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## Bob Stevenson

A Baltimore native and longtime sailor, after retiring Bob answered a call for volunteers to help preserve the Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse. He soon found himself out on the light as one of the many volunteers who devote their time and skills to taking care of this National Historic Landmark. He has been leading tours aboard the lighthouse since 2007 and is the Training Director for the docent team.

Bob is a member of the Board of Directors of the Chesapeake Chapter of the United States Lighthouse Society, and serves as the Education Coordinator. He has expanded the Chapter's education outreach programs beyond schools and Scouting to include lifelong learners.

### Donations Preserve Lighthouses

There are no fees for Bob's talks, but you can help preserve lighthouses by donating to the **Herb Entwistle Lighthouse Preservation Fund (H.E.L.P.)**

<http://cheslights.org/preservation/help-fund/>

### To schedule a talk or series of talks

Email [Bob\\_Stevenson@comcast.net](mailto:Bob_Stevenson@comcast.net)

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## Chesapeake Chapter H.E.L.P. Fund

The Chesapeake Chapter of the United States Lighthouse Society started a volunteer program in 1997 to assist local organizations in the preservation and maintenance of Bay area lighthouses. Donations to the **Herb Entwistle Lighthouse Preservation Fund** are used to help finance the preservation activities of the Chapter and are tax deductible. The fund was named to honor Herb Entwistle who was our founding president.

Each year Chapter members are invited to volunteer at projects scheduled for the year. Volunteers have worked on Chapter projects at:

### Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse

### Hooper Island Lighthouse

**Lightship Chesapeake and Seven Foot Knoll Lighthouse** with the Historic Ships in Baltimore Museum

**Drum Point and Cove Point Lighthouses** at the Calvert Marine Museum

**Lighthouse Histories** for the Coast Guard Web Site Histories Project

**Ft. Washington Lighthouse** with the United States Park Service

You can volunteer for a single day or for several activities throughout the year. Contact the Preservation Director by email at [preservation@cheslights.org](mailto:preservation@cheslights.org) for details.

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## Illustrated Lighthouse Talks

### Bob Stevenson

**Lighthouse Preservationist  
Tour Guide**

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# Lighthouses

Lighthouses are fascinating. They speak of the romance and danger of the sea. They are things of beauty. They are often isolated. What draws us to them? Is it history? Is it the way they look? Is it their vital role in maritime safety? Or is it something else?



## Audiences

Clubs, schools, seniors, community groups, associations, and all who love lighthouses will find Bob's talks to be delightful, informative, and entertaining. He will capture your imagination.

# The Talks



## ILLUMINATING THE CHESAPEAKE HOURGLASS

From 1824 to the present, mariners have relied on lighthouses to guide them through a dangerous region of the Bay. This story recounts how lighthouses guided ships and massive ice flows and a raging fire threatened courageous lighthouse keepers' lives.



## ILLUMINATING MARITIME AMERICA

Our emerging nation was dependent on commerce by sea, but navigation was difficult and hazardous. This tale of success through perseverance is about how many of the first lighthouses built along the coasts were inadequate, and how new technologies improved them.



## THE CHESAPEAKE'S NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK LIGHTHOUSE

Through the eyes of a preservationist and docent trainer, take a look at the history, operation, preservation, and keepers of the Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse.



## THE LIGHT IN THE LIGHTHOUSE

From fire and smoke to electronically controlled beacons, these stories recount how ships have been warned of dangerous waters through the ages. Why did the Lighthouse Board refuse for decades to adopt the best available technology, the Fresnel lens? Hear the answer to this and other fascinating questions.



## IMPOSSIBLE LIGHTHOUSES

For centuries, ships were wrecked on submerged rocks, even miles offshore. Finally, after spectacular, tragic failures, innovative engineers created lighthouses that defy massive storm waves. Meet the man who solved the problem, as well as five generations of a single family who built many of these lighthouses in Scotland.



## CHESAPEAKE LIGHTHOUSES

The Chesapeake is the only place in the United States where all five types of lighthouses exist. Learn what worked and what did not. Hear about the Bay's surviving lighthouses, lighthouses that have "crossed the bar", and those that have been preserved. Hear stories about the perils of being a keeper on the Bay, and their heroic efforts to help mariners in distress.