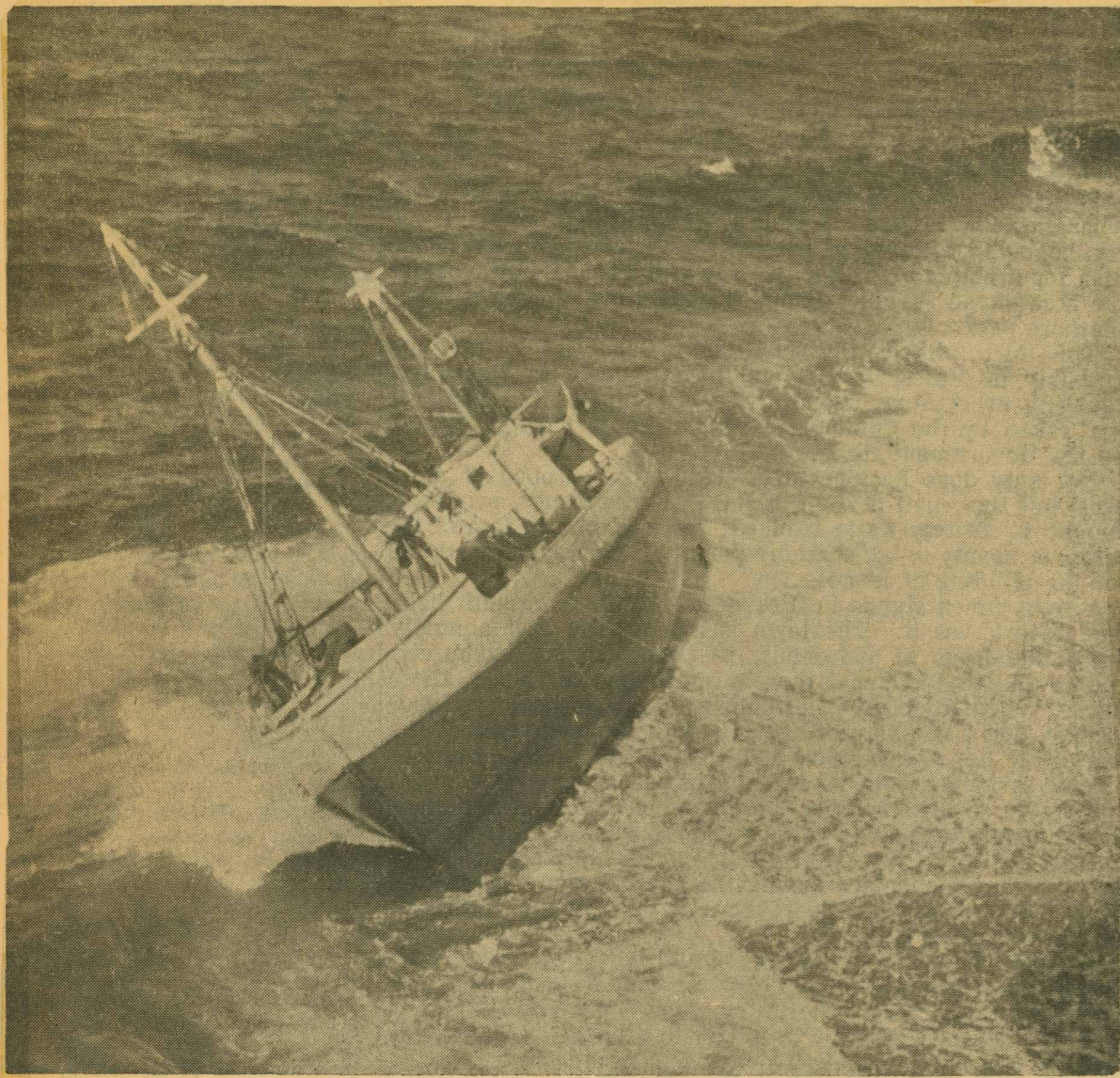


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The Gloucester-owned 70-foot fishing vessel, Margaret Rose, seems to be digging her own grave on the shore between Race Point Coast Guard Station and Ract Point Light as she resists all efforts of floating her. Fire has already done considerable damage.

Photo by Dick Christopher

Boatyard Labors To Salvage Boat January 25, 1962

Efforts to salvage the Boston dragger Margaret Rose continued this week on the Cape End sandbar where she has been stranded since her grounding a little over a week ago, while a preliminary hearing, at which the Captain and members testified, was held by the Coast Guard at the Customs House in Boston on Monday.

Francis Santos, owner and operator of Flyer's Boatyard, said that he and his workmen with the help of James Silva and his crew, have been working on the boat every day, weather and tide permitting. Mr. Santos said that a large audience was at the beach last Sunday to watch the major feat of turning the boat over, after the port side had been temporarily repaired.

