

Sandy Point Shoal Lighthouse Timeline

(Located north of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, offshore from Sandy Point State Park, near Annapolis, MD – Revised – 09/02/08)

- 1858** First lighthouse established on land at Sandy Point.
- 1883** Present three-story, 51 foot tall red brick dwelling with white roof on brown constructed on caisson, 1,000 yards from Sandy Point State Park.
- 1890** Flashing light replaced by fixed light. Repairs made and walls reinforced.
- 1929** Station electrified. Fixed light replaced by flashing light.
- 1963** Light is automated.
- 1979** Vandals enter lighthouse, destroy Fresnel lens with baseball bat. Repairs and door replaced. Modern acrylic lens installed.
- 1988-90** Coast Guard does major restoration.
- 2005** GSA declares lighthouse “excessed property”. Available to qualified groups under National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act (NHLPA)
- 2006** Lighthouse sold at public auction to private bidder.

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