

# DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society Keeper's Handbook

## INTRODUCTION:

Built in 1931, 4,050 feet South East from the onshore light station, the DeTour Reef Light (DRL) is a unique steel-framed square tower of three distinct levels in Classical Revival architectural styling. Sitting on a unique concrete (crib) platform that rises 20 feet above the surface of the water, the 63-foot high lighthouse, which sits on top of the pier, is painted white with a red roof. The lighthouse was manned from 1931 until the light was automated in 1974. Due to more sophisticated navigational equipment aboard ships, and the massive conversion to unmanned automated beacons, along with insufficient operating funds, the Coast Guard rendered DeTour Reef Lighthouse obsolete in 1997. Federal government regulations, however, do allow nonprofit organizations to obtain long-term leases and ownership on such surplus property for the purpose of preservation. DRLPS had a 20-year lease on DRL and transfer of ownership from the Government to DRLPS in accordance with the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act occurred on June 17, 2010. DeTour Reef Light received the 2005 Michigan Governor's award for Historic Restoration and the 2006 Superior Award from the Historical Society of Michigan. In 2010 First Lady Michelle Obama designated DRLPS a "Preserve America Steward" in recognition of the restoration of DRL and our tour and keeper programs. DeTour Reef Light is listed on the National Registrar of Historic Places.

As a Keeper, you are joining many other individuals whose commitment and dedication over the years has contributed to our success. Volunteers have spent thousands of hours restoring, protecting, and interpreting this irreplaceable part of Michigan history.

On the following pages, please find the scope of duties for the Keepers program as well as the specifics of the program. There is a fee to participate in the program and keepers are required to become familiar with the history of DeTour Reef Light and the restoration. Keepers are required to view the two DVD "Gateway to Superior: Saving the DeTour Reef Light" video which is available from the Society for \$8 plus \$8 tax and shipping. Frequently, keepers for a weekend buy one copy and pass it around to the other keepers of the weekend.

Keepers make it possible for many others to enjoy a visit to this historical site. This commitment is critical to continuing the restoration and preservation of DeTour Reef Lighthouse. Thank you for helping to keep the light shining.

## SCOPE OF DUTIES:

The Keepers primary areas of duty are:

- Assist with getting tour visitors safely on and off DeTour Reef Light.
- Assuring that visitors to DRL conduct themselves in a safe manner and do not access the lantern, the deck at the lantern level, or the well (electrical power) room. (Under low wind conditions, visitors may have access to the watch room deck provided a keeper is present.)
- Preparing and serving refreshments to Tour visitors. This will usually involve baking cookies from frozen ready to bake cookies, cutting up cheese and setting out crackers, and mixing up ice tea or lemonade.
- Selling of Memorabilia.
- Lighthouse cleaning.
- Occasional light maintenance.
- Maintain the Lighthouse Log including all events, visitors to DRL, descriptions of your experience, tour information, suggestions for changes to tours and keeper program, weather conditions, etc...
- Reporting unusual weather conditions to the National Weather Service in Gaylord by cell phone. (see directions in three ring binder "Instructions for lighthouse keepers").
- At the time of orientation, Keepers will be advised of specific duties for their assigned period.

## **WHAT'S HERE AND WHAT TO BRING:**

The living quarters are furnished and the kitchen is equipped with a period stove, cook top, a 9 cubic foot refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, TV/DVD player, small bar-b-que, toaster, dishes, glass ware, utensils, pots and pans and an AM/FM radio. There are also six folding canvas chairs for use on the decks and a small barbeque grill. Toilet paper is provided, paper towels are not.

We encourage keepers to bring at least one cell phone per group and to provide that number to one of the co-chairs of the keeper program (Dave Bardsley or Mike Horton). Cameras and binoculars are always useful.

Keepers provide all their own food, beverages, soap, shampoo, and other personal items. You will also need to bring a sleeping bag (or sheets and blanket), pillow cases, towels and wash cloths. This will avoid the cost of laundering linens and enable us to keep our charge for the program at a minimum. We do have linens, blankets, and pillows on the beds at the lighthouse for decorative purposes. If you choose to use the pillows, please bring your own pillowcase.

