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## DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society

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

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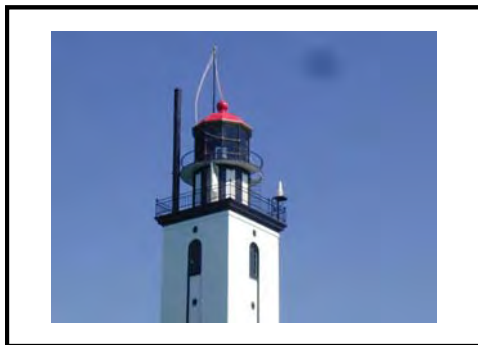
*We'll Keep the Light on for You!*

Spring/Summer 2004

### DRLPS PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by *Chuck Feltner*

On a recent business trip, I visited Brugge, Belgium, one of the oldest cities in Western Europe. During a brief period of sightseeing, I had the occasion to tour a historic building that was constructed in 1161 A.D. The condition of this building was amazingly good given its age of 843 years. The tour conductor told of the important role this building played in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century when Brugge was a thriving European port city. The restored building made the history come to life and allowed me see and feel the past in true context. This, and similar experiences I have had in scores of visits to Europe, has convinced me that our friends across the Atlantic truly support a culture of preservation of historical edifices. Such efforts require a major commitment of volunteer time and money from the citizenry.



DeTour Reef Light's restored dome, lantern and watch room.

*Photo by Ken Czapski 2003*

In the United States, some people would take the position that Americans have the mentality of a "throw away society," even when it comes to non-renewable resources such as historic structures. For example, Vance Packard, a journalist, social critic and author, attacked this behavior in his 1960 book *The Waste Makers*. I personally have witnessed the destruction of the oldest building in the City of Dearborn, Michigan, to make way for a well known fast food company to peddle its burgers and fries. The local citizenry, including myself, stood by and let it happen.

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### Michigan Lighthouse Alliance

by *Buzz Hoerr*

Lighthouses in Michigan have a new champion called the Michigan Lighthouse Alliance (MLA). Lighthouse stakeholders, including preservation groups, funders and other related entities from around the state have formed this new organization. Its purpose is to be an advocate for the preservation of these historic aids to navigation on the Great Lakes.

The group will work closely with the Michigan Lighthouse Project (MLP), the Michigan Lighthouse Fund (MLF), and the State Historic Preservation Office. "Our main goal is to work with the existing organizations to pull this effort together in a way that unifies the passions and many wonderful projects going on throughout Michigan. We can openly lobby the Congress and Michigan Legislature for more funding, and act as a true voice for the many citizens who love lighthouses and want to preserve these rich symbols of the state's maritime heritage," said Stefanie Staley, newly elected President of the MLA, and the Executive Director of the Grand Traverse Lighthouse Museum.

The MLA moved quickly to build alliances with the two main statewide organizations. Steve Belko, the Manager of the MLP, agreed that the missing voice in the equation had been the local citizens who are already doing the work, and the many more fans of lighthouses. "Without that added pressure, you basically have many well intentioned government people trying to support these projects, yet they can't lobby, and they can't generate the political momentum for the much larger funding levels required to save these structures. For that, you need citizens who vote, and the MLA represents that element." Kirk Lindquist, President of the MLF, agrees. "We need much larger amounts of funding from both federal and state sources, and for that to happen, the political side needs to know voters are behind them if they commit to it."

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## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The DRLPS is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization established in 1998 and files a yearly Form 990 with the IRS. The 990 can be viewed online at [www.Guidestar.org](http://www.Guidestar.org). A copy of the DRLPS financial statements can be obtained by written request from the DRLPS, PO Box 307, Drummond Island MI 49726.

The DRLPS has been awarded over one million dollars in grant funds from various state, federal and private agencies which can only be used for the restoration and education program. A copy of the grant summary can also be obtained from the above address.

Continued funding from membership dues, donations and fundraisers is required for the operation of the Society and for lighthouse maintenance.

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to help us preserve the DeTour Reef Light ★ a magnificent monument to Michigan's maritime history.

