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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.

MEMBERSHIP

\$20 Individual, \$30 Family, \$50 Patron, \$100

Keeper, \$500 Lifetime, \$1000 Grand Keeper

For a membership application please contact DRLPS via one of the following: www.DRLPS.com, drlps@lighthouse.net, 906-493-6609 or by

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Off Shore Lighthouse Keepers Sought for 2006

The experience of living on an off shore lighthouse is like nothing else. And to DRLPS's knowledge DeTour Reef Light offers the only resident off shore lighthouse keepers program. Lighthouse enthusiasts have enjoyed over-nighting on coastal and island lighthouses for many years and a number of lighthouse keeper's residences have been restored and operate as "Bed and Breakfast" Inns. But living on a true off shore light that is built on a reef or shoal is unique. Volunteer keepers of DeTour Reef Light have described it as the ultimate lighthouse experience and the "holy grail" of lighthouses.

DeTour Reef Light is an active U.S. Coast Guard lighthouse with automated light, electronic beacon, and fog horn. Located in Northern Lake Huron, the 83 foot tall lighthouse is visible for 18 miles and guides all shipping from the lower great lakes into the St. Mary's River and Lake Superior. During the normal ten month shipping season, the lighthouse will average 20 freighter transits per day.

The Society is seeking applications

from individuals interested in serving as volunteer lighthouse keepers. The keepers will live on the lighthouse from Friday afternoon until late Sunday afternoon during week-ends from mid June until mid August. Keepers are required to do cleaning tasks, serve as hosts and docents during the public tours (one day of each weekend) and do light maintenance.



The charge per person is \$150 for three days and two nights (\$170 for non-DRLPS members). Keepers will be responsible for their own linens and food. The lighthouse includes a small kitchen, which has refrigeration, stove and microwave, and a full bath. Orientation and training prior to start of the keeper duties is required. More details on the program and an application can be downloaded from the DRLPS web site www.drlps.com or requested by emailing drlps@lighthouse.net or calling 906-493-6609.

Those interested are encouraged to go to www.drlps.com where there are links for Keepers Handbook, an article written by former Keeper Mike Hershberger, and all necessary application information.

DRLPS in the News

P A S S A G E S

DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society Elects Officers and Announces Programs for 2006

At its December Board of Directors meeting the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) elected officers for 2006 as follows: Dave Bardsley -- President, Jim Charles and Russ Norris -- Vice Presidents, Chuck Feltner -- Treasurer and Glen Lahti -- Secretary. Other Directors are Dick Moehl, Clif Haley, Denny Bailey, Jeri Feltner (Founding Director Emeritus) and Jim Woodward

(Honorary Director)

Following the Board of Directors Meeting, the DRLPS Team members gathered in the Bayside Lounge at The Drummond Island Resort and Conference Center for their annual holiday social. With the easy ambiance and wonderful appetizers of the Lounge setting the stage, everyone in attendance agreed it was a great way to unwind and celebrate the year's successes together.



DRLPS Team @ Bayside L to R: Clif Haley (Director), Carol Martin (Drummond Island Digest Publisher), Chuck Feltner (Treasurer), Lynne Coulter, Glenn Lahti (Secretary), Carolyn Haley, Sheryl LaMotte (Webmaster), Natalie Norris, Dawn Gibbons (Accounting Contractor), Russ Norris (Vice-President), Paula Bardsley (Assistant Secretary), Dave Bardsley (President), Jeri Baron Feltner (Founding Director Emeritus), Candis Collick (Newsletter Editor), Joyce Buckley (Stars Chair). Photo by Leo.

Insurance -- The Next Lighthouse Conundrum

Insurance is a requirement for lighthouse preservation societies. When leasing lighthouses to non-profit groups, the U.S. Coast Guard requires that the non-profit provide insurance. Similarly, the application for lighthouse transfer under the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act acknowledges that insurance both property damage and liability is an important part of a non-profits master plan for the historic light station. Irrespective of the above, most lighthouse groups which own or lease lighthouses desire insurance.