Children who might "wet the bed" should sleep on the floor on keeper provided air mattresses or sleeping pads.

Everything you bring must be loaded in the charter boat and hauled up the side of the lighthouse with ropes. Soft sided duffels are great as are tote bags with good handles and small cooler chests (they may be hard sided and you may want to bring extra ice as the freezer in the lighthouse refrigerator is small.) Large heavy-duty garbage bags also work well for pillows, clothing, and sleeping bags. Avoid paper bags and cardboard boxes as these don't do well if they get wet and tend to fall apart when being hauled up the side of the lighthouse. Please do not over pack. A few keepers have packed so much "stuff" that a special trip by the charter boat captain was required just to haul everything. The extra charter boat charges for the additional trip will be the responsibility of the keepers.

For meals, past keepers have found that the more they prepare in advance the more time they have for fun. Pre-made lasagna, pasta, salads have been favorites with the keepers. DRLPS encourages keepers to contact each other prior to the weekend and plan their menus together as a group. You should be able to read the email addresses of people in your group from the all keeper emails that are sent out before and during the summer.

## **ARRIVAL:**

Before your arrival date, please advise the DRLPS Keeper Chairperson of when you will arrive on Drummond Island, where you will be staying the night before your orientation and your cell phone number or other means to contact you (in case changes have to be made to your orientation schedule). There are many accommodations on Drummond Island [www.drummondislandchamber.com](http://www.drummondislandchamber.com) and some in DeTour Village [www.detourvillage.com](http://www.detourvillage.com). The Society highly recommends should your schedule permit that you stop at the DeTour Passage Historical Museum (opened in afternoons) which is located next to the Ferry Dock in DeTour Village. This museum has the 3 1/2 order Fresnel lens and timing mechanism that was placed in the DeTour Point Lighthouse in 1909, relocated to DeTour Reef in 1931.

On your scheduled arrival date, please plan to arrive at the Drummond Island Historical Museum at 1pm, the opening time, unless otherwise directed. This will require you to catch the ferry to Drummond Island which leaves DeTour 40 minutes after the hour. Keepers should review the DeTour Reef Display at the Museum. A DRLPS member will meet you at the Museum to continue your orientation and to transfer you to DeTour Reef Light. If you are early, the coffee shop, Beaner's Water Street Café, a block before (east of) the museum is a convenient place to gather prior to the meeting at the museum. Keeper co-chair Dave Bardsley will likely be there having a cappuccino.

## **POWERING UP THE LIGHTHOUSE:**

Circuit breakers are located in the well room and the assistant keeper's room. The well pump, hot water heater, air compressor, and PLC breakers (located in well room) and stove breaker (located in closet of assistants' room) will have to be switched on when you arrive. Verify that UV filter is plugged in. The circuit breaker for the three-phase converter should always be off as should the breakers for the baseboard heaters (unless it is unusually cold). The electric moisture ejectors for the foghorn air compressor and air storage tanks should be plugged in as should the air compressor. The shut off valves upstream of the moisture ejectors should be opened as should the cut off air valves at the compressor and down stream of the large air tanks. All of these valves should be closed and the moisture ejectors unplugged when you depart.

## **LIVING QUARTERS:**

You will find the living quarters to be cozy and comfortable during your stay. The Keepers share the kitchen facilities, office, the living room, and the bathroom. A lake water system purifies the water by use of filters and an ultra violet (UV) light. The blue glow at the top of the UV tank indicates that the system is working properly. There are two bedrooms, the keeper's with a double bed and the assistant's with two bunk beds. Each bedroom has a double dresser and chair

**Bathroom notes:** Hold the shower diverter valve up for several seconds until water pressure keeps it in place for a shower. Only human waste and toilet paper are to be flushed in the toilet. Other items will destroy the sanitation system, which is located in the basement level, and result in pollution of Lake Huron. Do not use soap, cleanser, or detergents to clean the toilet bowl. Just water and arm power with a non-abrasive scrubber or sponge.

