



Station Coney Island, New York

USLSS Station #37, Third District

Location:	Manhattan Beach; 40-34' 20"N x 73-55' 30"W
Date of Conveyance	1855
Station Built:	1856
Fate:	Discontinued in 1899 (?)

Remarks:

See the entry for the Sheep's Head Bay station. This station is believed to have been built on Manhattan Beach some time in 1856. The *1878 Annual Report* describes its rebuilding: "... during the summer a new and commodious station has been erected at Coney Island, in place of the old boat—house which stood there, and is now occupied by the crew. This station was given ampler dimensions than any other in the service, being designed for an experimental station as well as for the habitation of a crew, on account of its favorable location for conducting experiments with life—saving appliances and for testing the value of devices which may be presented for trial."

The station was moved to a new site in 1888; mention is made in the *1878 Annual Report* that "ground for the new life-saving station at Coney Island was given by the New York and Manhattan Beach Railway Company." "Necessary repairs and improvements" were made at the station in 1893. In the *1900 Annual Report*, the listing for the station is annotated with the comment "not in operation."

Keepers:

The first keeper was Stephen Morris, who was appointed that year. Morris was followed later by Charles Bebensee (appointed August 27, 1880, and resigned June 30, 1885), Richard H. Ryder (August 27, 1885, until being discharged

October 22, 1889), John H. Abrams (October 25, 1889, until resignation March 3, 1894) and Wilson Frazier (appointed March 26, 1894, he served until November 19, 1898, when he went to Jones Beach to be a surfman).

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