



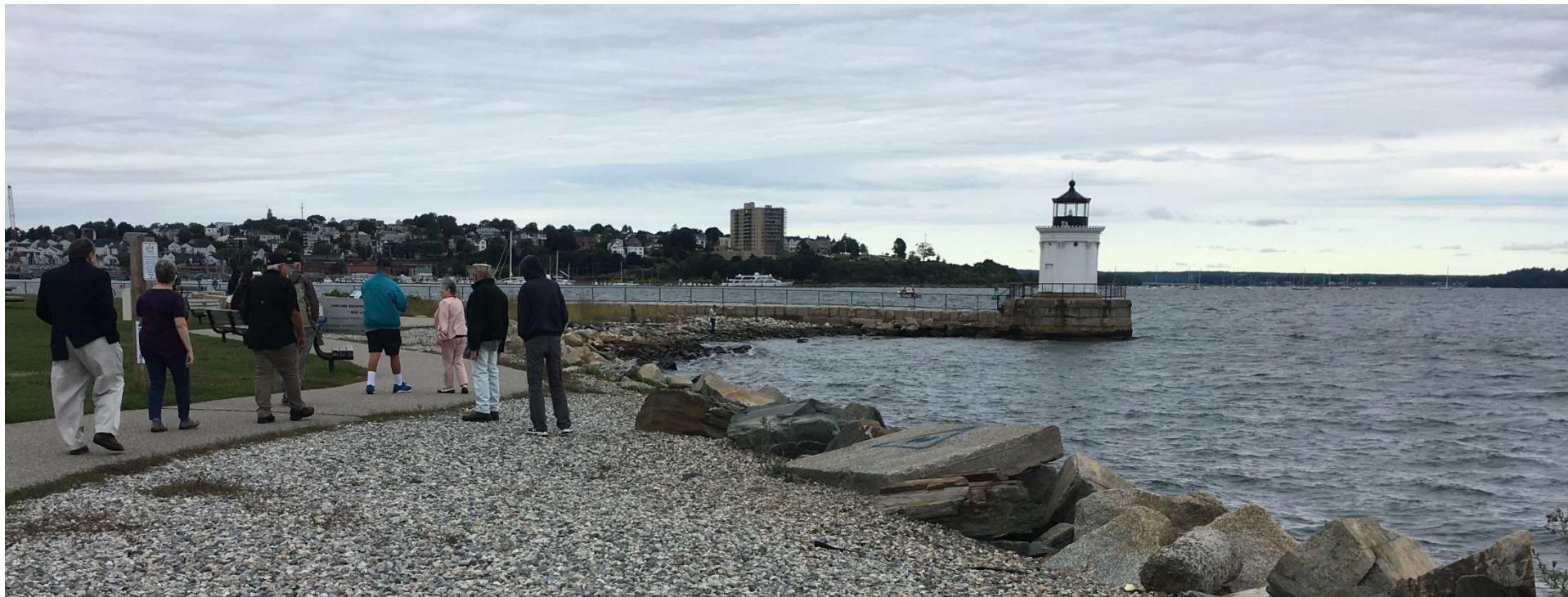
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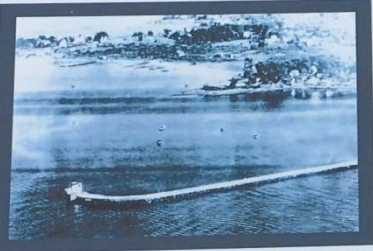
BUG LIGHT

PORTLAND BREAKWATER LIGHTHOUSE


Bug Light was erected in 1875 at the end of a 1,990-foot-long breakwater which protected Portland's inner harbor from ocean storms. The area around the breakwater has since been filled in and is now Bug Light Park.

Inspired by the fourth-century Choragic Monument built near the Acropolis in Athens, the unique style of the lighthouse sets it apart from any other lighthouse in the world. It was adopted as the official seal of the City of South Portland in 1940.

The lighthouse is owned by the City of South Portland and has been maintained by the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club since 1989. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Bug Light at the end of the 1,990 foot-long breakwater. Cushing Point is visible in the background.







