

Shipwrecks or Assisted Given by **Portage Life Saving Service** and **Eagle Harbor Life Saving Service**

Ship name	Where	Date	LSS/Coast Guard Involved?	Comments
Badger State , propeller	Propeller	1885 June 15	Portage LSS, Keeper Steele	In fog.. brought to canal
Hyack propeller	Portage Lake	1885 Oct 7	Portage LSS, Steele	Passengers and pig iron freight. Took off freight, released her and put pig iron back on.
Fountain, City, steamer	Portage Lake	1886 July 23	Portage LSS, Ocha	Ashore. Ran anchor.
Capsized fish boat	Out in Lake 5 miles east	1886 Aug 20	Portage LSS Ocha	2 men clinging to capsized fishing boat. LSS righted it and bailed out, towed to canal.
Clyde	Sawtooth Reef, Eagle River	1886 Aug 28	Portage LSS, Ocha	Lightened flour cargo
Music tug	North Entry	1886 Sept 12	Portage LSS Ocha	Ran line to get off being grounded.
Monitor	North Entry	1886 Oct 15	Portage LSS, Ocha	Obtained tug
Wallace, Robert and David	Marquette	1886 Nov 18	Portage LSS, Ocha	Equipment put on train to make rescue of 24 crew
Mores JC	South of Entry	1886 Nov 20	Portage LSS Ocha	Lighter next to her was sinking. LSS discharged cargo of hay and lumber. Pumped craft dry.
Sea Gull	North Entry	1887 May 22	Portage LSS, Ocha	Towed sloop with fishing nets to station.
Moss schooner	North Entry	1887 July 19	Portage LSS Ocha	Ran lines to grounded steamer
Seaman	North Entry	1887 Nov 13	Portage LSS, Ocha	Rowed to Houghton to obtain a tug to pull her in.
City of Fremont, wooden steamer	North Entry	1887 Sept 3	Portage LSS, Ocha	Got tug Passengers on bd.
Bradley, Alva schooner	Marquette	1887 Oct 24	Portage LSS, Ocha	Equipment put on train rescued crew
Tuttle, HB steam barge	North Entry	1887 Nov 8	Portage LSS, Ocha	Stood by while water came up
Lighter	In canal	1888 June 6	Portage LSS, Ocha	Recovered and secured as it was adrift from pier
Keystone, steamer in tow of schooner Joe Masters	1 miles west of station	1888 June 5 and 6	Portage LSS, Ocha	Tow hit west pier and drifted west. Aground. Ran lines to tug, pumped her out, obtained repair parts in Hancock.
Fountain City	Portage	1888 Sept	Portage LSS, Ocha	Got tug.

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	Lake	12		
Myles, steam barge	Portage Canal area	1888 Sept 26	Portage LSS, Ocha	Got hawser to tug. Plugged canal while waiting to unload corn. Surfmen helped unload.
Bice, barge	North Entry	1888 Oct 6	Portage LSS, Ocha	Ran lines, went to Houghton to obtain new steering wheel for it.
Case, Reed, schooner	North Entry	1888 Oct 19	Portage LSS, Ocha	Got 2 from water from capsized yawl. Took off crew
Holland, Robert steamer	Lake Superior	1889 April 23	Portage LSS, Ocha	Bad machinery. Ride to town to blacksmith.
Stevens, Belle schooner	Salmon Trout River	1889 July 3	Portage LSS, Ocha	Ran out anchor. Sounded deep water for tug.
Morse, Jay C, tug	North Entry	1889 July 31	Portage LSS, Ocha	Discharged cargo. Pumped dry.
Bessemer, steam barge	North Entry	1889 Oct 5	Portage LSS, Ocha	Took 3 men from water.
Schuylkill, schooner barge	North Entry	1889 Oct 5	Portage LSS, Ocha	Grounded and broke up
Idaho	9 miles east of Ontonagon	1891 Jun 8	Portage LSS, Keeper Smith	Written as casualty but no typed report
Hebard, DL	North Entry	1891 July 19	Portage LSS, Smith	Not able to get raft of logs thru entrance. LSS altered shape.
Constitution and Monitor, steel barges	North Entry	1891 Sept 25	Portage LSS, Smith	Ran lines. Pumped
Mowatt, James	Near North Entry	1893 Sept 15	Portage LSS, Smith	On beach with sailors, tug obtained, lightened load, in canal pumped
Peerless, propeller	North Entry	1893 Oct 5	Portage LSS, Smith	Got tug, ran lines
Crosthwaite	North Entry	1893 Nov 16	Portage LSS, Smith	Ran lines and towed to lily pond
Hattie, schooner	Lake Superior	1894 May 17	Portage LSS, Smith	Released vessel
Valerie, tug excursion boat	Gratiot Reef	1894 Aug 26	Portage LSS, Smith	Rescued 45 passengers
Colton AW	Near North Entry	1894 Sept 3	Portage LSS, Smith	Landed 54 people on beach. got tug, vessel afloat
Bob Anderson		1894 Sept 18	Portage LSS, Smith	Grounded. Obtained tug.
Pickands, James wooden steamer	Eagle River reef	1894 Sept 22	Portage LSS, Smith	Blinded by forest fire smoke. Struck reef. Secured and landed baggage of 63 persons