DRLPS and other off-shore lighthouse groups are now confronted with the decision of their current insurance companies to withdraw from insuring the organizations. DRLPS first learned of this problem about a year ago when Henry Gonzalez (Vice President for East Coast

Operations, U.S. Lighthouse Society and Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse Manager) advised me he was having difficulty in obtaining insurance for Thomas Point Light (which is located in the Chesapeake Bay near Annapolis). In September of 2005, North American Specialty Insurance Co. formally advised DRLPS that our policy would not be renewed, as North American was "no longer writing this type of risk." DRLPS's local agent, Island Insurance Center in Cedarville, worked for four months searching for a company that would provide insurance for the Society. Finally, they obtained a "commercial package policy" from Auto-Owners Insurance Co. that meets the requirements of our lease with the U. S. Coast Guard. Unfortunately, the policy will be cancelled in May because Auto-Owners is "not equipped to cover the exposures created by the tours."

The conundrum – the need for insurance and the desire to provide public

tours of the Lighthouse— apparently mutually exclusive actions. Provisions of several grants to which DRLPS has agreed require public access. Regardless of our contractual requirement, DRLPS is dedicated to providing public tours of the Lighthouse.

Our local agent, Island Insurance Center, is working to find an insurance carrier to cover DRLPS after May – but will they be successful and if they are, will the premiums be so high that DRLPS cannot afford to offer tours? The ultimate solution to this conundrum will likely come about through the combined efforts of many lighthouse groups. DRLPS would like to understand the scope of the insurance problem and work with other organizations toward affordable lighthouse insurance. Please email drlps@lighthouse.net or call 906-493-6609 if you are having this problem or would like to explore paths toward a solution.

A Note from the President: It's Not Just Money

Monetary gifts are the life support to operate the Society and to provide the matching funds necessary to obtain grants. DRLPS cannot continue the restoration and maintenance of De-Tour Reef Light without the support of our members and friends who contribute to the Society and support our fundraising activities. However, many non-monetary gifts and services are donated which provide essential support of the Society's efforts and which also have significant monetary value. The Society acknowledges with appreciation the following non-monetary gifts donated during 2005:

- Interlake Steamship Company, Richfield, Ohio: Donation of trip for four on Paul R. Tregurtha (Won by A. Paul Schaap in DRLPS web site auction fundraiser).
- DBI/SALA & Protecta, Red Wing, Minnesota: Four full-body safety harnesses and self-retracting tether. (DBI/SALA & Protecta is the world's leading manufacturer solely dedicated to providing innovative solutions in fall protection and industrial rescue systems.)
- David Favre, Professor of Property Law Michigan State University College of Law: Memo on the U. S. Government property interests in bottomlands under great lakes lighthouses.
- Drummond Island Resort and Conference Center: Box springs and mattresses for beds in Keeper's room and Assistant's room and linens.
- North Haven Gifts, Drummond Island: Collector photographs mailed to renewing members.
- Drummond Island Yacht Haven: Marine VHF antenna
- Drummond Island Quarry: Storage site for barge
- Drummond Island Digest and Community Voice Newspapers: Assistance with public relations efforts.
- Inzone Software Limited, Auckland, New Zealand: "Click to Convert" software which creates "pdf" files for use on DRLPS web site.
- Microsoft Corporation (donated through TechSoup Stock): business software.
- Macromedia (donated through TechSoup Stock): Dreamweaver software for web site development.
- Carolyn and Clif Haley: New microwave oven, bench.
- Dick Moehl: two compact refrigerators
- Betty and Ken Walker: 40 amp. 120 volt to 12 volt converter to power marine radio.
- Jim Charles: 1930's period metal double bed closely matching original lighthouse furnishings.
- CEH, Inc.: Facilities, including office, conference room and storage space at Drummond Island Hangar.
- Paula and Dave Bardsley: Bed for Keeper's room, bed frames for assistant's room, oak dresser and mirror, folding tables for office and kitchen, office chair, two burner hot plate, extension ladder.
- Mario & Jackie Mazzuca: 2 glass front wooden book cases.
- Ken Walker: Cleaning, repair and touchup painting of 1931 G.E. Hotpoint electric stove donated by Dotty and John Witten.
- Darlene and Tom Chisholm: Porcelain top cabinet closely matching original lighthouse kitchen furnishing.
- Karen and John McClure: Porcelain top cabinet closely matching original lighthouse kitchen furnishing. (Note: Both cabinets will be used on the lighthouse.)
- Volunteer lighthouse keepers: Toaster
- Clif Haley: Boat transportation for volunteer keepers
- Chuck Feltner: Boat transportation for volunteer keepers
- Kathleen Benua: Boat transportation for student service project at lighthouse.
- Azor D. Sheffield, Jr: Roll top desk closely matching original lighthouse furnishing specification. This roll top is being completely restored by John

Covell for use in DeTour Reef Light.

