

United States Coast Guard
Boat Force Memorial



They gave the final measure...

This memorial is dedicated to those who gave their lives manning life-saving service and Coast Guard stations and boats.

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GALE, JOHN R. Keeper MAR 1, 1876 Little Island, VA
GREGGS, LEMUEL Surfman MAR 1, 1876 Little Island, VA
WHITE, LEWIS Surfman MAR 1, 1876 Little Island, VA
BRUNSEY MALACHI Surfman MAR 1, 1876 Little Island, VA
GRAY, SPENCER D. Surfman MAR 1, 1876 Little Island, VA
MUNDEN, J. Surfman MAR 1, 1876 Little Island, VA
WILSON, GEORGE W. Volunteer MAR 1, 1876 Little Island, VA
PARKER, JOHN Surfman JAN 5, 1877 Forked River, NJ
NICKERSON, H. M. Surfman MAR 30, 1877 Monomoy, MA
GUTHRIE, J. A. Superintendent NOV 25, 1877 District 1, DE, MD, VA
SAYRES, WILLIAM J. Surfman APR 23, 1880 Pointe Aux Barques, MI
MORRISON, ROBERT Surfman APR 23, 1880 Pointe Aux Barques, MI
POTTENGER, JAMES Surfman APR 23, 1880 Pointe Aux Barques, MI
DEFGAN, DENNIS Surfman APR 23, 1880 Pointe Aux Barques, MI
NANJIAU, JAMES Surfman APR 23, 1880 Pointe Aux Barques, MI
PETERBRIDGE, ROYAL J. Surfman APR 23, 1880 Pointe Aux Barques, MI
SAWYER, JOSEPH Superintendent OCT 20, 1880 District 10, Lakes Erie & Ontario
FEABEN, GEORGE Keeper OCT 20, 1880 Hammonds Bay, MI
ATKINS, DAVID H. Keeper NOV 30, 1880 Peaked Hills Bar, MA
TAYLOR, ELLISA M. Surfman NOV 30, 1880 Peaked Hills Bar, MA
MAYO, STEPHEN E. Surfman NOV 30, 1880 Peaked Hills Bar, MA
COLLINS, WARNER Surfman MAY 15, 1881 Cobb Island, VA
JONES, WILLIAM Keeper SEPT 21, 1885 Rutine, WI
SOPER, JOHN I. Surfman FEB 11, 1886 Barnegat, NJ
SOPER, SOLOMON Surfman FEB 11, 1886 Barnegat, NJ
PERRINE, SAMUEL E. Surfman FEB 11, 1886 Barnegat, NJ
FLYNN, JAMES Keeper NOV 29, 1886 Grande Pointe Au Sable, MI
HATCH, OREN Surfman NOV 29, 1886 Grande Pointe Au Sable, MI
SMITH, JOHN Surfman NOV 29, 1886 Grande Pointe Au Sable, MI
WRIGHT, ROBERT Surfman DEC 2, 1886 Oswego, NY
BELANCA, ABEL Keeper JAN 8, 1887 Little Island, VA
LAND, JOHN H. Surfman JAN 8, 1887 Little Island, VA
STONE, GEORGE W. Surfman JAN 8, 1887 Little Island, VA
SPRATLEY, JOSEPH Surfman JAN 8, 1887 Dam Neck Mills, VA
BELANCA, JAMES E. Surfman JAN 11, 1887 Dam Neck Mills, VA
CAKCHINS, FREDERICK Surfman DEC 12, 1890 Point Reyes, CA
ANDERSON, ANDREW Surfman DEC 12, 1890 Point Reyes, CA
HENRY, CHARLES Keeper FEB 21, 1891 Fort Point, CA
CLINTON, HENRY Surfman MAR 17, 1891 Golden Gate Park, CA
CLARK, WILLIAM Keeper JUN 4, 1891 Erie Fa
LARSON, GEORGE Surfman MAR 1, 1893 Point Reyes, CA
SERVAS, NICHOLAS Surfman MAY 17, 1893 Cleveland, OH
CARHER, ALBERT M. Surfman MAY 17, 1893 Cleveland, OH
JOHNSON, JOHN Surfman MAY 17, 1893 Cleveland, OH
SYMMONS, GEORGE M. Surfman MAY 17, 1893 Cleveland, OH
LOHER, CHESTER Surfman JUN 30, 1893 Cleveland, OH
RICHARDSON, JOHN M. Superintendent JUN 13, 1896 District 1, ME, NH
KUBBERS, MATTHEW Superintendent AUG 2, 1899 District 11, Lakes Huron & Superior
COSTE, JAMES I. Surfman AUG 19, 1899 Sullivan Island, SC
WHITE, JAMES C. Surfman AUG 24, 1901 Little Island, VA
ELDRIDGE, MARSHALL N. Keeper MAR 17, 1902 Monomoy, MA

