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Jerry's Point Station			
1888	Silas H. Harding	George W. Randall Winslow A. Amazeen Ephraim T. Hall Selden T. Wells Ernest Robinson John Smith	No surfman numbers were cited in logbook
1889	Silas H. Harding	Ephraim T. Hall William L. Flynn John Smith Ernest Robinson Last name Burke Last name Fernald	No surfman numbers were cited in logbook; first names not provided for Burke and Fernald
1890	Silas H. Harding	Ephraim T. Hall William L. Flynn John Smith Ernest Robinson Last name Burke Last name Fernald	No surfman numbers were cited in logbook; first names not provided for Burke and Fernald
1891	Silas H. Harding	Ephraim T. Hall William L. Flynn Thomas Barber Ernest Robinson Esrom Corkum Isaac Gillis Last name Burke Last name Fernald	No surfman numbers were cited in logbook; first names not provided for Burke and Fernald; Gillis was winter man
1892	Silas H. Harding	Ephraim T. Hall William L. Flynn Thomas Barber Ernest Robinson Esrom Corkum Charles T. Prahasker/Prahaska Last name Fernald	No surfman numbers were cited in logbook; first names not provided for Fernald; Prahasker/Prahaska was winter man
1893	Silas H. Harding	Ephraim T. Hall William L. Flynn Thomas Barber Ernest Robinson Esrom Corkum Isaac Gillis Charles T. Prahasker/Prahaska	No surfman numbers were cited in logbook; Prahasker/Prahaska was winter man

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1894	Silas H. Harding	Ephraim L. Hall William L. Flynn Thomas Barber Ernest Robinson Esrom Corkum Isaac Gillis Charles T. Prahasker/Prahaska	No surfman numbers were cited in logbook; Prahasker/Prahaska was winter man
1895	Silas H. Harding	Ephraim L. Hall William L. Flynn Thomas Barber Elias Tarlton, Jr. Alpheus A. Mayo Esrom Corkum Isaac Gillis Otis C. Eldredge	No surfman numbers were cited in logbook; Eldredge was winter man; Mayo was from Chatham, MA
1896	Silas H. Harding Alpheus A. Mayo	Ephraim L. Hall William L. Flynn Thomas Barber Elias Tarlton, Jr. Alpheus A. Mayo Esrom Corkum Otis C. Eldredge Walter Becker	No surfman numbers were cited in logbook; Becker was winter man; Mayo promoted to Keeper on 9 NOV 1896 when Harding was promoted to district superintendent
1897	Alpheus A. Mayo	Ephraim L. Hall William L. Flynn Thomas Barber Elias Tarlton, Jr. Esrom Corkum Otis C. Eldredge Walter Becker Israel A. Neill Ernest L. Ward Fred W. Tibbetts	No surfman numbers were cited in logbook; Corkum resigns APR 1897
1898	Alpheus A. Mayo	Ephraim L. Hall William L. Flynn Thomas Barber Elias Tarlton, Jr. Walter Becker Israel A. Neill Ernest L. Ward Fred W. Tibbetts	No surfman numbers were cited in logbook

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1899	Alpheus A. Mayo	Ephraim L. Hall-1 Thomas Barber-2 Elias Tarlton, Jr.-3 Walter Becker-4 Israel A. Neill-5 Fred W. Tibbetts-6 Albert E. Wheeler-7	First year that logbook cites surfman numbers; Flynn is discharged 22 FEB 1899 as a result of insulting the keeper; Wheeler is winter man
1900	Alpheus A. Mayo	Ephraim L. Hall-1 Thomas Barber-2 Elias Tarlton, Jr.-3 Walter Becker-4 Fred W. Tibbetts-5 Albert E. Wheeler-6 George B. Ricker-7	Ricker is winter man
1901	Alpheus A. Mayo	Ephraim L. Hall-1 Thomas Barber-2 Elias Tarlton, Jr.-3 Fred W. Tibbetts-4 Albert E. Wheeler-5 George B. Ricker-6 Charles A. Hand-7	Hand is winter man
1902	Alpheus A. Mayo	Ephraim L. Hall-1 Thomas Barber-2 Elias Tarlton, Jr.-3 Fred W. Tibbetts-4 Albert E. Wheeler-5 George B. Ricker-6 Charles A. Hand-7	Hand is winter man; Mayo disabled by DEC 1902, with Hall as acting keeper
1903	Alpheus A. Mayo Ephraim L. Hall	Ephraim L. Hall Thomas Barber Elias Tarlton, Jr. Fred W. Tibbetts George B. Ricker Charles A. Hand Philip Laighton Mark Rull James S. Littlefield William B. Guptill	Hall becomes keeper 22 July 1903 with Mayo too ill to continue; surfman numbers not cited in logbook