**Plaster and paint.** Typical of most structures of its day, the original plaster in DeTour Reef Light contains asbestos. A minimum amount of lead paint may be present in the structure. In 2000, the Coast Guard removed damaged lead paint and encapsulated the plaster (at a cost of \$66,000). Subsequent restoration by DRLPS resulted in removal of all asbestos floor tile, and additional paint and plaster removal by sandblasting, high-pressure washing, and physical demolition of two interior walls. (The walls between the kitchen and bath and the dining room and hallway and the closets in the assistants' room are new and contain no asbestos.) Solid plaster, which could not be removed without damage to the internal tile structure was encapsulated with a skim coat of non-asbestos plaster and painted. When performing maintenance such as scraping or sanding loose paint, keepers are advised not to disturb the skim layer of encapsulating non-asbestos plaster unless it is very loose. While loose and flaking plaster should be swept up, plaster that exhibits moisture and condensation damage should be left in place. Additionally some lead paint, which could not be physically removed by the above processes, may exist in DRL.

**The office:** The office has a roll top desk, chair, bookcase, and a marine radio, which should be monitored on channel 16. The office has a 12-volt power source that can be used to charge cell phones with a car power point charger. If the DVD player is at the lighthouse, you can also watch TV with use of the digital to analog converter. The TV will receive ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox, CMU public television and Create.

The office desk and bookcase contain useful and important information. Back Issues of our newsletter "Passages" are in the office. Several notebooks, including those with instructions for the mechanical equipment on the lighthouse are in the bookcase, as are copies of this handbook. Reading material, puzzles, playing cards, and reference books are in the office. Many of the books and items on the lighthouse are the personal property of DRLPS members. Please enjoy this reading material, but make ever effort to keep it in the condition that you found it.

**Windows and Shutters:** The exterior shutters on the deck level should be opened during your stay. The key to the pad locks is located on a key ring that is placed on top of the light switch box just inside the front door. The shutters should be locked before you leave. On some of the locks, use the vice grips (clamped to the aluminum gear basket just inside and to the left of the front door) to hold the hasp as you close the lock.

In 2007, DRLPS added fabric screens for the windows that are attached with small disc magnets. The magnets are very powerful (and expensive) and electronic devices and magnetic media should not be located near them. Do not use pliers to remove the magnets – just slide them on to the glass or apart from each other. A metal window close assist device (looks like a cabinet handle) is kept on the window ledge of the dining room. To close windows, you will have to reach around the fabric screen and slide the closer between the frame of the window and the glass near where it catches the latch. This will enable you to pull the window closed. The lever device at the base of the window must be held up out of the detents to allow closure.

**Swimming:** Debris and rip-rap are located at the base of the lighthouse and could cause injury if one were to dive or jump from the lighthouse deck. Accordingly, if you go swimming, go down the vertical ladders on the sides of the lighthouse. For use during periods of low lake levels, a swimming ladder is stored on the gallery level and should be hooked to the lowest rung of the vertical ladders on the side of the lighthouse. Be sure to clip it to the lighthouse ladder rung or it will become detached and drift away by large waves from boats or freighters.

#### **SELLING MEMORABILIA:**

- Enter all details of Memorabilia sales (including size and color of clothing) and method of payment. For credit cards—enter name of purchaser, billing address, credit card number, expiration date and 3-digit security code from the back of the card. The sales record sheet, checks and cash should be placed in a regular envelope or zippered clear plastic envelope and given to the DRLPS team member who picks you up at your departure.
- When items are purchased on the lighthouse, the Society will pay the sales tax – giving the purchasers a 6% discount.
- If items are not available in the stock at the lighthouse, other than clothing, check with keeper chairperson for availability in DRLPS stock.
- U. S. Lighthouse Society “Passports” may be available for sale on the lighthouse. These are sold for \$10. A large rubber stamp and stamp pad are in the office for stamping the DeTour Reef Light imprint in the Passport. Some lighthouse tour visitors may already have a “Passport” and be sure to ask if they would like it stamped with the DeTour Reef Light impression. More information is found on page 3 of the spring 2007 issue of Passages (in the bookcase).
- Post cards sell for 50 cents each.

