

The Michigan Lighthouse Alliance
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“Preserving Today’s Lighthouses for Tomorrow’s Generations”

June 11-13, 2008

Park Place Hotel

Traverse City, Michigan



www.michiganlighthousealliance.org



Welcome to Traverse City!

The Michigan Lighthouse Alliance and Traverse City welcome you to the area. We hope you enjoy the conference and are able to visit the area's shops and sites to see what makes Michigan so special. There's plenty to do and see in Traverse City during the summer. In fact, your biggest problem may be finding time to do everything!

Here are a few ways to enjoy some of this area's unique cultural, recreational and scenic features.



- The most stunning features of Traverse City are its sandy shorelines along Grand Traverse Bay and Lake Michigan, and its crystal clear lakes. Make some memories by treasure hunting, beach bumming or building sand castles.
- Associated with the lakes and shorelines are five (5) lighthouses:
 - ◆ Pt. Betsie marks the southern entrance to the Manitou Passage and is a favorite sunset viewing spot.
 - ◆ South Manitou Island Lighthouse is accessed via Manitou Island Transit's passenger ferry out of Leland.
 - ◆ South Fox Island Lighthouse is accessed only by private boat via the Fox Island Lighthouse Association.
 - ◆ Grand Traverse Lighthouse Museum is located at the tip of the Leelanau Peninsula, open daily for tours.
 - ◆ Old Mission Point is at the tip of Old Mission Peninsula. A group hopes to have it open to the public in 2008.
- Museums and organizations, both small and large, are plentiful and share the rich history of the area. The Grand Traverse Heritage Center houses five groups that focus on themes such as Women's History, Rocks & Minerals, Railroads, and Maritime Heritage.
- Walk, bike, skate, or jog along the Traverse Area Recreational Trail (TART), a paved 10-mile trail that takes you from one end of town to the other. Take one of the many hikes, bird watching excursions, canoe or kayak trips available in the area. Golf courses abound.
- Traverse City has a vibrant downtown shopping area with more than 150 shops, boutiques and restaurants. Downtown and Old Town, with their architectural links to the 19th century, lend a historic atmosphere to your shopping experience.
- Visit Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, a 64-mile symphony of water, sky and towering dunes. Enjoy splendid views, indulge in a little beachcombing and try some of the miles of trails that make this area a hiker's paradise.
- Its location on the 45th parallel provides the Traverse Area with the ideal climate for growing grapes. Since 1974 vintners and wineries have produced a variety of quality award-winning reds, Pinot Noirs, ice wines and others. Visitors can enjoy tours and tastings at beautiful wineries located throughout the Old Mission and Leelanau Peninsulas.



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The Michigan Lighthouse Alliance was founded in 2003 to support nonprofit lighthouses and light station preservation organizations through technical, financial and managerial assistance and is comprised of over 50 nonprofit organizations. This network of lighthouse stewards and stakeholders provides long-term sustainability of lighthouse preservation efforts in Michigan and develops and assists new stewards of Michigan lighthouses. The network helps share technical expertise in several areas such as organizational development, community development, tourism, restoration and funding in addition to advocating for Michigan's lighthouses.

We strive to meet the following goals:

- Assist current and potential lighthouse and light station stewards in the endeavor to preserve, maintain and publicly exhibit historic lighthouses and light stations in the State of Michigan;
- Support the Michigan Lighthouse Project in the transfer of historic lighthouses and light stations in the State of Michigan;
- Establish educational and outreach projects and programs that foster public awareness of the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act and the cause of preserving historic lighthouses and light stations.
- Emphasize the important role of lighthouses and light stations to the economic vitality of local communities and the State of Michigan and advocate and promote the preservation of historic lighthouses and light stations.

Conference Committee Members:

Sally Frye
Fox Island Lighthouse Association

Terry Pepper
Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association

John Gronberg
Holland Harbor Lighthouse

Buzz Hoerr
Harbor Beach Lighthouse

Jeff Shook
Michigan Lighthouse Conservancy

Gail Vander Stoep
Michigan State University

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Tentative Conference Program

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

- 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. ALCC meeting
MLP Meeting
MLA Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Registration opens
- 6:00 p.m. **RECEPTION** (Top of the Park)