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CHASE, OSBORN E. Surfman MAR 17, 1902 Monomoy MA
FOYE, ISAAC C. Surfman MAR 17, 1902 Monomoy, MA
KENDRICK, FILIAM Surfman MAR 17, 1902 Monomoy, MA
NICKERSON, VALENTINE D. Surfman MAR 17, 1902 Monomoy, MA
ROGERS, ARTHUR W. Surfman FEB 20, 1902 Monomoy, MA
SMALL, EDGAR C. Surfman MAR 17, 1902 Monomoy, MA
MCQUIRE, MICHAEL T. Surfman SEPT 3, 1903 Sullivan Island, SC
DWIGGINS, JOHN Surfman OCT 4, 1903 Sleeping Bear Point, MI
CHURCH, CHARLES A. Surfman DEC 9, 1903 Mass, NY
HENNESSY, GEORGE W. Keeper JUL 24, 1905 Spring Lake, NJ
JACOBSEN, JOHN Surfman NOV 19, 1908 Woodlawn Island, WA
SUNSTROM, JOHN Surfman NOV 19, 1908 Woodlawn Island, WA
WICKMAN, HENRY W. Surfman NOV 26, 1909 Tillamook Bay, OR
STYRON, WILLIAM H. Surfman OCT 25, 1913 Creed's Hill, NC
DOTCHER, EDWARD Surfman AUG 16, 1915 San Luis, TX
COCHRAN, WILFRED J. Surfman AUG 16, 1915 San Luis, TX
MADDOX, JEROME C. Surfman AUG 16, 1915 San Luis, TX
ODDERSHED, CHRISTIAN P. Surfman AUG 16, 1915 San Luis, TX
MUNZ, JOHN A. Surfman JUN 27, 1916 Louisville, KY
PARKER, SHERMAN M. Surfman MAY 2, 1920 Appleton Island, WI
CHESTERTON, REGINALD E. Surfman MAY 3, 1920 Appleton Island, WI
SULLIVAN, WILLIAM R. Surfman APR 17, 1922 Charlotte Station, NY
FRASER, RICHARD Surfman MAY 28, 1922 Cape Fear, NC
DOUGHE, WILLIE E. Surfman AUG 11, 1942 Pt. Adams Lifboat Station, NY
GOODMAN, MARK Surfman MAR 3, 1925 Coo Bay Station, OR
DECASTER, JULES E. FNI MAR 20, 1925 Anacortes, WA
MCKEENE, JOSEPH H. SA MAY 13, 1925 Boston, MA
KOUTNEY, FRANK MOMM2 NOV 16, 1925 Rockaway Inlet, NY
ALLARD, EUGENE MOMM2 DEC 11, 1925 Base 7 Staten Island, NY
MUSCOTO, RALPH SH2 JUL 13, 1926 East Boston, MA
SPENCER, WILLIAM B. Surfman AUG 7, 1926 Squam Beach Station, NJ
DAVIS, ELVIN H. Surfman FEB 23, 1927 Blue Point, NY
DAVIS, MAURICE R. Surfman FEB 23, 1927 Blue Point, NY
SIMPSON, CHARLES C. Surfman FEB 23, 1927 Blue Point, NY
LEARY, ERNEST M. Casewain JUL 26, 1927 Atlantic City, NJ
KING, ROBERT F. MOMM1 AUG 25, 1927 South Star, Morrie, MI
WHITE, KENNETH E. BMT1 OCT 14, 1927 Woods Hole, MA
CASIMAN, WILLIAM H. BMT1 MAR 10, 1928 Monomoy Pt. Station, MA
GRISWOLD, FRANK W. Surfman MAR 10, 1928 Monomoy Pt. Station, MA
STARK, EDWARD P. Surfman MAR 10, 1928 Monomoy Pt. Station, MA
PEEL, ZORA B. FNI JUL 1, 1928 Base 8 Norfolk, VA
POLLARD, HOWARD B. Surfman MAY 24, 1929 Fishers Island Station, NJ
NEWBERN, ROOSEVELT SH1 JUN 12, 1929 Base 6 Fort Lauderdale, FL
PRATT LOUIS E. BMT1 AUG 5, 1930 Plum Island, MA
GRAY, WILLIAM R. SH1 FEB 5, 1931 Base 3 Charleston, SC
CHESTER, JAMES E. BMT FEB 5, 1931 Middlesex, VA
PAIVA, MANUEL Surfman FEB 9, 1931 Middlesex, VA
HAGSEYER, CHARLES I. SH2 MAR 17, 1943 Salisbury Beach Patrol, MA
RHODES, MARVIN E. BMT MAR 6, 1932 Atlantic City Station, NJ
GRAHAM, WILLIAM MOMM2 MAR 6, 1932 Atlantic City Station, NJ
BARNETT DAVID A. Surfman MAR 6, 1932 Atlantic City Station, NJ

