



First Boar's Head Lighthouse 1944
Credit: Lighthouse Friends



Old and new Boar's Head Lighthouses 1957
Credit: Library and Archives Canada

Boar's Head is the first lighthouse you see when waiting for the ferry to cross Petite Passage from Digby Neck to Long Island. Currently it is sporting a harlequin coat of white and grey shingles as a travel ban into Nova Scotia's forested areas is delaying its getting a fresh coat of white paint. The first lighthouse built in 1863 was a square wooden building with a lantern on its roof top. While it proved a lifesaver for the mariners in the area, it was fatal to the lightkeeper's spouse and daughter in 1893. Their drinking water was collected from rain hitting the roof that was painted with white lead paint! That issue fixed, the lighthouse stood until 1957 when the current white pepper-shaker style lighthouse was built. In 2009 the soil was cleaned of lead paint chips and in 2015 the lighthouse was granted federal HLP status. The Municipality of Digby owns the lighthouse while the Tiverton Central Grove Historical Society manages the property and hopes that soon the lighthouse will get that coat of white (unleaded) paint.



2nd and current Boar's Head Lighthouse
Credit: Lighthouse Friends – Rich Schoeller



Boar's Head Lighthouse Aug 2025
Credit: NSLPS - DC