)

By Jeri Baron Feltner, Founding Director Emerita

Since January 1998, several significant achievements have made the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) successful thanks to the committed people and entities who have contributed to the widely-respected reputation of the DRLPS and the restoration and preservation of the historic DeTour Reef Light Station. We are very proud of our success and the achievement of our mission to educate the public about maritime history through our lighthouse visitor's program since 2005. And we are grateful for the dedicated efforts of our volunteers, donors, members, and the loyal support of grant agencies for our 14 restoration and educational grants received with a total value of \$1.2 million. DRLPS celebrates 15 years of preserving the lighthouse from 1998 to 2013, and, with your continued valued support, *We'll Keep the Light On for You* for many years to come! Following is a brief summary of DRLPS accomplishments, and for a copy of the 20-page detailed listing, please contact Jeri Baron Feltner (jeribaron@aol.com, 313-268-6846).



DeTour Reef Light in 1998 - photo by Jeri Baron Feltner

- 1848 DeTour Point Light Station established onshore at the far eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula in northern Lake Huron at the south entrance of DeTour Passage in the St. Marys River connecting to Lake Superior.
- 1931 DeTour Reef Light Station (DRL) built a mile offshore in 24' feet of water at the end of a dangerous submerged reef to replace the onshore lighthouse.
- 1974 DRL automated by the U.S. Coast Guard.
- 1997 Due to budget constraints and modern on-board ship navigation technology, the U.S. Coast Guard excessed the DRL making it available for ownership by government and nonprofit entities to care for. Dick Moehl, President of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association, arranged to visit the lighthouse with the Coast Guard and DeTour Village residents Bob Jones and Jim Charles, and rallied local citizens to form a society to save the lighthouse.

1998

- DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) was established at the first official meeting of the Board of Directors held on January 4, 1998, in DeTour Village at the Fogcutter Restaurant with Directors Bob Jones (President), Jim Charles (Vice-President), Jeri Baron Feltner (Secretary), Barb Snider (Treasurer), and Dick Moehl. Also attending was Chuck Feltner, Mary Rogers, and several other concerned citizens.
- DRLPS nonprofit status obtained from the federal government in April 1998.
- National recognition was received by the DRLPS from the National Trust for Historic Preservation in naming Michigan's historic lighthouses, exemplified by the DeTour Reef Light, to its 1998 *List of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places*.
- DRLPS operated the first annual Father's Day Boat Cruise June 1998 with Soo Locks Boat Tours.

1999

- The first grant received by DRLPS was in 1999 from the Michigan Coastal Management Program for \$10,000 (matched by \$10,000 volunteer services) for an educational display entitled "*Gateway to Superior: The Lighthouses of DeTour Passage*" (*DeTour Point Light 1848 and DeTour Reef Light 1931*) consisting of 120 panels of historical material and former keeper oral history videos.
- First lighthouse restoration grant received by DRLPS for \$20,000 (matched by DRLPS cash of \$10,000 and volunteer services of \$10,000) received in 1999 for manufacture and installation of the pier deck crane number one.



*Left to right Front Row: Jim Charles, Bob Jones
Back Row: Denny Bailey, Dick Moehl, Jeri Baron Feltner, Barb Snider*

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2000

- U.S. Coast Guard removed damaged lead paint and encapsulated the plaster which contained asbestos at the lighthouse in 2000 to prepare for the DRLPS to obtain a long-term lease.
- Cullen Chambers (of Tybee Island, Georgia), nationally recognized lighthouse preservation consultant, donated his services to DRLPS to conduct a significant two-day existing conditions assessment survey on the lighthouse in June 2000. He prepared an outstanding 185-page report for the DRLPS that outlined recommendations for restoration and preservation, and this significant document became the foundation of our restoration plan and grant applications.
- DRLPS receives 20-year lease of the DRL from the U.S. Coast Guard in September 2000.
- USCG Cutter Buckthorn (Sault Ste. Marie) installed a solar panel at the lighthouse in the fall of 2000 to power the light and fog signal.

2001

- DRLPS obtained major restoration grants from the Clean Michigan Initiative/Department of Environmental Quality (CMI/\$705,000), and the Michigan Department of Transportation's Transportation Equity Act of the Twenty-First Century (MDOT-TEA21/\$241,500) in May 2001.
- DRL was featured on a national PBS program *Legendary Lighthouses II* on the History Channel on October 24, 2001.

