

Dear George: I was provided your contact information by Maurice, and would be happy to assist you in any way I can with regards to the boats that would have been assigned to the LS station at Kittery. Since that station went by a couple of names over its history, the consolidated listing of assigned rescue boats covers all of them as follows (based on the 1902 USLSS Boat Register Log, plus review of actual CG inventory listings and station logbooks held at National Archives):

New Castle/Jerrys Point

- 1887: Higgins&Gifford pulling surfboat
- 1888: Beebe-McLellan pulling/sailing surfboat
- 1892: 27ft. Excelsior pulling surfboat No. 202
- 1897: 23ft. Monomoy pulling surfboat No. 338

To our knowledge, none of these “original” station boats have survived to current day, and there are also no actual representative boats in existence. One museum on the Great Lakes has a replica Beebe-McLellan, but it is not an original, and supposedly there are a couple of other Beebe-McLellan surfboats around, but this has yet to be verified.

Portsmouth Harbor (Wood Island)

- 1907: 27ft. Excelsior pulling surfboat No. 781
- 1914: Beebe-McLellan motor surfboat No. 1217
- 1919: Type H motor lifeboat No. 1560  
Type H motor surfboat No. 1859
- 1926: 36ft. double cabin picket boat No. 2371/CG36306
- 1927: Type H motor surfboat No. 3050
- 1930s: Dories No. 5020 and No. 4720
- 1939: 36ft. Type TRS motor lifeboat No. 5170/CG36436  
Jonesport type 35ft. motor rescue boat No. 5219/CG35027 (transferred from Station Great Wass Is.)
- 1954: 40ft. utility boat-large CG40524
- 1964: 44ft. motor lifeboat CG44325
- 1980s: 41ft. utility boat-large CG41350 (transferred from Station New London)
- 1990s: Rigid hull inflatable CG210529
- 2002: 47ft. motor lifeboat CG47294
- 2005: Response Boats-Small CG25447 and CG25523
- 2006: 47ft. motor lifeboat CG47273 (transferred from Station New London; later transferred to another station)

Up through the Type H surfboat and the Type TRS motor lifeboat, there are again no known surviving original or representative boats, except for one representative Beebe-McLellan motor surfboat, which is on display at Chicamacomico LSS. As far as the TRS motor lifeboat and later version craft, I'm still in the process of compiling as best a listing as possible of all surviving USLSS and USCG historical rescue craft, and we know that some boats are not on the list that might be in private hands and that have not yet been identified. There do not appear to be any boats listed that match up with the station listing above. I have attached the list for your reference, in any case. With only a few exceptions, I have boat plans and specs for all of the boat types that the USLSS and USCG had in service. I hope that this is a helpful start, and please let me know if there is anything else I can provide. Best regards. Tim Dring