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Trapboat CHARLOTTE IN
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Historical References

The trapboat "Charlotte" was built in Amesbury, Massachusetts by the True family in 1918, according to Joseph Oliver, her first captain. She was named after Captain Oliver's younger sister Charlotte. The trapboat was successively owned by the Provincetown Cold Storage, National Traps, Filmore Miller of Provincetown, Monument Fish Company, Joseph Oliver himself, who purchased her in 1955, and lastly, by George Colley. This lineage was provided by Oliver in a personal interview in 1979. Colley allowed the "Charlotte" to deteriorate in the mud flats at the breakwater in the vicinity of the Provincetown Inn from about the year 1966 until 1976 when he donated the trapboat to the Provincetown Historical Association for its preservation and as a symbol of the trap fishing industry of Provincetown.

Statistics of the "Charlotte."

Hull overall- 36 feet
Beam- 10 feet
Drawing 2 feet of water
12 Horse power engine

The "Charlotte's" original crew in 1918:

Joseph F. Oliver, Captain
Marsh Reid
Joseph Days
Antone D. "Hoppi" Costa
Joseph "Ducky" Perry
Manuel "Timberlegs" Dutra

Other crew member notes:

John Raymond fished aboard the "Charlotte" from 1921-1950
Nonnie Fields was also a captain of the "Charlotte"
Arthur "Deeda" Roderick died as a result of injuries sustained when repairing the traps on the day before Thanksgiving. He was a crew member.

Restoration of the "Charlotte" required two years from 1977-1979.

Richard Alberts, instructor of the Marine Boat-building department of the Cape Cod Technical Regional High School in Harwich, Massachusetts, supervised the restoration assisted by instructor Odd Lilleheil.

Forty-three students at the Cape Tech School assisted in the restoration process.

NATIONAL TRAP, INC.

PROVINCETOWN, MASS.

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Bureau of Corporations
18 Tremont St., Room 747
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

We would like at this time to request permission to sell the assets of the National Trap, Inc., of Provincetown, Mass., to the Monument Fish Co. Inc., of Provincetown, Mass. on February 10, 1958.

The Assets consist of the following:

Trap Boat "Charlotte" with engine, scow, hoist, plus all fishing gear, twine, poles, anchors, etc..

The price & terms of proposed sale to be Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars (27000.00) with a down payment of Ten Thousand Dollars (10000.00) and the balance to be paid in three installments. The first being Five Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Dollars (5660.00) due August 1, 1958, the second Five Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Dollars due August 1, 1959, and the third Five Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Dollars due August 1, 1960.

Very Truly yours,
National Trap, Inc.

by _____
President & Treasurer

History of Ownership~

Joseph F. Oliver
First National Traps
Monument Fish
George Colley
Provincetown Historical Assc.
Provincetown Heritage Museum

Joseph T. Oliver, Captain
Joseph "Jucky" Perry
Antone D. Costa, "Hoppi"
Marsh Reed
Joseph Days
Manuel "Timberlegs" Dutra

Original Crew Members—1918

~Materials used~

Frames - Native White Oak Laminated

Planking - Spruce - 1"

Deck—house - Pine - 10 oz. Canvas

Fastenings - Galvanized Cut Nails,

Decking - Spruce 1" Stove Bolts

Deck Timbers - Spruce 2"

Bulkheads - White Oak 1"

Hatches - 1" Pine