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We'll Keep the Light on for You!

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DeTour Reef Light First Lit November 10, 1931

80 Years Shining at the mouth of the St. Mary's River

In 1929, the U.S. Lighthouse Service authorized building a new lighthouse to be located offshore in 24 feet of water on the outer end of the DeTour Reef to mark a larger and dangerous shoal at the entrance to the strategic St. Marys River.

Work began in early 1930 and was completed in late 1931. The construction of the offshore light was dependant on the weather in the area and the climate and exposed location, made the winter months unsuitable for construction efforts. This lighthouse replaced the onshore light station (DeTour Point) with the staircase cylinder, circular stairs, lantern, Fresnel lens, radio beacons, and fog signal relocated from the 1861 onshore Detour Point Light Station.

After 327 working days and at a cost of \$140,000 the building of the DeTour Reef Light, a unique steel-framed square tower of three distinct levels in Classical Revival architectural styling, was completed. On the evening of November 10, 1931 the new DeTour Reef Light was lit by the keepers who transferred from DeTour Point Light. Historian Chuck Feltner has identified the first keepers. They were W. S. Hall, Keeper, James Brander, K1A, Sterling Malone, K2A.

The onshore lighthouse was discontinued and became a private residence.



DeTour Point Light

Other Notable Events from 1931

Empire State Building was finished.
Hattie Caraway (D-AK) appointed 1st US woman senator.
Al Capone convicted of tax fraud
The small community of Las Vegas decided to legalize gambling.
The Star Spangled Banner becomes the U.S. Nation Anthem
George Washington Bridge opens connecting New York and New Jersey
First commercially produced synthetic rubber manufactured.
Commercial teletype service begins.
Work starts on the Boulder Dam



DeTour Reef Light circa 1931

Who Are These Ladies?

The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society has been researching former Keepers that served on the DeTour Reef Lighthouse. In the process we have come across some interesting photographs that depict life on an offshore lighthouse. Particularly interesting is the fact that local ladies in the DeTour -Drummond area socialized with the young Coast Guard guys on the Lighthouse. Pictured here are two young women who are having dinner with Steve Lovett (foreground) and Gene Anderson (background) in 1958. This was a serious infraction of the rules but head keeper Charlie Jones was on shore leave and was unaware of these visitors.



Steve Lovett and Gene Anderson enjoy dinner with two young lady friends.



These young ladies also prepared dinner in the galley (kitchen) for the Coasties as shown in this photo.

Lady visitors prepare dinner for their Coastie friends

One of these ladies went up and inspected the Fresnel lens that was in the lighthouse and today is on display in the DeTour Historical Museum. By the smile on her face, it would appear she was having a good time. These ladies most likely lived in the DeTour-Drummond area but we have been unable to identify them. Neither Lovett nor Anderson could remember their names.

DRLPS would like for anyone who knows the names of these ladies are asked to contact Chuck Feltner, DRLPS Historian at 313-268-0219 or by email at ChuckFeltner@gmail.com. I promise we will keep their identities secret (for a while anyway).

