



Station Tillamook Bay, Oregon

Coast Guard Station #325; originally Coast Guard Station #312

Location:	North side entrance of Tillamook Bay, 5 miles north northeast of Cape Meares Light; 45-34' 00"N x 123-56' 30"W
Date of Conveyance	1905
Station Built:	1907
Fate:	Still in commission

Tillamook Bay:

In 1904 Congress approved the building plans for Life-Saving Station No. 312 to be built in Barview, Oregon. On 7 March 1908 the station officially opened two miles southeast of Barview, Oregon. It was initially called Barview Life Saving Station. This station remained in operation until it was sold to a private buyer in 1942. A new station was built in the township of Garibaldi in 1942. In 1981 the station moved to its current waterfront facility, located in the Port of Garibaldi.*

A river patrol on Nehalem River operated out of Tillamook Bay Station but was discontinued in 1980. A River Patrol is listed as operational in the summer of 1983, however.

As of 2007, the station has five search and rescue boats, including: two 47' motor lifeboats (47'-MLB), two 23' utility boats produced by Safe Boat (23'-UTL) and an 18' flood response skiff .

*Information provided courtesy of BM1 Donald M. Lanham, USCG.

Keepers:

Robert Farley was appointed keeper on 7 March 1908 and was relieved of command in May 1934.

BMC Edward Hansen assumed command in May 1934 and was relieved on 16 April 1937.

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? Holcomb assumed command in 1943 and served to 1947?

BMC John McCormick assumed command in January 1947 and was relieved in July 1947.

BM1 Palmer Paris assumed command in July 1947 and was relieved in August 1947.

BMC Roderick Dowell assumed command in August 1947 and was relieved in January 1948.

CWO Reobert Rittenhouse assumed command in January 1948 and was relieved in January 1949.

CWO Roderick Dowell assumed command in January 1949 and was relieved in October 1951.

BMC Paul Kraske assumed command in 1955 and was relieved in 1956.

BMC Earl Ericksen assumed command in 1956 and was relieved on 18 December 1958.

BMC Love

BMC Floyd Shelton assumed command in May 1961 and was relieved in July 1963. (He placed the unit back into commission).

BM1 Deer (Temp) assumed command in July 1963.

BMC Myron Colburn assumed command in 1965 and left in 1966.

BMC Mike Maines assumed command in 1967 and was relieved in January 1968.

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BMC Ron Brooks assumed command in December 1969 and was relieved in July 1971.

BMC Earl L. Maroney assumed command in 1972 (?) and was relieved in January 1975.

BMCS Charles E. Spry assumed command in January 1975 and was relieved in April 1978.

BMCM Rick Harshfield assumed command in April 1978 and was relieved in April 1981.

BMCS Clarence D. Robinson assumed command in April 1981 and was relieved in 1983 (?)

CWO Mike F. Abbott assumed command (date?) and was relieved in September 1986.

CWO Robert W. Steiner assumed command in September 1986 and was relieved in July 1989.

CWO Bruce D. Hibbs assumed command in July 1989 and was relieved in May 1992.

CWO Paul D. Bellona assumed command in May 1992 and was relieved in May 1995.

CWO Mark H. Dobney assumed command in May 1995 and was relieved in July 1998.

BMCM Dan E. Shipman assumed command in July 1998 and was relieved in March 2000.

BMCM Curtis W. Mauck assumed command in March 2000 and was relieved in July 2000.

BMCM Lars B. Kent assumed command in July 2000.

BMCM James A. Bankson assumed command in July 2004 and was relieved in July 2006.

BMCM Michael P. Leavitt assumed command in July 2007.

Photography:



"The launching of the lifeboat into Tillamook Bay, Oregon."; no date; photographer unknown.

Photo No. 275, provided courtesy of BM1 Donald M. Lanham, USCG.



"The U.S. Lifesaving crew on a rescue in Tillamook Bay."; no date; photographer unknown.

Photo No. 278, provided courtesy of BM1 Donald M. Lanham, USCG.



"Tillamook life crew in the surf"; 1906; photographer unknown.

Photo No. 351, provided courtesy of BM1 Donald M. Lanham, USCG.



No caption/ date; photographer unknown.

Photo No. 292, provided courtesy of BM1 Donald M. Lanham, USCG.



"Tillamook Bay Station 312 [;] Now # 325"; dated July 20, 1916, postcard.



"Tillamook Bay Station 312 [;] Now # 325"; dated July 20, 1916, postcard; photographer unknown.



"TILLAMOOK BAY LB STATION, (OLD STATION) DISPOSED OF [;] DKR."; dated 3/13/47; Photo No. 111526; photographer unknown.



"C.G. L/B. Station Tillamook Bay, Oregon, 1945 [;] Tillamook Bay Sta. #325 [;] Garibaldi 38, Oreg. [;] 13th CG. District"; dated 9/20/45; photographer unknown.



"(12) Tillamook Bay Lifeboat Station, Oct. 1947."; no photo number; photographer unknown.



No caption; dated 27 February 1979; Photo No. 13 CGD 022779 05; photographer unknown.



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