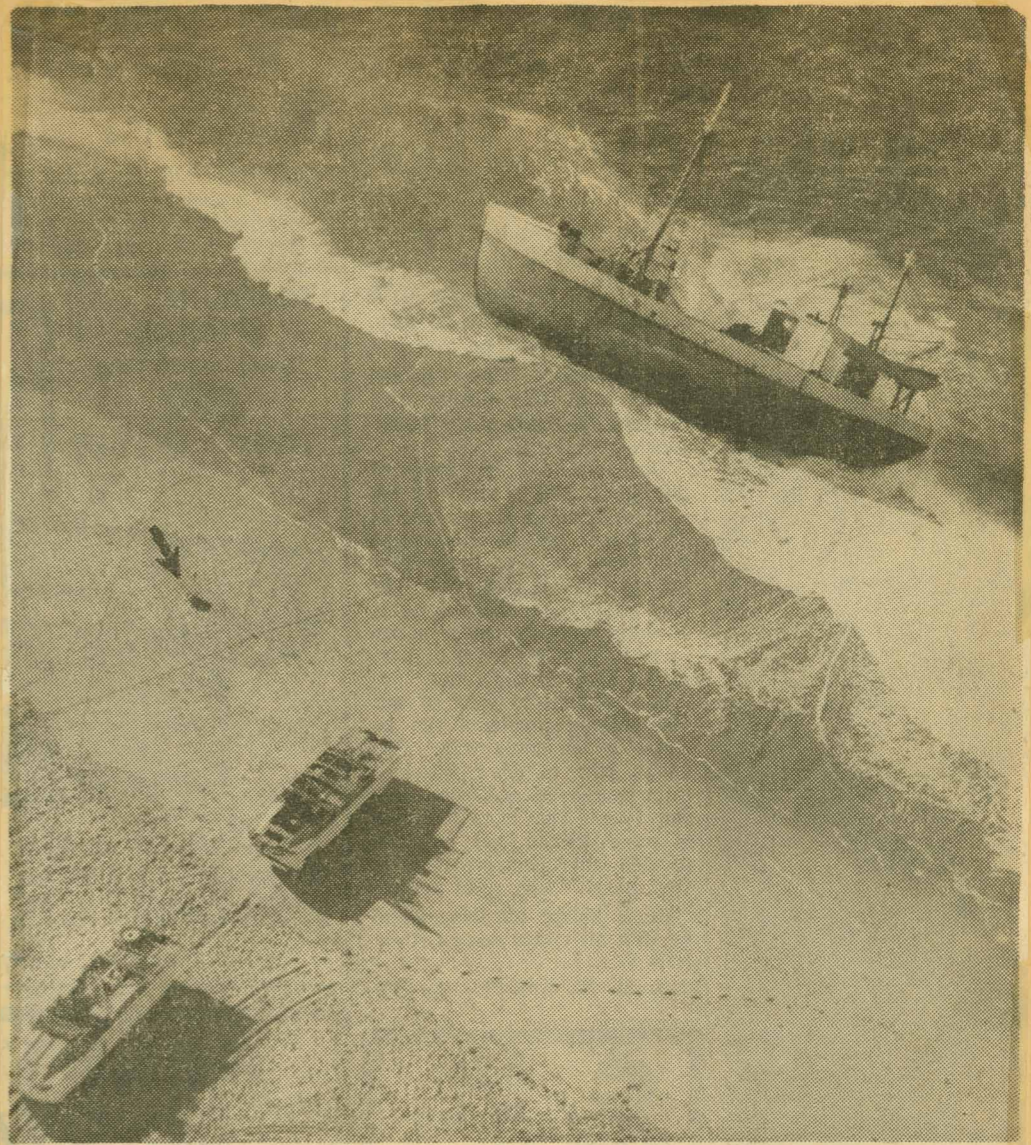
He reported that work has been held back part of the time by rough water and southwest winds, which are particularly unfavorable in that area. He said also that the boat's keel had been badly opened. He said he expects that by the end of the week, the more seriously damaged starboard side, facing the sea, will also be repaired and the Margaret Rose will be ready to float, after James Silva and his men complete bulldozing operations to free her from the sandbar.

Mr. Santos said he had been offered the assistance of Captain Seraphine Codinho of the dragger Peter and Linda and of Captain Francis Motta of the Liberty Belle in towing the boat to his boatyard for completion of repairs.

Title to the 18-year old Margaret Rose, said to be valued at \$45,000, has been turned over to Mr. Santos by the Boston Insurance Company.

It was reported that \$15,000 damage was caused by the fire in the pilot house, damaging two dories, radar equipment, electronic fish scopes, two sounding machines and the radio, as well as the top of the pilot house. The blaze which gave firefighters a three-hour battle and which was reported to have been caused by a short circuit, broke out several hours after the seven fishermen aboard the craft were brought ashore by Race Point Coast Guardsmen in a dramatic breeches buoy rescue, shortly after the fishing vessel, with 1,000 pounds of fish in her hold, foundered on a shoal north of Wood End in heavy surf just before dawn on January 16.

Assisting in the rescue besides the men and equipment from the Race Point Station were Coast Guardsmen with helicopters from Salem and Coast Guardsmen from Chatham with an amphibious DUKW.



GROUNDING DRAGGER Margaret Rose is smashed by surf as tide recedes near Race Point, Provincetown. Her crew of seven and a Coast Guardsman were res-

cued by breeches buoy (arrow) yesterday after vessel grounded when she sought shelter from a storm.

—Standard-Times Air Photo

Dragger On Rails At Flyer's Yard

Feb. 8, 1962

The fishing vessel Margaret Rose, which went aground January 16, near Wood End Light was successfully refloated Saturday, by Francis A. Santos, proprietor of Flyer's Boat Yard, and James M. Silva, local contractor, now the dragger's new owners. The salvagers successfully refloated the 70-foot vessel at about 8:45 a.m., assisted by four local fishing draggers. Those aiding the operation were the Little In-

fant, Captain Jerry Costa; the Jennie B., Captain Edward Carreiro; the Peter and Linda, Captain Seraphine Codinha, and the Liberty Belle, Captain Francis Motta. The vessel was towed into Provincetown Harbor and beached beside Colonial Wharf. On Monday's high course tide the vessel was moved on to Flyer's railway.

The two new co-owners and their crews worked nearly three weeks patching up the grounded dragger. Title to the craft was obtained from the Boston Insurance Company, and present plans call for selling the craft, Mr. Santos said.