



U.S. Life-Saving Service Heritage Association
 Dedicated to Preserving our National Life-Saving Treasures

**Support
 America's
 Storm Warriors**

Long-time Heritage Association members are, of course, familiar with the many things that our organization does, including our quarterly *Wreck & Rescue* journal and our monthly *Life Lines* bulletin. We decided to publish this newsletter to inform our members (both old and new), as well as friends from recent outreach efforts, about our 2023 and 2024 annual conferences, our ongoing projects, some recent accomplishments, and our plans for the future.

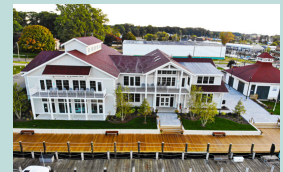
We also wanted to inform all of you of our needs for additional funding and, just as important, our desire to tap into some of the expertise and enthusiasm which you have shown.



2023 Annual Conference

The 2023 annual conference was centered at the newly-restored Wood Island LSS just outside of Kittery, Maine. The conference included visits to Coast Guard stations Portsmouth Harbor and Merrimack River, two former life-saving stations in nearby Biddeford, a wooden-boat building business, a wooden-boat building class at a local high school, and the maritime museum in Newburyport, Mass. The highlight of the conference was a visit to the Wood Island station which, among other things, included a **breeches buoy rescue demonstration** by a team of volunteers from the Chicamacomico station in Rodanthe, North Carolina, and a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter life-saving demonstration. This was followed by a delightful dinner at which Rear Admiral and First District Commander John W. Mauger was the featured speaker.

The 2024 Annual Conference will be centered at the Michigan Maritime Museum in South Haven, Michigan, from September 26th to 28th. Details will soon be available on our [website](#). Please plan to attend!



The United States Life-Saving Association is a nonprofit corporation with 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Code. It is an all-volunteer organization that derives all funding from membership fees, donations and grants. Recent annual revenue averaged \$25,000.

Although our board remains committed to preserving life-saving history, additional funding – as well as “hands-on” help – are needed to assure our continued success. Donations can be made on our [website](#) or by mail at the address below. If you are willing to become more active in helping us “preserve our lifesaving treasures,” please contact us:

- Via email at:
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We thank you for your interest in the U. S. Life-Saving Service Heritage Association!

The Board Of Directors



Ongoing Projects

In 2023, the Association made substantial progress on its Surfman Register project.

When completed, the Registry will make available information on all surfmen who served with the LSS and the Coast Guard through 1941. Information on surfmen is gathered by researching station log books at the National Archives. The project is about one-third complete. **If you live near Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Seattle or San Francisco and would consider assisting with this research, please contact Steve Marthouse using our phone number or email address.**

Last year, we launched an effort to expand the universe of entities interested in the history of the USLSS. In January, Board members invited numerous life-saving stations and maritime museums to join a conference call February 1st to discuss opportunities for cooperation. The call was a success, with at least 20 organizations participating. These organizations have now been invited to join a “Google Group,” now called “USLSS Networking,” that allows all our members and friends to seek advice from others regarding any issue relating to life-saving. **If you would like to join, contact Laura Scharle at our email address. Please feel free to use this resource for your questions and be generous with offering advice and the benefits of your experience!**

The USLSSHA's website is at <https://uslife-savingservice.org/>

New Projects

- Our existing life-saving “traveling exhibit,” available to interested museums and life-saving stations, was created in 2010. A committee of board members is beginning to develop a new traveling exhibit. **We welcome any ideas you might have as well as any help you might be willing to offer in designing and building the exhibit.**

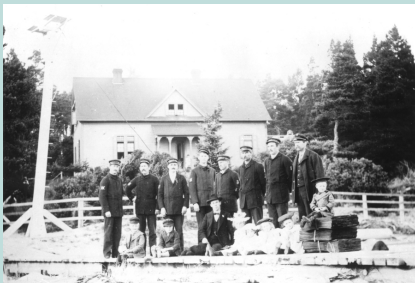


- The U.S. Lighthouse Society sponsors a **passport** for lighthouse enthusiasts which is stamped by each lighthouse they visit. Small donations made by passport holders generate thousands of dollars for lighthouse restoration. Some USLSSHA sites participate in the passport program, bringing exposure of our life-saving stations and museums to

lighthouse fans. There are currently 32 stamps that are available under our category. Board member Yvette Dills is working to increase that number. **If you know of a location that should be included, or would like to help Yvette with this project, please reach out to her at our email address or phone number.**

- The Heritage Association’s website includes a database providing information on the status of all USLSS stations that were ever built. Changes over time have resulted in a need to update the database. **We request assistance from our members and other interested individuals on this project. We could particularly use help from individuals with experience in website design or database management.**

Thank you for supporting the USLSS Heritage Association!



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