

## Takanassee exhibit to open at historical museum

OCEAN TOWNSHIP — The Ocean Township Historical Museum has announced the opening of “Shipwrecks, Lifesaving and the Story of Takanassee,” a new exhibit, on Saturday, June 4, and Sunday, June 5, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Visitors will rediscover fond memories of the Takanassee Beach Club, but the exhibit also tells a fascinating tale of the treacherous nature of early sea travel, New Jersey’s role in the country’s response to it, and the heroism of Life-Saving Station No. 5.

Learn about the three distinctive buildings that still stand at Takanassee Beach, which were part of the U.S. Life Saving Service, created in 1848 in response to the alarming loss of life and property from ships wrecked along New Jersey’s coast.

On display are relics retrieved from legendary local wrecks — the New Era (1854), the Adonis (1859), the Rusland (1877) and the Pliny (1882).

The exhibit is at the Eden Woolley House, located on Deal Road, at the Library Complex.



The boathouse at Takanassee's Life-Saving Station No. 5, constructed in 1879 as part of the upgrade of the service from a string of volunteer crews to a disciplined, professional organization.