2002

- Architectural and engineering services contract awarded in January 2002 to U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. (UPEA) of Marquette, for preliminary design and planning along with construction administration and management of the restoration project.
- *Gateway to Superior: Saving the DeTour Reef Light* video educational grant received from Michigan Coastal Management Program (MCMP) of \$10,000 matched by \$10,000 in volunteer services. Subsequent revisions to the video were made with additional funding.

2003

- Lighthouse MDOT/CMI grants restoration contract awarded to Mihm Enterprises of Hamilton MI in May 2003.
- Over 9,000 pages of original lighthouse keeper's logbooks and correspondence from the National Archives were copied and are on display at the library in DeTour Village, as part of a Michigan Coastal Management Program grant of \$8,500 matched by \$8,500 in volunteer services in 2003.
- Historical Material Collection educational grant from the Michigan Coastal Management Program in 2003 of \$9,000 plus \$9,000 in volunteer services to create a five-module CD collection of historical material entitled "*Lighthouses of DeTour Passage: A Collection of Historical Material.*"

2004

- Final inspection of the restoration work was held on the lighthouse on September 15, 2004, by federal and state granting agencies, contractors, and DRLPS volunteers.
- DRLPS received a "*State of Michigan Special Tribute*" honoring the Society for their success in restoring the DRL, signed by Senator Jason Allen, Representative Scott Shackleton, and Governor Jennifer Granholm, dated November 2, 2004.

2005

- DRL placed on the National Register of Historic Places March 15, 2005.
- *Governor's Award for Historic Preservation for 2005* presented to the DRLPS team at the State Capitol May 19, 2005.
- Public tours and lighthouse keeper programs at the lighthouse began July 2005.

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2006

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- DRLPS received the *Superior Award* from the Historical Society of Michigan (HSM) at the HSM Upper Peninsula History Conference in Escanaba on June 24, 2006, for efforts to preserve and promote UP history through the restoration, preservation, and promotion of the DRL.
- Former U.S. Coast Guard lighthouse keeper Milton Lovett stepped onto the DeTour Reef Light for the first time in 48 years in August 2006. He served on the light from 1958-1959 as Engineman 3rd Class.

2007

- DRLPS received the Old Mission Bank *Community Pride Award* on April 15, 2007, in Sault Ste. Marie.
- DRL crib model 5' wide by 5' long by 2' high placed on display in May 2007 in the basement of the light.
- DRLPS was awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program in 2007, using \$15,000 DRLPS matching cash funds, for fabrication and installation of the second pier deck crane on the lighthouse.

2008

- DRLPS awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program in 2008 with \$10,000 matching funds from DRLPS for rehabilitation and installation on the DRL of the original 1956 F-2-T diaphone foghorn.
- DRLPS had a gala celebration in August 2008 to celebrate keeping the Light On for 10 years. Over 120 people attended including eight former lighthouse keepers.

2009

- Plaster and paint repair to damaged areas of lighthouse interior walls was conducted on the DRL in 2009 by Drummond Island Yacht Haven at a cost of \$13,522.

2010

- Electronic bird re-peller installed on the lighthouse in 2010 to keep the pier deck clean of bird droppings and reduce wear and tear of the deck caused by power washing. It uses the recorded sounds of gull predators and gulls in distress to discourage the birds from landing on the lighthouse and works great!
- Michigan Bottomlands' Use Agreement for offshore lighthouses obtained by DRLPS on May 28, 2010.
- Deed to the DRL presented to DRLPS by the federal government on June 17, 2010.
- DRLPS was designated a *Preserve America Steward* by First Lady Michelle Obama in August 2010 "in recognition of its preservation of the DeTour Reef Light, with appreciation for the efforts of its volunteers in preserving cultural resources for the benefit of present and future generations."

2011

- DRLPS erected a billboard sign *Visit the DeTour Reef Light – Overnight Keeper Programs, Summer Tours, Sponsored by the DRLPS a Preserve America Steward, www.VisitTheLight.org* with a great photo of the lighthouse on I-75 north of Gaylord in the fall of 2011.

2012

- U.S. Coast Guard Sault Ste. Marie Sector introduced its new logo in 2012 featuring the DRL.
- Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program (MLAP) grant application for lighthouse water ingress repair and remediation submitted in November 2012 for \$60,000 (matched by \$30,000 DRLPS funds).
- DRLPS contracted Elegant Seagulls of Marquette MI to redesign website for \$5,000.

