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Provincetown II nears MacMillan Wharf

Advocate photo by Susan Seligson

Provincetown II makes maiden voyage

The Provincetown II, a new Boston to Provincetown vessel that was christened last week, made its maiden voyage in rough water Saturday.

Its rather queasy passengers were welcomed by a small group of town officials as it docked at MacMillan Wharf.

The new boat, 195-foot long, steamed to Provincetown with a band and owner Capt. Richard Nakasian, on board. But strong northeast winds rendered most of the passengers pallid and many of them ill, putting a damper on the festivities. Bert Stranger, owner of Dorothy's Gift Shop, said he quickly depleted his stock of anti-nausea pills before the return afternoon trip to Boston.

The new vessel, which can accommodate 1,130 passengers, dwarfed even the largest New Bedford scallopers as Town Manager William McNulty and Pidge Carter, harbormaster, scrambled to tie the boat to some

deteriorating pilings. Red, white and blue crepe paper streamers snapped in the brisk wind as a small crowd on the wharf applauded the boat's arrival.

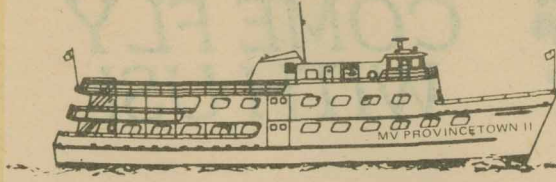
Selectman Leonard Ferguson, Selectman Mike Coelho, Nick Nickerson, building inspector, and Mary-Jo Avellar, chairman of the board of selectmen, joined the town manager and harbormaster in welcoming the ship's captain, Charles Marks.

The vessel was christened with champagne last week by Norma Marks of Whitman, the captain's wife. Saturday's trip marked the start of new Boston to Provincetown passenger boat service sailing from Massport's Commonwealth Pier in South Boston.

The boat will sail weekends through the beginning of June. Daily service will begin in late June and run through Labor Day.

Boat to Boston PROVINCETOWN II

Sat. & Sun. in June



Daily service
begins June 20

THE MV PROVINCETOWN II

SAILS FROM COMMONWEALTH PIER	9:30 AM
ARRIVES IN PROVINCETOWN	12:30 PM
SAILS FROM PROVINCETOWN	3:30 PM
ARRIVES COMMONWEALTH PIER	6:30 PM

Round Trip	One Way	Bicycles
\$15.00	\$10.00	\$2.00

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MACMILLAN PIER TEL. 487-1741

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