- Items donated for Evening Under the Stars Auction and Raffle (which raised \$2,800):
- Farrell Clock Co: Mantle Clock
- Harbor View Framing: Framed Etching of Light on Original Glass
- Mark House: Necklace from original DeTour Reef Light glass
- Chris Myers: Original Pen and Ink drawing of DeTour Reef Light, Lithograph Pen & Ink 40 Mile Light, Lithograph Pen & Ink Presque Isle Light
- Ric Mixer: Painted Lampshade of Light and Driftwood Painting of Light
- Chuck and Jeri Feltner: Pat Norton Signed print of Light
- Candis Collick: Mounted Leaded glass mosaic of DeTour Reef Light constructed with broken glass salvaged from DeTour Reef Light during restoration.
- Jim Kelley: DeTour Reef Light Print Lighthouse with piece of original lighthouse glass

I apologize if I have made any omissions.

2005 has also seen many contributions of time by DRLPS members. Clif, Jeri, Chuck, Paula, Mary, Candis, Jim, Anne, Joyce, Dawn, Dick, Dotty, Denny, Russ, Glenn all came forward and brought others with them to restore, preserve and make DeTour Reef Light available to the public. Thank you all.



Dave Bardsley, President.

Leave a Legacy of Giving . . . Sponsor a Step!

Not everyone has the time and energy required to be part of the day-to-day "hands-on" operation of the DeTour Reef Light, but that doesn't mean YOU can't be part of the exciting endeavor to restore and maintain one of Michigan's historic lighthouses.



Steps of DeTour Reef Light prior to restoration

Lighthouse preservation is a perpetual challenge that is very costly. To establish a fund for continued restoration and preservation the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society is proud to offer the general public a once-in-a-lifetime chance to sponsor a step

from the light's spiral staircase. By sponsoring a step you will not only mark your place in history, but will also help provide financial support for restoration projects to restore and maintain the Light.

This special opportunity is limited to the first 32 people who come forward and say "Yes, I want to leave a legacy of giving by sponsoring a step." Your gift of \$1,500 per step will be honored with your name being inscribed on a plaque within the spiral staircase, and at the same time your commitment will show visitors to the lighthouse that you cared to make a difference in its preservation. Sponsors will also receive a personalized plaque and a Certificate.



Steps after restoration

Consider giving a step as a unique, personalized gift that will support capital projects that will impact the operation of the facility and its outreach programs for years to come.

Step status: Of the 32 steps available, at this printing 6 have been sponsored and 26 remain.

To sponsor a step, simply fill out the form below and mail it to us with your payment and we'll do the rest!

"Sponsor a Step" and have a lasting presence at the Light!



Mail the completed form to:

DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society, PO Box 307, Drummond Island MI 49726
For more information, please contact Jeri Baron Feltner at jeribaron@starband.net or 906-493-6079

- Yes, I want to sponsor a DeTour Reef Light Step. Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution for \$1,500.00
- Yes, my step is a gift. Please send me a gift card or personalize DRLPS letter to giftee indicating gift.

Name of Sponsor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Sample nameplate:
 Step #32
 In memory of Nancy Ann Krueger
 Donated by Vern & Jackie Schatz
 August 23, 2005
 (All steps are numbered and a request can be made for a specific number if desired)

Print name as it is to appear on the step. Your text will be centered lengthwise and can have up to four lines.

DRLPS Proudly Announces the Availability of Their Newly Designed Embroidered Patches and Collectors Pins!

Visitors to DeTour Reef Light expressed interest in an embroidered fabric patch and collectors pin. The requested items are now available.

The patch is 2 ¾ inch square with light blue, medium blue, black, gray, white and red colors. It can be ironed on fabrics that can withstand 400 degrees F and sewn on any fabric.