2013

- Clarke Historical Library (CHL) at Central Michigan University in Midland MI was chosen in July 2013 as the DRLPS archival storage depository of DRLPS and DRL historical material.
- Michigan Historical Marker for the DRL erected on M-134 in September 2013.
- DRLPS Society celebrates its 15th year anniversary (1998-2013). A gathering was held at the Mainsail Restaurant in DeTour Village to honor this occasion in conjunction with the dedication of the Historical Marker on September 28, 2013.

LISTENING TO A PAIR OF VOLUNTEERS

By Joe Henne

When John and Dotty Witten decided to do some exploring in the EUP (Eastern Upper Peninsula) back in 1997, they were not quite certain about the area or why / what they were investigating. They were certain of the natural beauty of the stretch east of the bridge and found a piece of land on the water very much to their liking and before they knew it they were caught up in EUP EUPHORIA! They had become Detour area landowners!! Having retired from successful careers as educators in Livonia, Michigan and realizing the value of volunteering throughout their previous career work era, they set out to find an interesting place/event/issue to share their time and talent. In 1998 they attended an informational meeting about DeTour Reef Light and the possibility of initiating a team of volunteers to save this historic site from ruin. This first meeting was held at the DeTour Fogcutter Restaurant, and when leaving the meeting they left their names on a sign-up sheet and initiated their "term" of being a volunteer of DRLPS (DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society). They were inquiring on how they could help even before the society had been struck.



John and Dotty Witten

In SUPERTRAMP'S classic song: *Give A Little Bit*, ----as the lyrics go, "there's so much that we need to share--send a smile and show you care!"---and later, "see the man with lonely eyes---take his hand, you'll be surprised...." What a great song and what great people - the Wittens!

After attending scores of meetings, being ambassadors of the DeTour Light at countless Great Lake events, working at "break out" and "shut down" events, sitting on various DRLPS committees ---and still do!---Dotty and John still are "big" on volunteering and "bigger" on the merits of the Light. Dotty wonders who will step up and help her on the Light's memorabilia committee... John wonders about whether generations X, Y, & Z are going to volunteer with the same frequency per capita that previous generations have.

So---- DRLPS wishes to honor, announce, and AWARD the CERTIFICATE OF MERIT to the WITTENS! They exemplify service, caring, AND are what volunteerism is all about.

I asked John about his idea of recruiting volunteers and he immediately spoke of five measurements of volunteerism:

1. The goals and merit of the organization must be understood and volunteering should meet some personal needs.
2. The tasks and expectations of the volunteer and all resources of the organization need to be highlighted (Define the job and support available).
3. Estimates of time and duration of commitment need to be understood - most volunteers have limits!
4. One person IS in charge (however, micromanagement is to be avoided).
5. Volunteers stay on (and on and on) because of SATISFACTION and----THE FUN THEY EXPERIENCE !!!

We all need to give a little more --- (think SUPERTRAMP) and hum a few bars: "I'll give a little bit---of my love to you" without leaving your hand out for return benefits. Communities thrive and wither with volunteers (or lack of) playing a key role. The service club down the road needs volunteers. The local school or hospital, church, geriatric facility, hospice, neonatal unit, or the lonely person down the street needs YOU to volunteer. Yes DRLPS needs you as well. LISTEN to me hum: Give a little bit at: HEARINGBETTERHEARING@yahoo.com. Ask John and Dotty.....they continue to give (more than) a little bit !!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2014 Events at the DeTour Reef Light

17th Annual Father's Day Cruise

\$95/person if booked before March 1st and \$105 after

Sunday June 15, 2014

Contact: Anne Stafford 906-297-6051

Email: RiverCruise@drlps.com

15th Annual Evening Under the Stars

\$125/person

Friday July 11, 2014

Contact: Lorna Heydinger 906-440-9155

Email: StarsEvent@drlps.com

Lighthouse Tours

\$75/person members, \$95/person nonmembers

Saturday June 14

Saturday June 21

Saturday June 28

Saturday July 5

Saturday July 12

Saturday July 19

Saturday July 26

Saturday August 2

Saturday August 9

Saturday August 16

Saturday August 23

Saturday August 30



*Donning the harness for trip
down to the boat*

Light Keeper Weekends

\$200/person members, \$220/person nonmembers

(Maximum 6 people per weekend)

