

LIGHTHOUSE TOURS

CANAL DAYS

Marine Heritage Festival

August Civic Long Weekend

By DONATIONS only to the
Lighthouse Restoration Fund

Minimum \$15 per adult
 \$5 per child ages 6-18
 Free – children under 5

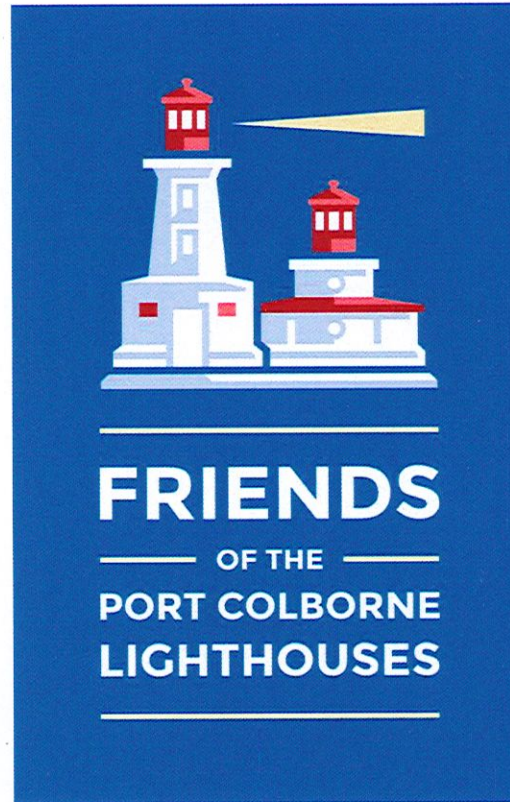
By supporting a great cause, you will
enjoy a guided tour and free boat
ride out to visit the main lighthouse
and outer range light (as permitted)
near the entrance to the Welland
Canal.

Sign up for tours at the Marina Pavilion.

Departures: 10 am to 4 pm

(Weather Permitting)

Sugarloaf Harbour Marina
3 Marina Road, Port Colborne, ON
905-835-6644



Thank you for your support!

For more information and
to contact us:

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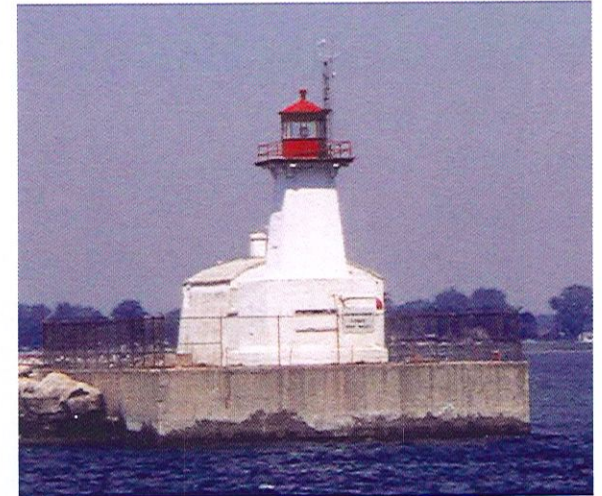
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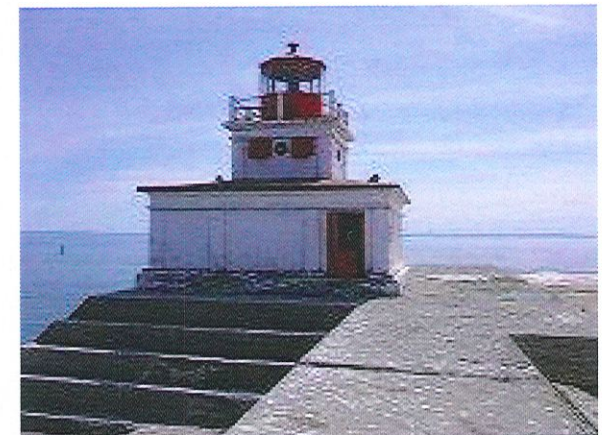
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PORT COLBORNE LIGHTHOUSES

The end of one journey...



Is the beginning of another.



Lake Erie, ON Canada

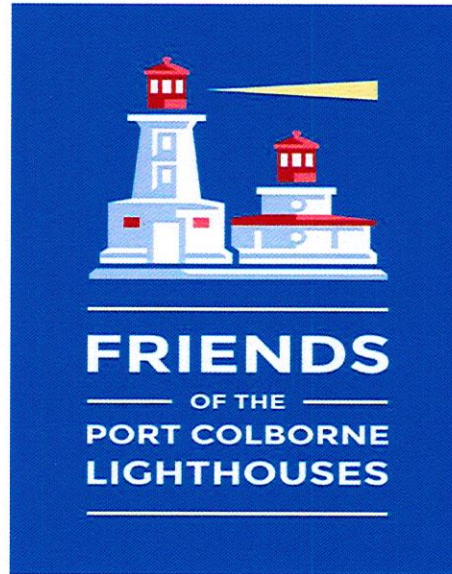
Significant Dates

- Main or Inner Lighthouse built in 1903
- Foghorn or Outer Lighthouse built in 1928
- Lightkeepers house built in 1943
- Submarine cable installed to supply electricity in 1954
- Telephone cable installed in 1959
- Automation of both lighthouses in 1979
- Last keeper left the light in 1986
- Lightkeepers house demolished in 1990
- Radio tower removed in 1997
- Lens was replaced with a DB25 one in 1998

Lighthouse Keepers

- The Fortier Family
- Jason Sherk (TBD-1946)
- Al Kendrick (1947-1979)
- Jack Bonisteel (1979-1986)
- FoPCL (2012- present)

About Our Group



We are a non-profit volunteer group of dedicated people from diversified backgrounds who share a vested interest in preserving our marine heritage. The federal government listed over 1000 lighthouses as surplus, including these Port Colborne iconic structures. Spearheaded by the late local author/historian Erno Rossi, we have been meeting monthly since 2012 as part of a sustainable business plan to acquire stewardship of these properties. Since 2013 we have been added to the Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival and offer tours to the public. We celebrate National Lighthouse Day in August. New members are always welcomed and donations are gratefully accepted.

Quick Facts

- The main lighthouse is a 12.8 metre square white tower made of reinforced concrete. It was visible for 12 miles and sits on the east end of the west breakwall. The octagonal lantern room used a kerosene vapor lamp. The engine room, also called the watchroom, was attached to the base of the tower.
- The outer lighthouse is an 11 metre square white stacked concrete structure. A tunnel that runs along the south branch extension allowed the keeper to get safely out to it in stormy or icy conditions.
- Besides attending to the lights, foghorn and the radio beacon, the keeper also painted all the navigation buoys and kept an eye on a third light on the east breakwall.