

THE WRECK OF THE EUGENIA, Continued

Thomas Ortiz, 41, and James Evangelinos, 40, all seamen.

Message Sent

The first inkling of a ship ashore came by way of the Radio Marine Corporation of America, Chatham, which received the following message, sent out by the ship at 7:17 a.m.: "Aground near Cape Cod Lightship. Ship's position unsafe on account of coming hurricane. Please keep contact with us in case of emergency." The message was signed by the master.

Chief Boatswain Everett Marshall of Nauset, commanding officer of the Cape Cod Coast Guard Group, directing the operation from his station, said that this was the first inkling of any trouble, that there had been no SOS. Chief Silva of Race Point directed the operation from the scene.

Crew members of the freighter attempted to launch a lifeboat into the boiling surf soon after the vessel grounded but the minute it hit the water, the ropes broke and the lifeboat was washed ashore. There was no one on board.

When the Coast Guardsman found the vessel aground they were planning on standing by in case of any emergency, but with the expected high winds—which didn't materialize—the decision was made to use the breeches buoy.

A watch is being maintained at the shore near the ship because of the men still aboard and because of the Coast Guard equipment still there in case it is needed. The watch is expected to be kept at least until something is determined as to future plans of the ship's owners.

Awakened by Bump

A U. S. Customs man from Plymouth met the 17 men at Nauset last night and they were sent on the bus to Boston where immigration officials were to see them this morning.

Chatham Coast Guardsmen at the scene included Nickerson and Russell Steen, both telephone men who installed a telephone, with Chief Silva reporting to Mr. Marshall constantly. Also from Chatham was Engineman 1st Class Alfred S. Dauphinais, who who transported the survivors to Nauset.

Mr. Moskouris, the only one of those landed who could speak English, told Coast Guardsmen he first knew of the grounding when he was awakened shortly after 5 a.m. yesterday by a bump, which was caused when the craft went over the outer bar.

When Coast Guardsmen maneuvered the DUKW close by the side of the ship, only four of the remaining members of the crew wanted to get off, the rest deciding to stay with the Eugenia.

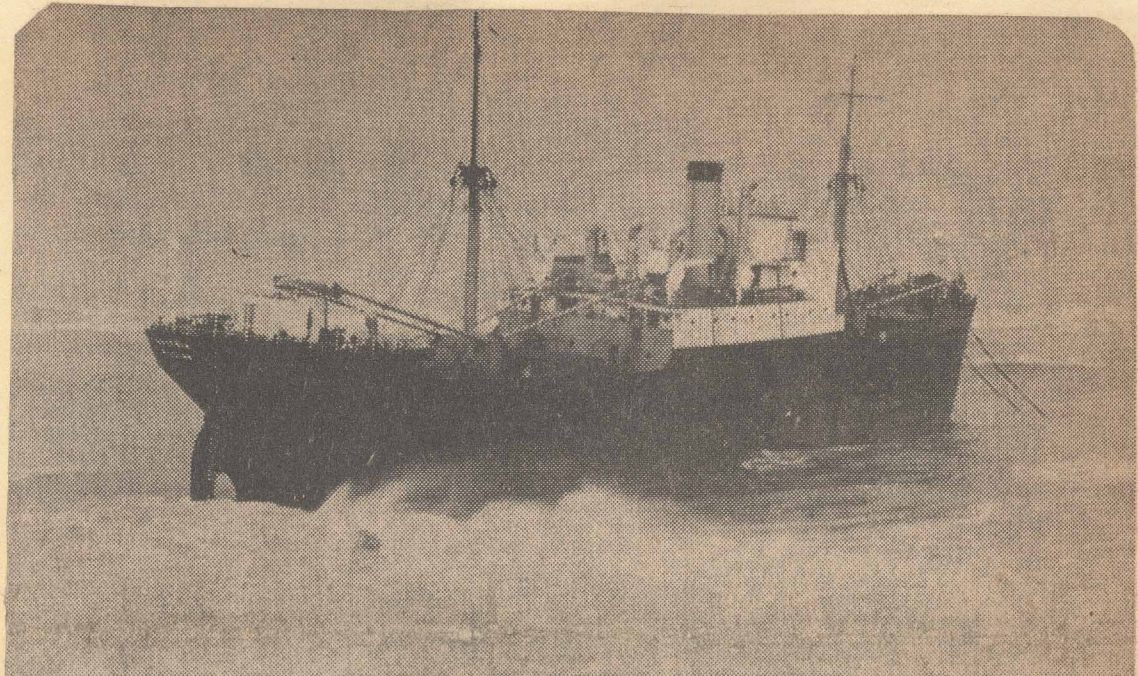
Coast Guardsmen and others saw themselves on television this morning when Dave Garraway

