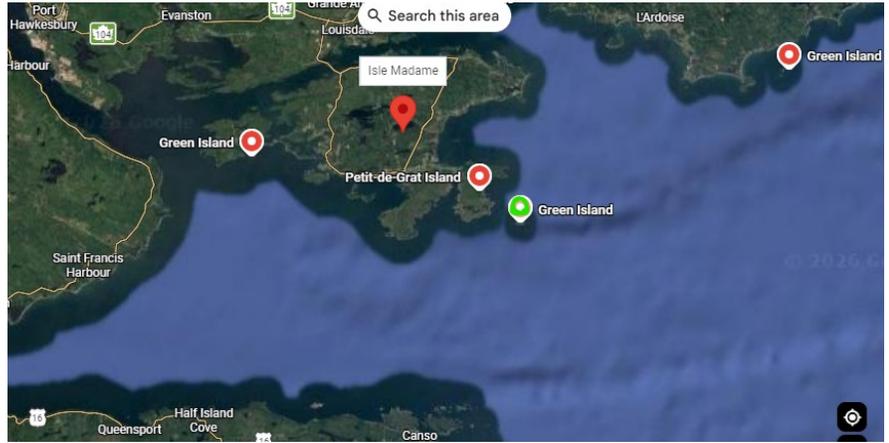




1<sup>st</sup> Green Island Lighthouse  
Credit: Nova Scotia Archives



The Green Island in this post is marked with a green circle  
Credit: Google Maps

There are more than ten Green Islands listed for Nova Scotia and three of them are located close by Isle Madame, Cape Breton. This must have confused mariners until the middle Green Island got a lighthouse in 1867. It was a rectangular dwelling with its lantern placed on the roof at the front of the house.

In spite of its having a revolving red and white light, the schooner *James R. Lithgow* run aground off the island in 1875. Lightkeeper Patrick Duann threw a rope out to the ship and all nine sailors made it to shore safely but the ship was a write-off.

On 1922 a new square two-storey dwelling was built with a lantern rising from the centre of its roof. Then in 1968 a new style of lighthouse was erected: within a metal skeletal tower, a staircase enclosed with fiberglass panels led up to the lantern. There were few of this style in Nova Scotia and they did not last long!

Fibreglass was used again to mold a round lighthouse tower that was capped with a red lantern. As soon as its light was lit in 1986, the lighthouse became unmanned and surprisingly is still operating 40 years later.



2<sup>nd</sup> Green Island Lighthouse  
Credit: Library and Archives Canada



3<sup>rd</sup> Green Lighthouse – white tower in the middle  
Credit: Barry MacDonald



4<sup>th</sup> Green Island Lighthouse  
Credit: JACLAY



Aerial View of Green Island showing 4<sup>th</sup> lighthouse and foundations  
Credit: Google Maps