



Wedding Ceremonies at Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse

Celebrate your special day on the beautiful New Hampshire seacoast at Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse! This historic waterfront landmark is an ideal location and a wonderful opportunity for your matrimonial event, providing a unique and memorable experience.

The lighthouse is cared for by the **Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses** (FPHL), a chapter of the **American Lighthouse Foundation**, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. The lighthouse is situated at the mouth of the Piscataqua River, within the grounds of the U.S. Coast Guard Station Portsmouth Harbor, part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

To schedule a wedding ceremony, please email us at info@portsmouthharborlighthouse.org or call (603) 534-0537, we'll be happy to help you plan your special day! Below, you'll find details and regulations for all ceremonies:

The fee schedule for any ceremony:

\$200 - up to 5 attendees (including wedding party and Marriage Officiant)

\$400 - 6-30 attendees (including wedding party and Marriage Officiant)

A deposit of 50% is due upon booking, with the balance due two (2) weeks prior to ceremony date. There is a \$35.00 check return fee. No refunds given within seven (7) days of ceremony date.

The following regulations will apply:

- There is a maximum limit of thirty (30) guests.
- Any rehearsal arrangements must be made in advance and cleared by FPHL and/or the U.S. Coast Guard. Any arrangements for recorded music can be made at this time.
- The lighthouse is available for the ceremony only. No receptions are allowed in the area.
- Due to the nature of the property, we request that ceremonies take place between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and that time within the U.S. Coast Guard station be no more than two (2) hours.
- All dates and times are subject to final approval by the U.S. Coast Guard, as the lighthouse is located in a U.S. Coast Guard station.



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- Because you will be entering a U.S. Coast Guard station, U.S. Coast Guard personnel reserve the right to check current photo IDs of attendees and to inspect all equipment, vehicles, and/or packages entering the station.
- The U.S. Coast Guard station is always subject to unannounced or unexpected closure for security reasons. In case of this rare event, a full refund will be given or your ceremony will be rescheduled.
- Parking is located outside of the U.S. Coast Guard station with exceptions for 1 or 2 cars for accommodation of handicapped and/or elderly attendees. Arrangements should be made with FPHL in advance.
- We ask that no rice, birdseed, or like material be thrown.
- Smoking is not allowed on the Coast Guard station.
- All activities at Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse are subject to specific regulations of Historic Preservation and the Department of Homeland Security.

Notes:

- The lighthouse is about a 4-5 minute walk from the parking area outside of the station.
- The base of the lighthouse is not handicapped-accessible due to the stairs and walkway over the rocks.
- Restrooms are located outside of the Coast Guard station in the UNH building. Hours of operation for the restrooms are 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily. During peak times, a portable toilet may also be available near the entrance to Fort Constitution inside the Coast Guard station.

Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses agree to provide only the services specified herein and shall not be responsible for any accommodation not expressly mentioned.