

# 34<sup>Th</sup> ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE FLEET

JUNE 25, 26, 27 & 28, 1981

## Dedication

The fishermen of Provincetown respectfully dedicate the 1981 Blessing of the Fleet to the late Joseph Joaquin Macara.



His love of Provincetown and his special devotion to the sea serve as encouragement to all whose life he has touched.

#### CAPTAIN JOSEPH JOAQUIN MACARA (1879-1981

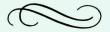
At the age of twenty years, Joseph J. Macara left his native homeland, Portugal, to start a new life in America, the land of opportunity — and where better to continue a deep-seated career than Provincetown. Captain Macara had begun his life at sea with his father and brothers at the early age of eight in Olhao, Portugal and continued to actively fish until he was almost seventy. Fishing, far more than a career, was Joseph Macara's whole life.

With his arrival in Provincetown in 1899, he crewed for other boats for fifteen years before buying his first small gasoline-powered dory. A hard-working man, he saved everything he could; the boats he bought became larger; and over the years he proudly commanded the "Liberty", the "Victory", the "Annabelle R" and the "Jennie B", four draggers ranging in size from 40 to 65 feet.

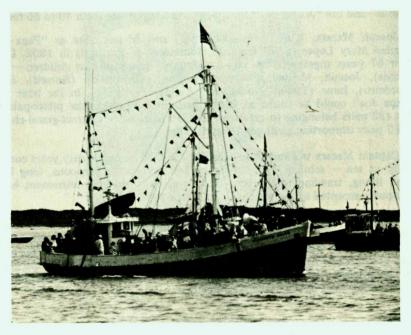
Joseph Macara, later known to family and friends alike as "Papa Joe", married Mary Lopes (a girl from his hometown in Portugal) in 1902. During their 67 years together, they raised their large family of nine children — Mary (Tarvis), Joseph, Manuel, Florence (Passion), Conception (Russell), Lucille (Cordeiro), Irene (Tasha), Nobert and Celeste (Francis). In the later years, "Papa Joe" could be found at family gatherings enjoying the pitter-patter of feet (22 pairs belonging to grandchildren, 49 pairs carrying great-grand-children and 7 pairs supporting great-grandchildren).

Captain Macara worked at all kinds of fishing over his seventy years commercially at sea — seining, weir fishing, swordfishing with harpoons, long lining, hand lining, trawling, gill netting and dragging. After his retirement he still anxiously accepted all invitations to go out on local boats.

"Papa Joe" enjoyed good health most of his long life, spending the last few years in the homes of his sons and daughters surrounded by the family warmth he and his wife had nurtured for so many years. His passing on, after a brief stay at the Cape End Manor on January 5, 1981, leaves his family and friends the beneficiaries of years of hard work and self sacrifice, love, charming wit and priceless tales of the heritage of the sea.







Behold the Sea,

The opaline, the plentiful and strong...

Sea full of food, the nourishers of kinds,

Purger of earth, and medicine of men...

**Emerson** 

## Program

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 25th

Decorate the town. All businesses welcome to participate and also decorate.

6:30 p.m.

Fishermen's Banquet at the Holiday Inn Cocktails — Dinner — Dancing



#### FRIDAY, JUNE 26th

9:00 a.m. Decorating of all boats at MacMillan Wharf.

9-10:00 a.m. Fishing Contest — Children to age 9 10-11:00 a.m. Fishing Contest — Children 9 to 14

Held at MacMillan Wharf, under the direction of the Province-

town Athletic Department. All children are welcome.

8:00 p.m. Senior Citizen's Dance. To be held at the Town Hall. Cocktails will be available. Music by Bob Taylor and the Moors

Jazz Men. Open to the public - free to all.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 27th

10:00 a.m. All children invited for games, prizes and refreshments at Motta Field.

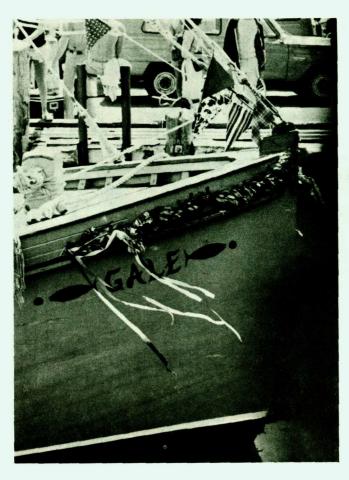
10:00 a.m. Skippers' meeting
Third Annual Windsurfing Regatta on the beach at the West
End Parking Lot — everyone is invited.

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12:00 noon Fishermen's Quahog Party held at the V.F.W. Fishermen and their guest welcome. \$5.00 per person.

4:00 p.m. Softball game. Fishermen vs. the All Stars from radio station KZ104.

7:00 p.m. Open Air Concert — Town Hall.



#### SUNDAY, JUNE 28th

9:30-9:45 a.m. All Fishermen, the Barnstable Town Band, Highland Light Scottish Pipe Band, Coast Guard and all other marching units, form at MacMillan Wharf parking lot for parade to St. Peter's Church.

10:15 a.m. Procession of Fishermen and parade to church.

11:00 a.m. Fishermen's High Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Peter's Church by Fall River Diocese Bishop Daniel Cronin.



12:00 noon Procession of the Fishermen, Bishop, Clergy and all the marching units to MacMillan Wharf for the Blessing of the Fleet.

1:00 p.m. Blessing of the Fleet by Bishop Cronin and the judging of the best decorated fishing boat.













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In memory of Manuel Thomas — from Tommy

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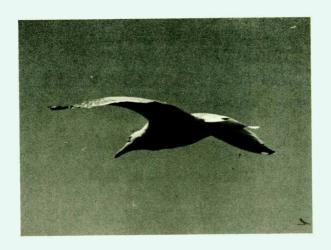
## **Boats**

Alwa Barracuda Bay of Isles Cape Star Charlotte G. Dawn Divino Criador Divino Mar Galaxy Gale Gerda Riva Janet & Jean Jennifer & Aaron Jerusalem Jimmy Boy Joan & Tom Joe & Stephen Johnny O. Josephine G. Kathryn Marie Kathy Jo Liberty Liberty Belle Little Infant

Little Natalia Menco Michael & Amy Michael Ann Miss Sandy Ocean Spray Patsea Peter & Linda Petrel Plymouth Belle **Porpoise** Raider II Richard & Arnold Ruthy L. Santina Sarah Lynn Shirley & Roland Silver Mink **Taurus** Triumph Victory II Web Zerda



In Memory
of those who have dedicated
their lives to
the sea.



To me the sea is a continual miracle,
The fishes that swim — the rocks —
The motion of the waves —
The ships with the men in them,
What stranger miracles are there?
Whitman

What language is thine, O sea?
The language of eternal question.
Pagone