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1904	Ephraim L. Hall	Thomas Barber Elias Tarlton, Jr. Fred W. Tibbetts Charles A. Hand George B. Ricker James S. Littlefield William B. Guptill Charles W. Becker	Surfman numbers not cited in logbook
1905	Ephraim L. Hall	Thomas Barber Elias Tarlton, Jr. Charles A. Hand George B. Ricker James S. Littlefield William B. Guptill Daniel J. Sawyer	Surfman numbers not cited in logbook
1906	Ephraim L. Hall	Thomas Barber-1 Elias Tarlton, Jr.-2 George B. Ricker-3 Charles A. Hand-4 James S. Littlefield-5 William B. Guptill-6 Daniel J. Sawyer-7	
1907	Ephraim L. Hall	Thomas Barber-1 Elias Tarlton, Jr.-2 George B. Ricker-3 Charles A. Hand-4 James S. Littlefield-5 William B. Guptill-6 Daniel J. Sawyer-7	
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1908	Ephraim L. Hall	Thomas Barber-1 Elias Tarlton, Jr.-2 George B. Ricker-3 Charles A. Hand-4 James S. Littlefield-5 William B. Guptill-6 Daniel J. Sawyer-7	Station name changed on 19 JAN 1908
1909	Ephraim L. Hall	Thomas Barber-1 Elias Tarlton, Jr.-2 George B. Ricker-3 Charles A. Hand-4 James S. Littlefield-5 William B. Guptill-6 Irving J. Dobbin-7	

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1910, 1911, 1912, 1913	Ephraim L. Hall	Thomas Barber-1 Elias Tarlton, Jr.-2 George B. Ricker-3 Charles A. Hand-4 James S. Littlefield-5 William B. Guptill-6 Irving J. Dobbins-7	No changes in station crew from 1910 through 1913
1914	Ephraim L. Hall	Thomas Barber-1 Elias Tarlton, Jr.-2 Charles A. Hand-3 James S. Littlefield-4 William B. Guptill-5 Irving J. Dobbins-6 Herman A. Schwartz-7	
1915	Ephraim L. Hall	Thomas Barber-1 Elias Tarlton, Jr.-2 Charles A. Hand-3 James S. Littlefield-4 William B. Guptill-5 Irving J. Dobbins-6 John E. O'Sullivan-7	Barber retires JUL 1915
1916	Ephraim L. Hall	Elias Tarlton, Jr.-1 Charles A. Hand-2 James S. Littlefield-3 William B. Guptill-4 Irving J. Dobbins-5 John E. O'Sullivan-6 Edwin Shaw-7 Alnak L. Hooper-7	Tarlton leaves, with Hand promoted to No. 1
1917	Ephraim L. Hall	Charles A. Hand-1 James S. Littlefield-2 William B. Guptill-3 Irving J. Dobbins-4 John E. O'Sullivan-5 Edwin Shaw-6 Edgar P. Albee-7	

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1918	Ephraim L. Hall	Charles A. Hand-1 James S. Littlefield-2 William B. Guptill-3 Irving J. Dobbin-4 John E. O'Sullivan-5 Edgar P. Albee-6 H.P. Smart-7 J.E. Dawson/Lawson-8	Station crew supplemented for WWI period; later in 1918, W.E. Sprague added to crew as new No. 1 surfman (Hand is transferred to another station), along with additional surfmen S.A. d'Entremont, G.A. Woodward, F.W. Beal, and W.A. Huckins
1919	Ephraim L. Hall Charles A. Hand	W.E. Sprague-1 James S. Littlefield-2 Irving J. Dobbin-3 Edgar P. Albee-4 F.W. Beal-4 S.A. d'Entremont-5 H.B. Faulkingham-6 E.J. Staples-7 W.H. Woodward-8	Hall retires 31 May 1919
1920	Warrant Boatswain (WB) Charles A. Hand	W.E. Sprague-1/BM1 James S. Littlefield-2 Irving J. Dobbin-3 W.H. Woodward-4 F.W. Beal-5 S.A. d'Entremont-6 H.B. Faulkingham-7	In 1920, USCG initiates changes in rank for keeper and No. 1 surfman; additional crew were surfmen E.L. Mathews, Calvin D. Beal, George E. Furbish, Guy E. Dunning, William F. Alley, and cooks Harry H. Williams, Emil Fisher, and Charles A. Chase
1921	WB Charles A. Hand	BM1 W.E. Sprague James S. Littlefield-2 E.E. Huckins-3 E.L. Mathews-4 Calvin B. Beal-5 George E. Furbish-6 William F. Alley-7 Guy E. Dunning-8 R.G. Berry-9 Charles A. Chase-Cook	Sprague promoted to BMC and transferred, replaced by BM1 Austin F. Remick; station crew augmented for Prohibition enforcement patrols

