

# LIFEBOAT No. 36498 Preservation Project by CBHS VOLUNTEERS



Two CBHS volunteers exercise great care in preserving Lifeboat No. 36498.

Our Lifeboat Preservation Project is underway and the first part of the project involving the exterior is on track for completion in August or shortly thereafter. As most projects of this type prove to be, it was more involved and challenging than initially thought. The exterior housing element of the project is now under the purview of Oregon State Parks and discussions are underway to turn it into an interpretive display exhibit since there is a rich history to tell about our lifeboat and it provides a strong focal point to our museum entry. We'll have more details on this project as it progresses at a later date.

CBHS created a brochure to inform visitors interested in the lifeboat preservation effort, and it is available at [www.capeblancoheritagesociety.com/lifeboat\\_36498.html](http://www.capeblancoheritagesociety.com/lifeboat_36498.html). ✨

## Creating the Shelter for Lifeboat No. 36498

The shelter for Lifeboat No. 36498 was initially constructed in 2003. These photographs document the work involved and show how the boat looked when it was retired from duty and returned to Port Orford Lifeboat Station Museum in 2000. It's interesting to see how different

she looked back then and to see the progress being made on the structure. Special thanks to the Port Orford Historical Photos Project and Alan Mitchell for capturing and preserving the photos for posterity! If anyone has photos of the 2007 preservation effort, please contact CBHS. ✨



Lifeboat No. 36498 as it appeared in 2003. Note the difference in appearance from today. Photos of the first lifeboat restoration effort in 2004-2007 can be seen on the second floor of the Lifeboat Station Museum.



Building the framework for the housing.



The final structure is complete. Note the bright red shingles. 2003.