

80 Mile Winds

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skipper, had boarded the vessel in an attempt to start the engines. Coast Guard and Provincetown Rescue Squad members took young Thomas off the stricken vessel.

The fourth ship, the New Bedford fishing dragger Sunapee, which was damaged as it was tied to the southwest side of MacMillan Wharf finally worked itself free and went to the lee of Long Point. Pumps went to work and the skipper informed authorities that the vessel would return to the wharf.

Sea Breaks Through

Race Point Coast Guard reported a new development from the storm in the area between Wood End Light and Herring Cove Beach, formerly known as New Beach, where giant waves breach-

ed the shoreline in two spots dredging out new channels leading to the marshes beyond.

Wind and waves also toppled two poles used for the Coast Guard communications system. This was discovered when a crew in the power wagon went to Wood End to inspect damage and were blocked off by deep water channels and delayed until the tide turned.

Where the breakthroughs occurred, the Coast Guard predicted, each succeeding high tide will bring more erosion, adding that multiple tons of sand already have been driven through the present beaches. Water leading to the

marshland probably will be returning even in average tides, it was said.

Provincetown is slowly returning to normal after its battering by the storm but still unexpected patches of sand here and there and windows along the north side of Commercial Street frosted with salt from spray driven in by the wind bear mute testimony to its fury.

QUEEN MARY A CASUALTY OF THE STORM



The Provincetown dragger Queen Mary, Captain Anthony Russell, blown ashore during last weekend's storm, was refloated on Sunday morning's high tide with assistance from the Coast Guard DUKW. Full extent of damage to the three draggers that went aground in the storm still has not been determined, but the storm, more than ever, points out the need for a harbor of refuge for the Provincetown fishing fleet.

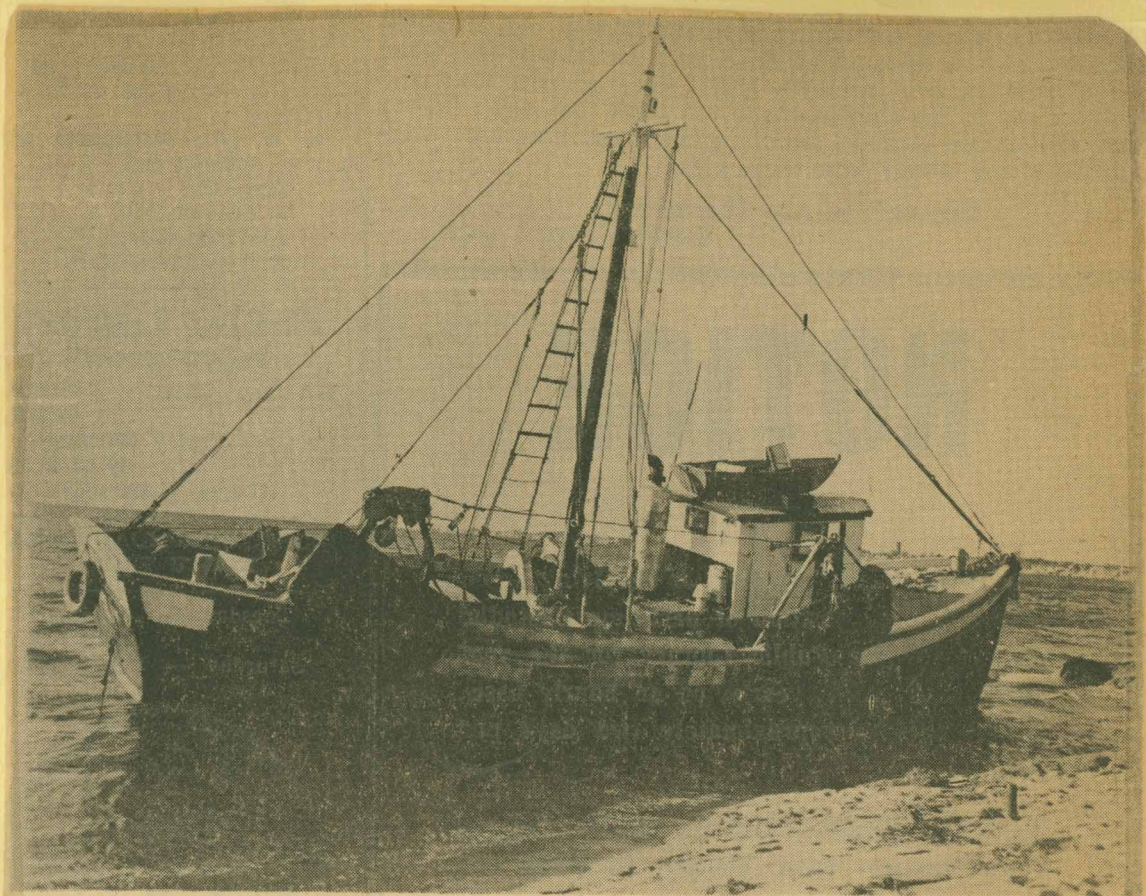


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Captain Anthony Russell's dragger, Queen Mary, was blown ashore at Beach Point and was refloated Sunday morning at high tide by the Race Point Coast Guard and towed away by the DUKW. A bulldozer dug a trench to assist in the operation.