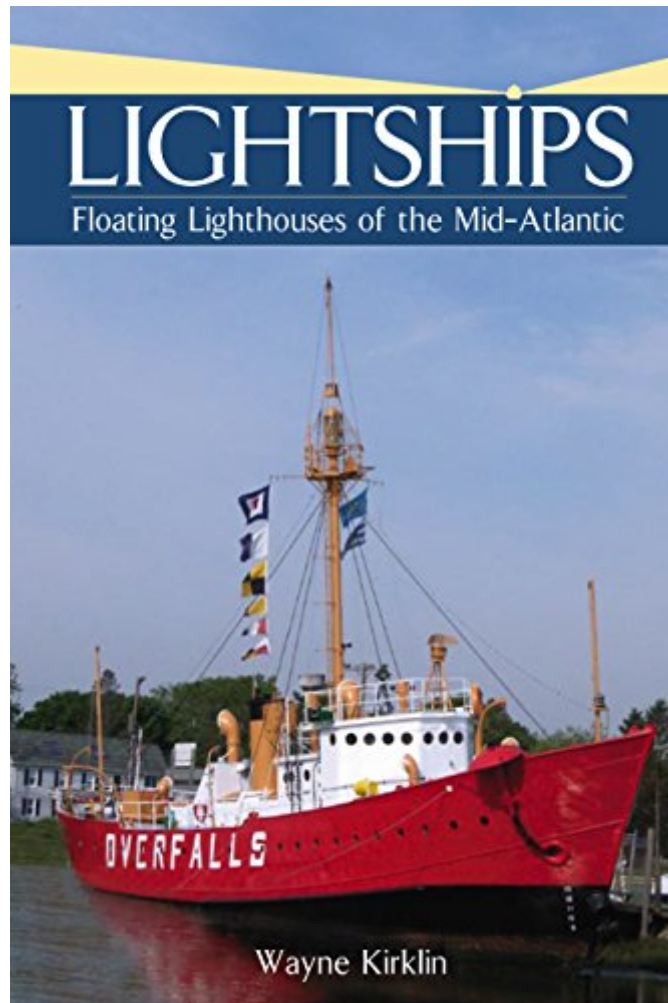




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As someone fascinated by the "ships that went nowhere", and as an occasional visitor (when a youth) to the Daunt Rock Lightship off the coast of County Cork, Ireland, I've long bemoaned the

dearth of books about the ships and the men. I found this book very well written and crammed with facts. Lightships are no more. Technology has caused them to be replaced by buoys, and a way of life (as with manned lighthouses) has been obliterated. Not always with the best results I might add. The book is a useful addition to published sea lore.

This was an interesting basic history of the light ships and service. Some diagrams would have been nice.

This is a great book on a little known subject. Everbody knows about lighthouses and there is a tremendous amount of lore that goes with them. Lightships, really just floating lighthouses, can be much more interesting. The book is well researched and very well written. It will be a joy to those few lightship buffs and it will make enthusiasts out of any other readers. A good read!

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