



U.S. COAST GUARD MARINE SAFETY OFFICE PORTLAND, MAINE

Commercial Fishing Industry Mortality Summary 1993 through Present



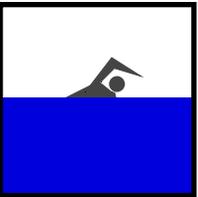
March 24, 1993 Jonesport, Maine Periwinkle Fishery

Caroll MacLean, 26, drowned when a canoe used for hand harvesting of periwinkles capsized while attempting to transit from an island to the mainland. The canoe was heavily laden at the time. A second fisherman survived the incident by swimming to land and seeking assistance.



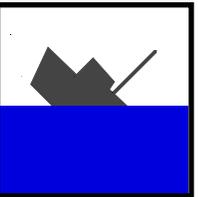
August 19, 1993 Marshall Island, Maine Sea Urchin Fishery

Donald Costain, 52, drowned while urchin diving from the Stonington based F/V SCHOOL TEACHER. Mr. Costain was diving in approximately 20 feet of water when his surface tender lost sight of him in fog and swells. He was recovered by divers from the SCHOOL TEACHER.



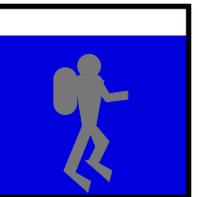
August 31, 1993 Harpswell, Maine Sea Urchin Fishery

Thomas Shwartz, 22, drowned while attempting to swim to a skiff that had drifted from the F/V MONEY TALKS. Mr. Shwartz had rowed to the MONEY TALKS, which was moored at the time, in an attempt to recharge the vessel's batteries, which had been disabled by a chronic flooding condition.



September 29, 1993 Gulf of Maine Ground Fishery

Thomas Leach, 35, remains missing following the sinking of the Portland, Maine based F/V SEA BRING. The SEA BRING sank quickly in Wilkenson's Basin while attempting to return to port for hydraulic parts. Mr. Leach was trapped within the vessel, two other crewmen were rescued by USCG aircraft.



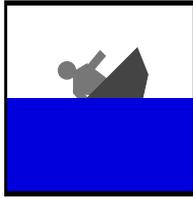
October 16, 1993 Jonesport, Maine Sea Urchin Fishery

Matthew Rice, 25, drowned while diving from the F/V LAST CHANCE. Mr. Rice, who was engaging in his very first salt water dive, entered the water in approximately 30 feet and his surface tender quickly lost sight of his air bubbles. He was recovered after a brief subsurface search by fellow LAST CHANCE divers.



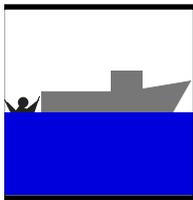
November 4, 1993 Biddeford, Maine Sea Urchin Fishery

David Maxwell, 25, drowned diving for sea urchins from the F/V CAROL A. Mr. Maxwell, an inexperienced diver (2 weeks experience) became entangled in a line and caught in surf near a ledge where he was diving. He was recovered by divers from a nearby sea urchin boat.



November 11, 1993 Deer Isle, Maine Lobster Fishery

Ronald Haskell, 37, remains missing following the capsize of a 16 foot vessel he was utilizing to tend lobster gear. Mr. Haskell's boat capsized within several hundred feet of land and was observed by several witnesses. Despite extensive search efforts, Mr. Haskell remains unrecovered.



January 14, 1994 York, Maine Lobster Fishery

Christopher Carmihilis, 34, remains missing following a fall overboard from the F/V LUCKY GREEK. Mr. Carmahilis was hauling lobster gear for the season approximately 1 mile off York when he apparently fell overboard while attempting to arrange a stack of traps alone on the stern of the LUCKY GREEK.



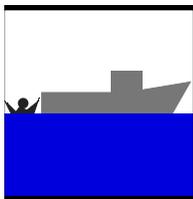
January 23, 1995 New Castle, NH Sea Urchin Fishery

Carl Willenbrock, 36, died while sea urchin diving from the F/V SEA LURE. Mr. Willenbrock, who was diving in 15 feet of water, experienced a heart attack while underwater. Mr. Willenbrock unknowingly suffered from ischemic heart disease, a serious condition triggered by his strenuous diving activity.



