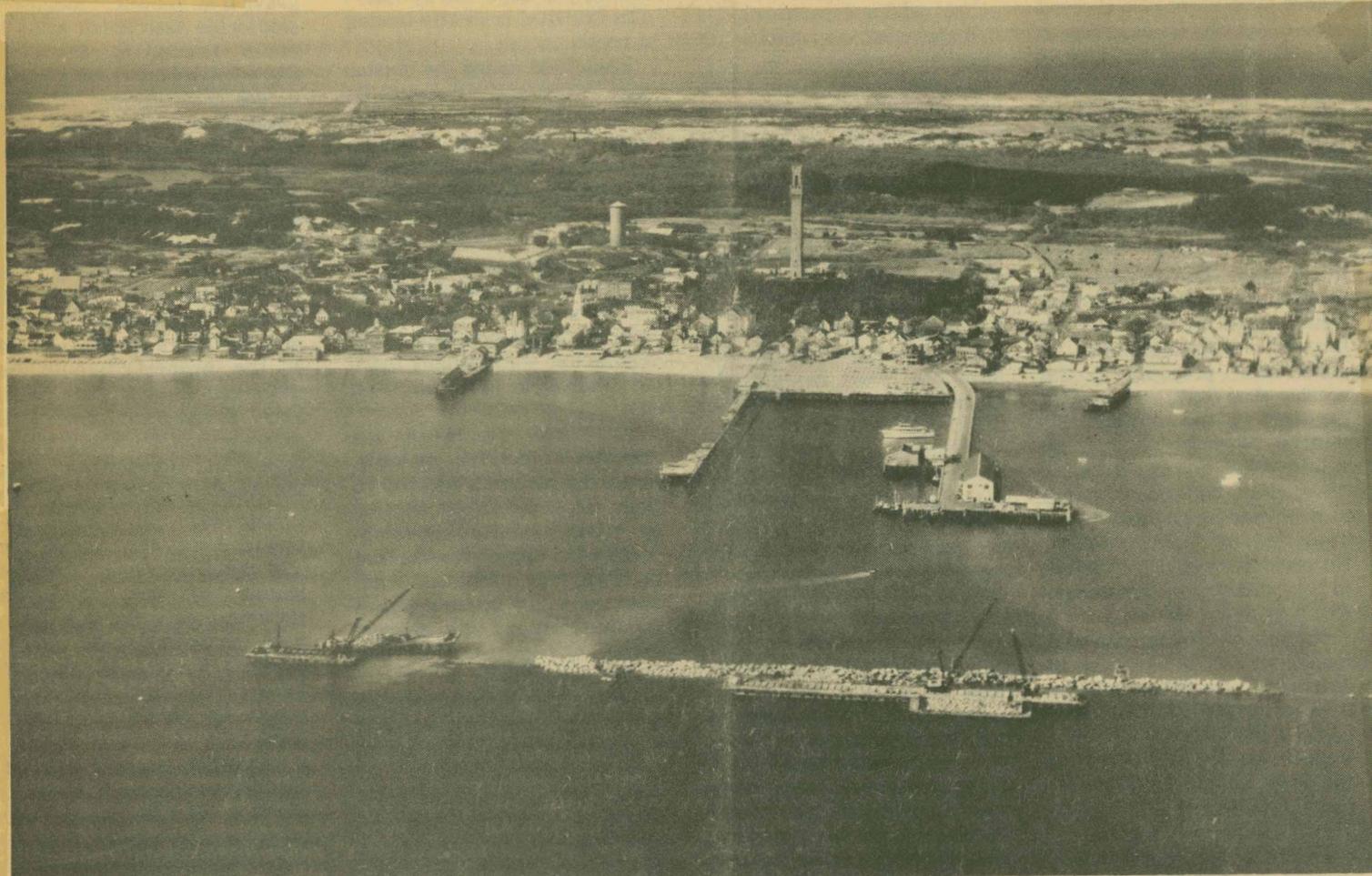


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No more rocks will be added to the mid-harbor breakwater until next spring, project engineer Mike Smith said. 1,100 feet of breakwater show now at low water, about 800 feet at high water. The Coast Guard plans to mark the eastern end with white light; the west end will remain guarded with a red buoy. This aerial photo was taken by Richard C. Kelsey of Chatham.