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. **HOSPITALITY BREAKFAST** (seated)
Welcome & Opening Comments
- 8:15 – 9:30 a.m. **Session 1A** – *Leases & Transfers: Army Corps of Engineers, Michigan DNR & U.S. Coast Guard*
- Session 1B** – *Fundraising: Grants, Gift Shops & Other Funding Sources*
- 9:45 – 11:45 a.m. **Session 2A** – *Structural Aspects: Moisture & Paint Issues*
- Session 2B** – *Aids to Navigation: Identifying Problems & Making Emergency Repairs; Taking Inventory of Lighthouse Lamps in the USA*
- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. **LUNCHEON**
Speaker: Dick Moehl, GLLKA
- 1:30 – 3:45 p.m. **Session 3A** – *Structural Aspects: Non-destructive Testing of Timber Structural Components & Lightning Protection*
- 1:30 – 2:15 p.m. **Session 3Ba**–*Onshore & Offshore “Keeper” Programs*
- 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. **Session 3Bb**–*Educational Programming: Working with Schools & Local Youth Organizations*
- 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. **GENERAL FORUM**
Panel of day's speakers will field questions and lead a discussion on day's topics
- 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. **DINNER & KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Speaker: Peter Annin, *Water Wars*

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
- 8:00 – 9:45 a.m. **Session 4A** – *Researching Your Lighthouse: National, Regional & Internet Resources, & Networking*
- Session 4B** – *MLA, MLP & MLF: What They Are, Missions & Goals, How They Coordinate Efforts*
- 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. **Session 5A** – *Insurance & Liability Issues*
- Session 5B** – *Completing a Historic Structures Report & Using the Secretary of Interior Standards*
- 11:45 – 1:15 p.m. **LUNCHEON**
Speaker: Traverse Area 5 Lighthouse Circle
- 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. **Session 6A** – *Relevant Legislation: Federal*
- Session 6B** – *State of Michigan Requirements*
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **GENERAL FORUM**
Panel of day's speakers will field questions and lead a discussion on day's topics
- 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. **RECEPTION & LIGHTHOUSE TRANSFER CEREMONY**
Northwestern Michigan College's Hagerty Center/Great Lakes Maritime Academy

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

- 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. **FIELD TRIPS** (optional)
Inland Seas Schooner adventure boat trip
Independent lighthouse visits on your own

To Register:

Click here for form to print, complete, and mail:
www.michiganlighthousealliance.org/conference

Detailed information on each session and the speakers will be available soon on the conference web site at:
www.michiganlighthousealliance.org

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Conference Registration Form

Print clearly and use a separate registration form for each person attending.
Mail completed form and payment (if by check) to:

Michigan Lighthouse Alliance

P.O. Box 346
Acme, MI 49610

Name: _____
Title: _____
Organization: _____
Address 1: _____
Address 2: _____
City: _____
State/Prov.: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____
Preferred Badge Name: _____
Phone: (_____) _____
e-mail: _____

Registration fees cover your attendance at all sessions, conference meals, and events (except Saturday field trips).

To help us better plan, please indicate below all meals and events that you plan to attend. For Thursday night's dinner, also indicate your meal preference.

Wednesday, June 11: Reception (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.)
Top of the Park, Park Place Hotel

Thursday, June 12: Breakfast (7:00 – 8:00 a.m.)
Park Place Dome

Thursday, June 12: Luncheon (12:00 – 1:30 p.m.)
Park Place Dome

Thursday, June 12: Dinner (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)
Park Place Dome

Whitefish Prime Rib Vegetarian

Friday, June 13: Breakfast (7:00 – 8:00 a.m.)
Park Place Dome

Friday, June 13: Luncheon (11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.)
Park Place Dome

Friday, June 13: Reception & Lighthouse Transfer
(5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)
NMC's Hagerty Center/Great Lakes Maritime Academy

If you have other dietary or special needs, indicate here, or contact Sally Frye (lighthsesally@charter.net): _____

Registration Fees (place X by appropriate registration type):

\$85 Early registration **EXTENDED** from April 1st
(registered prior to May 1st)

\$100 Regular registration **EXTENDED**
(registered from May 2 through May 31)

\$115 Late registration, including on-site registration
(registered June 1 and later)

Payment (indicate amount paid and payment type):

Amount Paid: \$

Check enclosed
(make check payable to Michigan Lighthouse Alliance)

PayPal - For Payment Only.
(accessible at www.michiganlighthousealliance.org;
be sure to also complete and mail this form)

Hotel Information: Reserve rooms prior to April 1 (through May 1 for Holiday Inn) to get the discounted conference rate. Mention "Lighthouse Conference" when booking. Conference hotel options are as follows:

The Park Place Hotel
300 East State Street
Traverse City, MI 49686
(800) 748-0133
www.park-place-hotel.com
Rate: \$129/night plus taxes

Holiday Inn West Bay
615 E. Front Street
Traverse City, MI 49686
(800) 888-8020
www.tctestbay.com
Rate: \$119/night plus taxes

Bayshore Resort
833 East Front Street
Traverse City, MI 49686
(800) 634-4401
www.bayshore-resort.com
Rate: \$123/night plus taxes

Note: Your contact information will be kept confidential. It will be used only to communicate to you about the conference.

Thank you for participating and for your lighthouse preservation and education efforts.