

Waterways & Maritime
Before & After Visit Activity Sheets
Racine Heritage Museum

Before Your Visit:

1. With your students, make a list of ways that Lake Michigan contributed to Racine's development — settlement, trading, transportation, jobs, industry, Underground Railroad escape route, recreation, etc?
2. Have students research the Racine Boat Manufacturing Company located in Racine until 1903.
3. Ask students to explore the varying ways lighthouses warned boats. Talk about the innovations in this area and focus on the Fresnel lens. Check out information on the Wind Point Lighthouse on-line.

After Your Visit:

1. Have your students share their Museum activities with the class.
2. On your way back to school, have the bus drive by or possibly stop at the Windpoint Lighthouse. Discuss other popular lighthouses in the United States.
3. Ask students to discuss the sandbar that is located off Racine's pier. How did the people of Racine deal with the sandbar? Can you think of any other solutions? (Get creative!!)
4. Have students research a schooner — what are the characteristics of a schooner?

