

USCG era

Keeper William Sparrow commanded the Point Allerton Station through its transition to the U.S. Coast Guard in 1915. Point Allerton Station is one of the busiest and most distinguished in the Northeast.

Crews from "P.A." guarded the Harbor in both World Wars, and, with Scituate, responded to the 1956 grounding of the Italian freighter Etrusco off Scituate. Point Allerton crews worked tirelessly to save lives and minimize

destruction during the devastating Blizzard of '78. Performing search and rescue, conducting drug interdiction, and escorting hazardous tankers are only some of P.A.'s routine port security duties.

The new Point Allerton Station was commissioned on April 18, 1970. It is home to 35 active duty and 25 reservists, a 47-footer, and three 25-foot, fast-response safe boats. In 2000, Point Allerton Station assumed command of Station Scituate.

In 2003 Point Allerton's CWO2 Patrick Higgins initiated the founding of a national award honoring longevity and outstanding performance in boat operations. The Joshua James Ancient Keeper Award celebrates those who exemplify the legendary tradition of Point Allerton's first Keeper.

While Point Allerton's scope of duties and equipment continue to evolve, the ethic and dedication of the 19th century lifesavers lives on.