The window next to the memorabilia table should be closed if there is any possibility of rain. A number of post cards and other items have been damaged or destroyed when this window was left open.

#### **SEA GULL REPELLER AND SCRUBBING THE DECK:**

The lighthouse deck is subject to soiling by sea gulls, but the installation of an electronic gull repeller in June of 2010 has eliminated much of the soiling. The repeller plays the recorded sounds of birds in distress and bird predators. The repeller should be set to a random time interval but the calls should be changed so the gulls do not learn to ignore the threats. Directions for the repeller are in the 3 ring binder “Instructions to light keepers found in the office. The volume control should be set at the 2 o’clock position and should be left on at night and when there is no activity on the deck.

The deck is still subject to soiling even with the sea gull repeller. The garden hose (or pressure washer) and brushes can be used to clean the deck. The wand used with the pressure washer must be set on the softest fan setting. A sharp, chisel setting will destroy the soft coating over the concrete and create significant damage to the deck. The power washer should not be used on the seams of the deck lights or on the deck lights. A heavy-duty long handle scrub brush is used in conjunction with the hose (or pressure washer) to clean the deck. Do not spray the lighthouse sides or shutters as it will freeze up the locks and wash away insecticide applied to kill the spiders!

It is essential that the pier deck be cleaned of sea gull dropping prior to the arrival of the tour guests. The concrete deck had a rubberized coating that can be damaged easily. Extreme care must be used so that the coating is not damaged.

- Using the hose (located just inside the entrance doors, wet down the entire deck and keep it wet to soak for at least 20 minutes. This will soften the bird dirt. Start at the far corner of the deck and work toward the entrance doors
- A stiff yellow brush on a long handle is used to remove the bird dirt which should be washed off the deck with the hose.
- If the power washer is used it should only be used on the wide fan setting. Loosen the bird dirt with the brushes and wash over board with the power washer. Again, start at the far (NW) corner and work toward the entrance door. The person with the power washer should follow the brush and keep water where the brush is cleaning. It is much more difficult when the person with the power washer is spraying independently. After all is loosened with the brushes, then the power washer can be used to spray/push the dropping over board.

**LIGHTHOUSE RESTORATION:** DRLPS has ongoing restoration projects in accordance with the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for the Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings. No alterations to the facility, temporary or permanent, are permitted without prior written approval of the Board of Directors.

**GENERAL MAINTENANCE & APPEARANCE:** Please keep the entire lighthouse as neat and clean as possible during your stay and particularly during tours. On the day that you are scheduled to leave, please give your quarters a thorough cleaning and leave them in “move-in” condition for those that follow you. A vacuum and cleaning supplies are kept on the lighthouse.

**LIGHTHOUSE SECURITY:** All exterior doors and shutters must be locked when the lighthouse is not occupied. Keepers are responsible for not only their personal property but also the DRLPS items and artifacts at the lighthouse. For example, it is important to assure no guest pilfers items such as the wing nuts and vent plates (1861 originals) from the watch room.

While it has only happened once in the program, in 2011 keepers experience intoxicated individuals climbing on the lighthouse about 1:30 in the morning. They left after being confronted by the lighthouse keepers. While a polite request for them to leave may be effective, you may also try blowing them off the lighthouse with the foghorn and turning on the deck lights. If they will not leave call the Keeper Chair (Dave Bardsley 906-493-6609) who will alert law enforcement. Try to get the registration numbers from their boat and their names.

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**GENERAL CONDUCT OF KEEPERS:** NO smoking is permitted inside the building. Smoking outside is permitted and all waste materials must be picked up and disposed of properly. Nothing is to be thrown overboard.

If you hang anything outside to dry on the railings, secure it well. Do not leave canvas chairs unattended on deck. Past keepers have had towels and a chair blow overboard when an unexpected gust of wind came across the lake.

**TELEPHONE, RADIO AND FOGHORN:** Keepers are encouraged to bring cell phones and to provide their number to the DRLPS officer who is coordinating their service. The number of DRLPS Keeper Chairperson Dave Bardsley is 906-493-6609 (cell 906-440-1669) who should be called in all emergencies. Other contact numbers are provided below.

