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HALF-WAY ROCK (1871), 76'/W; white granite tower; dwelling. Submerged ledge halfway between Cape Small Point and Cape Elizabeth; Casco Bay.

LITTLE MARK ISLAND MONUMENT (1927), 74'/W; black and white square pyramid. On bare islet, off S. Harpswell; Casco Bay.

PORTLAND LIGHTSHIP (1903), 65'/W; red hull, "PORTLAND" on sides; circular gratings at mastheads. Off Portland Harbor.

***CAPE ELIZABETH** (1829, 1874), (Originally known as Two Lights) 129'/W, 67'/G; white conical tower. S. of Portland Harbor entrance.

***PORTLAND HEAD LIGHT** (1791), 101'/W, 80'/G; white conical tower; dwelling. SW side of entrance to Portland Harbor.

RAM ISLAND LEDGE (1905), 77'/W; gray conical tower. Portland Harbor entrance.

†SPRING POINT LEDGE (1897), 54'/W; white conical tower on black pier. W. side of main channel; Portland Harbor.

†WOOD ISLAND (1808, 1858), 71'/W; white conical tower; dwelling. East end of island, off Biddeford Pool.

GOAT ISLAND (1833, 1859), 38'/W; white cylindrical tower; dwelling. SW end of is.; entrance to Cape Porpoise Harbor.

BOON ISLAND (1811, 1855), 133'/W; gray granite conical tower; dwelling. 6½ miles southeast of Cape Neddick.

***CAPE NEDDICK** (1879), (commonly known as "The Nubble"), 88'/W, 41'/G; white conical tower; dwelling. Near York.

†WHALEBACK (1831, 1872), 59'/W; gray granite conical tower. NE side, outer entrance to Portsmouth Harbor.

PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION SOURCES

Vol 1--Atlantic Coast Light List, published by the U. S. Coast Guard, supplies more detailed information about the light signals and other functions.

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DELIGHT IN ME. ... BUT DON'T DE-LIGHT ME.

Those days are gone -- the era of sail -- when our harbors and bays were filled with merchant and fishing ships powered by the wind. If our imagination sings to us that those were days of daring and adventure such reverie is not mistaken. Tho the sailing ships are few now, still with us are the lighthouses, shining into the past even while lighting the way for today's navigators aboard modern ships. They continue to fulfill their brilliant purpose, guiding ships away from hazardous shoals and into safe harbors. And there are more lights now than then, tho the newer ones are of different design and construction.

We wish there were space in this folder for some of the exciting histories of these lighthouses of the Maine coast. Many of them have shone down upon scenes of disaster and great personal courage as the light-keepers or their crews or families have ventured their lives in heavy seas or 'thick weather' to rescue the seamen from foundered vessels. They had another kind of courage, too, which held them thru long lonely isolation faithful to their tiring duties. Nor is there space to describe the intricate mechanism of prisms with which clever inventors in those olden days focused and concentrated the dim flame of whale oil, transforming it into a refulgent signal to sailors miles afar.

Unless you have a boat and plenty of time you may never visit most of these lights -- but some are easily reached by car, and such a visit may be an enlightening part of your vacation in Maine.

THIS VACATION PLANNER

provides a list of the major lighthouses of the Maine coast, with a brief description of them and their approximate location. Many of the lesser lights could not be included. If the light towers are photogenic and accessible by car or boat it is shown.