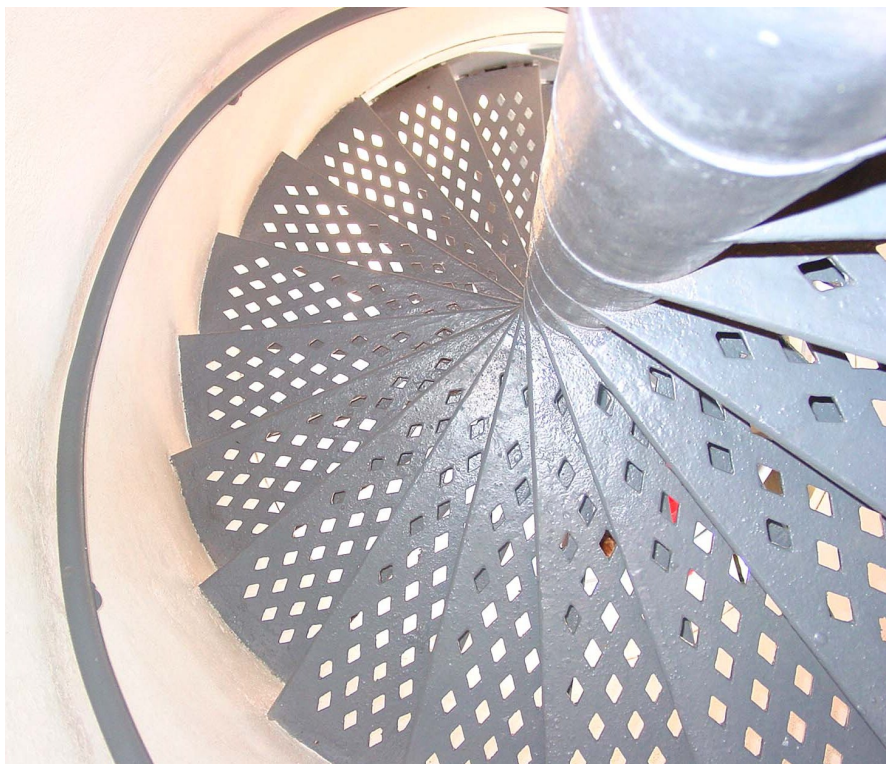


Lady visitor inspects Fresnel lens

Step up to Preservation and Sponsor-A-Step

DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society is seeking sponsors for the restored steps on the spiral staircase leading to the lantern at the 1931 historic lighthouse. Here's a unique opportunity to step into the future by protecting the past and help preserve and sustain the lighthouse for all to enjoy by sponsoring a step that leads to the Light.

The spiral staircase was originally placed on the onshore DeTour Point Light Station in 1861 and relocated to the offshore DeTour Reef Light in 1931. The staircase was restored by DRLPS in 2004. There are 32 steps with 25 available for sponsorship. The cost to sponsor a step is \$1,500 which is tax deductible as allowed by law. Step sponsor's name, step number, and other desired data, will be engraved on a brass plaque mounted on a board displayed on the wall at the entrance to the spiral staircase. Additionally, each sponsor will receive a personalized plaque and certificate commemorating the step purchase. If desired, you can designate your sponsorship in honor or memory of someone special or a business, or to commemorate a special occasion, or provide a lasting gift for someone special.



Participate in this worthwhile investment for the DeTour Reef Light's future and make a lasting tribute to its care with this rare opportunity to Sponsor-a-Step on the lighthouse's spiral staircase for the continued preservation of the DeTour Reef Light for now and future generations. For more information, please contact Jeri Baron Feltner at jeribaron@aol.com or call 313-268-6846.

Annual Meeting News

Chairs and Directors at the 2011 DRLPS Annual meeting held at the Drummond Island Township Hall on Thursday June 16th.

Elected Directors for a 3 year term were:
Chuck Feltner, Russ Norris, Sandy Wytiaz

Back Row: Jeri Baron Feltner, Chuck Feltner, Anne Stafford, Russ Norris, Ann Method Green, John and Sunny Covell, John Witten, Sandy Wytiaz, Dotty Witten, Janelle Dudeck

Front Row: Nella Gries, Dave Bardsley, Alfie the service-dog-in-training, Paula Bardsley.

Photo by Karl Hildenbrand



14th Annual DRLPS Father's Day Cruise A Beautiful Day for Scenic Trip To the DeTour Reef Light and Up the St. Mary's River

Passengers on the annual DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society's (DRLPS) Father's Day Cruise enjoyed a perfect summer day cruising up the St. Mary's River and "locking through" the Soo Locks.

The "Le Voyageur", a Soo Locks Boat Tour vessel, piloted by Senior Captain Jack Cork and Captains Charlie Lampman and Pete Miller left DeTour Village Ferry Dock and headed out to DeTour Reef Light. The Weekend Lightkeepers, Chad Badgero and Matt Swan, moved around the Light while John Covell provided a descriptive level by level narration of all the levels on the Light.

After circling the Light and providing many opportunities for great photos, the Cruise then proceeded up the St. Mary's River. A continuing narration of points of interest and historical information was provided by the Senior Captain Jack Cork, Captain Charlie Lampman, John Covell, and Ann Method Green.