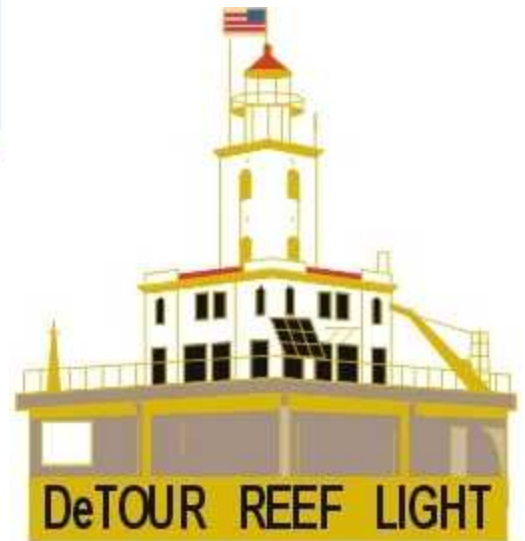
The collectors pin is 1 1/8th by 1 1/16th inch with gold, white, gray, black, red and blue colors. The patches and pins were manufactured for DRLPS by National Sportswear & Emblem of Orlando, Florida.

The price for each is \$6 plus shipping and tax and can be ordered from DRLPS. Just copy the order form in this issue of passages and mail it in with your payment.



Above: Newly designed embroidered patch showing the restored DeTour Reef Light with Flag flying!

Below: Beautifully designed full color collectors pin showing the restored DeTour Reef Light with flag flying!



*Don't miss out on
these great collector's
items!
Order yours today!*

Jim Charles Receives Fine Arts Council 2005 Volunteer of the Year Award

Each year at the Community Choir Christmas Concert the Easter Upper Peninsula Fine Arts Council (EUPFAC) gives out the Volunteer of the Year award. Sandy Wytiaz, EUPFAC President, presented the award to Jim Charles On December 18th. Jim is a founding director of the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society, its Vice President and Chairman of the Memorabilia Committee. He has served as president of the DeTour Chamber of Commerce, a Director of the DeTour Passage Historical Museum and a Director of Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club. His contributions extend to a number of other organizations obvi-

ously including the EUP Fine Arts Council. Congratulations Jim!



Left: Jim Charles enjoys a bit of down time during the 2005 DRLPS River Cruise

Generous Donations Continue to Come In . . .

The DRLPS has recently received two beautiful kitchen cabinets thanks to the generosity of two separate couples. The first cabinet, seen below, was donated by Darlene and Tom Chisholm. With just a little elbow grease and a



Darlene and Tom Chisholm stand behind the cabinet they donated to the cause.



fresh coat of paint it should be ready for use by our resident Keepers for the 2006 season.

The second kitchen cabinet, seen above, was donated by Karen and John McClure. Both cabinets will not only lend a more authentic feel to the Light quarters, they will also provide much needed storage space.

We have also received two beautiful glass-door bookcases. These thanks to the thoughtfulness of Jackie and Mario Mazzuca. One of the cases will see duty on the

Light — helping organize the office there — while the other will be put to use on Drummond Island at the Hangar where many of the Society's archival and business documents are stored.



Our sincere thanks to the Chisholms, McClures And Mazzucas!

Special Presentations at 2005 Evening under the Stars:

In appreciation for service to the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society as a founding director and as Secretary from 1998 to 2005 Jeri Baron Feltner was presented with a quilt adorned with hearts and an image of DeTour Reef Light. The quilt was made and presented to Jeri by Paula Bardsley, Database Manager and Assistant Secretary for the Society.

Recognizing his contribution as DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society President from 2001-2004

and Restoration Committee Chairman, Chuck Feltner was presented with a Leatherman utility knife and a framed photo by President David Bardsley. The photo presented is of Chuck at DeTour Point on October 16, 2003 inspecting the cable which supplies electrical power to Detour Reef Light. In the background are the Light and two freighters.

Both Jeri and Chuck have long been the driving force behind the scenes of the Society. DRLPS has truly benefited from their hard work, passion and vision.



Left to Right: David Bardsley, President; Paula Bardsley, Database Manager & Assistant Secretary; Jeri Baron Feltner, Founding Director Emeritus; and Chuck Feltner, Treasurer

Thank you Jeri and Chuck!

