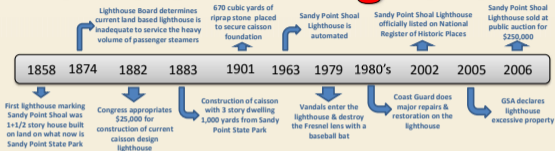


Sandy Point Shoal Lighthouse



Sandy Point Shoal Lighthouse 1885
U.S. Coast Guard Photo



- Built in 1883 at the southern mouth of the Magothy River to mark the dangerous Sandy Point Shoal.
- A wood caisson foundation supports a 35 foot diameter by 32+1/2 foot high cement filled cast iron cylinder.
- The lighthouse is a 24 foot square, 3-story brick masonry dwelling, 37 feet tall with truncated corners giving it an octagonal shape and mansard roof with dormers.
- The first two levels were used as living quarters by keepers & assistant keepers. The third level is the watch room.
- In March 1895, keeper John Reynolds sent his assistant ashore for medicine. During his absence, ice piled up 16 feet high around the lighthouse, forcing keeper Reynolds to tend the light by himself for 16 days.



Sandy Point Shoal Lighthouse 1961
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Sandy Point Shoal Lighthouse 2005
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