



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Station Surfside, Massachusetts

USLSS Station #15, Second District
Coast Guard Station #46

Location:	2 1/2 miles south of the town of Nantucket; 41-14' 33:N x 70-08' 36"W in 1878; 41-14' 30"N x 70-06' 00"W in 1915.
Date of Conveyance	1873 (?)
Station Built:	1874 (?)
Fate:	Discontinued in 1921

Surfside (#46):

Surfside station is believed to have been built in 1874 "two and one-half miles south of the town of Nantucket." "Necessary repairs and improvements" were made on the station in 1893 because the station buildings "were old structures, much out of repair, and also in need of enlargement in order to conveniently accommodate the crews and apparatus." The station was discontinued in 1921.

Keepers:

The first keeper was Joseph Winslow, who was appointed at the age of 52, with 35 years' experience as a surfman, on October 15, 1874, and served until his resignation on September 1, 1881. He was followed by George A. Needer (August 26, 1881 until his resignation on November 14, 1891), Eugene W. Clisby (November 14, 1891 until his retirement at age 64 with more than thirty years service on March 23, 1915), and Albert Rohdin (reassigned from the Muskeget station on April 7, 1915 and reassigned to the Coskata station on July 6, 1921).

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