THE OLD COAST GUARD STATION MUSEUM

OUR MISSION

The Old Coast Guard Station honors and preserves the history of Virginia's coastal communities and maritime heritage. The scope of the Station's exhibits begins with the Virginia Beach Community and extends to subjects related to Virginia's oceanfront, coastal and water related heritage.

The Old Coast Guard Station is housed in the most important artifact in the museum's collection: the 1903 Life-Saving Station. It houses a collection of 1,800 artifacts and over 1,000 photographic images of the United States Life-Saving and Coast Guard Services, and the resort community of Virginia Beach. There is also an on-site research library containing books, papers and oral histories, which may be accessed via the museum website.

Open to the Public:

July 1981

Type of Museum:

Maritime/Historic Site

Governance:

Private nonprofit foundation

Days Open:

340

On-site visits:

15,000

Off-site visits:

3,000

Student visits:

2,000

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The Old Coast Guard Station
- is a Virginia Historic Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places
- is a research facility for local maritime history
- is an education resource for Virginia Beach residents and visitors
- is a repository for Coast Guard history and shipwrecks off the Virginia Coast

The Old Coast Guard Station
- provides on site and outreach programs for diverse audiences
- provides programs and exhibits on maritime topics and oceanfront history
- maintains a positive and cooperative relationship with area museums and historic sites

The Old Coast Guard Station
- derives income through individual and corporate donations, memberships, program revenue, museum store sales, admissions, fund-raising events, foundation grants, and from the City of Virginia Beach

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