Still Available — Limited Edition Etching on Original Glass from DeTour Reef Light


Thirty one glass panes salvaged during the restoration of DeTour Reef Light have been etched with an image of the restored De-Tour Reef Light. While individually etched with a sequence number, each pane is unique as during cleaning and etching of the glass attention was made not to remove paint along the edges or the weathered and aged patina of the glass. The etching is on the non-weathered side of the glass. The panes are approximately 9 ¼ x 11 inches and ¼ inch thick.

Harbor View Framing of DeTour Village has designed a custom framing package that surface mounts the glass in an attractive and protective frame. This allows the impressively thick edge of the glass to be visible as well as patina of old paint and weathering. In the photo, the glass is placed over a black background, but Harbor View can use any color (such as blue, red, brown, etc) that will contrast with the etching.

DRLPS is making these limited number of glass panes available at a price of \$300.00. Custom Framing by Harbor View in your choice of background color is available at \$150. DRLPS can ship directly to the purchaser or to Harbor View. Pricing excludes tax and shipping (\$15 for glass, TBD for framed glass). Each pane will be shipped with a certificate of authenticity and a significant portion of the cost can be tax deductible. At this printing 8 of the 31 panes have been sold.

You can place orders or get further information for the limited edition DeTour Reef Light Etchings via one of the following:
DRLPS, PO Box 307
Drummond Island MI 49726
906-297-2609
www.DRLPS.com
drlps@lighthouse.net

Enjoy an elegant



EVENING UNDER THE STARS

7th Annual Lighthouse Benefit Dinner
Sponsored by the

**DeTour Reef Light
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on Saturday, July 8, 2006
at 6:00 p.m.

on the waterfront
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Includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner
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Cocktail attire

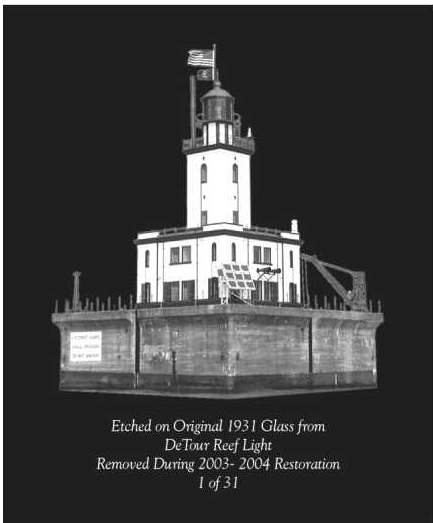
Silent auction of quality items!

RSVP by June 11

DRLPS ★ PO Box 307 ★ Drummond Island ★ MI 49726
jbuckley@lighthouse.net ★ 906-493-5725 ★ www.drlps.com

*a portion of your ticket is tax deductible as allowed by law.





*Etched on Original 1931 Glass from
DeTour Reef Light
Removed During 2003- 2004 Restoration
1 of 31*

Imagine that the glass pane is lying on a piece of black material. Then black represents clear glass in the above and white indicates engraved areas.

Students Digitize Lighthouse Drawings

Students in Brian Nettleton's drafting class at DeTour High School are gaining valuable real world experience by digitizing drawings of the DeTour Reef Lighthouse. Richard LaMotte, a student in the class, has spent over 150 hours working on the project this semester and describes it as "awesome".

"It's one of the most fun things I've ever done at school" he says.

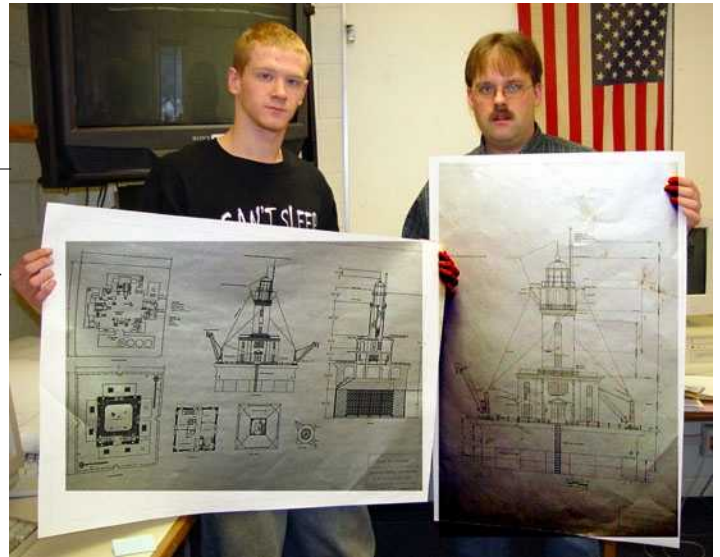
"The project requires the students to work with each other in groups and share their work much like they would in a real engineering company" says Mr. Nettleton, "some of the things they've accomplished are incredible".

