

# The History of the Maine Sea Coast Mission: A Selective Timeline



**1905**  
Maine Sea Coast Missionary Society is organized at the Bar Harbor Congregational Church in Bar Harbor, Maine



**1914**  
Post office established at Head Harbor Island, the first of a number of post offices that the Mission will help to secure for the island communities



**1924**  
Two blank burlaps are donated to the Mission, beginning the rug hooking industry that continued under the management of Alice M. Peasley until just before World War II

**1940**  
Sunbeam II gets its first radio telephone equipment



**1950**  
Mission support program nicknamed "Operation Biscuit" brings food staples – including nearly a ton of flour – to island families

**1963**  
Mission acquires the chapel and parsonage at Cherryfield that will become Weald Bethel, the Mission's base in Washington County



**1972**  
Mr. and Mrs. Tristram C. Colket, Jr. donate building and grounds at 127 West Street as the new Mission House



**1995**  
Sunbeam V launched at East Boothbay



**2003**  
Mission awards 80 college scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1000 each

1900

1920

1940

1960

1980

2000



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