The new Breakwater, right - by Cyril Patrick - 1977 & town wharf

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New Lights On Breakwater

After three recent accidents and repeated requests from the Provincetown Selectmen, the Coast Guard has installed two light stations on the breakwater in the harbor.

The 12-foot lights, which have been placed on each end of the 2500-foot breakwater, are expected to be in operation by today.

Coast Guard Chief Howard Harrison described the lights as having 250 millimeter lenses and operated by a 12-volt battery system.

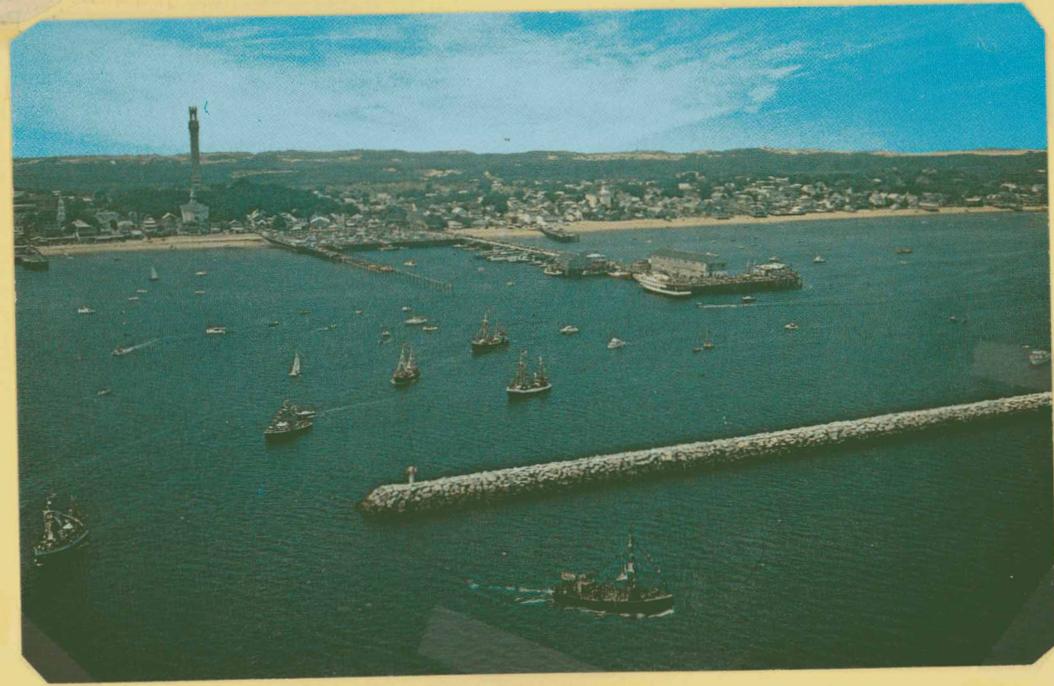
The westend light is red with an identifying number four mark. The eastend light is green with a number five marking. Harrison said the lights are operated by an automatic daylight control which turns them on in the absence of light.

He said the lights, which will be inspected regularly, are modeled to require limited

maintenance. A life expectancy of each lamp will be charted to determine when the batteries will need changing. The lights will flash automatically to a set code.

The installation of the lights comes after several requests from the Board of Selectmen. At a meeting on July 2 Selectman Marion "Rocky" Taves declared the breakwater situation "a state of emergency." It was decided then that rather than make another request to the Coast Guard, the Selectmen would write a letter to the town's Senators and Congressman telling them of the problem.

Earlier in the month a 22-foot party fishing boat, the Sea Camper, crashed into the breakwater while trying to lead several smaller private boats through thick fog into the harbor.



The new Breakwater, and Dragger's at the Blessing of the Fleet - 1977