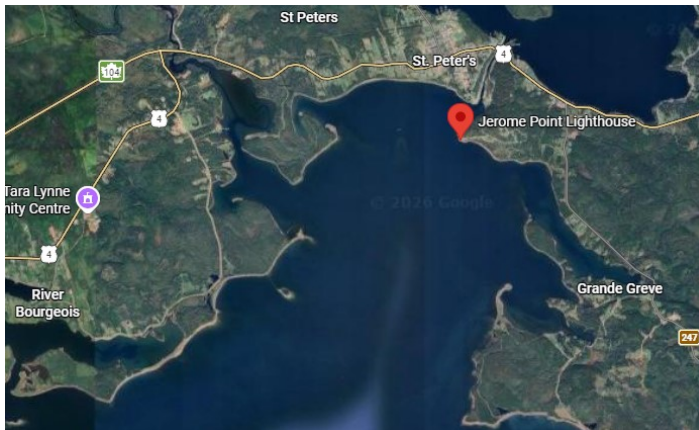


Jerome Point Lighthouse Facebook Post May 15 2026



1<sup>st</sup> Jerome Point Lighthouse 1933  
Credit: Library and Archives Canada



Site of Jerome Point Lighthouse  
Credit: Google Maps

On June 1 the Battery Point Provincial Park in Cape Breton will open for the 2026 season and has as its landmark the Jerome Point Lighthouse. This lighthouse was built as a combined lighthouse and keeper's dwelling in 1883 to indicate to the mariners the nearby entrance of the St Peter's Canal, now a National Historic Site. This canal is the only one in North America to have tidal locks.

The lighthouse was an essential aid to navigation as it guided steamers with passengers and mail travelling from Mulgrave on the NS mainland to Sydney Cape Breton via the canal leading into the Bras d'Or Lake. During World War II the lighthouse signaled a safer inside passage for smaller navy vessels acting as escort ships for the Slow Convey leaving Sydney for England.

With the arrival of bigger ships following the war, St Peter's Canal was limited to fishing and pleasure craft. Still in 1956 a new white wooden pepper-shaker tower was built that included a hookup to electricity. Lightkeeping duty passed to the canal lockmaster in 1962. With the installation of a 4-bulb automatic changer and an on/off light sensor switch in 1965, the lighthouse became automated and now operates seasonally from May to November.



2<sup>nd</sup> and current Jerome Point Lighthouse  
Credit: NSLPS - DPC

Passenger Steamer 1903 Bras d'Or Lake  
Credit: Author C.W. Vernon



HMS Scarborough St Peter's Canal 1931  
Credit: Flickr site Steve & Jamie



St Peter's Canal Tidal Lock May 6 2026  
Credit: NSLPS – DPC