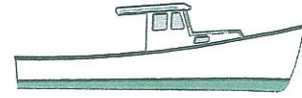


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Elva Ames

Elva was born February 14th, 1943 in Little Deer Isle to Stanley and Marie. She has six siblings- Lee, Sidney, Alfred, Stanley, Edna, and Audrey.

Elva and her husband, John had five children- Patricia, Jay, Kevin, Julie, and Kathy. They have many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Her children remember her as mom. Her grandchildren remember her as Nanny, but the community remembers her as being a fisherman or sternman beside her husband for 30 years.

Elva was an inspiration to all women who decide to follow their own dreams, whether it is by working in the fishing industry, by owning their own boats or being a sternman.

Elva passed away September 3rd, 1995. Her spirit still graces the Stonington Harbor in the large green Novi boat called the "Elva G." When we look back and remember her, we shall remember no dream is unreachable whether you're a man or a woman. Elva is the first woman to be inducted into the Fishermen's Hall of Fame.

We are proud to induct Elva Ames into the 2003 Hall of Fame.

Stephen Poitras

Stephen was born December 10th, 1952. He graduated Stonington High School in 1971. He was active in playing basketball and baseball. He also played the Alto Sax in the band. He went onto the Maritime Academy where he spent most of his time studying, which landed him on the Dean's list, Commandant, and the Superintendents list all four years. He was also on the Drill team and was Drill Master his last year. He graduated in 1975.

His love of fishing was with him almost from birth. He started lobstering in a small boat with an outboard motor in the Burnt Cove area. In high school he had a larger boat with a spray hood, pot hauler and a larger motor that was also used while he was away at the Academy.

His senior year he bought a 35 foot boat and finished it up with the help of his father and a few friends. A few years later he bought a 42 foot completed boat and sailed it home from New Hampshire.

Stephen was always happiest on the water. He went anytime there was an opportunity to go seining, shrimping, or scalloping with Alston on the "Duchess II". He learned ground fishing from Lawrence Bray and ended up just scalloping and gill netting in his last boat.

Stephen drowned when his boat upset the first day of scallop season on November 1st, 1981.

We are proud to induct Stephen Poitras into the 2003 Hall of Fame.



Robert "Bud" Hutchinson

Bud was born on April 18th, 1917 in Clam city to Pearl and Carrie Hutchinson. He was the only boy with three sisters; Virginia, Clara, and Dorothy. He was the "apple of his mother's eye". She would often call out "Oh Buddy stop that" with total affection. You could always find Bud when he was younger in a bowl of his mothers' fresh made cookie dough.

Bud's fishing career started out young. When he was 13 he was a sternman to Lawson Bridges on Lawson's boat. Later in life he joined the Navy. He was stationed in Florida during World War II. When Bud returned home he went back to fishing. When he wasn't fishing, he took jobs over to the Shipyard.

As life progressed, he married and started a family. The marriage didn't work but Bud held his head high and kept on fishing. Later Bud met the love of his life, Bea. They were deeply in love. The most common place to find them was at dances. Bud would also take Bea out to haul with him often. Bea would always take a dive off the bow of the boat. After she would swim around for a minute, Bud would throw her a rope and haul her up in the pot hauler.

Bud fished the "Bea and I" up until the end. Bud's goal was to fish until he was 80. He reached 79! Bud passed away December 8th, 2003.

We are proud to induct Robert "Bud" Hutchinson into the 2003 Hall of Fame.