South Portland's Ships for Liberty

Todd-Bath Iron Shipbuilding Corp., 1940-1942
 South Portland Shipbuilding Corp., 1941-1943
 New England Shipbuilding Corp., 1943-1945

This is a complete list of the ships built by the emergency shipyards at South Portland, Maine, between 1941-1945. These companies were joint ventures between Bath Iron Works and Todd Shipbuilding.

Todd-Bath Iron Shipbuilding (TBI) was established in 1940 to build 30 Ocean class freighters for Great Britain. The yard had three construction basins: #1 and #2 each accommodated two ships; #3 accommodated three ships.

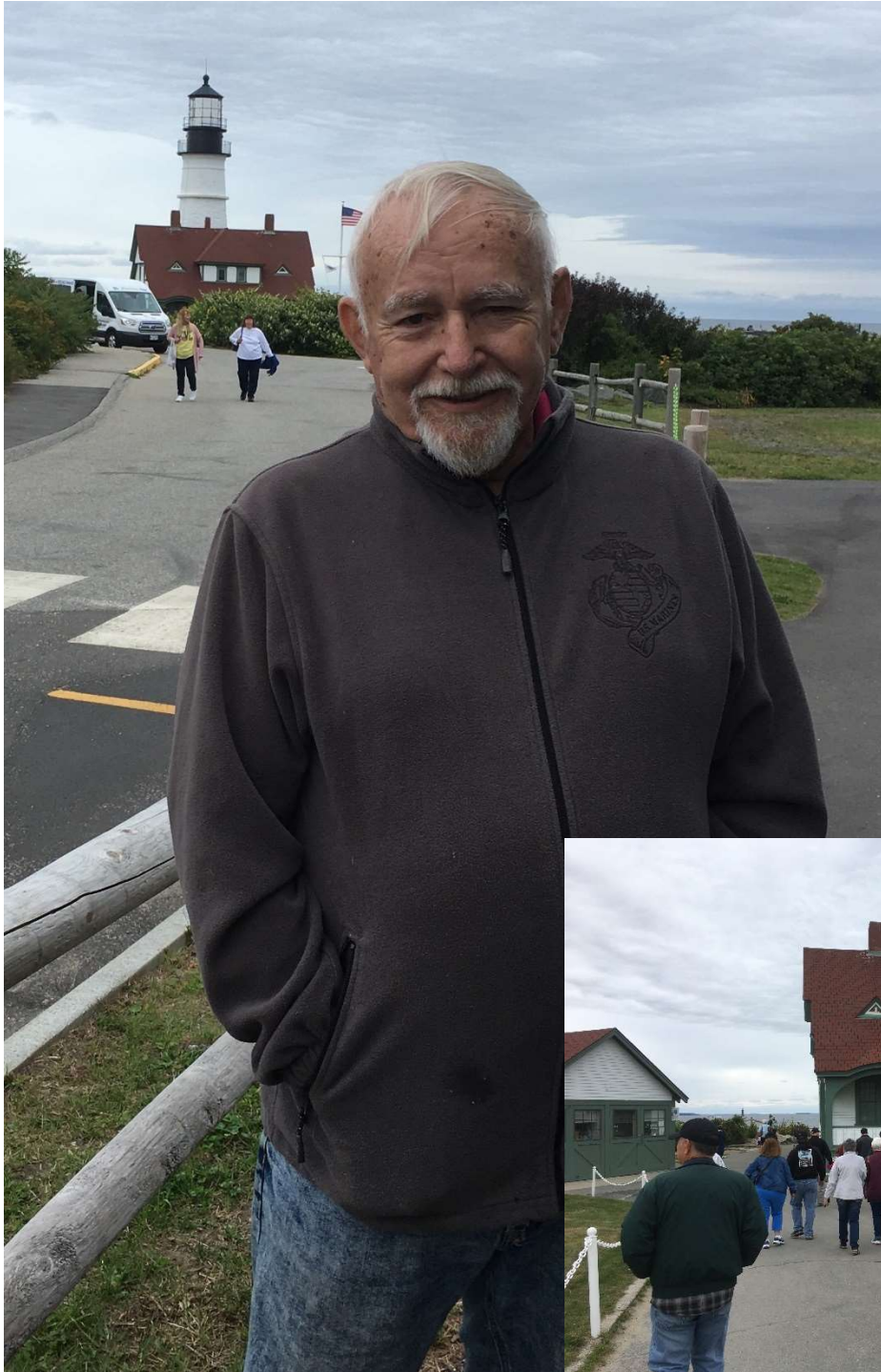
South Portland Shipbuilding Corp. (SPSC) was established in 1941 to build emergency cargo vessels – Liberty Ships – for the U.S. Maritime Commission. The yard had six conventional shipways, numbered one through six. This yard was known as the West Yard, because it was located just west of the original TBI facility, the East Yard.