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1922	WB Charles A. Hand	BM1 Austin F. Remick James S. Littlefield-2 E.E. Huckins-3 George E. Furbish-4 Guy E. Dunning-5 W.B. Conner-6 C.W. Barutio-7 E.F. Hodgdon-8 R.W. Walsh-9	
1923	WB Charles A. Hand	BM1 Thomas H. Surles George E. Furbish-2 Guy E. Dunning-3 Walter B. Conner-4 C.W. Barutio-5 R.W. Walsh-6 R.F. Tucker-7 Philip N. Higgins-8	
1924	WB Charles A. Hand	BM1 Thomas H. Surles Walter B. Conner-2 Philip N. Higgins-3 Louis E. Pratt-4 Lloyd W. Seaward-5 Ralph L. Thompson-6 Arthur J. Laughlin-7 Clarence L. Raye-8 W.T. Francis-S Ellsworth E. Waltz, Jr.-S H.F. Niles-S H.W. Kaler-S	

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1925	WB Charles A. Hand BMC Albert F. Jones	BM1 Thomas H. Surles BM1 Hugh F. Snow Philip N. Higgins-2 Lloyd W. Seaward-3 Clarence L. Raye-4 Ralph L. Thompson-5 Louis E. Pratt-6 Arthur W. Crowley-7 Charles F. Small-8 William R. Perkins-S George H. Trefethen-S Earle C. MacRae-S Clarence Crouse-S George H. Congdon-S Francis T. O'Neil-S Clifton T. Doughty-S Roy Bennett-S Clarence R. Ellsmore-S	Hand transferred 27 FEB 1925 and replaced by Jones; Surles transferred and replaced by Snow
1926	BMC Albert F. Jones	BM1 Hugh F. Snow BM1 Chester A. Leufestey Philip N. Higgins-2 Lloyd W. Seaward-3 Clarence L. Raye-4 Ralph L. Thompson-5 Louis E. Pratt-6 Arthur W. Crowley-7 Charles F. Small-8 William R. Perkins-S George H. Trefethen-S Earle C. MacRae-S Clarence Crouse-S George H. Congdon-S Francis T. O'Neil-S Clifton T. Doughty-S Roy Bennett-S Howard L. Seavey-S Jasper H. Moulton-S Leland C. Colbeth-S Clarence R. Ellsmore-S	Snow transferred and replaced by Leufestey

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1927	BMC Albert F. Jones	BM1 Chester A. Leufestey BM1 James M. Hoar, Jr. Philip N. Higgins-2 Louis E. Pratt-3 Lester E. Snowdeal-4 George H. Congdon-5 Arthur W. Crowley-6 Earle C. MacRae-7 Clarence R. Ellsmore-8 Jasper H. Moulton-9 Leland C. Colbeth-10 Arthur S. Foss-S Henry A. Wilson-S Norman R. O'Brien-S	Leufestey transferred and replaced by Hoar
1928	WB Fred E. Small	BM1 James M. Hoar, Jr. MoMM2 Frank A. Burke Kenneth L. Robinson-S Darrell Archer-S Leland C. Colbeth-S Louis Ste. Marie-S George H. Congdon-S Charles S. Jones-S William T. Whenal-S Leavitt E. Coffin-S Earl E. McLaughlin-S Joseph S. Alley-S Calvin L. Johnson-S Oscar C. Munro-S Ellery N. Merchant-S Philip N. Higgins-S Arthur W. Crowley-S Clarence R. Ellsmore-S Arthur S. Foss-S Henry A. Wilson-S Norman R. O'Brien-S	Small replaces Jones as officer-in-charge

