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Tours of DeTour Reef Lighthouse



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Drummond Island, MI: The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) has announced 2006 dates for its Tours and Lighthouse Keeper Programs. 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 Lighthouse Keepers. Tours for 2006 are planned for 8:30, 10:30, 1:30, and 3:30 on the following dates:

Saturdays: June 17, 24, July 1, 15, 22, 29, Aug 5, 19

Sundays: July 9, Aug 13

Additional information is available at the DRLPS web site: www.DRLPS.com. Tour cost is \$75 for DRLPS members or \$95 for non-members (Memberships are available for \$20 for individual or \$30 for family). A portion of the tour cost is tax deductible. Please email DRLPS for tour date and time availability at DRLPS@lighthouse.net or call 906-493-6609.

DeTour Reef Light is located a mile offshore in northern Lake Huron at the far eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula between DeTour Village and Drummond Island, at the mouth of the St. Mary's River. All freighter traffic between Lake Superior and the lower Great Lakes must pass DeTour Reef Light. The light was built in 1931 using the 1861 tower, spiral stairs, watch room and lantern from the on-shore DeTour Point Light, which it replaced. Major restoration of the light was completed in 2004. DeTour Reef Light was added to the National Register of Historic Places in March of 2005 and received the Michigan Governor's 2005 Award for Historic Preservation.

Visitors must be physically capable of climbing and descending the 20-foot ladder to reach the lighthouse deck. During ascent and descent of the ladder, each person will wear a safety harness, which requires

visitors to be at least 50 inches tall and weigh less than 300 pounds. Please note for safety reasons, children under 12 are not allowed on the tour.

The DRLPS is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization established in 1998 to restore and preserve DeTour Reef Light and to educate the public about the importance of the Light, its keepers and DeTour Passage. (Memo: EIN 38-3387252, MICS 27001)

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