



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Station Zach's Inlet

Coast Guard Station #87

Location:	On Jones Beach 1 mile east from Zachs Inlet
Date of Conveyance	?
Station Built:	1869?
Fate:	Abandoned, 1934?

Zachs Inlet (#87):

This station was located on the "west end of Jones Beach;" this was later expanded to "on Jones' Beach, one mile east from Zachs Inlet." Until changed by Treasury Department Circular No. 41, effective June 1, 1883, this station was referred to as "Jones Beach, west end" and its position was given as " six miles south of South Oyster Bay. The station was extensively repaired and improved in 1888.

In 1934, the station disappeared from the records, having been abandoned to in conjunction with a New York Park Commission project described previously.

Keepers:

The first known keeper was Townsend Verity, who was appointed at the age of 45 on July 3, 1869; he had experience as a surfman, wrecker, etc." He was removed on January 15, 1878. Next came Stephen Ketcham, who was a surfman and fisherman; he was appointed at the age of 40 on January 15, 1878. Other early keepers included Philip K. Chichester (appointed August 20, 1886 until his retirement at age 64 on March 26, 1916), Joseph D. Tuttle (acting until appointed December 20, 1916 until his reassignment to Oak Island station August 15, 1918), Percy E. Arnold, (November 20, 1918 until his reassignment to Rockaway station August 16, 1920), William B. Tooker (reassigned from Rockaway station August 16, 1920 until his reassignment to Fire Island station

April 14, 1924) and William F. Halsey (reassigned from Quogue station September 15, 1925, he was reassigned back to Quogue on March 29, 1926). Then came a succession of chief petty officers: C. R. Peele (1928 until reassigned to Moriches), William Leach (1929 until reassigned to Lone Point), N. F. White (1930), P. S. Midgett (1931 until reassigned to Fire Island station in 1934).

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