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1929	WB Fred E. Small BMC Payson F. Myers	BM1 James M. Hoar, Jr. MoMM1 Frank A. Burke MoMM1 Harvey O. Morton Kenneth L. Robinson-S Leland C. Colbeth-S Louis Ste. Marie-S Charles S. Jones-S Leavitt E. Coffin-S Joseph S. Alley-S Calvin L. Johnson-S Oscar C. Munro-S Ellery N. Merchant-S Elman L. Colbeth-S Kernan D. Joy-S Charles U. Gardner-S Jesse E. Davidson-S	Small is replaced by Myers as officer-in-charge; Burke is replaced by Morton
1930	WB Jasper B. Myers	BM1 James M. Hoar, Jr. BM2 Freeman H. Harmon BM2 Wilson B. Carter MoMM1 Harvey O. Morton Kenneth L. Robinson-S Louis Ste. Marie-S Charles S. Jones-S Leavitt E. Coffin-S Joseph S. Alley-S Oscar C. Munro-S Ellery N. Merchant-S Elman L. Colbeth-S Kernan D. Joy-S Charles U. Gardner-S Trafton D. Gardner-S Jesse E. Davidson-S	

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1931	WB Jasper B. Myers WB Charles A. Hand	BM1 James M. Hoar, Jr. BM1 Howard L. Fenderson BM2 Wilson B. Carter MoMM1 Clifford F. Beal MoMM2 Noyes W. Crowley Louis Ste. Marie-S Leavitt E. Coffin-S Joseph S. Alley-S Oscar C. Munro-S Ellery N. Merchant-S Charles U. Gardner-S Trafton D. Gardner-S Jesse E. Davidson-S Lewis L. Benner-S Thurman W. Gould-S	Myers was replaced by Hand; Hoar was replaced by Fenderson; Beal was replaced by Crowley
1932	WB Charles A. Hand WB Albert F. Jones	BM1 Howard L. Fenderson BM2 Frederick C. Maxwell MoMM1 Noyes W. Crowley MoMM2 Joseph S. Alley Louis Ste. Marie-S Leavitt E. Coffin-S Oscar C. Munro-S Charles U. Gardner-S Trafton D. Gardner-S Jesse E. Davidson-S Lewis L. Benner-S Thurman W. Gould-S Raymond L. Carpenter-S Merle W. Sutton-S Hilmer F. Moll-S Donald O. Hanscom-S	Hand was replaced by Jones; Alley changed from surfman to motor machinist mate rating

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1933	WB Albert F. Jones	BM1 Howard L. Fenderson BM1 Malcolm C. Wood BM2 Floyd M. Hitchens MoMM1 Noyes W. Crowley MoMM2 Joseph S. Alley Louis Ste. Marie-S Leavitt E. Coffin-S Oscar C. Munro-S Charles U. Gardner-S Trafton D. Gardner-S Jesse E. Davidson-S Lewis L. Benner-S Thurman W. Gould-S Merle W. Sutton-S Hilmer F. Moll-S Donald O. Hanscom-S Melvin S. Remick-S	
1934	WB Albert F. Jones	BM1 Malcolm C. Wood BM2 Floyd M. Hitchens Frederick C. Maxwell-S Leavitt E. Coffin-S Oscar C. Munro-S Charles U. Gardner-S Thurman W. Gould-S Donald O. Hanscom-S Clifford C. Tabbutt-S Ernest R. Beal-S Chester H. Zeeman-S Charles F. Whitney-S Jordan Orr-S	

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1935	BM1 Howard L. Fenderson-Acting OIC BMC Herman A. Schwartz	MoMM2 Joseph S. Alley Frederick C. Maxwell-S Charles U. Gardner-S Donald O. Hanscom-S Ernest R. Beal-S Charles F. Whitney-S Jordan Orr-S Floreston G. Alley-S	
1936	BM1/BMC William G. Rich	BM1 Howard L. Fenderson MoMM1 John L. Bradley Donald O. Hanscom-S William R. Ramsey-S Ernest R. Beal-S Frederick C. Maxwell-S Charles U. Gardner-S Clifford C. Tabbutt-S Oscar C. Munro-S Joseph E. Messier-S	
1937	BMC William G. Rich WB Ashley H. Calder	BM1 Howard L. Fenderson BM2 Ernest R. Beal MoMM1 John L. Bradley MoMM1 Ephraim W. Alley MoMM2 John W. Babcock Donald O. Hanscom-S William R. Ramsey-S Frederick C. Maxwell-S Charles U. Gardner-S Roger W. Knight-S Dana W. Armstrong-S Malcolm E. Berry-S Leonard E. Rainaud-S	Calder replaces Rich