## Lighthouses of DeTour Passage



DeTour Point Light c. 1861  
Established 1847



DeTour Reef Light 1931

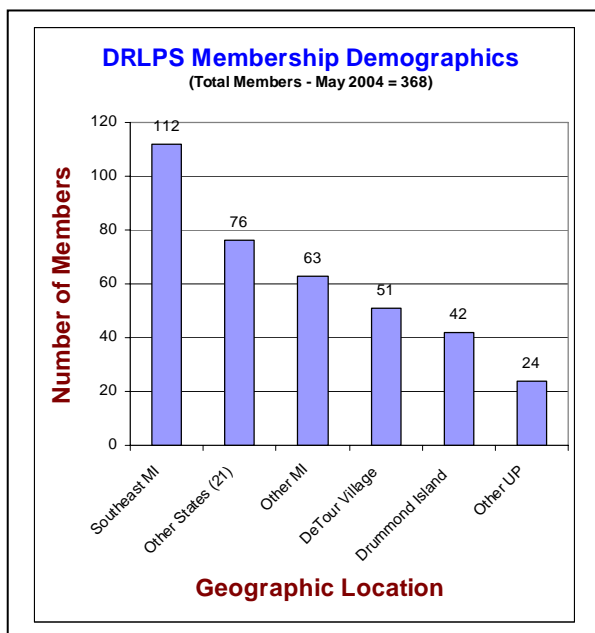
*Photos courtesy Woodward Lighthouse History Collection*

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 at a cost of \$140,000 and 327 working days. It was automated in 1974. The 63-foot tower rests on a 20-foot high 60-foot square concrete and steel crib pier in 24 feet of water. The 1861 DeTour Point tower, steps, lens and lantern room were transferred to the new light station in 1931.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of May 2004, DRLPS has 368 members in good standing coast-to-coast! Thank you members for your valued dedicated support of the DRLPS. For those who would like to renew or join the Society, please contact Mary Rogers 906-297-5704 (or [www.DRLPS.com](http://www.DRLPS.com)).

The chart below shows that our memberships come from many areas in Michigan, including 21 other states.



DRLPS Board of Directors (l to r) Jim Charles, Dick Moehl, Dave Bardsley, Cliff Haley, Jeri Baron Feltner, and Chuck Feltner.

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

*Photo by Mela Geyer 2003*

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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 for generations to come.

Newsletter Editor: Jeri Baron Feltner

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## DRLPS FUN EVENTS IN 2004

**DRLPS ANNUAL MEETING** will be held on Saturday, June 26 at 2pm at the Drummond Island Township Hall. Everyone is invited to attend to learn about the lighthouse restoration and education programs and future plans for lighthouse tours.

**CRUISE UP THE RIVER** on the 7<sup>th</sup> annual DRLPS Father's Day Cruise Sunday, June 20. Cost is \$80. Enjoy the historic St. Marys River, the DeTour Reef Light, other lighthouses, and cruise through the famous Soo Locks. Includes lunch, snacks, prizes and informative narration.

**EVENING UNDER THE STARS** 5th annual elegant lighthouse benefit event at the waterfront at Bayside Dining on Drummond Island on Saturday, July 3 at 6:00 p.m. \$100 per person includes gourmet dinner, music, art and great ambience. John Wagner, renowned aerial lighthouse photographer and author, will present his innovative creations, and Debbie Fogell and Robert Johnson will entertain with their unique combination of guitar, vibraphone and vocals.

**FOR RESERVATIONS** or more information on the above events, please contact DRLPS, PO Box 307, Drummond Island MI 49726, 906-493-6079 ([www.DRLPS.com](http://www.DRLPS.com)). A portion of your ticket cost is tax deductible as allowed by law.

### NAME THAT BARGE CONTEST!

A 50x24-foot steel barge was donated to the DRLPS by members Fred & Linda May of Drummond Island to be used as a floating dock facility at the lighthouse. The barge will be refurbished by DRLPS volunteers, including members of the Drummond Island Lions Club.



