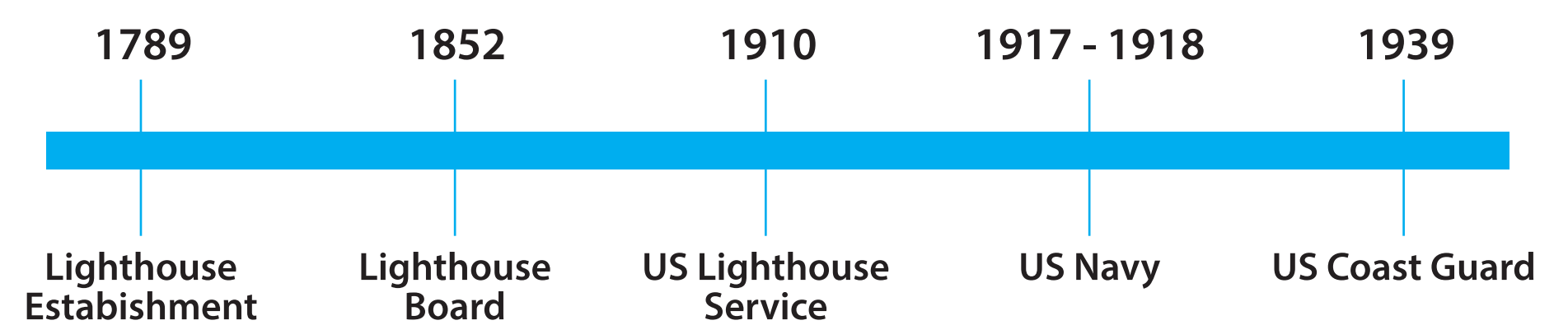


1894-1941

The Lighthouse in the Early 20th Century

Who's In Charge Here?!

The Lighthouse Board had taken over management of all US lighthouses from the Lighthouse Establishment in 1852. By 1910, it was time to insert more professionalism and the US Lighthouse Service was born. The Lighthouse Service was temporarily transferred to the US Navy during World War I (1917-1918). On the eve of World War II, in 1939, it was decided lighthouses should come under the umbrella of the US Coast Guard, where it remains today.



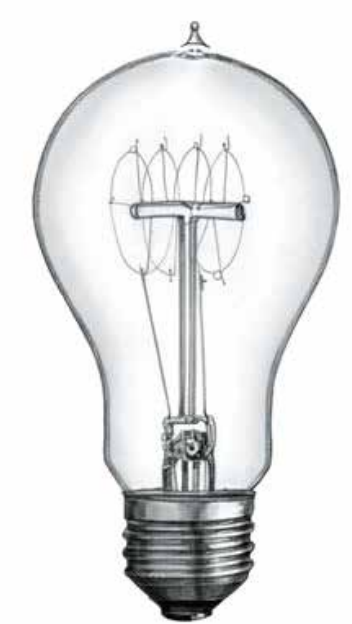
Improvements Galore

The Lighthouse kept up with the latest technologies of the Age of Invention:

- **1894:** An electric call bell run by batteries was installed in the Lighthouse tower.
- **1906:** The first Artesian well was dug for a better water supply and firefighting ability.
- **1909:** A new lamp was installed – 10 times brighter and burned much less oil.
- **1917:** The first telephone was installed.
- **1931:** Generators were installed on the first floor (a door was cut earlier). The mechanical clockwork to rotate the light was replaced by an electric motor, and the oil lamp was replaced by a lightbulb.
- **1933:** Radio and weather equipment was installed on the 3rd floor.



Artesian well



1930s lightbulb



Keeper Quartermaster ca. 1930s



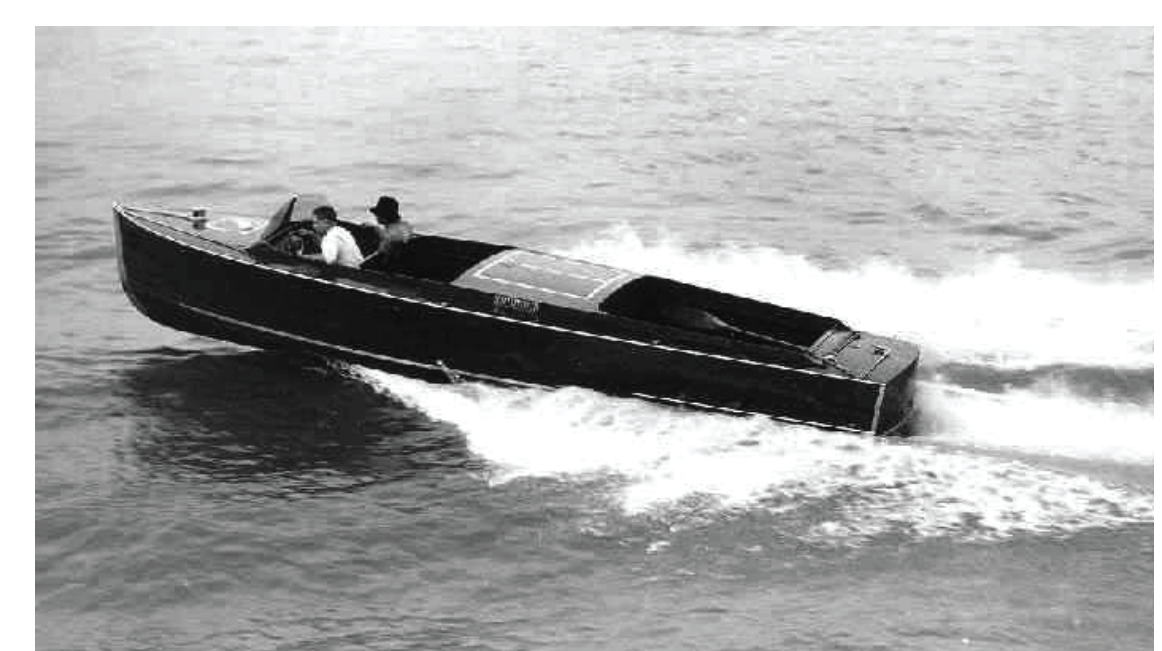
1917 telephone

The Lighthouse Does More than Just Shine Its Light

Lighthouse Keepers didn't just keep the light on. They often made the first reports of explosions or fires aboard ships at sea. During World War I, only people on official business were allowed on the station. The Keepers received phone calls and telegrams from other lighthouses and military bases along the coast telling them of German submarines and gunboats suspected to be in the area. The Keepers were required to report if the enemy came near Cape Canaveral. During Prohibition (1920-1933), when alcohol was illegal, they kept watch for "rum runners" trying to move their illegal goods along the coast.



Keeping an eye out



Rum runner



Security was tight during World War I