

Manatee for New York Aquarium.
There is now on exhibition in New Orleans a sea cow, or manatee, which was caught by fishermen with the aid of their seines in the marshes on the Gulf, near Brownsville, about one month ago. This strange looking mammal, the age of which is estimated at about 200 years, is destined, it is said, to be sent to the New York Aquarium when the winter is past.

Motor Boat Bumps Whale.

F. L. Price and W. H. McHugh, of South Norwalk, while duck hunting on Long Island Sound early Tuesday morning ran their motor boat into an immense whale, according to the New York World, and almost lost their lives as a consequence, the mammal lashing its tail and almost swamping the little boat. On their return the hunters said there were two whales, the second one being seen further away.

Had to Put in For Water.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, one of the four crafts purchased by the E. E. Saunders Company of Pensacola, at this port, put into Key West, Florida last Wednesday for water. The craft immediately put out to Campechy banks for a trip of red snappers and is expected to return to Pensacola in two weeks with a fare.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks Had Big Catch.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, another of the local fleet recently sold to Pensacola, arrived recently with one of the largest fares ever landed there. She had 21,000 pounds of red snappers and 20,000 pounds of groupers.

Big Shark Followed Schooner.

The sch. Good Hope, landing her catch of 30,000 pounds of red snapper at Galveston, Tex., last week, reported having been accompanied for several hours on her in-trip by a shark 30 feet in length.

More Salt Herring Coming.

Schs. Bohemia, Arcadia, Sylvania, Blanche and Oregon are on their way home from Newfoundland with cargoes of salt herring.

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Lobster Pots Out in Close Season.

The Dominion government steamship Curlew came into Yarmouth, N. S., on Saturday and reports destroying a large number of lobster pots about the Tusket Islands. The open season on lobsters does not commence until December 15.

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TWO GOOD SIZED OFF-SHORE TRIPS

HELPED THE T WHARF DEALERS MATERIALLY THIS MORNING.

Fresh fish receipts at Boston comprise 12 arrivals, mostly shore boats. The demand was good and prices fair for the opening trade.

Sch. Onato has a large fare, aggregating 75,000 pounds, mostly cod. The sch. Cynthia hauls for 60,000 fresh, while the steam trawler Spray has a small fare, of about 15,000 pounds, mostly haddock.

Haddock brought \$3 for old fish and \$2.25 to \$4 for new. Large cod was quoted at \$2.75 to \$4, markets, \$2.50 to \$3.25; pollock, \$1.55 and hake, \$2 to \$3.

Boston Arrivals.

- The receipts and prices in detail are:
- Sch. Spray, 15,000 haddock, 800 cod, 600 hake.
- Sch. Lucy B. Winsor, 800 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Cynthia 40,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Pontiac 26,000 haddock, 1500 cod.
- Sch. Elizabeth W. Numan, 3500 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake.
- Sch. Mabel Bryson, 700 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1500 hake.
- Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 7800 cod.
- Sch. Cherokee, 3800 cod.
- Sch. Isabel, 800 cod.
- Sch. Eva Avina, 7000 pollock.
- Sch. Mary B. Fallon, 3500 pollock.
- Sch. Onato, 25,000 haddock, 48,000 cod, 2000 hake.
- Haddock, \$3 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.75 to \$4; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3.25; pollock, \$1.55; hake, \$2 to \$3.

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MANY CRAFTS NOW ON WAY HOME.

Herring of Splendid Quality Have Struck at Bay of Islands.

Latest advices from the Bay of Islands states that herring have struck in plentiful. The fish are of a splendid quality, although but few, if any vessels are there, as a number of crafts that recently finished loading have left and are on their way home.

Letters from Bay of Islands state that last Wednesday afternoon, a heavy gale blowing west north west struck the coast and lasted about four hours, gradually decreasing to a gentle breeze. Herring are reported plentiful from the upper Humber to Middle Arm. No large catches have been reported but fishing is good.

On Thanksgiving the fish were not so plentiful as on Wednesday. Catches are reported fair, but no large ones.

Friday morning's advices indicate good fishing, all the vessels there having nearly completed loading.

Later during the day a number of skippers arrived at Birchy Cove reported that herring are numerous and the boats are getting more fish than they can handle.

Capt. Norman A. Ross says he never saw better fish taken from the water than the present run of herring.

As there are no vessels there, the fishermen will have no means of disposing of their catch for a day or so.

After setting their gear a week ago Tuesday evening some of the fishermen were unable to locate their vessels owing to the snow storm then raging. They succeeded, however, in reaching the shore and spent the night at their homes.

