

Personnel Assigned to DeTour Reef Light: 1931 through 1974

Opening and closing dates are based on data from official lighthouse logbooks

Keepers that we have located and identified as still living are highlighted in **blue** lettering

Keepers that we have identified as deceased are shown in **red** lettering

Status of Keepers prior to 1957 is generally unknown

1931, Opened November 10 (New), Closed December 15

W. S. Hall, Keeper

James Brander, K1A

Sterling Malone, K2A

All of the above people transferred from DeTour Point Light

1932, Opened April 11, Closed December 14

W. S. Hall, Keeper

James Brander, K1A

Sterling Malone, K2A

1933, Opened April 15, Closed December 14

W. S. Hall, Keeper

James Brander, K1A

Sterling Malone, K2A

1934, Opened April 26, Closed December 17

James Brander, K1A

Sterling Malone, K2A

1935, Opened April 10, Closed December 12

John M. Sweet, Keeper

Sterling Malone, K2A (reassigned April 30)

Ellwood ??? (replacing Malone)

1936, Opened April 18, Closed December 14

John M. Sweet, Keeper

1937, Opened April 6, Closed December 12

John M. Sweet, Keeper

A. J. B.?

J. L. MacDonald, K1A (July 12 reassigned to Thunder Bay Island)

James A. Belounea, K1A (assigned July 15 replacing MacDonald)

Note: Belounea worked as an assistant keeper at DeTour Point Light beginning Mar. 28, 1927

1938, Opened April 9, Closed December 11

John M. Sweet, Keeper

James A. Belounea, K1A

Henry Kraswisky

1939, Opened April 22, Closed December 14 (USCG takes over July 1)

James A. Belounga, K1A

Lyle A. Garfield, K2A

Maurice J. Alicat, Sn

1940, Opened April 13, Closed December 14

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC

James A. Belounga, K1A

Lyle A. Garfield, K2A

1941, Opened March 28, Closed December 14

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC

James A. Belounga, K1A

J. E. Schroeder, K2A

1942, Opened March 18, Closed December 11

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC

Thomas P. Brander, K1A

J. E. Schroeder, K2A

1943, Opened April 18, Closed December 13

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC

Thomas P. Brander, K1A

J. E. Schroeder, K2A

Bernard M. Rozmarynowski (assigned August 13)

1944, Opened March 27, Closed December 16

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC

Thomas P. Brander, K1A Soldenski says from Neebish Island

J. E. Schroeder, K2A

Bernard M. Rozmarynowski

1945, Opened March 26, Closed December 5

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC

Thomas P. Brander, K1A

J. E. Schroeder, K2A

Bernard M. Rozmarynowski

1946, opened March 25, Closed December 15

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC

Thomas P. Brander, CBM

J. E. Schroeder, K2A

M. Poliski, BM1

T. H. Bensen, Sn (assigned July 5 replacing Poliski)

John Marken (assigned July 27 replacing Bensen)

1947, Opened April 2, Closed December 15

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC

J. E. Schroeder, K2A

John Marken
Thurston
J. M. Apsey, Sn

1948, No logbook

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC

1949, No logbook

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC
Vino Mixon ???

1950, No logbook

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC

1951, Opened March 31, Closed Dec. 17

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC
John J. Short, K1A
David S. Barclay, K2A
G. D. Horn (transferred May 21)
Richard S. Parks, EN3 (assigned May 21 replacing Horn)
R. E. Hannan (Assigned April 19, AWOL April 28)

1952, Opened March 31, Closed Dec. 20

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC
John J. Short, K1A
David S. Barclay, K2A
Richard S. Parks, EN3 (sick leave Aug. 13)
William H. Talbert, Jr., Seaman (assigned Sept. 6 replacing Parks, sick leave Oct. 8)
Walter. J. Place, Seaman (assigned Oct. 10 replacing Talbert)

1953, Opened March 28, Closed Dec. 16

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC
John J. Short, K1A
David S. Barclay, K2A
Walter. J. Place, Seaman

1954, Opened April 9, Closed Dec. 17

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC
John J. Short, K1A
David S. Barclay, K2A
Arthur M. Sheffield, BM2

1955, Opened April 9, Closed Dec. 16

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC
John J. Short, K1A
David S. Barclay, K2A
Arthur M. Sheffield, BM2

1956, Opened Mar. 31, Closed Dec. 21

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC

John J. Short, K1A

David S. Barclay, K2A

Arthur M. Sheffield, BM2

Ronald Miller, Seaman

1957, Crew arrived Mar. 29, Opened April 1, Closed Dec. 16

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC

John J. Short, K1A

David S. Barclay, K2A (heart attack on May 14)

Sidney F. Hermanson, Seaman (assigned May 17)

Kenneth F. Holcomb, EN3 (April 1 to Dec. 11, 1957)

1958, Opened April 3, Closed Dec. 16

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC

John J. Short, K1A (sick leave April 25 to Nov. 4)