Photo by Dave Bardsley 2003

DRLPS is having a contest to *Name That Barge*. Name will be voted on by the Board of Directors and announced at the Annual Meeting on June 26. The winner will receive a framed photo of the DeTour Reef Lighthouse. Submit your entry by June 20 to:

**DRLPS ★ PO Box 307  
Drummond Island MI 49726  
or email [bardsley@lighthouse.net](mailto:bardsley@lighthouse.net)**

## GRANT ACTIVITY

The DRLPS has gratefully received over \$1,000,000 in grant funding from state and federal agencies since 1998 for restoration, education and preservation of the DeTour Reef Light. DRLPS volunteers have worked hard to match these grants with in-kind services and with the procurement of matching funds.

Some of DRLPS current grant activities include:

**Michigan Coastal Management Program** grant of \$15,000 (matched by DRLPS volunteer services) to produce a video of the DeTour Reef Light is due to be completed this year. Dave Bardsley, DRLPS Director and Vice-president, is grant coordinator and has been working on this project with producer Ric Mixer of Airworthy Productions of Saginaw.

**Michigan Coastal Management Program** grant of \$9,000 (matched by DRLPS volunteer services) was awarded in October 2003 to create a five-module collection of historical material entitled "*Lighthouses of DeTour Passage: A Collection of Historical Material.*" This project will include producing CD's and DVD's of logbooks, government correspondence, architectural and engineering drawings, historical photographs, and oral history videos of interviews with former keepers. Chuck Feltner, grant coordinator, and DRLPS members Mike Spears and Chris Pemberton, are working on this project.

**Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program/State Historic Preservation Office** grant of \$32,387 (with a \$16,193 DRLPS match) was recently awarded to the DRLPS for lighthouse cabinetry and molding rehabilitation. Project period is June 2004 to September 2005. Chuck Feltner is grant coordinator on this project.

### MLAP GRANTS FOR MICHIGAN LIGHTHOUSES

The Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program (MLAP) awarded historic preservation grants for 2003 to Sand Point Lighthouse-Delta County Historical Society (\$27,000); Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse-Mackinac Island State Park Commission (\$23,000); Charlevoix South Pier Light-Charlevoix Historical Society (\$10,780); and Beaver Island Lighthouse-St. James Township (\$5,000).

2004 awards were made to: DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society-DeTour Reef Light, Keweenaw County Historical Society-Eagle Harbor Lighthouse, Benzie County-Point Betsie Light Station, Huron County Parks Commission-Pointe Aux Barques Lighthouse, and Fruitland Township-White River Light Station.

MLAP grants, administered by the State Historic Preservation Office, are supported with funds from the sale of Michigan lighthouse license plates.

## JIM CHARLES RECOVERING

Jim Charles, DRLPS Vice-president and Memorabilia Chairman, is recovering from recent surgery. Jim, of DeTour Village MI is a very active volunteer with many local organizations. We have you in our prayers Jim. Get well soon!

## CHUCK AND JERI FELTNER RECEIVE AWARD

The Interservice Council of Drummond Island voted for Chuck and Jeri Feltner as Outstanding Citizens of the Year for their work with the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society. The award is given annually to citizens who have demonstrated determined and committed effort to bettering the community. Dave Bardsley, DRLPS Vice-president, nominated the Feltners for this prestigious award, of which they are very grateful.

## UPPER PENINSULA MARITIME TRAIL

Fred Stonehouse of the Marquette Maritime Museum has developed a website to connect all of Michigan's Upper Peninsula maritime sites. The sites are presented on a map, and by clicking on the appropriate icon, the visitor is automatically linked to the site's existing web page for additional information. See [www.upmaritimetrail.org](http://www.upmaritimetrail.org)!

## LIGHTHOUSE CONFERENCE

*By Stefanie Staley, President, Michigan Lighthouse Alliance*

"KEEP THE LIGHTS ON!" - a Great Lakes Regional Lighthouse Conference is scheduled for June 2-5, 2004, at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City. The Michigan Lighthouse Project, in conjunction with the Michigan Lighthouse Fund, and the Michigan Lighthouse Alliance, will hold a general conference on lighthouse preservation efforts in the Great Lakes region. Although it will highlight lighthouse preservation efforts throughout the Great Lakes, the conference will have a national audience. The Conference is the second of four nationwide conferences; the first was held in St. Augustine, Florida, and the third and fourth conferences will be held in California in 2005 and on the Atlantic Coast in 2006. Conference sessions and panels will cover all aspects of owning, restoring, and preserving historic lighthouses. Themes include economic development, technical assistance, organizational development, and the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act transfer process. Speakers will represent federal and state agencies, local governments, and nonprofit organizations. Current sponsors include the Michigan Lighthouse Project, Michigan Lighthouse Alliance, Michigan Lighthouse Fund, Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, National Park Service, General Services Administration, Bureau of Land Management, U. S. Coast Guard, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and U. S. Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow. For more information, contact the Michigan Lighthouse Project, [www.michiganlighthouse.org](http://www.michiganlighthouse.org) or call 248-625-3607.