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Donaldson	North Entry	1895 Sept 12	Portage LSS, Smith	Got tug, lightened load, pumped and reload lumber.
Montana, wooden steamer	North Entry	1895 Sept 26	Portage LSS, Smith	Ran lines to straighten her to make entrance to canal. Shifted cargo of flour. Cleared her of water.
Norseman, wooden steamer	Gratiot River area	1896 Aug 11	Portage LSS, Smith	Obtained tug and ran line
Arnold, BW wooden steamer	Redridge area	1896 Nov 11	Portage LSS, Smith	Fire on barge. Crew went to towing vessel. LSS got a tug. Gave clothing from supply at station.
Barker SB	Redridge area	1897 June 14	Portage LSS, Smith	Passengers on bd. Ran line to tug to pull her off.
McGregor Mary	North Entry	1897 Sept 19	Portage LSS, Smith	Assisted with lumber shift so she was not listing to enter entry.
King, James	North Entry	1898 Sept 7	Portage LSS, Smith	Rescued 7 crew
Wenona, schooner barge	North Entry	1898 Sept 7	Portage LSS, Smith	Rescued 6 of crew. Gave clothing from station supply and stayed overnight
Colorado, propeller	Eagle Harbor	1898 Sept 19	Portage LSS, Smith	Assisted lightening cargo of flour. Saved 19 crew.
Mead	Portage Canal	1898 Sept 19	Portage LSS, Smith	Need information
Mediator, schooner barge	Gratiot River	1898 Sept 19	Portage LSS, Smith	Removed lumber and barge got off.
Toledo,	Portage Station	1898 Sept 28	Portage LSS, Smith	Lightened lumber load. Sunk in mid channel.
Farwell Jesse	Copper Harbor	1898 Oct 21	Portage LSS, Smith	Obtained tug and was pulled to CH, lightened load to release her.
Massachusetts	Eagle River area	1899 July 27	Portage LSS, Smith	Lightened load so she could back off
Genevieve	Lake Superior near Ship Canal	1900 May 31	Portage LSS, Keeper McCormick	Fire put out
Carpenter, AA.	North Entry	1900 June 10	Portage LSS, McCormick	Scalded sailor given treatment
Troy schooner	North Entry	1900 June 20	Portage LSS, McCormick	Helped diver with hole repair
Racine	North Entry	1900 June 26	Portage LSS, McCormick	Ran line to pull her off.
Gawn, Thomas	North Entry	1900 Aug 11	Portage LSS, McCormick	Ran line to tug to pull off
Mere, Elfin	North	1900 Aug	Portage LSS,	Assisted tug in getting her off.