The marine radio may also be used for DRLPS to contact the lighthouse and for the lighthouse to contact DRLPS. The call identification for the lighthouse is DRL. The call identification for the DLRPS Keeper Chairman is JAMES ISLAND. A call should be made on channel 16 as follows: "James Island, James Island --- DRL" It can be repeated after a 30 second wait. Channel 16 should only be used for calling. Upon reply, the call should switch to another non-commercial channel, such as 68. 69. 71 or 72 with the message such as "DRL please switch and answer on 68". Normally, the 1-Watt setting will not be powerful enough to transmit to James Island, so use the regular setting.

The Foghorn controls (PLC) are above the desk in the office. Hold the red button down for 3 to 4 seconds and release to operate the horn. If saluting ships, only do it when one ship is present, as the signal could be confused as a ship to ship signal indicating change in course intentions. The green button should not be used. Please keep blowing the foghorn to a minimum as residents on both Drummond and DeTour have complained about excessive use of the foghorn.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Keepers who receive inquiries from the press or other media about the DRLPS or its programs should refer the inquiries to your DRLPS contact person who will forward the information to DRLPS Public Relations Chairperson. Should people approach in a boat and want to secure to the lighthouse or climb on the lighthouse, they should be advised not to do so. You could, however, drop down a bucket on a rope with a DeTour Reef Light brochure for their information and suggest that they consider the public tour or keeper program.

**STORM POLICY:** The lighthouse has been safe under storm conditions since 1931. However, landing at the lighthouse with a boat can be very difficult during periods of high waves frequently caused by freighter and pleasure boat wakes. Tours may be cancelled and departures delayed due to weather conditions. The VHF marine radio has weather channels, which can be used to get marine forecasts. However, channel 16 should be monitored as the society may desire to get wave conditions at the lighthouse prior to bringing tours out to the light. The charter boat Captain, hired by DRLPS for tour and keeper transportation, will make decisions regarding go or no go due to weather conditions.

In some cases during inclement weather, keepers will need to close the shutters on the lower windows in the event that waves come over the deck.

**GUESTS:** Guests are not permitted on the lighthouse. Private boats are not to tie to the lighthouse. Damage to boats (due to waves and wakes from passing pleasure craft and freighters) and personal injury have occurred when boats have tied to the light. Persons desiring to see the lighthouse should be referred to DRLPS for consideration of a private tour. You may pass down tour brochure in a bucket attached to a rope.

**AIDS TO NAVIGATION:** DeTour Reef Light is an active aid to navigation. Under no circumstances should you tamper with the beacon, Coast Guard electric horn (located on the SE corner of the roof) or radcon. Boats can activate the foghorn by keying 5 times on channel 83. DRL features (from Light List of the Great Lakes published by the U.S. Coast Guard) are:  
Item # 12770, De Tour Reef Light, Position: 45 56 54 N, 83 54 12 W  
Structure: White square superstructure, square tower on concrete crib  
Characteristic, Flashes White every 10s, (R sector from 079.5° to 189.5°.)  
Height: 74 feet, White visible 16 miles, Red visible 15 miles  
RACON (x/s): D (- • •), HORN activated by marine radio

## IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

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| Fire/Police (emergency)           | 911 (If asked location say on DeTour Reef Lighthouse just south of Drummond Island and DeTour Village)                                |
| DRLPS Keeper co chair             | Marine Radio, Use channel 16 and call the Coast Guard<br>Dave Bardsley 906-493-6609, 906-440-1669 cell<br>Marine Radio "James Island" |
| DRLPS Keeper Co-chair             | Mike Horton 906-493-5580 or 248-895-9632  |
| Restoration Chair Brian Nettleton | 906-440-5104  |
| Sturgeon Bay Charters             | Captain Ivan Gable 810-516-9788 cell, 906-493-6087 (h),<br>Marine Radio "Luk Dragon" monitors Ch 68                                   |
| DeTour Harbor Marina              | 906-297-5947, Marine Radio "DeTour Harbor Marina"   |
| Fort Drummond Marine              | 906-493-5471, Marine Radio "Fort Drummond Marine"   |

## EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT



A first aid kit is located in the office. Fire extinguishers are located throughout the Lighthouse. Two life rings are stored in the gallery level and should be put on the deck railings and tie with a throwing line when the lighthouse is occupied. Additionally, a few personal flotation devices (PFD's or lifejackets) are located in the gallery level.

