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Absecum, New Jersey



The Absecum Lighthouse in Atlantic City, New Jersey, circa 1903. USLHS archives photo.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

LIGHT-HOUSE AT ABSECUM, NEW JERSEY.

In conformity with the Notice to Mariners of 10th November last, notice is hereby given that the Tower and keeper's dwelling at Absecum, N.J., are now completed, and a light will be exhibited therefrom, for the first time, at sunset on the 15th of January, 1857, and every night thereafter from sunset to sunrise.

The tower is of brick, unpainted, and is surmounted by an iron lantern painted black.

The illuminating apparatus is catadioptric of the first order of Fresnel, showing a fixed white light.

The focal plane has an elevation of 167 feet above mean tide; and the light should be seen, under favorable circumstances, from the deck of a vessel of ordinary size, at the distance of about 20 nautical miles.

The approximate position of this light, as deduced from the Coast Survey Chart, is

Lat. 39° 22' North

Long. 74° 25' West of Greenwich.

By order of the Light-house Board:

EDW'D M. YARD,

Light-house Inspector.

Philadelphia, *January 8*, 1857.