

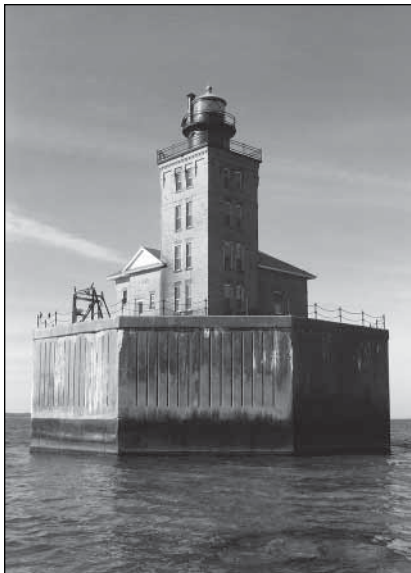
# GLLKA 2010 Charity Island to Harbor Beach Excursion

Saturday, August 28 & Sunday, August 29, 2010

Our second excursion on Lake Huron for 2010 will offer attendees a rare opportunity to view four lighthouses accessible only by boat, and to climb two of them. In addition, they will be able to climb the tower and view the assistant keepers house and museum at Pointe aux Barques lighthouse.

The excursion will begin at the Holiday Inn Express in Bad Axe, Michigan, Saturday morning. Participants will travel by bus to Port Austin, where they will board the Charity Island boat the "Shirley Ann". The trip will begin with a close approach to the Port Austin Reef Light, located a couple of miles offshore in a rock-strewn area. When getting up close, it will be easy to see the need for a lighthouse in this location. Since 1988, the Port Austin Reef Lighthouse Association has been responsible for cleaning up and repairing this very difficult-to-reach lighthouse.

During the ride to Big Charity Island, the Captain and crew will provide



*Our boat will pass close as safely possible to the elusive Port Austin Reef light*

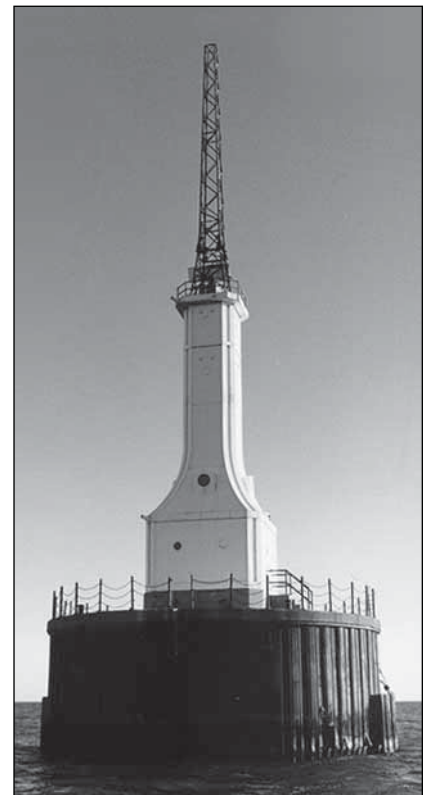


*For those wishing to take advantage of the opportunity, a climb of the old 1857 lighthouse tower on Charity Island affords a unique vista of Saginaw Bay*

complimentary soft drinks, bottled water, coffee and appetizers. Upon arrival at Charity Island, we'll have an informative and entertaining history presentation in the island's pavilion. The presentation will include information about the island geology, its endangered plants, and the lighthouse. Included in the lecture will be personal stories of the men who kept the light burning during stormy nights.

Following the lecture, we'll walk to the lighthouse to photograph and climb the tower (for those who wish to do so). A table service dinner will be served on the porch of the new keepers house, with house tours available after dinner for those who are interested. Entrees will be a choice of lightly-fried perch or beef tenderloin tips. The Captain will be available for those who wish to take a short hike to view the endangered Pitcher's Thistle that grow near the lighthouse. About 6:30 participants will board the boat for the return trip, which will pass close to the Gravelly Shoal light for a photo op, and will end in Caseville just after sunset. Coffee and dessert will be served on the boat.

The bus will be waiting in Caseville for the return trip to the Bad Axe Holiday Inn Express.



*We will pass close by Gravelly Shoal light on the trip back to Caseville*

*For additional information, or to make a reservation, call, the GLLKA Office at 231-436-5580*



*The view from the gallery of the 1857 Pointe aux Barques light station*

Sunday morning will begin with participants driving their own cars to the Pointe aux Barques Lighthouse and museum. Society president Bill Bonner will make a presentation about the lighthouse, and participants will be able to tour the grounds and museum, as well as climb the tower.

Due to Coast Guard regulations, since this is still an active light, we won't be able to access the lantern room. Lunch will be served at the Pointe aux Barques pavilion in Lighthouse Park, before participants drive on to Harbor Beach.

At Harbor Beach Marina boats will be available to take participants in small groups out to the breakwater lighthouse for tours and climbing. Those who are waiting their turn to go out to the lighthouse will be able to tour the area, including the Grice Museum near the marina, which houses the original fourth order Fresnel lens from the lighthouse. The Harbor Beach Lighthouse Preservation Society, who will serve as our hosts at the lighthouse, will be providing a tasty dessert to close out our lighthouse tour. The two day conference ends at Harbor Beach, although participants may wish to view the Port Sanilac and Fort Gratiot lighthouses on their way down the coast of Lake Huron toward Port Huron. Directions will be provided to attendees.

Ticket price for GLLKA members is \$400.00 double occupancy and \$450.00 single occupancy, and includes the hotel room for Saturday night and all meals, bus and boat transportation. Non-members should add an additional \$35 for a 1-year individual membership or \$50 for a 1-year family membership.

Guests will be responsible for making their own reservations for hotel rooms for Friday night for which the Holiday Inn in Bad Axe is reserving a block of rooms. Additionally, the fine folks at the Holiday Inn have offered to provide a free night on Sunday to all our guests who stayed at the hotel on Saturday. Just let the hotel know if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

Because of limitations due to the size of the Charity Island boat, this tour will be limited to the first 48 reservations received. For more information or to make reservations, please call the GLLKA office at 231-436-5580 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



*The opportunity to tour the Harbor Beach lighthouse is a rare opportunity indeed. Attendees are in for a real surprise at this lighthouse, as without publicity the Harbor Beach Lighthouse Preservation Society has completely restored the lighthouse from top to bottom*

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