

The Breeches Buoy

The Breeches Buoy rescue allowed lifesaving crews to carry shipwreck survivors safely to shore. A life firing gun sent a lifeline to the wrecked ship. Through this ingenious system lifesaving crews were able to send the breeches buoy to the ship. On shore, the lifesavers worked as a crew to haul the “whip line,” pulling the breeches buoy along the hawser, and the survivors, one by one, over the water to safety. Children’s groups can participate in breeches buoy reenactments from May through September, with children playing the roles of lifesaving crew and shipwreck survivors.



CHILDREN’S GUIDED TOUR FEE

Tour: \$5/child. Teachers and 1 chaperone per 8 children are admitted free.

Tour with Breeches Buoy drill: \$6/child

Please contact [Mike McGurl](#) to inquire about additional hands-on activities for children’s tours, including:

Simple Machines at Sea: Learn about simple machines (levers, wheels, pulleys) used in lifesaving, and experiment with our Lego Education Simple Machine Kits.

Why Do Boats Float?: Learn about concepts such as buoyancy, displacement and boat design through fun water activities.