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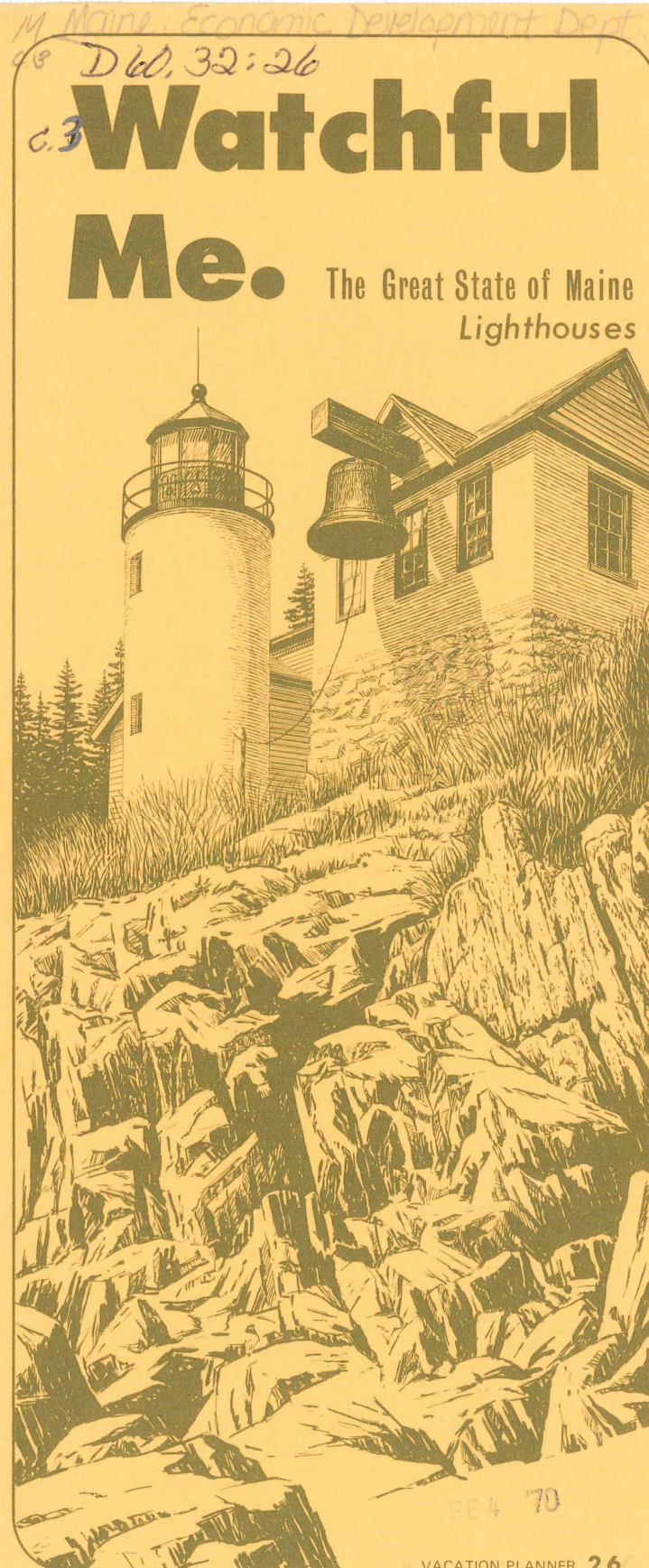
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LIGHTHOUSES OF THE MAINE COAST

To include in this list all the larger lighthouses required us to limit to only a few those lights mounted on "skeleton" structures; these are denoted with a Δ symbol preceding the color of the tower.

A dark \star indicates it no longer functions as a light.

Dates indicate when the lighthouses were built, and/or rebuilt.

00'/W indicates: the height of light in number of feet above water.

00'/G indicates: the height of light in number of feet above ground.

* indicates: easily reached by car (some walking is probable).

** indicates: easily reached by car and is extra good for photos.

† indicates: easily reached by boat and is extra good for photos.

Caution: when visiting by boat make careful inquiries in advance about the advisability of landing or even approaching close, it can be dangerous at some light stations.

****WEST QUODDY HEAD** (1808, 1858), 83'/W, 49'/G; red and white horizontally banded tower; Eastern-most point of U.S.
LUBEC CHANNEL (1890), 53'/W; white conical tower on black cylindrical pier; W. edge of Lubec Channel.