The breakfast buffet started before the boat left the dock. The coffee, fruit and rolls were only the beginning of a great food fest. The buffet luncheon included selections of cold meats, cheeses, and salads, followed by an afternoon snack of meats, cheeses, crackers, fruit, and cookies. Claudia and Kevin Corrion did a fantastic job putting together the food for the cruise.

Merchants from DeTour Village and Drummond Island provided donations for the doors prizes: Drummond Island Resort and Conference Center, Fishers Restaurant, Islander Shoppe, Mail Sail Restaurant, Sune's Dry Goods, and Timberdoodle. Also Soo Locks Boats Tours donated tours to five Soo area attractions. The DRLPS is very grateful for the continuing support from the merchants.

Locking through the Canadian Lock and returning through the MacArthur Lock was the highlight of the cruise for many of the passengers. The 22 foot rise to the Upper St. Mary's River was an amazing experience.



*Two of the sites to see on the Father's Day cruise:
CSL Pineglen and the restored DeTour Reef Light!*



Pictures clockwise starting at the upper left:
 John Krupa and his nephews Lucas Krupa & Andrew Krupa
 Capt Pete Miller, Capt Charlie Lampman, and Sr. Capt Jack Cork
 Caterers Claudia and Kevin Corrian
 John and Sunny Covell
 Return cruisers Tony and Carol Kmet
 Nan & Bob Jones celebrating their 40th anniversary
Center: Dave and Jane McDaniel
Bottom: Sr. Capt Jack Cork and Jeri Feltner, Founding Director Emerita DRLPS

DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society's 12th Annual Evening Under the STARS!

The twelfth annual *Evening Under the Stars* was held this year on Friday, July 8th on the shore of Lake Huron at Bayside Dining on Drummond Island.

A silent auction took place during the event with items donated by businesses and friends of the DRLPS. They included DeTour Drummond Community Credit Union, The Islander Shopper – Lori and Ron Ogden, Janelle Dudeck, Jeri and Chuck Feltner, Joyce Buckley, Lori Felpausch, Lowell Williams, Sandy Wytiaz, and the Timberdoodle.

A dinner for six was won by Denny Bailey. The dinner will be prepared and served by Bayside Executive Chef Frank Jones, the food will be provided by Jim and Barb Gusfa, and the wine by Clif and Carolyn Haley.

Sandy Wytiaz chaired the event and put together an incredible team. Joyce Buckley used a DeTour Reef Light sketch drawn by Sandy Ledy and etched wine glasses to share with STARS guests. Darlene Skinner's expertise with table decorations made the evening very elegant. Thanks also to the staff at Bayside for a fabulous dinner and enjoyable evening.

Lise White and Friends came from the Sault Sainte Marie area again this year and played jazz standards and hits from the 70's.

"On behalf of the DRLPS I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this event a success. Sandy Wytiaz and her team really know how to put together an elegant evening," stated Ann Method Green, President of the DRLPS.



Photos from top left: the dinner buffet; Amy Scott, Lorna Heydinger, Darlene Skinner enjoying the evening; the fabulous staff at Bayside with dessert; DRLPS Secretary Janelle Dudeck & Vice President Sandy Wytiaz.

A Blast from the Past

The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society must be doing something right. The 14th annual Father's day Cruise was a success. I'm not just saying that because I was one of the DRLPS working members who was on that cruise. Something really exciting and special happened as we made our way out to the DeTour Reef Light. At a pre-arranged time a figure stepped out on the watch-room deck wearing an official lighthouse keeper's hat. He gave us a wave, and the 1931 foghorn gave us a salute! It was truly a blast from the past. A cry went up to "Do It Again!" The second of the weekend's lighthouse keepers, got the request from Capt. Jack and pushed the button for a second blast. Teeth were jarred and eyeballs rattled in their sockets. It was a hit.

