

Hooper Strait Lighthouse Timeline

(Located on the grounds of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michael's, MD)

- 1827** Light station established. Several lightships in service.
- 1867** First screwpile built on north side of the entrance into Tangier Sound, marking the shoal on the north side of the channel between the mainland and Bloodworth Island.
- 1877** Screwpile carried away and destroyed by floating ice. Lantern and lens salvaged by tender crew.
- 1879** Present structure – hexagonal wooden cottage, 44 feet in diameter, 1 and ½ stories with six rooms constructed at Lazaretto Depot. Structure built on 10-inch wrought-iron piles. Exhibits a fixed white light with fifth-order Fresnel lens.
- 1882** Red sector added to lantern.
- 1954** Lighthouse fully automated. Deterioration begins.
- 1966** Lighthouse slated for demolition by the US Coast Guard. Rescued by the fledgling Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and moved 40 miles upriver to museum grounds in St. Michaels, MD. Lighthouse later fully restored.

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