Friday June 13 – Sunday June 15

Friday June 20 – Sunday June 22

Friday June 27 – Sunday June 29

Friday July 4 – Sunday July 6

Friday July 11 – Sunday July 13

Friday July 18 – Sunday July 20

Friday July 25 – Sunday July 27

Friday August 1 – Sunday August 3

Friday August 8 – Sunday August 10

Friday August 15 – Sunday August 17

Friday August 22 – Sunday August 24

Friday August 29 – Sunday August 31

Contact: Dave Bardsley 906-493-6609

Email: Tours@drlps.com

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Email: Keepers@drlps.com

KARL R. HILDENBRAND 1935-2013

DRLPS Charter Member, volunteer and supporter Karl Hildenbrand passed away peacefully on October 18. He was born May 8, 1935, in Detroit, and was married for over 50 years to his best friend Halina, also a strong supporter of the DRLPS, who passed away in 2010. Karl retired from General Motors Design Staff after a long career there as a draftsman. His children Kristen Barrett and Eric Hildenbrand have enjoyed many good memories sharing with their parents at their cottage on Lake Huron in DeTour Village with a great view of the DeTour Reef Light Station. Karl and Halina volunteered in several capacities for the DRLPS in the early years including helping at the DRLPS booth at the Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival in Alpena. If you would like to share a memory of Karl, please do so at the Verheyden Funeral Home website www.verheyden.org. Thank you Karl for all your valued support of DRLPS and the good memories shared..... *We'll Keep the Light On for You!*



*Karl Hildenbrand enjoying the
DRLPS Father's Day Cruise
in 2012*

******* CHECK OUT THE NEW DRLPS WEBSITE! *******

www.DRLPS.com

The same web address, but a brand new look. Visit the site, let us know what you think and what else you would like to see on the web site. Do you have any pictures to share of your time on the Light? They can be added to the pages.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____



ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Price Each	Color	Size	Quantity	Total
1	Weekend Puzzle – DeTour Reef Light - 360 pieces – 12”x18” photo by Sunny Covell	\$16				
2	Retro Ceramic Coffee Mug with line drawing of DeTour Reef Light circa 1931	\$10				
3	Embroidered patch of DeTour Reef Light— 2 3/4 inch square	\$6				
4	DeTour Reef Light Collectors Pin— 1 1/8 inch	\$6				
5	Hat (khaki, yellow, red, gray) with Lighthouse Crest	\$15				
6	Visor with Lighthouse Crest (navy , tan)	\$10				
7	T-Shirt w/Lighthouse Crest (evergreen, navy— S, M, L, XL, 2XL – not all sizes/colors available)	\$20				
8	Golf Shirt w/Lighthouse Crest (Men’s in black, Ladies in red — S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$32				
9	Denim Shirt with Lighthouse Crest (unisex — S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$39				
10	Crew Neck Sweatshirt w/Lighthouse Crest (stone, evergreen, navy — S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$28				
11	Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt with Lighthouse Crest (navy — S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$35				
12	DeTour Reef Light Counted Cross Stitch Kit 5”x7” designed by Hallie Wilson	\$10				
13	Plastic To-Go Mug with Society Logo	\$3				
14	Note Pads w/Lighthouse Logo (pack of 3 — 50 sheets per pad)	\$2				
15	Crystal Cube w/ internal 3D etching of DeTour Reef Light - small	\$17				
16	Crystal Cube w/ internal 3D etching of DeTour Reef Light - large	\$22				
17	Lighthouse Model 3” Little Light of Mine by Harbour Lights (Price has been reduced)	\$15				
18	DVD of the Lighthouse before/during/after restoration/keeper experience, 2 disc set	\$15				
19	Polar Fleece Zippered Vest (burnt orange– S, M, L, XL, XXL)	\$38				
20	1931 Limited Edition Lighthouse Window Pane (9 1/4 x 11 x 1/4 inch) w/Etching of Lighthouse	\$300				
21	Custom Framing for item #21	\$150				



*Thank You
for your
Support!*

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

Value of Order	S&H
Up to \$10	\$4
\$10.01—\$25	\$5
\$25.01—\$45	\$7
\$45.01—\$65	\$9
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Over \$150	\$15

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DeTour Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society

DRLPS is a volunteer nonprofit 501(c)(3) 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. Marys 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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