

Long Point Light, Provincetown, Mass.

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LIGHTED BELL BUOY NO. 3, at Long Point, was reported out and an attempt was made to relight it without success. The buoy, which marks the entrance to Provincetown Harbor, and warns fishermen away from getting too close to the tip of Cape Cod, is a white flashing type, operated by gas. When the buoy was reported out, Engineman First Class George Gaspa and Seaman Richard Goodwin from Race Point Coast Guard station went out in the motor lifeboat but failed to relight it. Coast Guard District, Boston, was notified.

Ten yards off Long Point the water is 120 feet deep.



Know Your Buoys

Five types of buoys are in common use in waters around Cape Cod: can buoys, nun buoys, spar buoys, light and sound buoys. A can buoy looks just like a can; it is on the left-hand side of harbor channels as boats come in. Nun buoys are like can buoys with conical tops, and mark the right-hand channel as you come into harbor. Spar buoys are big spars, also used to mark channel entrances. Bell buoys have a bell or gong hung in a metal superstructure, the bell sounding as the waves rock the buoy. Light buoys have a superstructure containing a light. Whistling buoys have a contrivance which utters shrill whistles when the wind blows through it.

FIFTY YEARS AGO last month Captain Henry Brown, inventor of the bell buoy, died in Provincetown at the ripe age of 80 years. A native of Norway he came to this country when he was 14 years old. (September 1907)



Bell Buoy #3, off the end of the Point. - 1938

This is Althea, and many are the times she has fished from this same buoy, the only orders being to stay within sight of the window in Grandma's kitchen.