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LIVINGSTON, HAROLD Surfman MAR 6, 1932 Atlantic City Station, NJ
GARTON, WILLIAM R. Surfman MAR 6, 1932 Atlantic City Station, NJ
DORSEY, ALEX K. Surfman JUL 17, 1933 Buffalo, NY
MORRISSETTE, GUY L. Surfman SEPT 17, 1933 Patuxet, NY
WALKER, JOHN L. Surfman FEB 20, 1934 Jones Beach, NY
EMERY JOSEPH R. Boatwain APR 2, 1934 Little Island, VA
DIPERT, JOHN H. Surfman NOV 30, 1934 Muskogean Station, MI
RIMER, ALFRED BMT FEB 15, 1935 San Francisco, CA
ELKINS, JR., GEORGE L. Surfman FEB 26, 1935 Yaguina Bay Station, OR
MEADOWS, GEORGE A. Surfman FEB 26, 1935 Yaguina Bay Station, OR
STULTZ, WILLIAM L. Surfman FEB 26, 1935 Yaguina Bay Station, OR
CUNNINGHAM, EARL BMT FEB 9, 1936 Charlotte Station, MI
PINEK, WILLIAM E. BOS N DEC 17, 1936 Bogue Inlet, NC
MARTON, HAROLD E. Surfman SEPT 7, 1937 Point Adams, NC
ELKINS, EARL E. Surfman DEC 12, 1937 Quillayate River Station, WA
LEGHURD, ROYAL J. SH1 DEC 9, 1943 Sabine Station, TX
HYDE, JAMES BMT JAN 28, 1941 Boston Small Craft, MA
VENTRETTA, JOSEPH S. MOMM2 MAY 4, 1942 Port Angeles, WA
CANNON, WILLIAM A. V. BMT MAY 7, 1942 Detroit Base, MI
COX, JOSEPH E. SH2 JUN 23, 1942 St. Louis, MO
TRANCHANT, GEORGE A. SH2 JUL 16, 1942 St. Louis, MO
KARNICKY, RAYMOND E. SH2 JUL 25, 1942 Two Rivers Station, WI
MCKENZIE, WILLIAM E. SH2 JUL 29, 1942 Astoria Base, OR
NEUMAN, EARNEST E. MOMM2 AUG 11, 1942 Pt. Adams Lifboat Station, OR
DOTY, EDWARD W. Casewain SEPT 9, 1942 Louisa Station, OH
MOORE, JR., ERNEST L. Casewain SEPT 16, 1942 Coastal Picket Charleston, SC
MONTER, DANIEL A. J. SA OCT 7, 1942 COTP Mobile, AL
BERREL, GORDON J. SH2 OCT 15, 1942 COTP San Diego, CA
MILLER, KENNETH H. SA OCT 20, 1942 Port Huron Station, MI
GERMANN, FRED D. SH2 NOV 5, 1942 St. Louis, MO
SULLIVAN, WILLIAM E. SA NOV 13, 1942 COTP Portland, ME
GINSBURG, IRVING SH2 DEC 4, 1942 Oswego Station, NY
HOLDSWORTH, LESSIE J. SH1 DEC 4, 1942 Oswego Station, NY
JACKSON, KARL H. BMT DEC 4, 1942 Oswego Station, NY
SPRAY, FRANCIS SH2 DEC 20, 1944 COTP New Orleans, LA
WILSON, ALFRED C. BMT DEC 4, 1942 Oswego Station, NY
SIXSON, FLORENCE B. LI DEC 4, 1942 Oswego Station, NY
MINIHANE, JOHN A. Casewain APR 2, 1943 Kennebec River Lifboat Station, ME
RILES, EDWARD E. BMT DEC 19, 1942 COTP Miami, FL
WADSWORTH, FRANK M. Casewain JAN 1, 1943 COTP Portland, ME
DESANTIS, PAUL SH1 JAN 10, 1943 Madelon Island Station, MI
SENI, JOSEPH B. Casewain JAN 18, 1943 New York District, NY
WELLS, ROSCOE M. SH2 FEB 6, 1943 Long Beach District, LA
DEEDE, MILTON M. SH2 FEB 6, 1943 Long Beach District, LA
CROCKETT, JAMES C. BMT FEB 10, 1943 Norfolk, VA
PINARD, FLOYD R. SH1 FEB 26, 1943 COTP Houston, TX
NADYAHAN, PEDRO OFF STED2 MAR 3, 1943 New York District, NY
WASHINGTON, CARL M. SH2 MAR 4, 1943 COTP Baltimore, MD
DASHNINE, MORRIS L. SH2 MAR 17, 1943 Salisbury Beach Patrol, MA
HOLBUD, CATHIE C. SH1 MAR 27, 1943 Beach Patrol Sabine Pass, TX
ALFORT, GEORGE FNI APR 8, 1943 New York, NY
KNIGHT, EARL BMT APR 8, 1943 New York, NY

