

STUCK ON STAMPS



Featured beacons: Five new stamps honor lighthouses on the Great Lakes.

New stamp issue honors lighthouses



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A booklet pane of five new stamps depicting Great Lakes lighthouses will be issued Saturday, June 17, from the deck of the USCGC (Coast Guard Cutter) Mackinaw in Cheboygan. The first day of issue will be the first for Northern Michigan since 1958 when the then new Mackinac Bridge appeared on a 3-cent stamp.

The Postal Service stamp booklet honors one lighthouse on each of the five Great Lakes — Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario. About 360 automated Great Lakes lighthouses still remain but they require no light keepers.

The five lighthouses honored are: Split Rock in Duluth, Minn., Spectacle Reef northeast of Cheboygan, Mich., St. Joseph, St. Joseph, Mich., Marblehead, Sandusky, Ohio, and Thirty Mile Point, northeast of the Niagra River in Ontario.

A dedicated group of local area collectors will attend the first day of issue ceremonies and hand cancel covers in Cheboygan. A very attractive set of six covers including first day of issue cancels on special cachet envelopes is available from the Motor City Stamp and Cover Club. One cover features all five stamps and a cachet showing a lighthouse is \$3. Each of the five lighthouses is also featured on a separate cachet cover. All five covers are \$6. Both sets may be obtained for \$9. Include a self-addressed, stamped, large

return envelope and order from MCSCC, 1353 Catalpa, Rochester, Mich. 48307.

Special delivery

The 100th anniversary of mail service to ships plying the Great Lakes via the Detroit River will be celebrated this month. June 17 is the anniversary when the Detroit River Marine Station was established; the first mail was actually delivered June 19.

A special cachet cover honoring the 100th anniversary of "Mail by the Pail," as the service is called, has been prepared. The cachet cover features the mail boat, the "J.W. Westcott II," and a special pictorial cancel. These covers represent a piece of Detroit's history. The Motor City Stamp and Cover Club also offers these covers for \$1, plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If you want a cover from both dates, include \$2. Send to the same address above.

Other new U.S. stamps issued recently and first day of issue cities are: Pink Rose, 32-cent self-adhesive, and Ferry Boat, 32-cent coil, both June 2, McLean, Va. 22101-9991; and Cog Railway Car, 20-cent coil, June 9, Dallas, Texas, 75260-9991; Also, a Blue Jay, 20-cent booklet, June 15, Kansas City, Mo., 64101-9991; and the 150th anniversary Texas statehood, 32-cent commemorative, Austin, Texas, 78710-9991.

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