

LARGE VESSEL JOINS PROVINCETOWN FISHING FLEET



Deep Waters, the latest and largest vessel in the growing Provincetown fleet, made port Saturday in somewhat of a South Easter and berthed at the top of the Tee at MacMillan Wharf.

The new queen of the local fishing navy is owned and operated by Captain George Adams and Loris Stefani, and has an overall length of 104 ft. This is some 44 ft. longer than most of the draggers operating out of the port. Her keel length is 92 ft.; beam, 23 ft. 7 in.; draught, 12 ft. The main engine is a 6 Cylinder Fairbanks Morse 450 HP diesel. She was built of wood in 1943 at Damariscotta, Maine, but has been redesigned and reconstructed with bulwarks of welded steel plate. She has nets and gear of nylon, a 300-fathom one-inch wire on each drum and a capacity of 200,000 lbs.

There are bunks for 10 in the fore-castle and quarters for a captain, mate, cook and engineer aft. Besides the standard wheel, compass, and engine control gear in the cabin, she carries a ship-to-ship phone, a radar scope, a fathometer, a fish finder and a DX location finder.

At present workmen of all kinds are swarming over the Deep Waters, putting her in perfect readiness for her first commercial trip from this port.

which is expected in six to eight days. She will carry a crew of eight and be out for a week at a time. It is hoped and expected that she will ship her catch here, with present shipping facilities and ice supplies being expanded here to meet the 25 to 30 ton ice requirements and 50,000 pound fish yields expected from her trips. So there is a good chance that the Deep Waters will be adding her total to the larger and larger number of pounds of fish sent to market from Provincetown each year.

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Fishing Boat Sinks at Dock

PROVINCETOWN, Feb. 27 — The fishing vessel Deep Waters was discovered sinking at MacMillan Wharf early today and by low tide was resting on the bottom.

The 104-foot craft, owned and skippered by Captain George Adams of Provincetown, was tied to the east side of the wharf. Harbormaster Frank Flores said the vessel looked low in the water when he arrived on the dock at 7 a.m. He went aboard the vessel and tried the lights and found they were not working. He then discovered several feet of water in the hold and engine room.

Mr. Flores contacted the skipper, Coast Guard and summoned assistance from the fire department and the street departments.

Pumps were placed aboard in an effort to lower the water so the vessel could be beached to find the cause of the leak and make emergency repairs.

However, the pumps made little headway and it was feared the vessel would be almost totally under water at high tide.

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Cape-tip co-op gets permission to use wharf

PROVINCETOWN — Provincetown's new fishing co-op, Provincetown Co-operative Fishing Industries, has been granted use of a section of the Northeast part of the "T" on MacMillan Wharf, in order to unload fish from vessels belonging to the organization.

The new co-op's members unload fish at two booms onto a platform. The catch will then be loaded onto trucks for the trip to market. Two booms will allow unloading two boats at once.

A 50 cent tonnage fee will be assessed the co-operative for the unloading.

Provincetown Co-operative Fish Industries, formed about two weeks ago, is now awaiting official notice of incorporation, expected this week.

Officers include Dean Smith, president, skipper of the fishing boat Sea Hunter; Laurence Hurwirth, vice-president, Sea Hunter mate; Frank Reis Jr., general sales manager, and Richard Salvador, captain of the Josephine G, is secretary. The co-op office is located in the former steamer ticket office on the wharf.

Presently there are about 20 of the Provincetown boats, joining in the co-operative, with membership of 70. Hurwirth said. Purposes were to better the earning powers for the fishermen in marketing their fish and stabilizing wages and prices.