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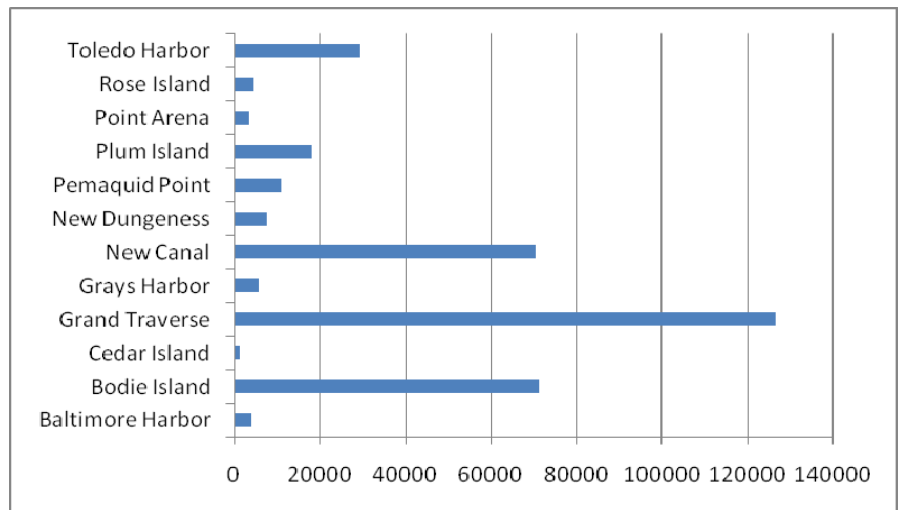
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**LIGHTHOUSE LOVERS RALLY IN FORCE TO HELP PICK
JELD-WEN RELIABLE LIGHTHOUSE WINNER**

With more than a quarter-million public votes cast so far, it's a close race among the 12 finalists

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. – Just in time for National Lighthouse Day on Aug. 7, the hotly contested race to find this year's most reliable lighthouse is attracting hundreds of thousands of votes from fans and lighthouse communities throughout the nation.

A field of 12 deserving finalists selected for the JELD-WEN Reliable Lighthouse Restoration Initiative has so far generated an impressive 350,000 online votes, with early indications of three clear public favorites. With about a month to go until polls close Sept. 7, Grand Traverse Lighthouse in Michigan, Bodie Island Light Station in North Carolina and New Canal Lighthouse in Louisiana are in a tight race for the top vote: Grand Traverse with 36 percent of the votes and Bodie Island and New Canal trailing closely behind with 20 percent each. Ohio's Toledo Harbor Lighthouse is also a strong contender.



Results to date for JELD-WEN's Reliable Lighthouse Restoration Initiative

“The outpouring of support that people have shown for their favorite lighthouses is amazing,” said Lynne Butterworth, lighthouse project manager for JELD-WEN, a leading global window and door manufacturer. “Although public voting is only one factor in the decision for selecting the winning lighthouse, these results are a strong indicator of how people have rallied behind JELD-WEN’s initiative to help restore these historic landmarks.”



Grand Traverse lighthouse in Michigan has captured the most votes so far.

According to Butterworth, the enthusiasm generated by all 12 finalists is natural, given the history, character and the special place these buildings hold within their communities. Candidates this year include a lighthouse that battled the brutal elements of Hurricane Katrina and another where a “phantom” lighthouse keeper is rumored to be in residence. This year’s finalists also range in age from a lighthouse that is 181 years old to the “youngest” at 100 years old. For most, resources are scarce to provide the care and restoration that are greatly needed. Photos and other interesting facts about the finalists are provided below.

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“It’s fantastic that JELD-WEN is leading this type of initiative,” said Henry Gonzalez, vice president of the United States Lighthouse Society and manager of Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse, a previous winner. “Architecturally and historically, these are all special places. They are all deserving. It’s very gratifying to see so many people step up, voice their support and show how much they care about what happens to lighthouses in their communities.”

The countdown begins

Midway through the public voting process, the race for the most reliable lighthouse is far from over. The opportunity is still open for any one of the 12 finalists to become the people’s choice. Before naming the winner, JELD-WEN’s judging panel will also consider need, overall restoration program and other factors. In the end, the top choice will receive new, reliable, custom windows and doors from JELD-WEN to help restore the architectural integrity and provide the latest protection against the brutal weather conditions that lighthouses endure.

To learn more about the finalists and cast a vote, visit www.jeld-wen.com/lighthouse by Sept. 7. Each person may cast one vote throughout the full duration of the initiative. Photos and videos of the lighthouse finalists are also being accepted to help JELD-WEN gauge community support. Photos can be shared on the Flickr group of the [JELD-WEN Reliable Lighthouse Restoration Initiative](#). To share videos that will be posted online, please send 1-2 minute VHS tapes, DVDs or electronic viewing files to:

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A new chapter in lighthouse history









According to the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, more than 670 lighthouses dot the coastlines of the United States. Many are challenged by extreme weather conditions and lack sufficient funding for restoration efforts to properly protect and maintain their structures.