*(Ed. Note: DRLPS Directors Jeri Baron Feltner, Chuck Feltner, and Dick Moehl will be speakers at this event.)*

## ALFRED LEMIEUX DIES

Honorary DRLPS member, Alfred Lemieux of DeTour Village, the last known survivor who helped build the DeTour Reef Light in 1930-1931, died on November 23, 2003. Alfred, 94, was very active in helping the DRLPS with historical information and participated in several oral history interviews; including a special spot on a nationally-televised PBS program *Legendary Lighthouses II*.

## GREAT LAKES LIGHTHOUSE FESTIVAL (GLLF)

DRLPS will be at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual GLLF held in Alpena October 8, 9 & 10. This will be DRLPS' seventh year participating in this event that attracts over 10,000 people from around the country. For more information, visit [www.lighthousefestival.org](http://www.lighthousefestival.org). Stop by and see the DRLPS in Booth 29/30 and sign up for a chance to win a prize.

## DICK MOEHL DONATES FLAG TO DRLPS



Photo by Jeri Baron Feltner 2003

After a Michigan Lighthouse Alliance meeting held in Lansing, DRLPS founding Director Dick Moehl (left) presented President Chuck Feltner with a beautiful American Flag to be proudly flown at the restored DeTour Reef Light.

## DRLPS FEATURED ON COVER OF BEACON

The Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association's (GLLKA) excellent publication *BEACON* featured the DeTour Reef Light, while being restored, on the cover of their Spring 2004 issue, including an extensive article on the DRLPS. We are grateful! To request a copy contact [www.GLLKA.com](http://www.GLLKA.com), 231-436-5580.

## TOURS TO THE LIGHTHOUSE PLANNED

Major lighthouse exterior and interior restoration of the DeTour Reef Light is due to be completed in 2004. Public narrated tours will be offered on this unique offshore lighthouse in 2005. If you are interested in visiting the restored DeTour Reef Light, please let us know. Contact: DRLPS Tours, PO Box 307, Drummond Island MI 49726, [www.DRLPS.com](http://www.DRLPS.com), 906-493-6711.

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## MICHIGAN LIGHTHOUSE ALLIANCE

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More money is at the heart of turning the statewide project around. The state has collected nearly \$475,000 from the sale of lighthouse license plates, and there is a general fund line item that has so far survived the brutal budget process in the Legislature this session. "But those amounts of money are dwarfed by the size of the task," says Buzz Hoerr, MLA Treasurer, who is President of the Harbor Beach Lighthouse Preservation Society. "We are talking about structures that are exposed to the extremes of Michigan weather. Our lighthouse base was damaged by ice one winter, and the repair required \$385,000. One project can wipe out the state reserves. The need is in the millions, and that kind of money takes serious political commitment over an extended period of time. These groups like ours just don't have the ability to raise those funds on their own."

The MLA will be co-hosting a statewide lighthouse conference in Traverse City with the MLP and MLF, June 2-5, in order to bring all the groups together to share their experiences and frustrations (see [www.michiganlighthouse.org](http://www.michiganlighthouse.org)). Both U.S. Senators and the Governor have been invited to speak, and early indications are that they will be there. Individuals and groups from all over the U.S. are expected to attend as well. "There is no shortage of good will towards these historic structures. Now we need to capitalize on that and build momentum to get the resources necessary to save them," said Staley.

### Editor Notes:

Buzz Hoerr is Treasurer of the Michigan Lighthouse Alliance (MLA), and President of the Harbor Beach Lighthouse Preservation Society (email: [hoerrfam@msn.com](mailto:hoerrfam@msn.com)).

