

# The phases of construction



**17th MAY 1866**

For the first time, the engineer Paul JOLY was able to land on Ar Men

**1867**

7 landings, 8 hours of work and fifteen holes drilled. The workers clinging to the rocks with one hand were regularly

swept away by the waves and recovered by the site boat.

**1868** - 18 hours of work for 34 holes. Studs were embedded into the rock. Building could start. In the following years, 25 landings were achieved (2 hour maximum duration), 44 hours of work and 25m<sup>3</sup> of building. The rock was covered in a 30 cm. cement screed.

**From 1871 to 1873** - 17 landings (works were suspended in 1870, during the war).

**End of 1877** - The tower rose to 16.50 metres above the rock and 12.30 metres above the highest seas.

**31st August 1881** - With a diameter of 7.20 metres and a height of 34.50 metres, the works are completed and the fire is finally lit. However, strengthening works continued until 1897.

**1923** - A fire partially destroyed the lighthouse.

*Photo : first landing on the rock*