

Step Back in Time:

Explore the Legacy of the Nantasket Beach Steamboat Company

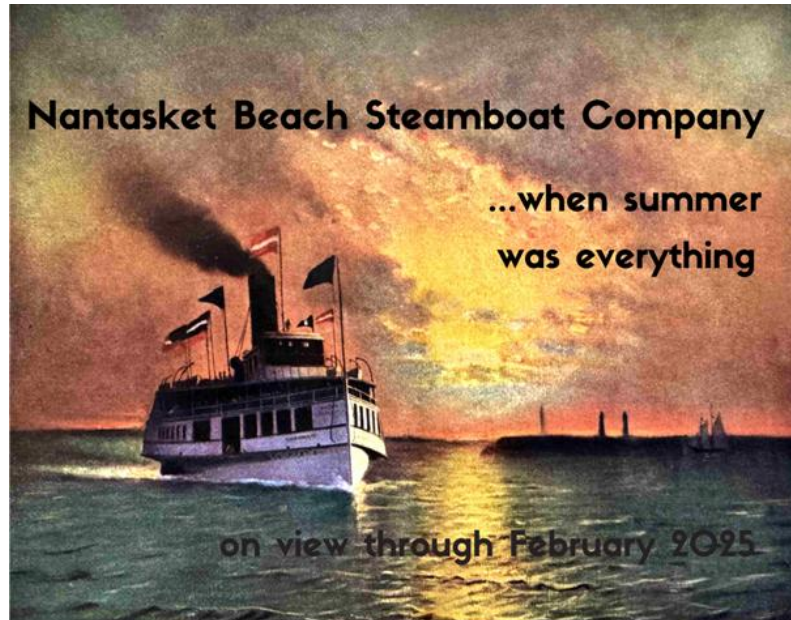
Discover the captivating history of steamer travel with the upcoming museum exhibit, *"Nantasket Beach Steamboat Company: When Summer Was Everything,"* on view through winter 2025 at the Hull Lifesaving Museum. This exhibition promises to immerse visitors in the rich heritage of one of America's earliest steamboat enterprises.

The Nantasket Beach Steamboat Company traces its origins to the early 19th century, beginning with the steamer EAGLE in 1818.

Initially dedicated to transporting fish from Hingham to Nantucket, the company evolved over the decades, eventually establishing regular passenger services that became a cherished tradition for generations of Bostonians and visitors alike.

At the heart of the exhibit are rare artifacts that tell the story of this iconic company. Highlights include relics from the Mayflower Steamboat which survived a devastating fire in 1929 in which the rest of the fleet perished. Delve into the past through the impressively large carved Mayflower paddlewheel sign, view a working steam engine, original images, advertising brochures, and posters that once enticed travelers to embark on scenic journeys along the Massachusetts coast.

In its heyday, the Nantasket Beach Steamboat Company boasted a fleet of elegant vessels such as the Mayflower, Myles Standish, Betty Alden, and Mary Chilton, each named after figures from New England's storied history. These ships carried over two million passengers annually, fostering unforgettable memories of leisurely voyages and summer escapes.



Not only a testament to maritime innovation, the exhibit also pays homage to the dedicated captains who navigated these waters with unparalleled expertise. Lifesavers from Hull, including most notably Captain Alfred Galiano, Captain Osceola James, and Captain Alonzo Mitchell, commanded these vessels, ensuring safe passage and unforgettable experiences for all aboard.

"We have good captains," remarked General Manager Frederic Lane in the company's golden era, "who have made a thorough study of every element of the harbor over which they sail." Their expertise and commitment to service were integral to the company's enduring legacy.

Join us as we revive the spirit of the Nantasket Beach Steamboat Company, celebrating its contributions to New England's maritime history. Whether you're a history enthusiast, a maritime buff, or simply curious about the bygone era of steamboat travel, this exhibit promises an enriching experience for visitors of all ages.

Mark your calendars for July and embark on a journey through time at the Nantasket Beach Steamboat Company exhibit. Step aboard and relive a time when summer meant everything, and the sea was your gateway to adventure.

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