I have to back track here. The Friday night before the cruise, the foghorn gave it's premier performance. The occasion was a birthday party. The star of the hour was Chuck Feltner. From the patio we could see the lighthouse about three to four miles in the distance. At exactly 7 P.M..... you guessed it. An arrangement had been made with the weekend keepers to sound the horn. Included in their orientation of duties required on the lighthouse, was how and when to operate the fog-horn mechanism. Dave Bardsley was one of the attendees at this gathering. He had his cell phone and gave the order. That night we heard first hand about how sound travels. Dave could hear the horn on his cell phone, and the rest of us waited....and waited...and waited.....It was a good 20 seconds later that all of us on the patio heard the unforgettable blast from the past. Naturally, we all wanted to hear it again, and yes, a third time too! It was very cool indeed. Later that evening, Meade Gable stopped by to congratulate Chuck on his birthday. He had been out on a fishing charter, and all on board had indeed experienced THE SOUND.

This Friday night test of the foghorn was not only to celebrate a birthday. This was a tribute to Chuck Feltner who completed a project begun by another DRLPS member. Our much acclaimed and greatly missed Don Gries, got the wheels turning to revive the sound of the 1931 foghorn. If Don had been there, he would have had on a grin from ear to ear. Now that I think about it, I do believe Don must have heard it!!!!!!

Sunny Covell.....DRL tour guide



Letter from the President

It's been a busy summer for the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society. The seventh season of tours led by John and Sunny Covell, the seventh season of weekend light keepers coordinated by Dave Bardsley, the bird repeller keeping the gulls away and the deck is clean, the original F2T fog horn installed and making itself heard.... All this is made possible by the fund raising efforts of the members of the DRLPS.

Thanks to Anne Stafford for chairing the 14th Annual Father's Day Cruise. It's a great time on the St. Mary's River getting up close to the DeTour Reef Light and enjoying the camaraderie of returning cruises and meeting new lighthouse enthusiasts. Thanks also to John and Sunny Covell, Paula Bardsley, and Jeri Baron Feltner for all their efforts to make the cruise a success. Claudia and Kevin Corrion did an outstanding job on the food. The shared narration by John Covell, Capt Charlie Lampman, and me was a great team effort. John knows the Light inside and out and the details he shared with the cruisers were appreciated. Capt. Charlie has been up and down the river his entire life and was a unique source for stories and information.

STARS was so much fun! Sandy Wytiaz pitched in to chair the event and put together an incredible team. Joyce Buckley's DRL etched wine glasses were a hit and Darlene Skinner's efforts added to the charm and elegance of the evening. Thanks also to Jim and Barb Gusfa for serving as host and hostess of the evening. Thanks also to the staff at Bayside for a fabulous dinner and enjoyable evening.

Our Skipper, Ivan "Meade" Gable, has made sure that all the trips out to the Light were enjoyable and safe for all the visitors. His continuing support is a resource for us that is above and beyond his responsibilities as the boat captain.

Our editor, Sheila Sawyer, is back and has put this edition of Passages 23 together. She was missed during her leave of absence and her return is much appreciated by the President and editor pro temp.

If you didn't get to the Light this summer, mark your calendar and plan a visit. The DeTour Reef Light has been restored for you to enjoy!

We'll Keep the Light on for You! Ann Method Green, President, DRLPS



From Ship to Shoreline Cottage

By Linda Stephan

Marc and Jill VanderMeulen are in the process of scraping decades of paint and rust from the front of a retired Great Lakes freighter. Scrapped in 1980, the ship spent its career delivering cement from Alpena to ports throughout the Great Lakes. Now, its forward cabins have been beached in the middle of a waterfront neighborhood in DeTour Village, and it is slowly being transformed into a 5,000-square-foot summer cottage.

A crowd gathered in DeTour in 2005 to watch as a barge delivered the Lewis G. Harriman to its new home on shore. It took until 2010 for the house movers to finish the work of dragging the four-deck steel hull into position and building a foundation.

But Marc VanderMeulen is not deterred by the slow progress. From three decks up on the bow, he can almost forget he's on dry ground. The hull has been positioned so that that it hits the foundation at the boat's old waterline. And the soon-to-be cottage sits close enough to the shore that when Marc stands this high and looks straight ahead, all he sees in front of him is water.

"When the waves are coming from the right direction, if I stand in the right place, I get the impression that the boat is actually moving," he says. "I feel it rocking back and forth."