The software they are using is called Pro Desktop, an educational version of engineering software created by a company called PTC that is widely used in the automotive and aerospace industries. The project was originally the idea of Chuck Feltner, a founding member of the DRLPS and a consultant to PTC.

In addition to providing a valuable service for the digital archives of the DRLPS, the drawings the students produce can be rendered and software programs such as Photoshop can be used to add colors and additional details.

These images can then be used to create posters, T-shirts and perhaps even someday a virtual tour of the Lighthouse on the Internet. The students are also hopeful that the school will be able to acquire a rapid prototyping printer that would allow them to produce 3 dimensional models of the lighthouse.

A Lighthouse drawing poster should be available around mid February. They will be approximately 24" X 36" and cost \$30. The funds will be used to purchase equipment for the



Rich LaMotte and Brian Nettleton show off completed CAD drawings of the DeTour Reef Light.

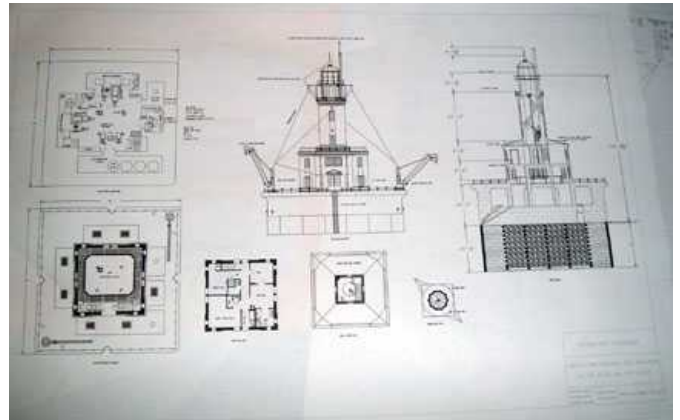
drafting program

Interested parties should contact Brian Nettleton at DeTour Area Schools.

Phone number: 906 297-2011
Address: 202 South Division,
DeTour Village MI, 49725
Email: briann@eup.k12.mi.us



Teacher Brian Nettleton and student Rich LaMotte hard at work using the Pro Desktop software produced by PTC



The above photo is a sample of the work DeTour students may soon have available to the general public in the form of posters, T-shirts and other Lighthouse memorabilia.

*DeTour Students Helping DeTour
Reef Light Preservation Society
Keep the Light On!*

Memorabilia Order Form
DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Price Each	Color	Size	Quantity	Total
1	Decal with Society Logo	\$1				
2	Bumper Sticker with Society Logo	\$1				
3	Cup with Society Logo	\$3				
4	Embroidered patch of DeTour Reef Light— 2 3/4 inch square	\$6				
5	DeTour Reef Light Collectors Pin— 1 1/8 inch	\$6				
6	Hat (blue or green)	\$15				
7	Child's T-shirt w/Lighthouse (white — child's S, M, or L)	\$10				
8	T-Shirt w/Lighthouse Crest (white or blue — M, L, XL, or 3X in blue only)	\$20				
9	Golf Shirt w/Lighthouse Crest (yellow or white — M, L, XL, or 2X)	\$25				
10	Men's (M) or Women's (W) Denim (indigo) Long-sleeve Shirt w/Lighthouse Crest (Men's = S,M,L,XL,2X,3X) (Women's = S, M) <i>Please specify gender</i>	\$35				
11	Sweatshirt w/Lighthouse Crest (green, wine, blue — L,XL,2X,3X -wine)	\$25				
12	10K Gold Charm of Lighthouse	\$70				
13	Sterling Silver Charm of Lighthouse	\$20				
14	Note Cards w/Lighthouse Drawing (pack of 10 with envelopes)	\$5				
15	Note Pads w/Lighthouse Logo (pack of 3 — 50 sheets per pad)	\$2				
16	8x10 Color Photo of 2004 Lighthouse	\$10				
17	8x10 Black & White Photo of 1931 Lighthouse	\$10				
18	DVD video of the Lighthouse before/during/after restoration	\$20				
19	2005 Ornament (diamond-shaped glass etched w/2004 Lighthouse)	\$13	SOLD	OUT!		
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 #20	\$150				



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Lighthouse Tour Dates for 2006 Announced . . .

