

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Rockland Harbor not for publication

city, town Rockland vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Maine code 23 county Knox code 013

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name U.S. Coast Guard - First Coast Guard District

street & number 150 Causeway Street

city, town Boston vicinity of state Massachusetts

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Knox County Registry of Deeds

street & number

city, town Rockland state Maine 04841

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse, located at the end of a 4,300-foot breakwater, is a well-preserved structure with associated buildings. The complex, completed in 1902, consists of the lighthouse itself, a fog-signal building, and a Keeper's house, all constructed on a rectangular platform of dressed granite. All of these elements are attached to each other, and indeed the lighthouse tower rises from the roof of the fog-signal building.

The fog-signal building and the lighthouse tower are of brick construction, and the former has a gable roof with cornice returns covering its 1 1/2 stories. The tower, square in plan, has a projecting iron balcony on all four sides at roof level, providing access to the light itself.

The Keeper's house is a gambrel-roofed building of frame construction, with 1 1/2 stories, one central brick chimney and one exterior end chimney, and white-painted shingle siding. Fenestration is 6/6 and the facade is 5 bays wide. In the half-story on both the facade and rear of the house is a pair of gabled dormer windows.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1902 **Builder/Architect** W. H. Glover Co.

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse marks the entrance to Rockland Harbor and as such is an important navigational aid. With the completion of the breakwater and the construction of the lighthouse in 1902, this became one of the finest harbors in Maine as befitted this thriving turn of the century commercial center. The breakwater has also been for many years a favorite tourist attraction.

The breakwater comprised of nine sections was laid between April of 1881 and November of 1899. At its outer extremity the Rockland Breakwater is 43 feet wide at the top and 175 feet wide at the base. Its height is 65 feet. Stone necessary for the entire project totaled 697,627 tons. The nine sections of this project was designed and engineered by the Army Corps of Engineers. Colonel George Thom engineered the first section of the breakwater and reported on the possibilities of the entire project to the chief of Army Engineers. The soundings and plans allowed the various engineers who designed the sections to work with some continuity.

W.H. Glover Company erected the stone tower and accompanying dwelling which stand at the southern end of the breakwater. The lighthouse was lit in 1902 and was occupied by two keepers from the United States Coast Guard. In 1964 the Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse was automated by the Coast Guard.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Rockland Bicentennial Committee, Shore Village Story, Rockland, 1976.

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UTM NOT VERIFIED

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 1/4

Quadrangle name Rockland

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	9	4	9	3	7	7	0	4	8	8	3	2	0	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C

Zone			Easting					Northing						

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H

Zone			Easting					Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Granite slab at end of Rockland Breakwater

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian / Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date October, 1980

street & number 55 Capitol Street telephone 207/289-2133

city or town Augusta state Maine

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Earl S. Fetherwood

title S.H.P.O. date 10/31/80

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I hereby certify that this property is Included in the National Register	
<u>Anna M. Dwyer</u>	date <u>3/20/79</u>
for Keeper of the National Register	
Attest: <u>Patrick Andrews</u>	date <u>3/19/81</u>
for Chief of Registration	