Revolutionizing Cement Shipping

...When it was launched, in the fall of 1923. Known originally as the *John W. Boardman*, it was built by the Huron Portland Cement Company to ship cement in bulk instead of bags—an industry first that substantially speeded up loading and unloading.

The *Boardman* would go on to haul as much as 5,500 tons of cement at a time from its home port to the company's elevators in Superior, Wisconsin, Muskegon, and Detroit as well as destinations in Ohio, Ontario, and New York.

In the 1960s, the ship even did its part to help construct the largest and newest of the locks in the St. Marys River at Sault Ste. Marie. While moored at the worksite, it stored cement needed for the substantial civil engineering project.

After Huron Cement was bought by National Gypsum in 1965, the freighter's new owners changed its name to the *Lewis G. Harriman*. The ship continued to ply the waters of the Great Lakes until 1980.

Decades later, at a Canadian scrapyards, the *Harriman* would be discovered again: this time, by its current owners. The VanderMeulens were looking for a pilot house to turn into a small beachfront cabin. They ended up with much more than that: 5,000 square feet and four decks of the forward bow.

A New Life on Shore

The *Boardman/Harriman's* history has been painstakingly researched by the ship's new owners. Marc and Jill VanderMeulen have pumped much of their savings into the project of turning this fabled freighter into a beachside cottage. They're also doing much of the remodeling themselves, on long weekends and vacations from work in their hometown of Holland, 325 miles to the south.

Marc grew up watching the boats with his father in Frankfort and has long been fascinated with the history and culture of life on the water. And, over the years, his fascination has caught on with Jill, too. They chose DeTour for their summer home because of the view.

In its new life on shore, the *Harriman* overlooks the St. Marys River and Potagannissing Bay, nestled between lakes Superior and Huron and Canada's North Channel.

"All of the downbound shipping, coming from Lake Superior, passes between us and Pipe Island, close enough that you can read the names on the boats without binoculars," Marc says.



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Marc and Jill have learned the names of the freighters that sail the Great Lakes, and the companies that own them. At times, the crew of a passing boat will reward the VanderMeulens' efforts with a horn salute.

A Peek Inside

At present, Marc and Jill enter the boat through a square-shaped hole in what has become the basement deck. Little here, or anywhere on the first few decks, resembles a beachfront residence. Steel from floor to ceiling, the space is painted in the shade of green you might remember from elementary school bathrooms. It's dark, with lots of tight spaces. One crew cabin, designed to sleep four, is so small you can't stretch out your arms between bunks.

With its narrow staircases and metal-rung ladders, the Harriman can be a tough place to navigate. And the steel is not much of an insulator. According to the owners, it radiates whatever temperature is found outside. Given the winters of the Upper Peninsula, it's clear this cottage will never become a year-round residence.

But if you keep climbing to the deck just below the pilot house, you'll find a place covered in maple paneling that looks much more inviting. This is what the VanderMeulens have had their eyes on all along. "These are the captain's quarters," Jill says as she tours through the area. "This would have been his office up in the front, and his bedroom and the bathroom with a full tub and shower."

There are also rooms on this floor that were used to entertain special guests. The couple intends to restore these and the pilot house to their original appearance.

"The plans called for a leather couch in this room," notes Marc, "which would have been appropriate in the 1920s. We'll try to find something that will look right."

The remodel will take years; the couple calls it a "working class" job. That's only fitting they say, for the *Harriman* was a "working class" boat.

Linda Stephan is a reporter for Interlochen Public Radio, near Traverse City.

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DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society is on Facebook!

Join us on Facebook to see pictures and stories of the DeTour Reef Light. Upcoming events are also announced on the page.

Recent postings include marvelous footage filmed by the DRLPS' long-time friend Ric Mixer. Ric was a keeper earlier this season and shared some of his footage with us. The footage will also be included in his newest DVD titled OFFSHORE OUTPOSTS.

Please join us on FaceBook and enjoy Ric's film of the DeTour Reef Light!

