

New Point Comfort Lighthouse Timeline

(Located at entrance of Mobjack Bay, 21 miles north of Old Point Comfort, Mathews County, VA. Visible from Observation deck.)

- 1804** 58 foot octagonal cut-stone tower, 3rd oldest lighthouse on the Bay built by first keeper, Elzy Burroughs.
- 1865** 4th-order Fresnel lens installed.
- 1868** Extensive repairs completed.
- 1900** Rail fence & plank walkways installed around tower & dwelling.
- 1919** Light partially automated. Keeper's house torn down. Keeper resigns.
- 1930** Light completely automated.
- 1933** Hurricane creates channel; separates NPC from the mainland.
- 1963** Automated beacon placed 1,050 yards offshore.
- 1968** CG discontinues all maintenance; abandons station.
- 1972** Lighthouse added on Register of VA Historic Landmarks.
- 1975** Lighthouse deeded to Mathews County, VA.
- 1981** \$80,000 in structural repairs by NPC preservation group.
- 1994** Vandals damage lighthouse.
- 2004** New pier constructed at lighthouse.

Source: *Bay Beacons* by Linda Turbyville and *Lighting the Bay – Tales of Chesapeake Lighthouses* by Pat Vojtech