

Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse Timeline

(The last manned lighthouse of the Chesapeake Bay)

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| 1825 | First lighthouse, a granite tower, built 100 feet inland on seven acre parcel by John Donahoo. Fitted with Argand style lighting apparatus. |
| 1840 | Second lighthouse, a masonry tower built by Winslow Lewis. 1 st tower demolished. |
| 1855 | Lamp replaced by 5 th order Fresnel lens. |
| 1875 | Third and present lighthouse, 43 foot tall screwpile cottage built on shoal at entrance to South River; exhibited 4 th order lens. |
| 1877 | Foundation damaged by heavy ice. 2 nd tower briefly reactivated. |
| 1886/87 | 1600 cubic yards of riprap placed around lighthouse. |
| 1894 | 2 nd lighthouse collapses. |
| 1899 | New 4 th order lens installed. |
| 1964 | Lighthouse becomes the last manned beacon on the Chesapeake Bay. |
| 1975 | Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. |
| 1986 | Coast Guard keepers leave. Light is automated. |
| 1999 | Designated National Historic Landmark. |
| 5/1/04 | Management of lighthouse transferred from Department of Interior to consortium led by the Chesapeake Chapter and the Annapolis Maritime Museum. |
| 6/2/07 | Public tours of LH begin led by Annapolis Maritime Museum and Chesapeake Chapter USLHS docents. Restoration continues. |

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