

## **Seven Foot Knoll Lighthouse Timeline**

(Located at Pier 5, Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD - Oldest screwpile lighthouse in Maryland – Revised 09/02/08)

- 1855** Light station established at the mouth of the Patapsco River. Second screwpile built on the bay – unique circular design 40 feet in diameter and made of cast-iron. Nearby Bodkin Light decommissioned.
- 1856** Fourth-order Fresnel lens installed.
- 1884** Foundation pile damaged by moving ice. 790 cubic yards of riprap added to absorb future attacks by ice.
- 1933** Last civilian Keeper Thomas J. Steinhise receives Congressional Medal for Heroism for rescuing the five-man crew of the sinking tug *Point Breeze* during nor'easter.
- 1948** Light automated. Deterioration begins.
- 1988** Coast Guard donates light to city of Baltimore. Derrick & barge move the 220-ton structure seven miles north to Pier 5, Inner Harbor. Restoration begins with help from Steinheise family.
- 1997** Lighthouse becomes part of the Baltimore Maritime Museum and serves as the offices of The Living Classrooms Foundation.

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