showed motion pictures of the maneuvering DUKW bringing ashore the four crew members late yesterday afternoon.

It was reported several tugs were outbound from Boston in an attempt to haul the freighter over the outer bar at high tide this noon.

Up to shortly before noon, however, no tugs had appeared. Coast Guardsmen took steps to bring ashore the chief engineer of the freighter so he could talk with underwriters and officials on conditions on the grounded freighter.

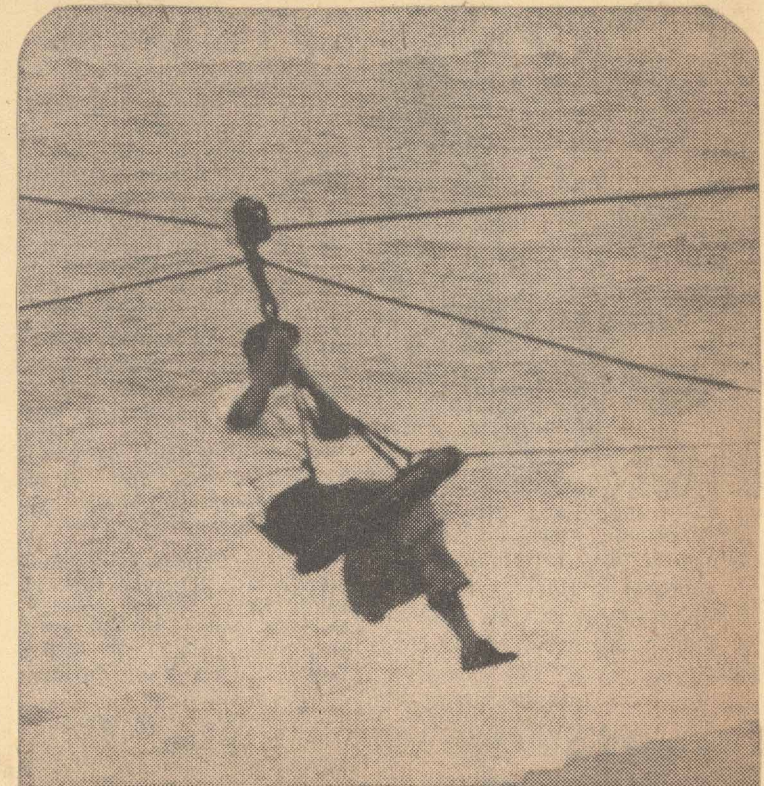
Accompanying Mr. Marshall to the scene this morning was Edward Rowe Snow, Boston shipwreck historian.



The 3,500-gross ton Eugenia, which went aground off Peaked Hill Bar, yesterday is shown imbedded in the sand while waves whip by. (Cape Cod Standard-Times Photo)



Crewman of the Eugenia walks up sand dune after rescue at Peaked Bar Hill. —Associated Press Wirephoto



The first man to be rescued by breeches buoy off the freighter Eugenia, which went aground off Peaked Hill Bar yesterday, was the ship's cook, Michael Moskouris, 31, the only crew member able to speak English. (Cape Cod Standard-Times Photo)