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	Entry	21	McCormick	
Blaine, schooner	In canal	1900 Oct 24	Portage LSS, McCormick	Repairs
Abyssinia, schooner barge	Eagle Harbor	1900 Nov 8	Portage LSS, McCormick is the Keeper/Captain	Surfboat and equipment put on special tram to site. Made repairs, ran line to tug
Harold	North Entry	1900 Nov 12	Portage LSS, McCormick	Ran lines to tug.
Bon Voyage, wooden steamer	Southwest North Entry	1901 May 10	Portage LSS, McCormick	Recovered bodies. LSS crew received medals from Hancock Hebrews. 31 who swam to shore given aid from Women's Relief supply.
Fern, wrecking tug	Sawtooth Reef near Eagle River	1901 June 29	Portage LSS, McCormick	Search for bodies. Was working on Colorado, hit by storm and sank.
Marguerite, sail yacht	Eagle River	1901 June 29	Portage LSS, McCormick	Found hull while looking for bodies of Fern. Crew was hauled onto the Yuma in mid-lake when craft overturned
Holley, Alexander, whaleback barge	Sawtooth Reef near Eagle River	1901 Sept 17	Portage LSS, McCormick	Rowed 21 miles for 5 hours. Rescued crew to Eagle Harbor
<b>In 1902, the Life Saving</b>	<b>Station moved from Houghton side</b>	<b>Across the canal</b>	<b>To the Hancock side</b>	<b>in Hancock Township. Stanton is now separate Township.</b>
Mautenee. Schooner	North Entry	1902 Sept 11	Portage LSS, McCormick	Got tug. Retrieved hawser line from canal waters.
Wilbor and Bliss schooner barge	North Entry	1902 Sept 11	Portage LSS, McCormick	Broke tow, rolled on side. LSS got crew of 8 safe, pumping and assisting divers. Got back 900 feet of hawser.
Yakima	Pt. Isabelle	1902 Sept 17	Portage LSS, McCormick	While pulling the City of Rome it went aground. Pulled free.
Davison, Thomas steamer	Gratiot Pointe	1903 Aug 27	Portage LSS, McCormick	Jettison iron ore cargo
Matanzas	North Entry	1903 Sept 8	Portage LSS, McCormick	Ran hawser to tug.
Coffinberry	North Entry	1903 Sept 19	Portage LSS McCormick	Ran hawser to tug to free steamer
Hutchinson, John	5 mile point	1903 Nov 30	Portage LSS, McCormick	Rescue crew.
Jeremiah Godfrey	North Entry	1904 Oct 11	Portage LSS, McCormick	Collided with pier. LSS got her off pier and into Lily Pond

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Moravia	In Ship Canal	1905 Nov 4	Portage LSS, McCormick	Collision with another craft in canal. LSS ran lines and warped her off.
Mary 2, gas launch	North Entry	1905 Nov 10	Portage LSS, McCormick	Machinery disabled. Towed her to Entry with lifeboat
Crete, schooner barge	North Entry	1905 Nov 13	Portage LSS, McCormick	Grounded. Took off crew. Assisted getting it off.
Orinoco	North Entry	1905 Nov 20	Portage LSS, McCormick	Grounded at entrance to canal. LSS ran hawser.
Uranus, steel steamer	Eagle River	1906 May 25	Portage LSS, McCormick	Rowed to it. Stood by
Pasadena, schooner barge	Portage Canal	1906 Oct 8	Portage LSS, McCormick	Tried to assist, recovered bodies
Foster, Samuel and Wayne. Schooner barges	Misery Bay	1906 Oct 9	Portage LSS, McCormick	LSS crew went overland but missed seeing barges but crew on shore ok
Wayne, schooner barge	Misery Bay	1906 Oct 9	Portage LSS, McCormick	See Foster
Alleghany schooner barge	Redridge	1906 Oct 27	Portage LSS, McCormick	Beach apparatus on tug and towed surfboat. Put on special train and taken to the point of wreck. Stood by.
Coffinberry, wooden steamer	Redridge	1906 Oct 27	Portage LSS, McCormick	Pump barge and readjust lumber cargo
Gas Launch	North Entry	1906 Oct 31	Portage LSS, McCormick	Heaved it up on breakwater, then towed to station.
Matanzas, schooner barge	Ontonagon	1906 Nov 23	Portage LSS, McCormick	Freed her
Stewart	Portage Canal	1906 Nov 30	Portage LSS, McCormick	Stranded. But before LSS got there the seas lifted steamer clear.
Harder, John	North Entry	1906 Dec 6	Portage LSS, McCormick	Helped shift cargo
Louisiana, wooden steamer	North Entry	1907 Nov 10	Portage LSS, McCormick,	Freed her
Muskegon	Redridge area	1908 Aug 23	Portage LSS, McCormick	Aground. Ran hawser lines to craft. Ran soundings. Shifted cargo.
Hebard DL	1 mile N of Entry	1908 Sept 11	Portage LSS, McCormick	Aground. LSS took soundings for tug, ran hawser line to craft.
Meacham DB	Gratiot River area	1908 Oct 24-27	Portage LSS, McCormick	Ashore. Landed crew of 20. Took crew back when steamer was afloat with help from wrecking craft.
Pathfinder and barge Dagamore	Eagle River	1909 Aug 9-11	Portage LSS, McCormick	Ran lines, transported master of craft to shore and back
Circle, steamer	Eagle Harbor	1910 May 17-21	Portage LSS, McCormick	Ran lines. Took crews to harbor. Diving suit patched hole.