An emergency hoist, which can be bolted to the gantry, can be used if someone is injured and cannot climb or descend the vertical pier ladders. The hoist is stored inside at the SW corner of the gallery level and must be attached to the gantry. It will require one person to hold the hoist in place while a second secures it with the attaching hardware. Always use the safety tether/retractor cable in combination with the emergency hoist. See instructions below for setting up gantry and safety harness and retractor

## TOUR PREPARATION:

- Yellow caution tape may be placed at:
  - All vertical pier ladders from the top of the stanchion to the inboard end of the deck mounted hand grabs.(like a streamer) to the lower corners of the solar panels
  - The access ladder between the watch room deck and the lantern deck to prevent visitors or keepers from accessing the lantern deck. Visitors may partially climb the ladder to the point where their waist is even with the lantern deck
  - the entrance to the well and electrical power room
  - the top of the spiral stairs where a person could hit their head before passing through the hatch to the watch room
- Assure that the memorabilia is displayed in the display racks.
- The support structure (gantry) for the safety tether should be attached to the stanchions at the ladder that will be used for visitor access. The leg sections of the structure should be secured with a double wrap of the ratchet straps to the top outboard side of each stanchion. The lower part of the legs should be tied securely with the excess straps and additional short sections of strap. The tether is secured with the carabineer to the eyebolt on the gantry.
- Place the foam kneeling mat (kept just inside the entrance doors) on the deck in front of the ladder used for access.



- Instructions for use of the harness and tether are contained in the three ring binder in the office. Additionally keepers will be instructed in use of the harness (four sizes available: S, M, L, XL) and tether system during orientation.
- Assign at least one keeper to record memorabilia sales on the 8 ½ by 14 inch sales record sheet. Master Card, Visa, Discover Card, and American Express are accepted. We do need however, the correct name on the charge card, the card number, expiration date, 3-digit security code (4 digit AmExpress) and the full name and full billing address. Sales record should be placed in an envelope or zipper bank envelope and given to DRLPS with revenue and charge card information. For sales on the lighthouse, DRLPS will pay the sales tax. If an item is not in stock, keepers may inquire with the keeper chair about availability on shore.
- Food supplies for the Tours are located in the large drawer of the left hand porcelain top cabinet. Frozen ready to bake cookies are in the freezer. Set up and start to bake the cookies just after the

tour guests arrive. Use the large baking tray and put parchment paper on the tray before setting the pre-made cookies on the tray. Bake three pre-made frozen cookies for each guest. Instructions are on the box of ready to bake frozen cookies. Watch the thermometer in oven (temp control is not accurate). Some keepers prefer to use toaster oven. Mix up lemonade or ice tea, and prepare cheese and crackers.

- Put on nametags
- Set up DVD video
- Greet tour guests as they access lighthouse. Assist with removing their safety harness.
- Ask if they have a U.S. Lighthouse Society "Passport" and would like to have it stamped.
- While DRLPS guides will lead the tour, many guests will have questions for the keepers about their keeper experience and the lighthouse.
- Always accompany tour visitors around the lighthouse. Absolutely no tour visitor is to be allowed in the tower or on the watch room deck without being with a keeper.

## **DEPARTURE:**

On the day you move out, please plan to have the Lighthouse clean, be packed, and have all personal items ready for removal prior to your scheduled departure time. Departure time will be Sunday afternoon at 1pm or a time requested by the keepers and consistent with tour and charter boat commitments. Weather conditions may prevent departure at the scheduled time. Wind conditions are usually higher in the late afternoon and calm down late at night and early morning. Keepers should be prepared to spend Sunday night at the lighthouse should a storm prevent departure at the scheduled time. DRLPS will communicate with the keepers by phone or marine radio should forecast weather conditions indicate either an early or a delayed departure.