***MULHOLLAND POINT** \star , near Lubec; on Campobello Island (Canada).

***EAST QUODDY HEAD**, (Head Harbor Light) 64'/W; octagonal tower; white with red cross and red lantern. N. end, Campobello I. (Canada).

ST. CROIX RIVER (1857, 1957), 101'/W; white tubular tower, southmounted by platform. St. Croix Island, off Red Beach.

SOUTHWEST HEAD, 200'/W, 30'/G; white tower, dwelling; S. end of Grand Manan Island (Canada).

MACHIAS SEAL ISLAND, 82'/W, 60'/G; white octagonal tower with red roof. Off Grand Manan Island.

GANNET ROCK, 90'/W; octagonal tower, black and white stripes, with red lantern. Off Grand Manan Island.

***LITTLE RIVER** (1847, 1876), 57'/W, 41'/G; white conical tower. Island off Cutler at mouth of river.

LIBBY ISLANDS (1817), 91'/W, 42'/G; white conical granite tower; Southwest island, at entrance of Machias Bay.

† **MOOSEPEAK** (1827), 72'/W, 57'/G; white tower; off Jonesport, East point of Mistake Island.

NASH ISLAND (1838, 1873), 51'/W; white square tower. Off Cape Split, East side of mouth of Pleasant Bay.

NARRAGUAGUS \star , 54'/W; white tower; dwelling. Off Wyman;

PETIT MANAN (1817, 1855), 123'/W, 119'/G; gray granite tower.

***PROSPECT HARBOR POINT** (1850, 1891), 42'/W, 38'/G; white conical tower. East side of entrance to inner harbor.

WINTER HARBOR \star , white tower; dwelling. On Mark Is.

MOUNT DESERT ROCK (1830), 75'/W, 58'/G; gray conical granite tower. 20 miles S. of Mount Desert Island.

† **EGG ROCK** (1875), 64'/W, 40'/G; white square tower on dwelling. On rock at entrance to Frenchman's Bay.

GREAT DUCK ISLAND (1890), 67'/W, 42'/G; white cylindrical tower. S. end of island; S. of Cranberry Isles.

BAKER ISLAND (1828, 1855), 105'/W, 43'/G; white stone tower. Southeast of Cranberry Isles.

† **BEAR ISLAND** (1839, 1889), 100'/W; white cylindrical tower. SE of entrance to Northeast Harbor.

***BASS HARBOR HEAD** (1858), 56'/W; white tower connected with dwelling. SW point of Mt. Desert Is., near McKinley.

***BURNT COAT HARBOR** (1872), 75'/W; white tower; dwelling. On Swan's Island; ferry from McKinley (cars carried).

BLUE HILL BAY (1935), 25'/W; Δ black; on Green Island.

PUMPKIN ISLAND TOWER \star , off Little Deer Isle.

EAGLE ISLAND (1839, 1858), 106'/W; white granite tower. NE end of island; between Deer Isle and North Haven. Via mail boat ferry.

DEER ISLAND THOROFARE (1857), 52'/W; white square tower. On Mark Island, West end of Thorofare.

CROTCH ISLAND (1935), 30'/W; small white house. Crotch Island Ledge, Deer Isle Thorofare.

***ISLE AU HAUT** (1907), 48'/W; tower, lower part conical, gray; upper cylindrical, white brick; bridge to shore. On Robinson Point; ferry from Stonington.

MATINICUS ROCK LIGHT (1827, 1857), 90'/W, 48'/G; cylindrical granite tower, dwelling. S. of Matinicus Island, on isolated ledge of about 30 acres, 22 miles off coast.

SADDLEBACK LEDGE (1839), 54'/W, 42'/G; gray conical tower, white base; dwelling. Between Isle au Haut and Vinalhaven.

† **WHITEHEAD** (1807, 1852), 75'/W, 41'/G; gray tower; red brick service room. SE end of Whitehead Island. Off Tenants Harbor.

