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Trapboat CHARLOTTE

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Historical References

The trapboat "Charlotte" was built in Amesbury, Massachusetts by the True family in 1918, according to Joseph Oliver, her first captain. She was named after Captain Oliver's younger sister Charlotte. The trapboat was successively owned by the Provincetown Cold Storage, National Traps, Filmore Miller of Provincetown, Monument Fish Company, Joseph Oliver himself, who purchased her in 1955, and lastly, by George Colley. This lineage was provided by Oliver in a personal interview in 1979. Colley allowed the "Charlotte" to deteriorate in the mud flats at the breakwater in the vicinity of the Provincetown Inn from about the year 1966 until 1976 when he donated the trapboat to the Provincetown Historical Association for its preservation and as a symbol of the trap fishing industry of Provincetown.

Statistics of the "Charlotte."

Hull overall- 36 feet  
Beam- 10 feet  
Drawing 2 feet of water  
12 Horse power engine

OAK PLANKS

The "Charlotte's" original crew in 1918:

Joseph F. Oliver, Captain  
Marsh Reid  
Joseph Days  
Antone D. "Heppi" Costa  
Joseph "Ducky" Perry  
Manuel "Timberlegs" Dutra

Other crew member notes:

John Raymond fished aboard the "Charlotte" from 1921-1950 - WAS JOE OLIVER'S NEPHEW  
Nonnie Fields was also a captain of the "Charlotte"  
Arthur "Deeda" Roderick died as a result of injuries sustained when repairing the traps on the day before Thanksgiving. He was a crew member.

Restoration of the "Charlotte" required two years from 1977-1979.

Richard Alberts, instructor of the Marine Boat-building Department of the Cape Cod Technical Regional High School in Harwich, Massachusetts, supervised the restoration assisted by instructor Odd Lilleheil.

Forty-three students at the Cape Tech School assisted in the restoration process.