

The Old Life Saving Station about 1880 with Captain's buggy and one of the Crew

November 2, 1884: At 4 o'clock in the morning the schooner Mary Riley, of Bridgeton, N. J., carrying a crew of six men, bound from Baltimore, Maryland, to Danversport, Mass., with a load of coal, ran ashore on Race Point about a quarter of a mile to the westward of the station. She was soon discovered by the station patrol and the alarm given. When the lifeboat crew got aboard they carried out an anchor to heave her off by, and after heaving the hawser well taut, and while waiting for the tide to rise the pumps were manned and the schooner pumped dry; it being found that she was leaking. The steamer Longfellow, of Provincetown, hove in sight while they were thus engaged and a signal was hoisted, which soon brought her to their assistance. The lifesaving crew ran the steamer's hawser to the schooner with the surfboat, and in a short time she was hauled afloat. The Longfellow towed her in past Race Point, when, with the aid of the lifesavers, here sails were hoisted and she bore up for Provincetown Harbor apparently all right.

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Saturday last was tourist day at Sagamore. About 75 came from Brockton and vicinity at the beach prospecting. Captain Fisher of Race Point lifesaving station discovered a craft showing distress signals. As the lifesaving crews were off duty, he succeeded with aid from Supt. Bowley to get the crew and started off, but failed to find the craft. It was found later that it was the gasolene yacht Alcedo, which was having trouble with her engine, but before the lifeboat arrived the craft got headway and came into Provincetown port. Four men who went astray in the fog from the Trawler Fish Hawk were picked up fifteen hours later by a coaster and transferred to the fishing schooner Francis Silva and brought off Race Point. From there the men rowed into the harbor.