

Baltimore Lighthouse Timeline

(Last conventional lighthouse built on Chesapeake Bay)

- 1895** Construction of lighthouse began. Discovery of deep mud below surface cause delays.
- 1904** Heavy seas and deep soft mud below caisson surface cause caisson to settle to one side, seven feet off center.
- 10/12/04** Caisson turned over completely. Contractor abandons project.
- 1904/06** Foundation righted. Construction resumed.
- 1907/08** Lighthouse construction completed. Tallest, 82 feet above sea level caisson in the world at that time. Fitted with 4th order Fresnel lens and fog bell.
- 1923** Fog bell replaced with fog horn. Light fueled by acetylene.
- 5/1/23** Light automated. Keeper transferred to Point No Point lighthouse.
- 1964** Light powered by small atomic reactor.
- 1966** Atomic fuel experiment discontinued. Return to electric power.
- 2002** Listed on National Register of Historic Places.

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