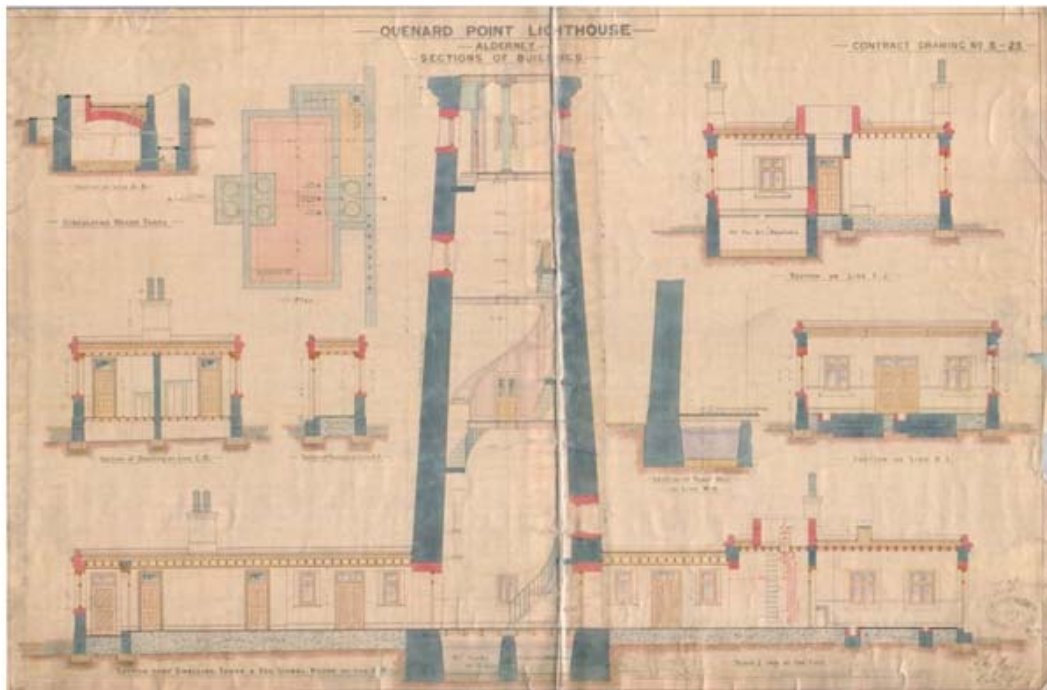




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Alderney Lighthouse (Alderney Channel Islands)



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History

Alderney Lighthouse was built in 1912 in order to act as a guide to passing shipping and to warn vessels of the treacherous waters around the Isle. It is sited on Quénard Point, to the north-east of the Island.

The Alderney Race, a notorious strait of water between Alderney and Cap de la Hague in France includes the strongest tidal streams in Europe. These are caused by the tidal surge from the Atlantic building up in the cul de sac of the gulf of St Malo with the only escape in the north east corner between Alderney and Cap de la Hague. Water flows through at speed at high tide and is sucked back down through as the tide recedes. An uneven sea bed adds to the turbulence with a number of hazardous rocks located within a few miles of the lighthouse.

Alderney lighthouse tower rises 32 metres and is painted white with a central black band to make it more visible to shipping during the hours of daylight. The former keepers' dwellings adjoin the tower, as do the service rooms, and the station is surrounded by a white wall. Alderney Lighthouse.

Alderney Lighthouse was automated in 1997 with the keepers leaving the lighthouse on 1 October. The lighthouse is now monitored and controlled from the Trinity House Operational & Planning Centre Harwich in Essex.

Specifications

Established	1912
Height Of Tower	32 Metres
Height Of Light Above Mean High Water	37 Metres
Electrified	1976
Automated	30 September 1997
Optic	1st Order 920mm 4 panel Catadioptric
Lamp	2 X 4-tier LED Lantern
Character	4 White Flashes Every 15 Seconds
Intensity	4140 Candela



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Range Of Light

12 nautical miles

Location



Quenard Point, on the North East of Alderney.

Visitor Centre

Situated on the North East of the island, the Lighthouse acts as a guide through the Alderney Race, a treacherous strait of water between the island and Cap de la Hague in France.

Tours of Alderney Lighthouse are operated by The States of Alderney under license from the Corporation of Trinity House.

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Visit Alderney to see a combination of modern and traditional Lighthouse technology. Take a trip to the top of

the tower to see the original equipment together with new LED lights that have been fitted. Also take in the stunning views of the coastline and the Cherbourg Peninsular to the east.

Tour duration: approx 45 minutes

Visits to the Lighthouse are organised by The States of Alderney under licence from Trinity House.

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Location: The Lighthouse is located at Quesnard Point, on the North East of Alderney.

Position: 49° 43.748 N, 02° 09.858 W (WGS 84 datum)