

U.S. Coast Guard CG36538 MLB Restoration Volunteers

The Cape May Maritime Museum has acquired U.S. Coast Guard Motor Life Boat (MLB) CG36538 from the US Coast Guard Historians Office in Portsmouth Virginia thanks to Commander Bill Thiesen and Command Tim Dring (Ret. Navy). Boat Hauler Bob Smizer brought her home to Cape May County. She is currently undercover at the Wildwood Airport next to Eckel's Diesel Marine thank to the efforts of Stan Hansen and the DRBA. CG36538 was built at Curtis Bay, Maryland in the early 1950's and served in Egg Harbor, Ocean City Station. Her fully restored sister CG36500 (see photo) is credited with saving the crew of the Pendleton; "The Greatest Small Boat Rescue in Coast Guard History".

Eckel's and Coastal Diesel Marine and local metal shipwrights are rebuilding the GM471 Engine.

Wayne Whalen, Maritime Museum Director of Boat Restoration / Building and Wayne Adams, USCG Master Chief (Ret.) are looking for anyone who might have served on CG36538 or interested in assisting in this historic restoration effort!

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