DRLPS President Chuck Feltner ([cfeltner@starband.net](mailto:cfeltner@starband.net)) and Director Dick Moehl ([rmoehl@aol.com](mailto:rmoehl@aol.com)) are members of the MLA Board of Directors.

For more information on the MLA, contact Stefanie Staley, President, [glthse@gtii.com](mailto:glthse@gtii.com), 231-386-7195, website [www.michiganlighthouse.org](http://www.michiganlighthouse.org).



### ORDER A LIGHTHOUSE LICENSE PLATE

To get your special Michigan Lighthouse Plate, which features John Wagner's famous photo of White Shoals Light in the Straits of Mackinac, contact: [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos), and support Michigan's lighthouse preservation effort!

## GREAT LAKES LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

By Terry Pepper

2004 has all the earmarks of another great year for the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association (GLLKA). After our annual spring cleanup over Memorial Day weekend, the Boy Scouts will arrive on St. Helena Island in the Straits of Mackinac in June to complete reconstruction of the station boat house, located near the St. Helena Light, with the installation of clapboard siding and doors. Largely "off limits" to visitors last year due to replacement of over 1,000 spalled bricks in the lighthouse tower and the erecting of a historically correct chimney on the dwelling, restoration work will continue in 2004 with re-plastering of the lighthouse tower interior, refinishing the spiral stairs, and preparation for the installation of a historically correct decagonal lantern. With the area around the lighthouse again safe for visitors, educational and training workshops are scheduled throughout the 2004 season.

While at the time of writing, the deed for the Cheboygan River Front Range Light is still forthcoming, work is underway on clean-up efforts in preparation for the first ever open house at the station on Saturday, May 29. Once the deed is in hand, plans for the Cheboygan station include replacing the 1960's aluminum siding with wood clapboards, erecting a picket fence around the property, restoring the circular oil house and reconfiguring the interior of the structure to serve as a museum and resource center dedicated to telling the stories of dedicated keepers throughout the Great Lakes. As was the case at St. Helena, we plan to involve as many youth groups as possible in the restoration to support our charter of "developing a new generation of preservationists."

GLLKA has again partnered with Shepler's to provide historical commentary on east and westbound lighthouse tours through the Straits, and will be playing a key role in the "So You Want to Own A Lighthouse" conference being held in Traverse City on June 2-5. The group will also repeat its successful annual conference tours on each of the Great Lakes, and has added a major cruise of the St. Marys River, during which they will pass by the DeTour Reef Light to honor the efforts of their fellow modern day keepers in the DRLPS. For additional information on GLLKA activities, visit their website at [www.GLLKA.com](http://www.GLLKA.com), email [GLLKA@aol.com](mailto:GLLKA@aol.com), or call 231-436-5580.



GLLKA President Dick Moehl, at the top left of the scaffolding, working on the St. Helena Lighthouse in the Straits of Mackinac.

Photo by Terry Pepper 2003

Ed. Note: Terry Pepper is a member of the Board of Directors of GLLKA. Visit his excellent lighthouse website at [www.terrypepper.com](http://www.terrypepper.com), email: [terry@terrypepper.com](mailto:terry@terrypepper.com).

## STATE PRESERVATION ORGANIZATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

The following organizations and legislation have great potential in supporting the success of DRLPS and other volunteer lighthouse preservation organizations. They can help develop and sustain the group's activity to be a strong and viable organization in order to preserve the lighthouse for generations to come. The DRLPS looks forward to working with these organizations and supporting these important issues.

### Michigan Lighthouse Project (MLP)

Established in 1998, the MLP was made up of representatives from federal and state government agencies and other interested parties to address the fate of Michigan's historic lighthouses, to increase public and governmental awareness of lighthouse preservation issues and to ensure the long-term preservation of the lighthouses. MLP is currently working with government agencies to effect the transfer ownership of historic lighthouses under the guidelines of the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act. ([www.michiganlighthouse.org](http://www.michiganlighthouse.org))

### Michigan Lighthouse Alliance (MLA)

Established in 2004 and made up of nonprofit lighthouse organization stewards and interested stakeholders, the purpose of the MLA is to support nonprofit lighthouse preservation organizations through technical, financial and managerial assistance in the endeavor to maintain and publicly exhibit historic lighthouses in the State of Michigan. MLA will also support efforts in the lighthouse ownership transfer process, and establish education programs and foster public awareness of the lighthouses. ([www.michiganlighthouse.org](http://www.michiganlighthouse.org))