March 07, 1995 Rouque Island, Maine Scallop Fishery

Gerald Moody, 35, died from massive skull injuries while onboard the Machias based scallop dragger SHOAL WATERS. Mr. Moody was attempting to guide the path of a suspended scallop drag weighing at least one ton when the wire suspending the drag parted.



September 9, 1995 Petit Manan Island, Maine Lobster Fishery

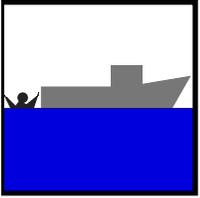
Roy Hutchins, 37, drowned following a fall overboard from the F/V WISHFUL THINKING. Mr. Hutchins, who was fishing alone at the time of the incident, fell overboard while attempting to recover fishing gear. The unusually low bulwark of the WISHFUL THINKING are thought to have been a factor in the fall.



March 19, 1996 Harpswell, Maine Scallop Fishery

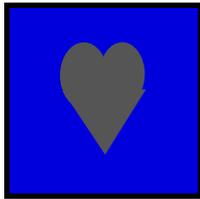
David Fahey, 32, drowned while scallop diving from the F/V BONNIE BOY RAY.

Mr. Fahey, who had just completed a one hour dive, resubmerged with a minimal air supply to recover a lost catch bag of scallops. Inadvertently descending into deep water, Mr. Fahey ran out of air and drowned.



July 29, 1996 Jonesport, Maine Lobster Fishery

Milton Anthony, 56, remains missing after a fall overboard from a State registered lobster boat. Mr. Anthony who was fishing alone at the time of the incident, fell overboard while attempting to recover fishing gear. A non typical gear hauling system is suspected to have contributed to the fall overboard.



July 24, 1996 Gulf of Maine Bluefin Tuna Fishery

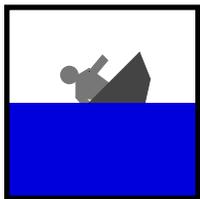
Gene Coffin, 58, died after experiencing a heart attack onboard the Harpswell based bluefin tuna vessel RESTLESS. Mr. Coffin had previously undergone open heart surgery. Based on his limited activity at the time of the incident and medical history, his death is considered due to natural causes.



March 31, 1997 Lubec, Maine Scallop Fishery

Peter Smith, 34, drowned following capsize of a skiff while attempting to reach his moored fishing vessel which was in danger of sinking in storm conditions.

Mr. Smith was one of 4 persons in the skiff, one other individual perished in this incident. Mr. Smith was determined to have a BAC of 0.08% at the time of the incident. Mr. Smith was wearing a PFD at the time of the incident.



March 31, 1997 Lubec, Maine Scallop Fishery

Collins Ritchie, 40, drowned following capsize of a skiff while attempting to reach a moored fishing vessel which was in danger of sinking in storm conditions. Mr. Ritchie was one of 4 persons in the skiff, one other individual perished in this incident. Mr. Ritchie was determined to have a BAC of 0.09% at the time of the incident. Mr. Ritchie was wearing a PFD at the time of the incident.



October 15, 1997 Marshall Island, Maine Sea Urchin Fishery

Joseph Smith, 34, drowned while engaged in diving for urchins from the F/V BARBARA T. Mr. Smith was diving alone, with the assistance of a surface tender. Nearing the completion of his first tank the tender lost sight of Mr. Smith's bubbles, and summoned the assistance of nearby divers. Mr. Smith was recovered but resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful. Mr. Smith was found to have a BAC of 0.32% at the time of the incident.

Not included in this summary

April 5, 1993. Dwayne Alley, 36, died while periwinkle harvesting near Jonesport, Maine. Mr. Alley died from skull injuries following a fall on an intertidal ledge upon which he had just landed. Because the incident occurred on land, it was not investigated by the USCG for jurisdictional reasons.

March 19, 1994. Timothy Richards drowned while attempting to board the scallop dragger MASTER JOEL while moored in Cutler, Maine. Mr. Richards, who had gone ashore, was attempting to reboard the vessel at night from a canoe when he either fell while climbing to the MASTER JOEL or capsized while in the canoe. Mr. Richards was determined to have been intoxicated at the time of the incident. The circumstances of this accident were determined to not reflect industrial or marine safety conditions within the commercial fishing industry and the incident is not included in the mortality summary.