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East Brother Lighthouse, Richmond

East Brother Light Station is one of a diminishing number of active lighthouses that have for decades helped guide mariners past rocky shoals and through thick fog. And this one not only is a rarity, it's also one of the most beautiful lights in the nation. The lighthouse is perched at the top of a restored Victorian house, built on a lonely and almost barren rock known as East Brother Island. The light has shone from East Brother for 131 years, and was saved from destruction in 1979 when a group of volunteers formed the East Brother Light Station Inc. and talked the Coast Guard into letting it restore and operate the lighthouse as a bed-and-breakfast inn.