### National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act (NHLPA)

The NHLPA of 2000 amends the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and establishes a national lighthouse preservation program and authorizes the disposal of historic lighthouses. It recognizes the cultural, recreational, and educational value associated with these historic resources by allowing lighthouse properties to be transferred at no cost to federal agencies, state and local governments, nonprofit corporations, and community development organizations for park and recreation, cultural and historic, and educational uses. The program is administered through the combined efforts of the Department of the Interior's National Park Service, the U.S. Coast Guard and the General Services Administration. The DRLPS is working with the Michigan Lighthouse Project to initiate the transfer of the DeTour Reef Light to the DRLPS. For more information about the NHLPA, visit the National Park Service website [www.cr.nps.gov/maritime/nhlpa/nhlpa.htm](http://www.cr.nps.gov/maritime/nhlpa/nhlpa.htm).

### Michigan Lighthouse and Maritime Heritage Act (MLMHA)

In November 2003, Senator Debbie Stabenow with Senator Carl Levin introduced legislation in the Senate (S. 1850) called the Michigan Lighthouse and Maritime Heritage Act (MLMHA) to promote and protect Michigan's Great Lakes history including lighthouses and maritime museums, and help preserve the history of this precious natural resource for generations to come. The legislation would require the National Park Service to

study and make recommendations on the best ways to promote and protect these resources. Congress would then enact the study's recommendations on how to best preserve and increase tourism to these lighthouses and maritime resources, such as creating a designated statewide trail. The study would also identify funding sources for communities to preserve and restore their lighthouse and maritime resource. In October 2003, William Anderson and Sandra Clark of the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries, presented a paper called "Positioning Michigan as a Maritime Heritage Destination." They said that it was time for Michigan to capitalize on its exceptional maritime resources and stake claim to being the center of Great Lakes maritime heritage. Thus, they are creating a Michigan Maritime Heritage Destination that pulls together the state's top maritime attractions and stories by pooling resources for marketing and publicity and creating regional clusters. For more information on this important legislation, contact Senator Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Senate, 702 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510. To see the Bill in its entirety, visit [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) and click on Legislation & Records and search for S. 1850. If you are interested in supporting this legislation, please contact the Chairman of the Energy Committee, Senator Pete Domenici (U.S. Senate, Washington DC 20510), to urge him to take up and pass S.1850, the Michigan Lighthouse and Heritage Act. Please share copies of your letters with Senator Debbie Stabenow.

### Michigan Bottomlands Transfer

The bottomlands of the Great Lakes are held in trust by the State of Michigan, the owner and trustee, for use and enjoyment by its citizens. This includes the Lake Huron bottomlands on which the DeTour Reef Light sits. In December 2002, the State Legislature passed a Bill regarding conveyance of bottomlands that offshore lighthouses rest upon. This would make it possible for organizations such as the DRLPS to enter into a lease or agreement for the use of State lands on which an offshore lighthouse is located, including the use of water over those lands immediately adjacent to the lighthouse. This Bill makes it possible for the U.S. Coast Guard to transfer ownership of offshore lighthouses to organizations like the DRLPS. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality prepared a draft "Agreement to Use and Occupy Unpatented Great Lakes Bottomlands for Lighthouse Private Purposes" dated July 1999. This controversial document is being investigated to incorporate a more positive position for all concerned. To learn more about the bottomlands issue visit websites [www.michbar.org/realprop/article27-3.html](http://www.michbar.org/realprop/article27-3.html), and [www.michigan.gov/deq](http://www.michigan.gov/deq) and search for Bottomland Conveyances.

### LIGHTHOUSE INFORMATION WEBSITES

[www.cr.nps.gov/maritime/lightinf.html](http://www.cr.nps.gov/maritime/lightinf.html)  
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Yet, I believe this behavior is changing in America. This is reflected nationally by the accomplishments of organizations like the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the policies of the U.S. Department of Interior. On the State level, agencies such as Michigan's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) have made great strides in recent years in aiding the preservation of historic sites. In particular, they are playing a significant role in supporting the preservation of the 100 plus lighthouses in the State of Michigan. Their efforts have been reinforced by the passage of the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act which allows the Department of Interior to transfer excessed lighthouses to preservation groups.