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STOEFFLER, GILBERT A. SH2 APR 22, 1943 Potomac River, MD
STENSON, ROBERT C. SH2 APR 25, 1943 Beach Patrol Long Beach, CA
PETTITO, ANTHONY L. SH1 MAY 18, 1943 COTP Baton Rouge, LA
KANCHUGA, STEPHEN MOMM1 JUN 7, 1943 New York, NY
WOODHAM, JESSE CHN JUN 25, 1943 COTP Mayaguez, PR
LYNCH, JOSEPH E. SH1 JUL 12, 1943 COTP Buffalo, NY
HURLEY, JR., RICHARD SH2 JUL 31, 1943 COTP Washington D.C.
DALE, CALVIN W. SH2 SEPT 3, 1943 New River Detachment, NC
ANDREWS, JOSEPH G. SH2 AUG 23, 1943 Lewes Station, DE
MATHERNE, JR., EVANS J. SH1 OCT 23, 1943 Beach Patrol San Francisco District, CA
SAUTWIER, JOSEPH W. A. Casewain OCT 23, 1943 Beach Patrol San Francisco District, CA
SILVER, JONAS SH2 OCT 23, 1943 Beach Patrol San Francisco District, CA
TERREY THOMAS C. MOMM1 NOV 9, 1943 Beach Patrol Murro Bay, CA
DUNN, DAVID W. SH1 NOV 10, 1943 COTP San Juan, PR
LEVIN, KENNETH R. FNI NOV 17, 1942 Black Island Lifboat Station, RI
LEGHURD, ROYAL J. SH1 DEC 9, 1943 Sabine Station, TX
HUGHSON, ALRED A. MOMM1 JAN 12, 1944 Wachapreague Station, VA
MCUDIGH, DENNIS A. SH1 JAN 20, 1944 Middlesex Lifboat Station, MA
BLAIR, SEBA E. SC3 MAR 31, 1944 Calumet Harbor Light Station, IL
SLANE, MICHAEL RMS APR 23, 1941 COTP St. Louis, MO
LEWIS, CHARLES H. CSP(S) APR 23, 1944 COTP St. Louis, MO
MAGARELLO, ANTHONY BMT APR 26, 1944 Shinnecock Station, NY
FERSCHOFF, GERALD E. SH2 MAY 14, 1944 COTP Savannah, GA
COSTA, MANUEL SH2 MAY 18, 1944 Racine Lifboat Station, WI
WELLS, LEWIS E. BMT MAY 25, 1944 Sturgeon Bay Canal Lifboat Station, WI
ARCEVAUX, MILTON SH2 MAY 26, 1944 Lake Pontchartrain Station, LA
BRODA, PETER G. SH1 JUL 17, 1944 Alameda Base, CA
DEGRYSE, WILLIAM G. BMT JUL 17, 1944 Alameda Base, CA
PORTEZ, EDWARD J. MOMM1 JUL 17, 1944 Alameda Base, CA
RILEY, CHARLES H. SH1 JUL 17, 1944 Alameda Base, CA
SULLIVAN, JAMES C. SH2 JUL 17, 1944 Alameda Base, CA
MARTIN, ROBERT E. MOMM3 JUL 16, 1944 COTP Wrentham, AK
MACE, JOSEPH I. SH1 JUL 31, 1944 Fort Hampton Lifboat Station, NY
HUGEN, BERT E. SH1 SEPT 15, 1944 Naval Ammunitions Depot, Hastings, NE
LEARY, FRANCIS SH2 SEP 20, 1944 COTP New Orleans, LA
HURST, RAY W. SH1 FEB 17, 1945 COTP Baltimore, MD
MINIHANE, JOHN A. Casewain JAN 1, 1943 Kennebec River Lifboat Station, ME
SLAPKAS, BERNARD L. MOMM2 JUN 14, 1945 Broadford Group, NC
LONGBRACK, DALE E. MOMM1 OCT 20, 1945 Buffalo Base, NY
MCPHERSON, DAN H. BMT OCT 21, 1945 Seattle, WA
HEIDNER, IRVINE E. Casewain NOV 14, 1945 Seattle Group, WA
PRIABE, JR., FREDERICK W. MOMM1 NOV 30, 1945 Great Captain's Island Light Station, CT
RAMETTI, AMERICO J. MOMM1 NOV 30, 1945 Great Captain's Island Light Station, CT
FINN, RAY H. SH1 DEC 6, 1930 Seven Foot Knoll Light Station, MD
SIMMONS, GELOYD J. MOMM1 FEB 5, 1946 Willapa Bay Lifboat Station, WA
GILGILL, JR., RONALD A. PS3 MAR 25, 2007 MSST Anchorage, AK
HAMPTON, HOWARD W. SH1 FEB 5, 1946 Willapa Bay Lifboat Station, WA
MILLER, JOSEPH W. BMT FEB 5, 1946 Willapa Bay Lifboat Station, WA
JOYCE, ROBERT W. BMT FEB 20, 1946 Eaton Neck Lifboat Station, NY
FERA, LOUIS A. MOMM2 FEB 20, 1946 Eaton Neck Lifboat Station, NY
WINTER, HERBERT C. SH2 FEB 20, 1946 Eaton Neck Lifboat Station, NY