Sidney F. Hermanson, Seaman (transferred Nov. 4 to Ogdensburg, NY)

Milton V. Lovett, EN3

Harold Eugene Anderson, Fireman (assigned May 2 to fill in for Short)

1959, Opened April 10, Closed Dec. 22

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC

John J. Short, K1A

Harold Eugene Anderson, Fireman (transferred out May 3)

Edwin S. Cunningham, Seaman (assigned May 4)

Milton V. Lovett, EN2 (assigned June 4)

Charles D. Lane, Jr. (temporary duty, assigned June 5, transferred June 24)

B. B. Anderson, Seaman (assigned June 24)

1960, Opened March 29, Closed Dec. 15

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC

Milton V. Lovett, EN2 (transferred June 2 to Soo Base)

Gerard Livingston, Seaman

Oscar Roy Daniels, EN3 (assigned May 2, transferred May 24)

Franklin J. Pederson, EN3 (assigned Nov. 21 as Wilson replacement)

James P. Williams, EN1 (assigned May 28 as Lovett replacement)

Don Wilson, Fireman (assigned May 24 replacing Daniels, transferred Nov.21)

1961, Opened April 5, Closed Dec. 16

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC

James P. Williams, EN1

Franklin J. Pederson, EN3

Joseph Bouchey, Fireman (transferred out April 25)

Stan B. Forte, EN1 (assigned April 25 replacing Bouchey, transferred out July 24)

John P. Gretka, EN2

1962, Opened April 2, Closed Dec. 17

Charles R. Jones, Keeper, OIC (retired Oct. 31)

Gerald V. Cousins, BM1-P1, (assigned Aug. 22, acting OIC on Nov. 1, transferred to Group Soo Dec. 6)

Charles D. Lane, Jr., MMI BM, OIC (assigned Dec. 6 replacing Cousins)
James P. Williams, EN1 (transferred out May 13)
Gerald F. Seaburg, EN2 (assigned May 10 replacing Williams)
Norman E. Theel, BM1 (transferred out Aug. 27)
Eric R. P. Olsen, BM2 (assigned Sept. 4 replacing Theel)
Franklin J. Pederson, EN3 (transferred Nov. 5 to Cutter Sundew)
Gerald P. Wotciechowski, EN2 (assigned Oct. 31 replacing Pederson)

1963, Opened April 15, Closed Dec. 18

John J. DeCenzo, BMC, OIC
Eric R. P. Olsen, BM2
Simeon R. Syrewicze, EN/AN
Gerald F. Seaburg, EN2 (deceased 2007)
Marvin F. Kurkierewicz, Fireman

1964, No logbook

John J. DeCenzo, BMC, OIC
Eric R. P. Olsen, BM2
Simeon R. Syrewicze, EN/AN (deceased 2007)
Marvin F. Kurkierewicz, EN3 (transferred out, Aug ?)
Kenneth Daum, BM3 (replaced Kurkierewicz ??)

1965 (only have the month of September of log books)

Ronald E. Freels, BM1
Bruce E. Ward, EN3 (deceased 2006)
Paul F. Witte, SN
Kenneth R. Daum, BM3
Jack D. Madison, EN1

1966, Closed Dec. 23

Kenneth R. Daum, BM3 (transferred out, Oct. ?)
Ray Paris, BM3 (transferred in, Oct. ?, replacing Daum)
Jack D. Madison, EN1
Gilbert Newman, FN/EN (transferred in, Sept.?)
Miquel B. Marcellian, SN
S. A. Scott, SN/A
?? Sawyer, EN3

1967

Robert Soldenski, EN1 (transferred in, May ??)
Gilbert Newman, EN3
Lawrence C. Craig, BM1 (OIC)
Robert Thornton, SN
??? Nimmo, SN
Don Ashley, SN (boat overturned by ice and he drowned on opening day) spring 67 according to Soldenski

1968

Floyd Colvin, BM1

Robert Soldenski, EN1
Wesley Eland, EN3
Robert Huff, SN
??? Hern (chief engineman) ENC OIC

1969

Floyd Colvin, OIC
Marvin F. Kurkierewicz, EN1
Thomas Berris, SN
Wesley Eland, EN3 (until 11-10-69, discharged Nov 15)
Donald S. McGee, SN

1970

John (Pat) Holmes, OIC
Marvin F. Kurkierewicz, EN1 (transferred out in June)
Donald S. McGee, SN
John Pruitt, PO3
Clyde Lazier, EN1

1971

John (Pat) Holmes, OIC
John Pruitt, PO3 (part of this year)
Donald S. McGee, BM3 (transferred out, 9-6-71, discharged 9-23-71)

1972

John Williams, OIC ???
John Pruitt, PO3

1973

John Pruitt, PO3
John Dalderama, SN

1974

Lighthouse automated

Craig mayfbe dead according to Soldenski

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