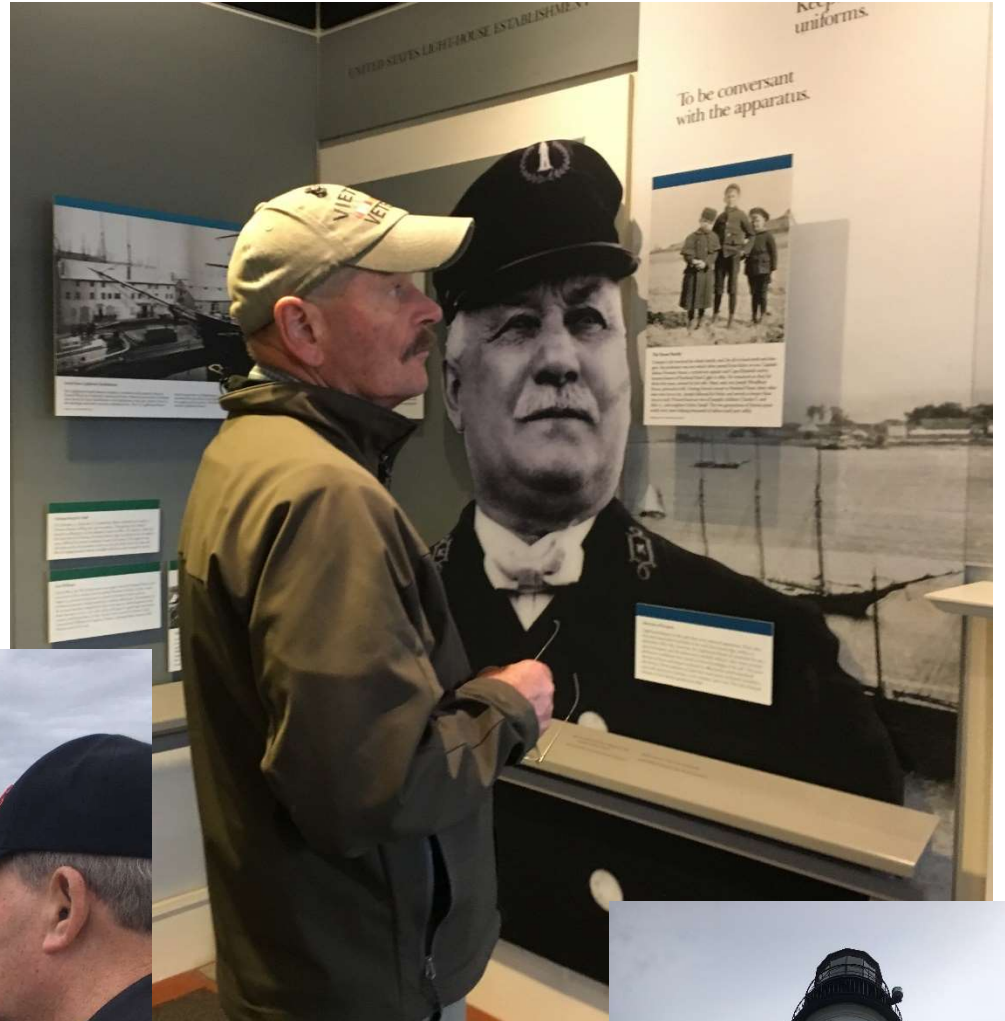
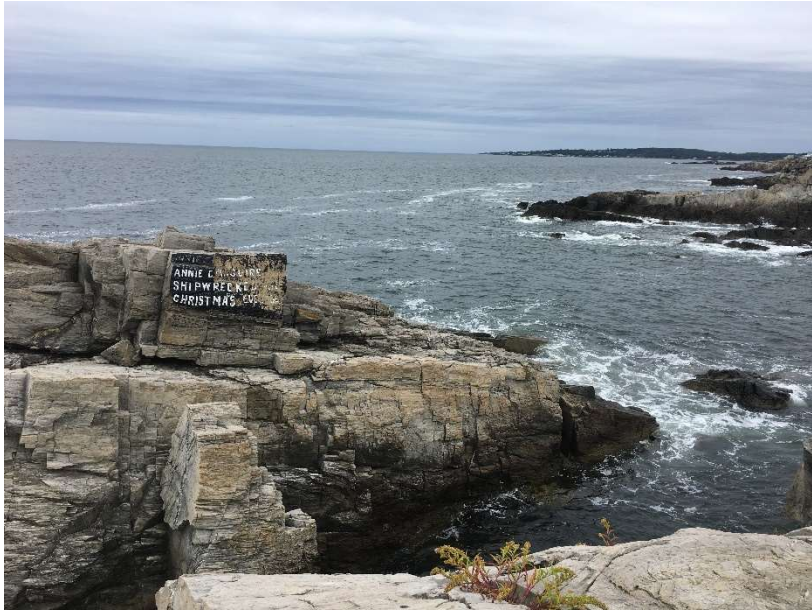
In 1942, Todd-Bath completed the Ocean class contract and started building Liberty ships. In November of 1942, TBI was reorganized as the East Yard of SPSC.

