



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Station Salisbury Beach, Massachusetts

Coast Guard Station #19

Location:	2/3 mile south of state line; 42-51' 40"N x 70-49' 00"W
Date of Conveyance	1896
Station Built:	1897-1898
Fate:	Discontinued by 1939

Remarks:

This station was built in 1897 and placed in operation in 1898. The early position of the station was given as "at Salisbury Beach, south two-thirds mile of State Line." The station was listed as "discontinued as an active unit" in 1922, but this notation was deleted in 1925. It was again listed as an inactive station in 1938 and disappeared in 1939.

Keepers:

The first keeper, Weston L. Taylor, was assigned on November 17, 1897 and resigned on July 21, 1903. He was followed by Willard A. Charles, who was appointed on January 22, 1903 and who retired on January 15, 1921. He is followed by Osmond Cummings, who was reassigned from the Cape Elizabeth station on February 4, 1921 and transferred to the Rye Beach station on December 7, 1931. He, in turn, was relieved by Chief Boatswains Mate H. F. Snow, who was reassigned to the Fletchers Neck station in 1932. Next came Eugene C. Colbeth on May 10, 1933, having been reassigned from the First District Office. On June 18, 1936, he was reassigned to the Eighth District Office.

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