The JELD-WEN Reliable Lighthouse Restoration Initiative began in 2005 as a way to preserve these beloved U.S. landmarks with the latest in window and door technology, and help restore the original architecture and performance of the historic structures. The winner in 2008 will follow in the footsteps of three impressive beacons: Umpqua River Lighthouse on Oregon’s southern coastline, Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse in Maryland on Chesapeake Bay, and Wind Point Lighthouse in Wisconsin on the shore of Lake Michigan.

About JELD-WEN

JELD-WEN, inc. is the world’s leading manufacturer of reliable windows and doors. Based in Klamath Falls, Ore., JELD-WEN began as a small Oregon millwork plant with 15 employees in 1960 and has grown to more than 20,000 employees in nearly 150 locations worldwide. Today the company manufactures a full breadth of windows, doors and garage doors, and has earned numerous awards and endorsements for reliability, innovation and excellence. For more information about the exceptional value and reliability of JELD-WEN® products, or to find a dealer near you, please visit www.jeld-wen.com or call 800-877-9482, ext. PR036.

A VIEW FROM THE TOP:
2008 Finalists for JELD-WEN's Reliable Lighthouse Restoration Initiative

		<p><u>Baltimore Harbor Lighthouse</u> <i>Maryland</i></p>	<p>Celebrating its centennial on October 1, this caisson lighthouse is located offshore in the middle of the Chesapeake Bay. Baltimore Harbor is also the only U.S. lighthouse to have once been powered by a nuclear device, which was installed by the U.S. Coast Guard in the 1960s.</p>
		<p><u>Bodie Island Light Station</u> <i>North Carolina</i></p>	<p>Marking a historic stretch of dangerous North Carolina coastline known as the graveyard of the Atlantic, this lighthouse has been aiding navigation since 1872. Pronounced “body,” and perhaps named for all the fatalities offshore, it is one of three lighthouses on the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.</p>
		<p><u>Cedar Island Lighthouse</u> <i>New York</i></p>	<p>This lighthouse was originally located on an island about a mile offshore of East Hampton, but after a hurricane in 1938 the sandbar built up and connected the island to the shore. Today, visitors to the shore camp at a nearby park and can walk right up to the lighthouse.</p>
		<p><u>Grand Traverse Lighthouse</u> <i>Michigan</i></p>	<p>For over 150 years, this lighthouse has been an active navigational aid guiding mariners into Grand Traverse Bay. After the U.S. Coast Guard automated the light in 1972, a group of volunteers formed to open the Grand Traverse Lighthouse Museum to preserve the light’s history.</p>
		<p><u>Grays Harbor Light Station</u> <i>Washington</i></p>	<p>Discussion to build a lighthouse in Gray’s Harbor began in 1854, before the state of Washington even existed. The structure was actually built in 1898 and sits atop 12 feet of sandstone that extends below the ground. Westport-South Beach Historical Society seeks to restore the original windows in the tower that have been mortared in during modern times.</p>
		<p><u>New Canal Lighthouse</u> <i>Louisiana</i></p>	<p>After Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast in 2005, the lighthouse was damaged beyond repair. Today the lighthouse is being reconstructed with material salvaged from the structure built in 1890 and serves as a symbol of hope to the rebuilding of New Orleans and surrounding communities.</p>
		<p><u>New Dungeness Light Station</u> <i>Washington</i></p>	<p>Serving as a navigational aid in the Pacific Northwest for more than 150 years, this lighthouse is truly part of the local community. The city of Sequim even has a drive-through coffee shop in the shape of the lighthouse. A collaborative group of volunteers, including 37 volunteer keepers from around the country, help preserve the lighthouse’s history.</p>
		<p><u>Pemaquid Point Lighthouse</u> <i>Maine</i></p>	<p>Adorning the Maine state quarter is a testimony to how beloved this lighthouse is to the community and visitors. Built in 1835, this 38-foot tower is one of the oldest lighthouses in America.</p>

	<p><u>Plum Island Station</u> <i>Wisconsin</i></p>	<p>Located near the tip of Door County, this life-saving station has protected mariners for over a hundred years as they enter the aptly named “Death’s Door Passage.” The narrow channel that leads from Lake Michigan into Green Bay is surrounded by notoriously rocky shores and swift currents.</p>
	<p><u>Point Arena Light Station</u> <i>California</i></p>	<p>This 115-foot tower, the tallest light on the West Coast, attracts more than 35,000 visitors from around the world each year. The lighthouse was originally built in 1870 to serve as a navigational aid to a hazardous peninsula following the boom of the Gold Rush Days.</p>
	<p><u>Rose Island Lighthouse</u> <i>Rhode Island</i></p>	<p>This lighthouse is powered solely by wind energy and collecting rainwater for its overnight guests. Today these practices are known as green, but it was merely a resourceful way of life for the keepers when the lighthouse was first built – a way of life that has been maintained since 1870. Restored from a shell in the 1980s, guests can spend a night or a week.</p>
	<p><u>Toledo Harbor Lighthouse</u> <i>Ohio</i></p>	<p>All of its windows and doors are blocked to the sunlight. It is said that a phantom lighthouse keeper, Sarah, maintains a watchful eye over mariners on Lake Erie. Sarah, a mannequin, was originally placed in the light’s tower to discourage vandalism after the light was automated in 1965, but now she is a part of this lighthouse’s rich history.</p>