

# MISACC Lighthouse Tour Part One > #109 to #105



## #109 Huron Lightship



The HURON Lightship was the last operating lightship on the Great Lakes and served for over 50 years when she was retired in 1970. She is permanently moored on the banks of the St. Clair River in Pine Grove Park.

## #108 Fort Gratiot Light

Fort Gratiot Light, the first lighthouse in the State of Michigan, was constructed north of Fort Gratiot in 1829 by Lucius Lyon. Lyon, who later became one of Michigan's first U.S. Senators.





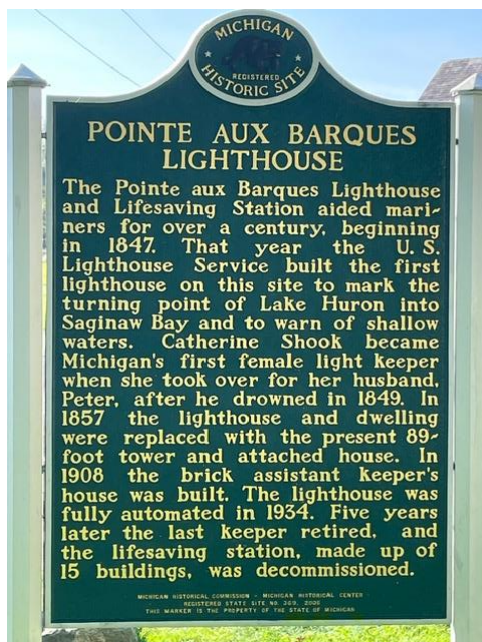
## #106 Harbor Beach Light



The Harbor Beach Lighthouse is a “fireplug”, was built and began to shine its light over the lake in 1885. The outer shell of the lighthouse is made of cast iron. Brick and plaster line the inner walls. The lighthouse is unique because of its six decks with rooms. It can be toured on Saturdays throughout the summer. The tour cost is \$20 which includes a short boat ride to and from the lighthouse, tour of the lighthouse and the Girce House Museum.



## #105 Pointe aux Barques Light



The original Pointe aux Barques Lighthouse was constructed of stone taken from the shore of Lake Huron in 1848. The keeper's house and separate tower were located on a three-acre clearing hacked out of the dense wilderness.

Participants

Paul and Cheryl Lemieux - white '59

Bill and Stephanie Huffman - red '60

Mike and Christine McLain - maroon '62

Bill Penzer - maroon '61

John and Kandy Ronayne - black Z06

Jim and Cindy Dillon - black SUV

Joe and Marie Feko - red '61

By 1857, the ravages of shoreline weather and a fire in the interior of the house created the need for a new structure. The new keeper's house and attached 89-foot tower were built of the finest brick available. The light is still an active aid to navigation, making Pointe aux Barques one of the oldest continuously operating Lights on the Great Lakes.

