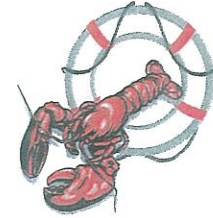


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## Ivan Arey

Ivan was born September 16th, 1916. Ivan started in the fishing industry when he was 17 years old with a 16 foot rowboat, a pair of oars, and a wheelbarrow. He could be seen downtown peddling his fish or selling his lobsters. At that time hake and haddock was only 10 cents a pound.

He later moved onto sardine boats but his real love became the truck he drove from town to town delivering fish and other seafood products to his customers. They always enjoyed seeing him. Those customers turned into good friends.

He married his wife, known to most of us as Sis and they had four children- Joe, Jeanina, Lolita, and Laurel. They have many grandchildren.

Eventually he decided that he had enough of rowing and bought a boat with a motor. He spent many days on that little boat with his youngest daughter, Laurel. That little boat had an orange spray hood. One day the orange spray hood caught the eye of a museum curator from Bath, ME. That little boat now sits in the Marine Museum in Bath.

Ivan owns a 17 foot boat with no name, but if it did have a name it would be called the "Jenny Anne".

When being interviewed, we found that Ivan was very modest and didn't have too much to say about himself. He thinks what he does is just "what he does, nothing special." Others would disagree.

We are proud to induct Ivan Arey into the 2000 Hall of Fame.



## Sheridan "Shoot" Billings

Sheridan was born on August 6th, 1919. His nickname was "Shoot".

He graduated from Stonington High School where he learned to play the harmonica. After high school he went to work for Pratt and Whitney, where they made all kinds of aircraft equipment. Without telling his parents, he joined the Air Force. He served in World War II. He experienced flying but didn't get his license. He was a gunner who served in Africa patrolling a submarine in the Mediterranean. He was honored with the Distinguished Flying Cross.

After the service, he came home and that same year married his wife, Muriel. They had three children together- Randy, Cheryl, and Glenn. They had five grandchildren.

For many years he went fishing with his father, "Shay", and his brother, "Dick". They went seining, scalloping, and ground fishing. In the 50's Shoot and Dick went to Lemoine and got their pilots license and bought a 150 super cub on floats to try spotting fish.

His main boat at the time was called the "Mystery". In the mid 60's, seining collapsed and he went to work for Billings Diesel for a time. While working there, he built himself a new lobster boat called the "Sea Be". That was the boat he used for the remainder of his lobstering career.

One of his great loves was music. When seining collapsed he joined up with a band called the Merry Mariners. They played all over the state of Maine in the 60's through the 80's. Shoot also was the driving force behind the band "Salty Dogs", which was a family band. The band was honored to win the country family band of the year!

Sheridan passed away in January 2000.

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## William S. Hutchinson

William "Bill" was born in Stonington on January 11th, 1925. He was adopted by Mary and Charles Pearson and has three brothers- Avon, Ernest, and Fred. When Bill was 11 years old he went lobstering with his brother, Fred, during summer vacation. He can remember going into the woods to get spruce limbs to bend and make traps, and knitting their own heads and pockets. He used to go over to Crotch Island and get granite chips to weigh the traps down.

Bill was drafted into the Marines during World War II. One summer he spent building "crash boats", also known as rescue boats, at the shipyard for the U.S. Air Force.

Bill married his wife Sarah in 1951. They have two daughters- Wilda and Zelda. They have many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bill has owned five boats over his fishing career, the most recent being the "Chris Dana" which was built in 1952. Bill has had many sternmen over the years including his grandsons Chris, Teddy, Andy, and even his granddaughter, Pam would go with him.

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