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O'BERRY, JACK L. IN SEPT 9, 1949 Rockland Group, ME
SOBLITON, JOHN R. BMT APR 15, 1950 Philadelphia Group, PA
DANIELSON, MURRAY L. SH1 MAY 4, 1950 Seattle Group, WA
BECKETT, JR., BERTHAM C. SH2 APR 3, 1951 Humbolt Bay Group, CA
CASTELLO, STANLEY G. BMT APR 5, 1951 Humbolt Bay Group, CA
WALKER, WILBUR J. ETI APR 5, 1951 Humbolt Bay Group, CA
WAGE, JR., MAX J. ETI OCT 28, 1951 Willamette Harbor Lifboat Station, IL
SAWYER, ROBERT E. BMT OCT 28, 1951 Willamette Harbor Lifboat Station, IL
LEFEVRE, JEAN L. BMT MAY 29, 1952 Kennebec River Lifboat Station, ME
CLIFFORD, GERALD J. SH2 SEP 3, 1955 COTP Seattle, WA
BELLINGER, JAMES A. SH2 FEB 12, 1958 Rose Galveston, TX
BOYETTE, JERRY G. SA FEB 12, 1958 Rose Galveston, TX
MOORE, JR., CHARLES H. SH FEB 12, 1958 Rose Galveston, TX
HOLMES, ANTHONY E. BMT NOV 24, 1940 Pt. Reyes Lifboat Station, CA
MCCLEMENTS, HUGH J. FNI NOV 24, 1940 Pt. Reyes Lifboat Station, CA
HOBAN, JOHN S. BMT JAN 12, 1961 Pt. Adams Lifboat Station, OR
PETRIN, JOSEPH E. SH3 JAN 12, 1961 Pt. Adams Lifboat Station, OR
SUSSEX, GORDON E. SH3 JAN 12, 1961 Pt. Adams Lifboat Station, OR
MACE, RALPH E. SH3 JAN 12, 1961 Pt. Adams Lifboat Station, OR
CULS JOHN L. BMT JAN 12, 1961 Pt. Adams Lifboat Station, OR
MILLER, JOHN L. SH3 JAN 12, 1962 Coo Bay Lifboat Station, OR
DUDGION, GERALD D. SH3 NOV 3, 1962 Moorings, Toledo, OH
MILLS, JR., FRANK A. SH3 NOV 3, 1962 Short Beach Lifboat Station, NY
YOE, GERALD E. BMT AUG 1, 1963 Belle Isle, MI
LAFORRETT, LAWRENCE L. SA JAN 4, 1964 Kennecott Station, WA
TAYLOR, CARL L. SH3 SEPT 27, 1966 Alameda Station, CA
DAVIS, RALPH E. SA SEPT 27, 1966 Alameda Station, CA
CULBERTSON, EDGAR A. BMT APR 30, 1967 Duluth Lifboat Station, MN
BRUBAKER, KETHA M. SH3 JUL 11, 1967 North Superior Station, MN
DICKINSON, TERRY H. SH3 DEC 11, 1972 Chattanooga Depot, TN
COLEMAN, MICHAEL SH JUN 16, 1974 Station Key West, FL
ERB, RAYMOND L. BMT NOV 15, 1977 Station Tillamook Bay, OR
MORRIS, GREGORY L. BMT NOV 15, 1977 Station Grays Harbor, WA
ERICKSON, ALBEN E. SH NOV 15, 1977 Station Grays Harbor, WA
SPEER, STEVEN L. SA OCT 1, 1979 Station Yaguina Bay, OR
JONES, LONNIE M. M33 MAR 30, 1981 Station Destin, FL
SEXTON, CHARLES W. M31 JAN 11, 1991 National Moku Lifboat School, WA
KOZLOWSKI, WILLIAM D. SA APR 28, 1991 Station Grand Haven, MI
O'NEILL, MICHAEL E. BMT SEPT 20, 1993 Station Cleveland Harbor, OH
SCOTCHMER, JONATHAN D. M33 JAN 9, 1995 Station Miami Beach, FL
BOSLEY, DAVID A. BMT FEB 12, 1997 Station Quillayate River, WA
SCHUMME, MATTHEW E. M33 FEB 12, 1997 Station Quillayate River, WA
MINIKEN, CLINTON P. SH FEB 12, 1997 Station Quillayate River, WA
CHISHAM, SCOTT J. BMT MAR 24, 2001 Station Niagara, NY
FERREBY, CHRISTOPHER E. SH MAR 24, 2001 Station Niagara, NY
GILL, JR., RONALD A. PS3 MAR 25, 2007 MSST Anchorage, AK
LIN, SHAUN M. M33 OCT 12, 2010 MSST New York, NY
MILLER, JOSEPH W. BMT DEC 2, 2012 COT Walker, CA
OBENDORF, TRAVIS R. BMT DEC 18, 2013 COT Wenche, CA