All trash must be packed in the grey Waste Management garbage bags and taken with you. A roll of Waste Management garbage bags are kept in shelf of the left hand door to the porcelain top Kitchen cabinets. (Note: we must use the Waste Management garbage bags, which cost about \$3 each, to put them in the dumpster at Fort Drummond Marine or any other Public Dumpster on Drummond Island). Large black and medium white garbage bags are located in the hall closet. Recycle items (cans, glass and plastic --- no cardboard or paper) should be put in a separate white garbage bag as should cans and bottles with a deposit. A DRLPS member will be able to dispose of this material when you return to the dock.

When you move out and you may leave food and supplies that you brought to the lighthouse but did not use, including dry foods (coffee, sugar, etc.) and condiments (mayonnaise, mustard, etc.) please advise the Keeper or Tour Chairperson. Generally, if it won't spoil, and keepers are scheduled after you, it will be welcomed by the next team. Please fill the ice cube trays before you leave. Put crackers and other items that insects may get into in the microwave. Put other items like sugar and sweetener packets in zip lock bags.

Latch the exterior steel door at the top of the lighthouse and the wooded doors. The steel hatch in the watch room deck and interior doors remains open to provide ventilation. Lock the steel shutters. Vice grips attached to the pad lock hasp will make it easier to push the pad locks closed.

If you are the last to leave the lighthouse, be sure the fog horn, PLC, well pump, heater and stove (range) circuits are turned off, heat is turned off on all baseboard heaters, lights are turned out, all shutters are closed and locked, life rings, harnesses, and self-retracting life line are stored inside, and the door to the lighthouse is padlocked. Use the checklist on the next page.

## Before leaving DeTour Reef Light

- Close and secure upper and lower latches on steel watch room door
- Close and secure wooden doors in watch room
- Leave hatch at top of spiral stairs open
- Leave all doors to rooms and closets open
- Turn off VHF radio and power source
- Turn off any baseboard heaters that may have been turned on
- Check all burners, oven and warming drawer on stove to be sure they are off
- Turn off the circuit breaker for the stove (range) in the closet of the assistants room
- Check warmer drawer in stove to be sure it is off (note -- this has been left on!!)
- Close and lock all windows (use window closing tool - May require two people)
- Bring back all garbage in Waste Management Garbage Bags
- Bring back all recycling materials in regular garbage bags
- Bring back all returnable cans and bottles in regular garbage bags
- Fill in blue evaluation card, Put card (and any cards from tours) in cash envelope.
- Put checks, cash and Sales Record sheet (legal size page with complete record of all sales including size and color of clothing, charge info, etc.) in envelope to give to DRLPS
- Make last entries in keepers suggestion book
- Make last entries in log
- In basement:
  - Unplug 2 automatic moisture ejector valves
  - Trip breaker for water heater
  - Trip breaker for water pump
  - Trip breaker for PLC
  - Trip breaker for air compressor
  - Assure breaker for 3 phase converter and air compressor is off
  - UV light to be **LEFT ON** between keeper weekends
  - Assure that all doors are left open
  - Close 6 shut off valves at air reservoirs (one at compressor, one at each large air tank, one above eye level on the right hand air tank, one down stream of large air tanks and one at the moisture ejector for the compressor)
  - Close and lock all steel shutters on lower level
  - Bring in life rings and lifejackets
  - Bring in barbeque grill
  - Bring in bench (made with heavy steel legs and sunken ships wood)
  - Bring in canvas chairs and put in storage bags on gallery level
  - Secure Crane and unplug motor (normally not necessary)
  - Replace any railings that were lowered
  - Verify that Gull Repeller is on and volume set to 2 o'clock position
  - Turn off lights
  - Bring in haul up lines, kneeling pad, harnesses, safety tether, life rings, etc.
  - Lock the door (note: For keepers, DRLPS will lock the door after walk through.)