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1938	WB Ashley H. Calder	BM1 Howard L. Fenderson MoMM1 John L. Bradley Donald O. Hanscom-S William R. Ramsey-S Charles U. Gardner-S Dana W. Armstrong-S Malcolm E. Berry-S Irwin H. Wass-S Hector E. Cote-S Donald C. Coffin-S	
1939	WB Ashley H. Calder	BM1 Howard L. Fenderson MoMM1 John L. Bradley Charles U. Gardner-S Dana W. Armstrong-S Malcolm E. Berry-S Irwin H. Wass-S Hector E. Cote-S Donald C. Coffin-S Roger W. Knight-S Ernest R. Beal-S Leonard E. Rainaud-S	
1940	WB Ashley H. Calder BMC Hugh F. Snow	BM1 Howard L. Fenderson MoMM1 John L. Bradley Charles U. Gardner-S Dana W. Armstrong-S Malcolm E. Berry-S Irwin H. Wass-S Hector E. Cote-S Donald C. Coffin-S Roger W. Knight-S Leonard E. Rainaud-S	Calder replaced by Snow

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Abbreviations:

WB = Warrant Boatswain

BM = Boatswains Mate (1 for First Class, 2 for Second Class)

MoMM = Motor Machinists Mate (1 for First Class, 2 for Second Class)

S = Surfman

General Comments:

By the late 1920's, surfmen were no longer assigned a number as their rank with the exception of Surfman No. 1, who was the next person in charge after the keeper. By the start of WWII, most of the younger surfmen had been taken away from their stations and re-assigned to landing craft coxswain duties. They were replaced by less well trained non-rated crew such as a Seaman or Seaman's Apprentice.

During WWI and Prohibition, station crew complements were typically increased to allow for increased patrols both shoreside and on boats. During Prohibition, many stations (including Portsmouth Harbor) were assigned higher-speed cabin picket boats for patrol and interception of incoming rum-running speedboats, which required additional crews from the stations to which they were assigned. At the end of Prohibition and the beginning of the Great Depression, most station crews were reduced in number as a cost-saving measure.

Details from Logbook Entries:

-The Jerry's Point station was provided with a new launchway ramp in May 1899.

-The Wood Island station initially did not have a wreck pole when the station was placed in operation in 1908. The pole was added over the next year or so of operation so that they could perform the breeches buoy drill.

-The life car assigned to Jerry's Point was transferred over to Wood Island, and was still being used in drills as late as the early 1930's long after being abandoned by other stations.

-The 28ft. long Excelsior type pulling surfboat No. 781, received brand new by Jerry's Point/Wood Island in 1907, lasted in service well into 1933, long after other surfboats of this type had been decommissioned. Logbook entries indicate that exceptional care was given to this particular boat by the station crew.

-The first Beebe-McLellan type motor surfboat assigned to Wood Island (received on 25 JAN 1910) was destroyed in a 1914 storm, after which the station received a replacement, No. 1217 on 25 JAN 1915 by means of the Boston & Maine Railroad. The original Aristox horizontal gasoline engine in No. 1217 was later replaced by a vertical type Kermath gasoline engine in May 1925. By 1927, this motor surfboat was no longer in service and replaced by Type H motor surfboats Nos. 1859 (received in NOV 1923) and 3050 (received in OCT 1927, transferred from Station Narragansett Pier in RI).

-Station Portsmouth Harbor (Wood Island) received its first cabin picket boat for Prohibition patrols, a 36ft. long single cabin picket boat No. 2226, in June of 1928; it was used over the 1928 to 1931 period, after which it was replaced by a later model 38ft. cabin picket boat, No. 2385/CG38301, in June 1931. This boat was then replaced by 1937 by an older model 36ft. double cabin picket boat No. 2371/CG36306.

-Station Portsmouth Harbor (Wood Island) received its first motor lifeboat, a 36ft. Type H No. 1854, in JAN 1935, being transferred from its original station Isle of Shoals.