The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) expects the Department of Interior to issue a **Notice of Availability** for the DeTour Reef Light within the next month or two. At that point, DRLPS will go through an application process to acquire and own the building (which is currently leased). Ownership brings with it a great responsibility. In the process, DRLPS would take on the commitment to maintain and preserve the DeTour Reef Light to Department of Interior Standards for Historic Structures in perpetuity. This commitment will require significant volunteer help over the years as well as money for continued maintenance.

How can you help? You could become a volunteer to be responsible for one of the many jobs that we need to fill. We need a new Treasurer. We need someone to be responsible for publicity. We need someone to organize and maintain the membership database. We need someone to run next year's River Cruise. The list goes on. From these volunteers will come future DRLPS Officers and Members of the Board of Directors. Presently we have a small cadre of dedicated volunteers who have spent several thousand hours over the past few years bringing the preservation of the DeTour Reef Light to its current point. To volunteer your time to this effort, write to me personally at DRLPS, P.O. Box 307, Drummond Island MI 49726.

If you can't volunteer your time, then donate money to this cause. In the world of preservation grants, one hour of volunteer in-kind service is worth about \$20 in matching funds! We still have about \$1,000,000 of work to be done to bring this project full cycle. With your support, we can make it happen.

Hopefully, in the year 2774, when the DeTour Reef Light is 843 years old, a European tourist visiting the DeTour Reef Light will feel the history of DeTour Passage and will admire and respect the commitment that the Americans have to their cultural history.

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

**Chuck Feltner**

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## HISTORIC DOCUMENT REPRINTS

### *Instructions to the Keepers of Light Houses Within the United States, 1835*



1. You are to light the lamps every evening at sun-setting, and keep them continually burning, bright and clear, till sun-rising.
2. You are to be careful that the lamps, reflectors, and lanterns, are constantly kept clean, and in order; and particularly to be careful that no lamps, wood, or candles, be left burning any where as to endanger fire.
3. In order to maintain the greatest degree of light during the night, the wicks are to be trimmed every four hours, taking care that they are exactly even on the top.
4. You are to keep an exact amount of the quantity of oil received from time to time; the number of gallons, quarts, gills, &c., consumed each night; and deliver a copy of the same to the Superintendent every three months, ending 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, and 31 December, in each year; with an account of the quantity on hand at the time.
5. You are not to sell, or permit to be sold, any spirituous liquors on the premises of the United States; but will treat with civility and attention, such strangers as may visit the Lighthouse under your charge, and may conduct themselves in an orderly manner.
6. You will receive no tube-glasses, wicks, or any other article which the contractors, Messrs. Morgan & Co., at New Bedford, are bound to supply, which shall not be of suitable kind; and if the oil they supply, should, on trial, prove bad, you will immediately acquaint the Superintendent therewith, in order that he may exact from them a compliance with this contract.

7. Should the contractors omit to supply the quantity of oil, wicks, tube-glasses, or other articles necessary to keep the lights in continual operation, you will give the Superintendent timely notice thereof, that he may inform the contractors and direct them to forward the requisite supplies.

8. You will not absent yourself from the Light-house at any time, without first obtaining the consent of the Superintendent, unless the occasion be so sudden and urgent as not to admit of an application to that officer; in which case, by leaving a suitable substitute, you may be absent for twenty-four hours.

9. All your communications intended for this office must be transmitted through the Superintendent, through whom the proper answer will be returned.

*Fifth Auditor and Acting Commissioner of the Revenue  
UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
Fifth Auditor's Office, April 23d, 1835*

### THANK YOU



*Thank you to all the loyal members who renewed, new members, donors, volunteers, and our dedicated Board of Directors. Each and every one of you are deeply appreciated and are critical to the success of DRLPS.*



*Kindness is more important than wisdom, and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom.*

*---Theodore Isaac Rubin*

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The DeTour Reef Light major exterior and interior restoration project is nearly complete.  
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