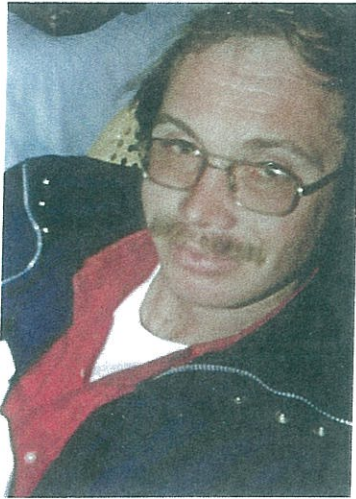




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Allen Thompson

Allen was born in Deer Isle to LeForest and Edith Thompson in 1951. He graduated from Stonington High School and went on to attend college. College soon gave way to his true love; lobster fishing. Allen returned home to pursue his fishing career.

Allen married Susan Billings and they had three children together- Melissa, Ryan, and Jamie.

Allen's main fishery was lobster fishing but he did go scalloping as well. He had two boats during his fishing career, "The Viking" and the "Melissa Sue".

Allen drowned in 1989 while he was out lobster fishing.

We are proud to induct Allen Thompson into the 2005 Hall of Fame.

John Reid II

John was born November 21st, 1956 in Castine, ME. He spent his early years in Stonington but his family relocated to Rhode Island, where he spent most of his childhood. He returned to the Island when he was about 13 or 14. He started clamming in an old "Skow".

On February 27th, 1975, he married Colleen Eaton, and they had two daughters, Angel and Ashley.

John went scalloping in his first big boat, the "Angel Dawn," as well as gillnetting with other captains. Being away from home was hard but necessary.

One morning after a big storm, his sternman arrived at the shore to find no boat. It turned out that the boat broke loose from the mooring and smashed on rocks. Pieces of the boat were found as far away as Cape Cod. The Coast Guard scared his wife when they asked where her husband was because they found the bow of the boat with all of his official papers in it.

John had a passion for old cars, trucks, and junk. If you needed any "junk", he was the person to see. In the middle of a snowstorm, you could find him and the family headed to Marden's. It was an adventure to see what you could find for a really good deal. When Marden's became more organized, it took the fun out of it.

His nieces and nephews thought of him as a fun, exciting, and unusual guy. He enjoyed being a kid as much as they did. They would go tubing on Toddy Pond and ride in the back of a truck to return bottles. He was very loving.

John was a superstitious man. He never kept a half dollar in his pocket because they were bad luck. He always gave them away, threw them out the window, or off the boat.

John passed away August 24th, 1992.

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Maynard Gray, Jr.

Maynard was born in Stonington in 1927 at his home. Maynard has been fishing ever since he could walk. He fished with his father, Maynard, Sr., until he was old enough to maintain his own boat and gear.

He built his own wooden traps and fished his own boat throughout grade school and high school. Lobster license renewals were only \$2.00 then.

After school, Maynard enlisted in the Navy and attended Husson College, majoring in accounting.

After that, he returned to the Island to fish. Maynard has worked in several fisheries including hand dragging, haking, trawling, and more but his passion is for lobster fishing.

Maynard married his wife, Joyce in 1952. They have four boys- Mickey, Lee, Wally, and Robbie. They have ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Maynard has fished from one boat, the "Joyce B.", his entire career but claims he has been through several engines.

Maynard is a member of the Mason's Marine Lodge #122 and the Eastern Star Harbor View Chapter #136. Maynard is also a World War Veteran.

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