The Making of a Puzzle

This past winter, I got an e-mail from jerry@the weekend puzzle. He was advertising a service that he does. Send him the picture of YOUR lighthouse, and HE will come up with a jigsaw puzzle!! A 360 piece puzzle, 12 X 18. What a cool idea! Not too big, just right to sell in the assistant keepers quarters of the DeTour Reef Lighthouse, which doubles as a gift shop in the summer. In his email, there was also a 1-800 number. Anybody who knows me, understands that I would much rather talk to people, than email. We had several conversations, and I had several pictures. Yes indeed.....SEVERAL pictures. Picked the one that you see on the cover of the latest DRLPS 2- dvd set.....Gateway To Superior. I figured, what the heck. See what Jerry thinks. I sent it off to him, and his reply was "Great" ...but....."it needs some clouds".

Hmmm. He was definitely right. Nice sharp picture of the DeTour Reef Lighthouse, but.....it was all blue water, and blue sky. Pretty boring. He said he could "brush in some clouds". Now my husband, the head tour-guide on the DRL, absolutely loves, to do "creative" things with photo shop. He just HAPPENED to have a whole folder full of.....you guessed it....Sky Photos! Stormy skies, gray skies. Skies with fleecy clouds, storm clouds, you name it, he had clouds. What to pick what to pick??? The one we chose was what aviators call CB's...cumulus buildups. Perfect. I bet he worked on getting this all melded together, 3 or 4 days at least. I don't usually approve of messing with original photos, but wow! This one turned out really cool! We resent the finished product to my new friend, Jerry the puzzle guy. He loved it! He wanted some info about the light to put on the cover of the puzzle with the picture. My husband, the retired school teacher, came up with just the right FEW words. My writings sometimes ramble...yes they do....and his were just right. Brief, and to the point. Sent this off to Jerry, and he sent back the picture that you see here. His price was right too, very reasonable. I made the decision to go ahead and just DO IT! I submitted the smallest order that Jerry would accept. I did not want to place a huge order, 'cause what if they didn't sell? I sent him off the check. THEN....I emailed our president and told her what I did. She told me something I have also heard from our past president Dave Bardsley....."It is easier to ask forgiveness, than to beg permission".

I sent off one of the boxed puzzles to Ann Green, so that she could take it to the next DRLPS meeting. Living way below the bridge like we do, we are usually only able to attend the summer meetings. I must say I was kind of nervous. What if they said "what has Sunny gone and done now?" What if nobody liked it? Ann sent me an email, complete with a picture that was taken at the meeting with the puzzle on the table! They liked it! At least there was nothing negative that was said...at least...to the best of my knowledge that is. Now all I had to do is make sure some of these got out in time for the Father's Day Cruise, and....the rest got out to the lighthouse. Maybe, just maybe, the first order will be all sold out by the time you read this, and I will have placed an even larger order to Jerry the puzzle guy!

Sunny Covell.....tour guide in her 6th season

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DeTour Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society

DRLPS is a volunteer nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization established in 1998 to restore and preserve the DeTour Reef Light. Donations are welcomed and are tax-deductible (EIN 38-3387252, MICS 27001).

The Light was automated in 1974. In 1997, the lighthouse was declared surplus property by the U. S. Coast Guard due to sophisticated navigational systems aboard ships, and the Coast Guard's not having the funding to care for the structure in accordance with historic preservation guidelines. In January 1998, local citizens joined together to save the Light.

The lighthouse was built in 1931, and proudly stands guard a mile offshore in northern Lake Huron at the far eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The structure rises 83 feet above the water and marks a dangerous reef to help guide ship traffic from and to Lake Huron and Lake Superior via the strategic St. Mary's River.

The DRLPS received the 2005 Governor's Award for excellence in historic preservation, and the Superior Award in 2006 from the Historical Society of Michigan. The DeTour Reef Light is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

PURPOSE: the purpose of DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) is to establish, support and promote efforts in the preservation and restoration of the DeTour Reef Light; to achieve the safe keeping of the building, artifacts and records; to educate and inform the public on lighthouse history; to enhance public awareness of the value this lighthouse and its keepers brought to our nation's development; to make the DeTour Reef Light a premier tourist attraction in Michigan's Upper Peninsula as the best example of a faithfully restored offshore lighthouse in the Nation; to provide the public safe access to the lighthouse; to raise awareness about the importance of volunteers in maintaining and preserving the DeTour Reef Light and the DRLPS for generations to come.

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