TWO BUSH ISLAND (1897), 65'/W, 42'/G; white square tower. Off Tenants Harbor. (shoals nearby).

Note: (next three listings) car ferry, Rockland to Vinalhaven.

GOOSE ROCKS (1890), 51'/W; white conical tower, black base. E. end, Fox Islands Thorofare between Vinalhaven and North Haven.

***BROWN'S HEAD** (1832, 1857), 39'/W; white cylindrical tower; dwelling. Fox Is. Thorofare, NW point, Vinalhaven Is.

† **HERON NECK** (1854), 92'/W; white tower; dwelling. Green Island, East side of Hurricane Sound, off Vinalhaven.

****OWLS HEAD** (1826), 100'/W; white tower. Entrance, Rockland Harbor.

ROCKLAND BREAKWATER (1888, 1902), 39'/W; white square tower on fog-signal house, on granite pier.

INDIAN ISLAND \star , Eastern side of Rockport Harbor.

CURTIS ISLAND (1836, 1896), 52'/W; white tower. SE end of Curtis Island, South side of Camden Harbor entrance.

***NORTHEAST POINT** (1932, 1949), 20'/W; Δ red. Camden Harbor.

STEELS LEDGE MONUMENT (1912), 20'/W; white cylinder on square stone structure. East side, entrance to Belfast Harbor.

***FORT POINT** (1836, 1857), 88'/W; white square tower; dwelling. Cape Jellison, near Searsport; mouth of Penobscot River.

***GRINDEL POINT** (1935), 21'/W; Δ white; Close to abandoned light, Gilkey Harbor entrance. Islesboro. Car ferry from Lincolnville.

***DICE HEAD** (1829, 1937), 27'/W; Δ white. Castine Harbor entrance.

† **TENANTS HARBOR** \star , white tower; building. E. end of Southern Island.

***MARSHALL POINT** (1832, 1858), 30'/W; white tower. Port Clyde Harbor.

† **FRANKLIN ISLAND** (1805, 1855), 57'/W; white tower. Muscongus Bay.

****MONHEGAN ISLAND** (1824, 1850), 178'/W, 47'/G; gray conical tower; dwelling. Near center of island; ferry from Port Clyde or Boothbay Harbor.

***PEMAQUID POINT** (1827, 1857), 79'/W; white pyramidal tower. West side of entrance to Muscongus Bay.

† **RAM ISLAND** (1883), 36'/W; white top tower, bridge to shore. S. side of Fisherman Island Passage, off Ocean Point.

† **THE CUCKOLDS** (1892, 1907), 59'/W, 48'/G; white octagonal tower on dwelling. One mile south of Cape Newagen.

† **BURNT ISLAND** (1821), 61'/W; white conical tower; dwelling. West side of entrance to Boothbay Harbor.

† **HENDRICKS HEAD** (1829, 1875), 43'/W, 39'/G; white square tower; dwelling. Southport Island; mouth of Sheepscot River.

***GOOSE ROCK PASSAGE** (1959), 16'/W; white triangular tower on caisson. SE of Lowe Point, Georgetown Island; Sheepscot River.

SEGUIN (1795, 1857), 180'/W, 53'/G; white cylindrical granite tower; dwelling. Island 2 mi. S. of Kennebec River mouth.

***FORT POPHAM** (1899, 1949), 27'/W; on parapet, Old Fort Popham.

POND ISLAND (1821, 1855), 52'/W; white tower; off Popham.

PERKINS ISLAND (1898), 41'/W; white octagonal tower. E. side of Kennebec River near Popham.

† **SQUIRREL POINT** (1898), 25'/W; white octagonal tower. SW end of Arrowsic Island, Kennebec River.

DOUBLING POINT (1898, 1899), 18', 23', 33'/W; 3 white octagon towers at different parts of Fiddler Reach; Kennebec River at Arrowsic.

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