...we shoved off with all hands in their places in the boat. After getting outside the reef we found the sea heavier with an occasional very heavy one. We dodged and weathered them all right until within about 1/4 mile from scow and nearly one mile distant from nearest point of land. Suddenly, I noticed a very big sea coming for us. There was only time to straighten her so that she might take it head on, but it proved to be [sic] much for her. It came aboard and completely filled her. As the sea was leaving I gave the orders to bail, (we had two bailing dishes aboard) but the men saw that her gunnals [sic] were too far below water as soon as the sea had left us. In a few minutes after she broached to and rolled over with us. We righted her and tried to work one of the oars to get her stern to the sea, but it was impossible her gunnals [sic] being so far below water and in a few moments she rolled over again. We righted her again but with the same result. I am not positive whether we righted her again or not, but if we did not I think the seas rolled her over several times, but of this I am not sure.

All seemed to have hopes at first that we could hang on until we got to the reef. Where we thought we might touch bottom and right her up, and get the water out. At the time she filled we were distant from the reef about a 1/2 mile. (A)bout 3/4 of hour after filling Surfman Passenger gave out. From that time until the last man finished—I think it was about 1/2 hour, they all seemed to go in the same way, gradually going off in a stupor—something like being chloriformed—with one exception they were all holding on the boat by the life lines or fenders when they gave up. Slowly their faces would drop forward until they touched the water and in a few moments after their holds would relax and...the boat would slowly drift away from them.

The exception was Surfman Morrison, he let go his hold or was washed away. When I noticed him, he was five or six feet from the boat seemingly unconscious, his face was slowly dropping. I lunged out to him calling him by name, but he never showed any sign that he heard me and in a moment or two I saw it was all over with him. Surfman Dugan was the last one to give up. Up to this time my memory serves me very good. This must have been about 7 am. From this time until about 12 noon I can remember only very little that transpired. I was found on the beach by Mr. S. McFarland and Mr. A. Shaw about 9:30 am."

Keepers log, 22 April, 1880, Keeper Jerome G Kiah, Port Huron, Michigan