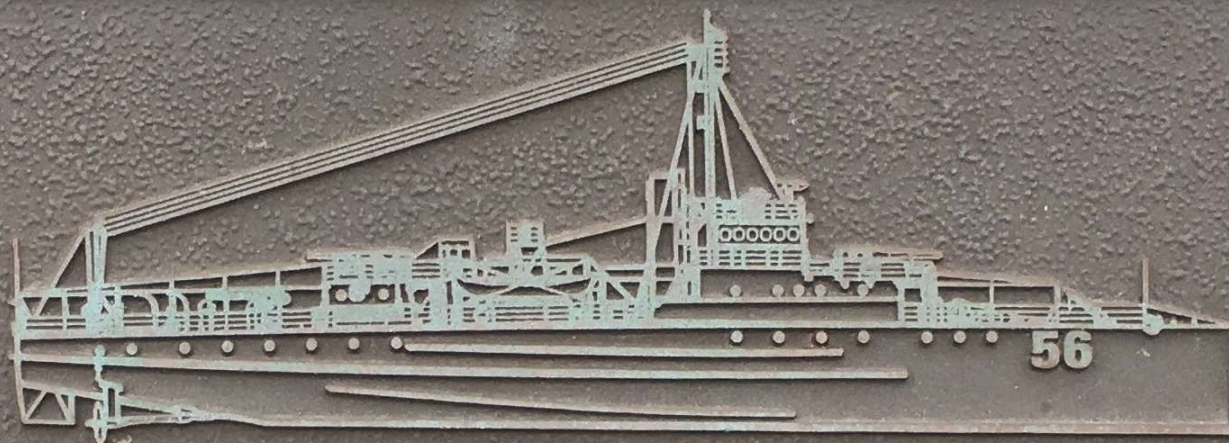
On April 11, 1943 South Portland Shipbuilding Corp. was renamed New England Shipbuilding Corp. (NESC). The original Todd-Bath Iron and South Portland Shipbuilding facilities retained their identities as the East and West yards of NESC.

In the list of ships, the first line identifies the name of the vessel. The second line lists the Hull number and the yard in which it was built. The third line notes the date the ship was delivered. The final line notes the ship's sponsor, the woman who carried out the ceremonial christening. In 1943, U.S. Maritime Commission (MC) hull numbers were used in place of yard-assigned hull numbers.

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U.S. NAVY'S EAGLE CLASS SUB-CHASER

U.S.S. EAGLE-56 (PE-56)

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APPROXIMATELY NINE MILES SOUTHEAST OF THIS
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