



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Station Wallis Sands, New Hampshire

Coast Guard Station #13

Location:	1 3/4 miles south of Odiornes Point on the southside entrance to Portsmouth Harbor; 43-01' 15"N x 70-44' 00"W
Date of Conveyance	1889
Station Built:	1890
Fate:	Discontinued circa 1938

Keepers:

Selden F. Wells first appointed on APR 22, 1890 and still serving as of 1915.

Remarks:

Wallis Sands (#13) This station was completed and commissioned "south one and three-quarter miles of Odiornes Point" in 1890 and the first keeper, Selden F. Wells, was appointed April 22, 1890 and retired at age 64 on August 27, 1919. He was succeeded by Walter H. Godfrey (reassigned from the Rye Beach station on August 26, 1919, he retired on September 20, 1930. Next came Chief Boatswains Mates J. H. Carver, Jr. (in 1930), and H. A. Schwartz (in 1931). The station was listed as inactive in 1938 and disappeared from the listings in 1939.

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