Tours to DeTour Reef Light include boat transportation to and from the DeTour Harbor Marina, light refreshments on the lighthouse and a guided tour. Each tour is limited to six individuals, assuring personal attention by the tour guides. The tours are approximately two hours long. Visitors will have the opportunity to tour all spaces of the lighthouse. The tours are led by trained DRLPS tour guides and the resident DeTour Reef Light-house Keepers. Tours are scheduled for 8:30, 10:30, 1:30 and 3:30 on the following days:

*Saturdays: June 17,
24, July 1, 15, 22, 29, Aug 5, 19
Sundays: July 9, Aug 13*

In 2005, tours were only offered for three weekends in July. The 2006 schedule responds to requests for

tours later in the summer. Tours are offered on Sunday July 9th and August 13th to avoid Saturday conflicts with DRLPS's Evening Under the Stars on July 8th and the Antique Wooden Boat Show in Hessel on August 12th.



Tour cost is \$75 for members and \$95 for non-members. 50% of the cost is tax deductible.

Reservations for a lighthouse tour can be made by emailing drlps@lighthouse.net or calling 906-493-6609. If weather conditions require cancellation of a

tour, participants will be given the choice of a rescheduled tour date or a full refund. Last year no tours were cancelled or delayed. Additional information is available from the DRLPS web site www.drlps.com or by emailing drlps@lighthouse.net or calling 906-493-6609.

On Restoring a Roll Top . . .

After reading the call for volunteers to take on the monumental task of restoring the period roll top desk, generously donated by Azor. D Sheffield, Jr, John and Sunny Covell stepped forward.

John Covell has long been a devotee of the Light, having first traveled to Drummond back in 1937 or '38. His early memories and impressions of the Island and it's neighboring Light have been recorded and will be printed in a future issue of the Passages. But now to the desk:

(Narrative provided by John) *"I have been concentrating on the right hand drawer module, which is almost completed. The desk itself was really a*

tough bit of work. Because of the old weathered wood mixed with new panels I used, I had to settle on a darker colour than the original, but it still fits as a classic period stain. I have been plagued by poorly fitted screws, screws placed too close to the ends/edges of component parts, dried out brittle wood an a host of other errors in the original assembly. Praise be for epoxy! So far I've used up half of a 6qt kit.

After some trial and error, I have settled on a routine of 1) disassemble completely, 2) remove all old finish by



sanding, 3) remove all old glue, 4) fabricate and pre-finish all components, and 5) re-glue with generous applications of epoxy. Final assembly of the desk proper will be after the drawer modules are sound and finished. By the by, I did manage to salvage the mangled brass leg cap and it is presently in place, held on by — epoxy! After that, comes

the real challenge: the roll top itself. There's not much useable there, with the exception of the moveable top itself. I'm looking at completely new end tracks, with back and top assemblies.

Will keep you advised of future progress. Yours, John C."

Wow! We are certainly grateful for and appreciative of all the Covell's hard work!

DETOUR REEF LIGHT PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Presents the 9th Annual

ST. MARY'S RIVER CRUISE

and THROUGH THE SOO LOCKS

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*** Cruise to the DeTour Reef Lighthouse**

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** and the unique experience of going through the Soo Locks with the big Lake freighters.*

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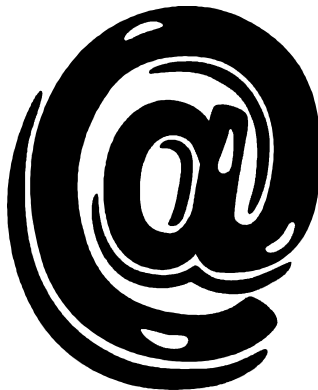
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