

Station South Brigantine, New Jersey

Life-Saving Station # 26
Coast Guard Station #122



Location:	3-1/8 miles north of Absecon Light; 39-24' 00"N x 74-22' 30"W
Date of Conveyance:	1883
Station Built:	1872
Fate:	"Inactive" on 1 June 1933; turned over to the GSA in 1955

History, Keepers & OICs:

South Brigantine Life-Saving Station was started in August, 1883 and was known first as Station No. 26. It was first crewed up beginning on 1 December 1883. Captain William K. Holdzkom was appointed keeper on 24 November 1883, and served in that capacity until 2 October 1900. He was succeeded by Keeper Lambert H. Parker who served until 1902, succeeded by Keeper J. Frank Smith, who served until 1916. He in turn was succeeded as Officer-in-Charge by Lewis Smith. Smith was succeeded by BM1c Albert Adams and he was succeeded by BM1c Charles N. Cramer. The station was inactive from 1918 to 1926 when it was reopened by BM1c Richard S. Sutton. The station closed again from 20 July 1927 and remained closed until 1 October 1929.

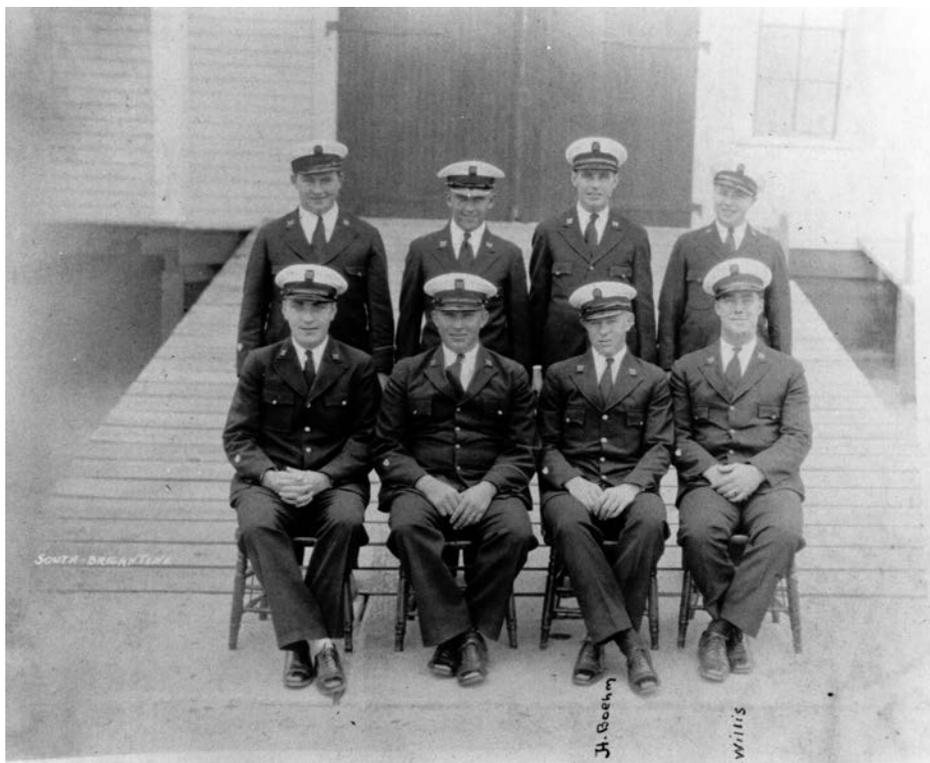
The station reopened on 1 October 1929 under the command of BM (L) Edward S. Scull who was succeeded by BM1c Clarence A. Price. Price was succeeded by Bm1c Jesse W. Gaskill who in turn was succeeded by BM1c Joseph Mazzotta, who was soon promoted to CBM (L).

The station was again inactivated on 1 June 1933.

Photographs:



"SOUTH BRIGANTINE"; no date/photo number; photographer unknown.
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Photo of the station's crew, circa early 1930s.

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