



Our next two meetings after the 4th Annual Lighthouse Challenge are scheduled on the 3rd Wednesday in October & November at 7pm at the North East Methodist Church. Email us at tpsi1@verizon.net Website: www.tpls.org Signs will direct you to the meeting room.

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4th Annual Maryland Lighthouse Challenge

The following is a press release issued last month by Karen and Dave Rosage.

The Chesapeake Chapter of the U.S. Lighthouse Society and the Maryland Lighthouse Organizations will host the **2006 Maryland Lighthouse Challenge** on September 16 and 17.

Throughout the September weekend, the public is invited to participate in this educational and fun-filled event showcasing the state's land-accessible lighthouses, including: the **Chesapeake Lightship** (moored at Baltimore's Inner Harbor), Concord Point, Cove Point, Drum Point, Fort Washington, Hooper Strait, Piney Point, Point Lookout, Seven-Foot Knoll and Turkey Point. The annual Challenges are held to promote awareness and visitation to these historic structures. The Challenges are the *only* time of year these lighthouses are open simultaneously for public access and climbing wherever possible. To lighthouse

enthusiasts, this is a highly anticipated event!

This award-winning driving tour will take participants along the Chesapeake Bay, to some of the most scenic spots in the state. At the first lighthouse visited, participants will receive the Maryland Lighthouse Challenge promotional brochure, which includes driving instructions from one lighthouse to the next. At each lighthouse stop along the route, they will receive a complimentary "event" postcard depicting that lighthouse both *then and now*. Participants are welcome to visit as many or as few of the lighthouses as they choose, and in any order. Those participants who *"meet the challenge"* and visit every participating lighthouse within the allotted twenty hours will receive a special commemorative postcard to mark their accomplishment!

Similar events are held annually in New Jersey and Long Island. Additional souvenirs are available for participants who complete two or three of the 2006 Lighthouse Challenges! Lighthouse lovers---*Start Your Engines!*

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The lighthouse counties of Calvert, Cecil, Harford, Prince George's, St. Mary's, and Talbot are sponsoring this

event with the Baltimore Tourism Association. The Chesapeake Chapter of the U.S. Lighthouse Society along with individual Maryland Lighthouse organizations. We will be manning our pavilion between 8am and 6pm on both Saturday, September 16th and Sunday, September 17th.

Review the website www.cheslights.org or contact Dave or Karen Rosage at dkrosage@comcast.net or at 410.437.0741 for more information concerning the 2006 Maryland Lighthouse Challenge.

Turkey Point Guests

Children's author Terry Webb will be at our pavilion on Saturday possibly dressed as an early 1900s light keeper. Authors and lighthouse hunters Christine & Tommy Cardaci will be in our pavilion on both days of the Lighthouse Challenge. The Weather Channel is expected to be shooting at our pavilion as well.



[Other Challenge Guests](#)

Harbor Lights sculptor Harry Hine will be appearing at the Piney Point Lighthouse. Author Bob Trapani Jr. will also be available to sign copies of his recently published book, *Lighthouses of Maryland & Virginia, History, Mystery, Legends & Lore* at the Concord Point Lighthouse.

[We Are All Volunteers](#)

If you have not signed up to work during the Lighthouse Challenge, pls contact Dean Rice at 410.287.8170 to find out what times are available for you to contribute your time. All your hours will be noted on an event timesheet and we will receive credit for those hours from the state.

This information includes the time worked and the distance you drove to attend the Lighthouse Challenge. If you do not speak with Mike at the Lighthouse Challenge, please send your hours to Mike at mikerussell@cavtel.net to ensure all information has been submitted. You should also be noting your distances that you traverse to come to our monthly meetings.

[Current E-Mail Addresses](#)

Thanks to everyone who has sent their e-mail addresses. Having your current e-mail address allows us to save hundreds of dollars on paper, ink, stamps and most of all time on an annual basis. The addresses we do have separated into Local, Regional, Long-Distance, National and International members.

Whenever a local event or special meeting is scheduled, members who are close enough to attend will receive e-mails. We will not annoy

long distance members with events beyond their reach.

You will not receive any spam from us but we will send you meeting reminders and let you know when the most recent Beacon will be available on our website.

Please let us know if your e-mail addresses changes. E-mail Mike Duvall at mwduvall@aol.com or mwduvall@verizon.net with your current addresses to avoid undeliverable e-mails.

[New TPLS Membership](#)

This is a perfect time for us to show off our organization and impress others who may want to become part of our organization.

If you know someone in the local area who wants to become an active member of TPLS Inc., bring them to the Challenge. We can meet them and answer all their questions. TPLS applications can be downloaded on the website [<http://www.tpls.org/>].

The bottom line is that we need your help. It is important to remember that your contributions are greatly appreciated and tax deductible as well!



Photo by Michael W. Duvall

[Turkey Point Light Station Ownership](#)

Ownership of Turkey Point Lighthouse has officially been transferred from the Federal Government to the State of Maryland.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Turkey Point Light Station, Inc. submitted a joint application for ownership and Operations Management. It was approved and the transfer has taken place.

TPLS, Inc. President, Mr. Dean Rice recently signed a 30-year renewable lease with the State of Maryland that TPLS, Inc. will be the Chief Operations Agent for the Lighthouse.

Does this mean that our mission has changed? Absolutely not! We will still be taking care of and restoring the lighthouse, and we still plan to rebuild the Keeper's house as soon as funds become available. It means we now have a new partner. The lighthouse will continue to be open for visitors; we will still have work days to care for and restore the lighthouse.

We are grateful for the cooperation and logistical support Elk Neck State Park has provided and continues to provide. We look forward to a long and prosperous partnership with the Park and the State of Maryland.

[New Floor in the Lighthouse](#)

The concrete floor has been removed and replaced with an antique brick floor in accordance with the blueprints. Terry McCann, a local contractor is in the process of rebuilding the spiral stairs. **Get – er – done!**