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Moreland	Eagle River	1910 Oct 19	Portage LSS, McCormick	Rescued 25 crew. Largest loss of property of iron ore.
Valerie	Gratiot River Area	1911 June 29	Portage LSS, McCormick	Listed as casualty but no typed report of what
Manistique, tug	North Entry	1911 Sept 2	Portage LSS, McCormick	Freed her.
Circle, tug	North Entry	1911 Sept 15	Portage LSS, McCormick	Freed her.
Exile, schooner	North Entry	1911 Sept 27	Portage LSS, McCormick	Freed her. Blue Anchor supplies given to 7 men
Alaska, wooden steamer	North Entry	1912 Aug 18	Portage LSS, McCormick	Rendered aid
Livingston, wooden steamer	North Entry	1912 Sept 13	Portage LSS, McCormick	Freed her
Waldo, LC, steel steamer	Gull Rock	1913 Nov 10	Portage, McCormick and EH LSS,	Gold Medals Awarded rescued 24 crew and dog
Turret Chief, steamer	Near Copper Harbor	1913 Nov 11	Eagle Harbor LSS	Ran aground
<b>Life-saving Stations</b>	<b>merged with</b>	<b>Revenue Marine</b>	<b>to become the US Coast Guard</b>	
Kirby	Sawtooth Reef	1916 May 8	Eagle Harbor C G, Charles Tucker	In their journal. Fred's book Keweenaw Shipwrecks.
Neilson, James	Pt. Isabelle	1916 Oct 8	Eagle Harbor C G, Charles Tucker	Transport crew to Mendota Lighthouse
Tioga, freighter	Sawtooth reef Eagle River	1919 Nov 26	Eagle Harbor	Mate to shore to telegraph the owners and back to steamer. Later removed 21 crew to shore.
Maplehurst, steel steamer	North Entry	1922 Dec 1	Portage LSS, Charles Tucker	Rescued 9 of crew
Mather, Samuel. Steel steamer	Gull Rock	1923 Oct 19	Eagle Harbor C G	Removed crew
Hutchinson, Charles	Manitou Island.	1925 Oct 31	Eagle Harbor C G	Went to assist
City of Bangor, propeller	Near Copper Harbor	1926 Nov 30	Eagle Harbor CG, A.F. Glaza	Rescued remaining crew. Some walked to Copper Harbor
Maytham, Thomas	Bete Grise	1926 Nov	Eagle Harbor CG, A. F.	Rescued 22

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Altadoc, steel steamer	Keweenaw Point	1927 Dec 8	Eagle Harbor CG. A.F. Glaza	Coast Guard broke ice to get out. Rescued 21 men.
Budd, Ralph freighter	Eagle Harbor	1929 May 15	Eagle Harbor CG	Took off crew. Residents salvage butter
Bradley Charles wooden steamer	Entrance to Portage River.	1931 Oct 10	Portage CG, Fred Sollman	Fire. Took Capt and some crew to Chassell to notify owners.
Cox. Passenger	Isle Royale	1933 May 29	Portage CG	Assisted with passengers from lighthouse to Washington Harbor.
<b># 2 location of Portage Ship canal moved to</b>	<b>Third location just south of #2 location</b>	<b>As canal was</b>	<b>Being widened. #2 location</b>	<b>Was in area that was widened.</b>
City of St. Joseph and Transport, barges	Near Eagle Harbor	1942 Sept 21	Eagle Harbor LSS, Ernest Bennett in Charge.	rudder broke on St Joe, at mercy of lake, LSS took off crew of Transport. Run aground on Grand Marais reef. Capt's wife killed by debris.
Sarnia, steel steamer	Bete Grise	1943 Dec 10	Eagle CG and Cutter Plaintree	Driven ashore. Crew rescued.
Emperor	Isle Royale	1947 June 4	Coast Guard Cutter Kimball	Broke in two.
Cartiercliffe Hall, freighter	Copper Harbor	1979 June 5	Portage C G	Was on the fire scene