



“The Perfect Storm,” 30 Years Later

The Jersey Shore and storms go hand in hand, and while we were luckily spared from its wrath, the unnamed storm later dubbed the “Perfect Storm” left a wave of death and destruction in its path 30 years ago. Also known as “The No-Name Storm” and the “Halloween Gale/Storm,” the nor’easter-type storm originated from a cold front that absorbed Hurricane Grace to evolve into a tropical cyclone then into an unnamed Category 1 hurricane over the course of October 28 through November 1, 1991.

As the system hovered offshore, the Jersey Shore experienced high waves and minor coastal flooding, particularly in Cape May and Long Beach Island. However, the storm’s nastiest effects were felt from Massachusetts to Maine and Nova Scotia, where a buoy recorded a record wave height of 100.7 feet. Thousands of people evacuated their homes amid heavy surf advisories and a State of Emergency. Hundreds of homes were damaged or destroyed during the three days of heavy rain and wicked wind.

Thirteen deaths were confirmed as a result of The Perfect Storm, including six on board the 70-foot fishing vessel *Andrea Gail*. The boat had departed Gloucester, Massachusetts on October 28, 1991 but encountered high seas while traveling to fish in the waters off Nova Scotia. Her last reported position was about 180 miles northeast of Sable Island, and the last person to speak with the ship was Linda Greenlaw, captain of the *Hannah Boden*. *Andrea Gail* sank on the way back to Gloucester. Despite exhaustive searches by the Coast Guard, the bodies of the six crew were never recovered: Gloucester natives Captain Frank William “Billy” Tyne, Jr., Bill Tyne, David “Sully” Sullivan, and Robert “Bobby” Shatford; Alfred Pierre of New York City, and Dale “Murph” Murphy and Michael “Bugsy” Moran, both of Bradenton Beach, Florida. All of their names were added to the Gloucester Fisherman’s Memorial, which is visited by thousands each year and commemorates Gloucester’s link to the sea.

Sebastian Junger penned his best-seller *The Perfect Storm* in 1997 based upon the storm and the loss of *Andrea Gail*; his story was adapted for the big screen in 2000 and starred George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg, and John C. Reilly.

Closer to home, the Coast Guard cutter *Tamaroa* that rescued the crew of a downed Air National Guard helicopter during the storm was sunk off the New Jersey Coast in May 2017 and now rests on the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean as a part of the “Del-Jersey-Land Reef.”



Above: The Coast Guard cutter *Tamaroa*, as pictured in 1990. Creative Commons image.

Our October meeting will be held virtually on **Monday, October 11, 2021** starting at **7:00 PM!** Jill Ocone of Jersey Shore Magazine will present about the history of one-room schoolhouses in Ocean County. Please see the Virtual Meeting Link and Protocols below for expectations and details.

Virtual Meeting Link and Protocols:

Zoom Meeting Link (will be sent via email for easy one-click access):

<https://bit.ly/2021PPHSOCT>

OR

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88112209398?pwd=Nm5zRy9MSUJTaItVd3lBOWtS Ymh5UT09>

Type the link exactly as it is written above in your browser to join the meeting. It will also be sent via email. If you are not yet a member of our email list, please sign up at http://bit.ly/pphs_emailreg

- Please use your first and last name (if possible) so we know who you are.
- Please keep your microphone on MUTE in order to reduce noise feedback during the meeting and presentation.
- Only the first 100 guests will be admitted to the meeting due to account restrictions.
- The meeting will last 40 minutes, also due to account restrictions. Because of the short duration, PPHS is unable to provide technical assistance to users during the meeting. If you are unsure how to use ZOOM, there are plenty of tutorials available on the Internet.
- Please keep all chat messages and commentary professional.
- Anyone posting or saying anything inappropriate and/or causing a disruption to the presentation will be removed from the meeting.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding and look forward to seeing you at 7:00 PM on Monday, October 11, 2021!

Vintage Halloween Greetings





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Borough of Point Pleasant Centennial Celebration Rescheduled!

The Borough of Point Pleasant celebrated their 100th birthday in May 2020, but the party was put on hold until now! Come to a fun-filled day celebrating everything that makes The Boro such a special place with music, fireworks, food, and fun!

Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021

Start Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Riverfront Park, 2303 River Road, Point Pleasant

The Point Pleasant Historical Society congratulates the Borough of Point Pleasant on their Centennial!

Museum Open By Appointment

The PPHS is pleased to announce that the Point Pleasant Historical Museum is now open for appointments ONLY on Thursdays between 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Please email your appointment request and include as much information as possible about what you are interested in researching/seeing to ppbhistoricalsociety@gmail.com and someone will get back to you.

**Ocean County Historical Society
 Upcoming ZOOM Events**

To register for either programs below, which will be delivered via ZOOM, please e-mail oceancountyhistory.zoom@gmail.com stating the date of the program(s) for which you are registering, your zip code, and the email address that we should use to send you instructions for accessing the program.

**November 14, 2021 at 2:00 PM:
 Meet a World War I Doughboy**

Please join us for a presentation by Ocean County resident Jeffrey Brown. Jeff is a graduate of Lacey Township Schools, Ursinus College (BA in history) and Kean College (Master's in Education). He currently teaches history at Southern Regional HS and resides in Seaside Park with his wife, two children, and dog. For our program, Jeff will discuss the American doughboy of WW I – his training, rations, uniforms, equipment, and combat. Jeff will wear the WWI uniform and display original artifacts from the Great War that you won't want to miss.

**December 5, 2021 at 2:00 PM:
 The Start of War & The Road to Gettysburg**

A licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park since 2004, Ralph Siegel will present a Zoom program to Ocean County Historical Society history buffs. Ralph is a co-author with Mike Vallone of the 2018 book, "Peach Orchard: A Gettysburg Battlefield Guided Tour." He has done many seminars and anniversary battle walks, several of which were recorded for PCN TV. A former reporter for the Associated Press, Ralph retired as the director of a conservation finance agency in the NJ Treasury Department. He lives in Mercerville, NJ with his wife and rescue dog.

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 Celebrating 100 Years
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FAMILY FUN NIGHT

EVENT STARTS @ 4PM • RIVERFRONT PARK • ENDING WITH A FIREWORKS DISPLAY @ DUSK