Chapter 1: The Signal Lamp

At dusk, the keeper carried a brass lamp up the tower steps. She set it on a shelf 12 meters above the water.* From there, its beam could reach the harbor entrance.

Once the lamp was lit, she watched from the landing and timed the flashes. One flash came every 8 seconds, the signal that guided boats through the channel.

* Print layout note: check the column spacing at this line.

The next watch began before sunrise.