

Giglio Island, Italy

Concordia Lighthouse - Torch of Light



Concordia Lighthouse is a beacon, a public viewing tower, and a beautiful and respectful memorial to the lives lost in the Costa Concordia cruise ship accident on the 13th of January 2012.

Every year on the 13th of January the lighthouse is lit, a shining white torch in the memory of the 32 souls lost that day.

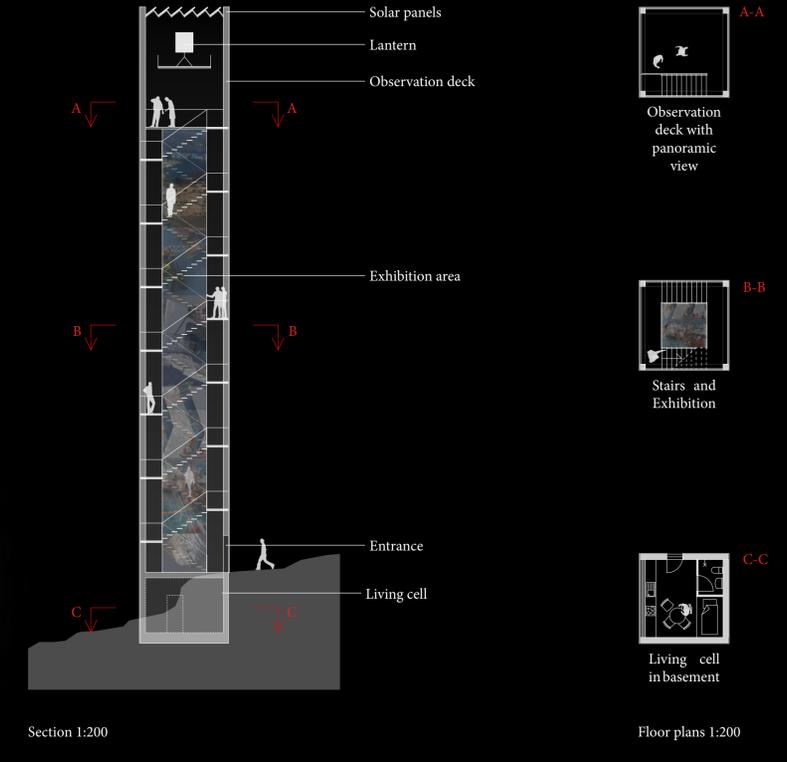
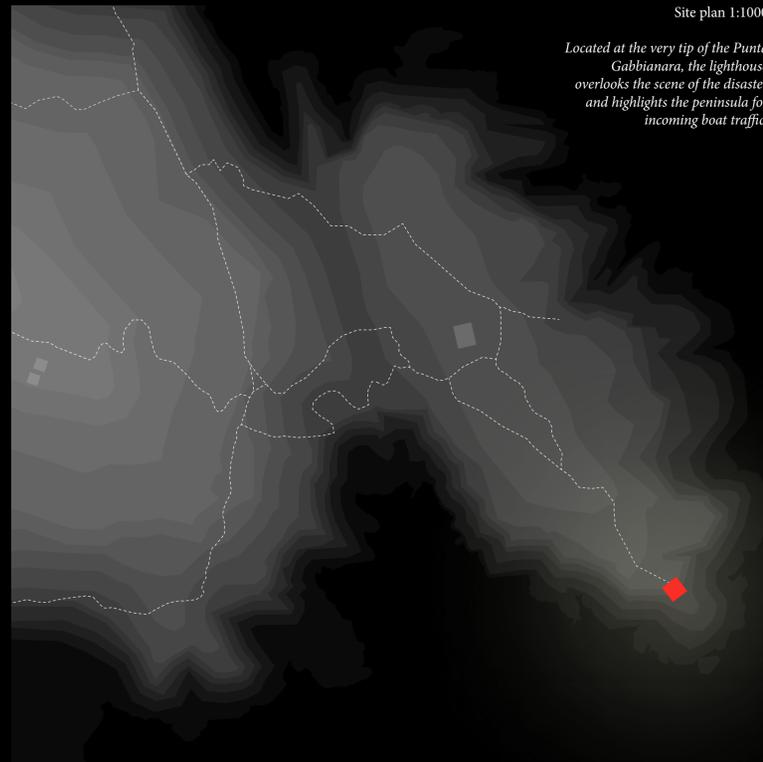
The lighthouse draws its profile from the building typology of the nearby village of Giglio Porto, as a clearly defined cubist volume, marking a definitive conclusion to the townscape with a simple, monolithic form - a form that, both symbolically and architecturally, describes the transition from land to sea to sky. This transition is reinforced by the lighthouse's façade, which graduates from a massive base to a light transparent illuminated glass structure reaching out to the sky across the sea.

Throughout the journey visitors take through the building towards the observation deck, the story of the accident, integrated into the walls of the structure itself, can be told. Atop the building, the viewing platform will present 360° vistas across the sea and Giglio island, where visitors and next of kin can remember those lost.

The lighthouse will act as a natural full stop to the village on Giglio Island towards the water, a monument marking with respect and reflection, the events of the 13th of January 2012, and the lives lost that day.

Once a year, on January 13th, the lighthouse will be lit up from the inside. Exposing the gradient pattern of the facade, the interior lighting will make the structure look like a shining white torch of light to the memory of the 32 souls lost that day.

Emerging abruptly from rugged terrain, the structure emphasises the transitions between sea, land and sky. When the perforated facade is not lit from the inside, the beacon will appear as an opaque monolithic figure marking a definitive conclusion to the townscape.



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