

The steamer Toledo September 29, 1898,

lumber laden, with the barge Shawnee in tow, became water-logged 25 miles SW. of the station on this date. Her crew boarded the Shawnee and sailed to the canal. There they engaged the steamer D. F. Rose to tow the Toledo in, and the surfmen assisted to lay her on the beach near the piers. Keeper then telephoned for a tug and lighter, and upon their arrival all hands set to work lightening the deck load. They worked until 11 p.m., saving about 1,000 feet of lumber. At this hour the wind came out west and the work had to be abandoned. The Toledo broke up and became a total wreck on the 30th. 13 people on board and saved.

Toledo. And Peerless. October 9, 1898. The steamer Toledo, lying sunk in midchannel, made a dangerous obstruction to navigation; consequently, the keeper of station went out in the surfboat and piloted the Peerless safely past the sunken wreck. At 6 a. m. station lookout discovered an object in the water about 2 miles NW. of station which, upon close inspection, seemed to be a man upright under a bit of sail. Pulling out in the station dory the man was found to be half dazed sitting in a partly submerged boat, which also contained the bodies of two dead men. The boat was taken to station, and when the man had sufficiently recovered he told the life-savers that the catboat had capsized about noon of the previous day, 4 miles N. by W. from station. With him at the time were his two sons and the man who had caused the accident by climbing up the mast to adjust the gaff into its proper place. One of his sons was drowned and swept away from the boat. The man and other son clung to the capsized boat with him until they died from exhaustion. The bodies were taken to town and turned over to the proper authorities. Station crew dragged for the body of the boy who was drowned, but could not find it. The catboat was taken to shore. USLSS Annual Report 1899.