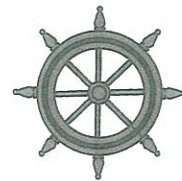




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## Steve Gray, Jr.

Steve was born on February 9th, 1908 in Stonington. At an early age he went fishing with his father. His first boat was The Inez. Lobstering was his main living.

Off season he went trawling, musseling, clamming, spearing flounders, and set smelt traps. He fished from York Island for many years and later went to New York to go yachting. He went fishing in New York for a while until he got the call from home that the price of lobsters went from 2 cents to 6 cents a pound. There were several boats in his time, one of which is the "Edna I". That boat has been restored and is on display at the Bath Marine Museum.

After retiring from fishing, he worked at Webber Cove fiber glassing. The Stonington Packing Company was his last place of work. His love of music kept him playing the violin. In 1939 he married his wife, Edna. They had two daughters, Mary and Priscilla. They also had four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Steve died on January 4th, 1999.

We are proud to induct Steve Gray, Jr into the 1996 Hall of Fame.

## Ashley "Punk" Mitchell

Punk was born June 16th, 1919 in Brooklin, ME at a relative's home. His parents were Joe and Lois Bell.

He went to school in Stonington until the 7th or 8th grade year, at which time he moved to Isle au Haut and had to row from Yorks Island to the Turners Cove on Isle au Haut and then walk up to the thoroughfare to get to school. Punk did this walk everyday- approximately 3 miles!

He started fishing when he was 12 years old. He had 12 traps! He hauled them by hand in a little "Pea Pod" row boat.

He married Hazel Billings on February 19th, 1940 and had four children- Beverly, Linda, Randell, and Marilyn. They had 17 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren.

After he was married, he went seining with George Boyce, Sr. Later he went trawling by himself. Soon after that he went back to lobstering. Hazel remembers when he would set his traps on the rocks so at low tide they would be exposed. His boat was called the "Penny Pincher".

Punk went lobstering right up until the months before his death. Punk died in 2004 of natural causes in the comfort of his home surrounded by friends and family.

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## Forrest "Skeet" MacDonald

Skeet was born April 24th, 1900 in Oceanville to Billings and Edith MacDonald. He had five siblings- Edith, Lennie, Lawrence, Charles, and Noyes.

Skeet started fishing when he was 14 with his father. Back then the boats only had sails! His father passed shortly after Skeet turned 14. At that time he started working in the Quarry. He was also drafted in the war but never saw any war time.

In 1920 he moved to Isle au Haut where he bought his first boat, which he named "Trudy", who was the first woman to swim the English Channel. Work was his hobby.

In 1932 he married his wife, Virginia. They had one daughter, Collie. They have four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Skeet was a Red Sox fan all his life. He loved baseball. July 12th, 1992, Skeet became sick. He went to the ER and shortly after arriving, he passed away.

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