Capt. Wallace Parsons took on board sixty barrels herring a week ago Monday morning at Meadows.

The sch. Blanche took on board 265 barrels herring Friday at entrance of Humber Arm. Several other vessels took similar quantities.

The best fishing Friday was in the vicinity of Goose and Pinguin Arms.

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WERE ALL ICED UP.

Portland Market Fishing Fleet Come in After Frosty Gale.

Crafts entering Portland harbor presented a real winter aspect Monday, with their fore rigging covered with ice and even the main rigging partly covered half way up to the cross-trees.

If the members of the fleet had been on a long cruise, one might expect them to have encountered the fiercest of weather but this ice was all secured right off the entrance to Portland harbor. The sch. Lochinvar was, perhaps, the one that had the most frozen spray on her. Capt. John Toothacher, in speaking of his trip said that he had been fishing in Rockland bay.

"Monday morning," he said, "we started for the grounds 40 miles off shore. The wind began to blow a gale from the northeast and it became so rough that it was impossible to fish. We decided to make for Portland and got iced up on the way in."

The experiences of others of the fishing vessels was about the same as that of the Lochinvar. From now on, however, the fishing schooner that has no ice about her will be the exception rather than the rule.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

The American Fisheries, of Lewes, Del., has been purchased for \$175,000, by the Sussex Trust Co., of the same place, and it will be operated by the latter company. The deal includes four fishing steamers now on the beach and two under construction. The floating factory was not included and it is at present on a fishing tour in southern waters.

Abraham Morgan of Indian Pond, near Seal Cove, C. B., not long ago took from a hook a large codfish and on opening it found an eel in the fish. It was doubled up, the head and tail in the lower part of the stomach and the center in the gullet. The eel measured three feet and had not been in its new home long. The cod was caught in 80 fathoms of water.

Hibbs & Co., of St. Petersburg, Fla., handled 225,000 pounds of fresh fish last Monday and Tuesday, says the Times of that city, and adds that this is the largest single haul handled by that concern in the 22 years of its existence.

New Revenue Cutters for Maine Coast.

That two new cutters will be secured in the near future for the Maine coast seems assured as it was learned yesterday that a determined effort would be made to have a new cutter built to replace the old cutter Woodbury while it is said that the revenue cutter Androscoggin may be sent to the Pacific coast and that she will be replaced, probably by the cutter Manning. It is a well known fact that the cutter Woodbury is out-of-date and that the old cutter cannot carry out the work necessary on the ragged coast of Maine. While the cutter Androscoggin is practically a new vessel it has been found that the steamer is not suited for work on this coast owing to her deep draft.

Well Known Craft Re-Built.

Arriving from the marine ways of the E. E. Saunders Fish Company of Pensacola Sunday was the sch. Clara M. Littlefield of that company, formerly of this port. For the past three months or more the Littlefield has been in the hands of mechanics employed by the firm in the work of rebuilding her and when she was released from the ways yesterday was practically a new vessel.

It is expected she will be ready to make a trip to the snapper banks on Thursday or Friday of next week. She will be in command of Capt. Paul Casno, formerly captain of the sch. Albert Geiger, also formerly of this port.

Getting Ready for Lobster Season.

Fishermen along the Nova Scotia coast, who have been on the Banks all summer are home in great numbers to prepare for the lobster season, which begins December 15 and runs till June 15. They are very busy making and repairing traps, and look for an exceptionally large season. Last season, ending June 15, more than 24,000 crates of live lobsters were shipped from Yarmouth to Boston, bringing an average of \$12.50 per crate. This is expected to be a much better year, and not less than 30,000 crates are anticipated for the American market.

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TERRIBLE WEATHER ON QUERO BANK.

For 15 Consecutive Days Sch. Agnes Could Not Fish.

Sch. Agnes of this port, Capt. John Martin, arrived at Portland Monday after a tough experience on Quero, in which two of her dories were smashed and for 15 days in succession the craft was unable to put a dory over the side.

The Agnes left here on October 26. Capt. Martin says that the trip to the banks was rough enough, but on arriving there, even worse weather was encountered. "For 15 days," he said, "we never had a dory over the side. Gale followed gale and it was out of the question for us to fish. Other vessels were as badly off as we were."

After over two weeks, the crew of the Agnes did manage to make a few sets and some halibut and some cod were caught. Seven days ago, the weather continuing bad, Capt. Martin decided to return home. He fought stiff winds all the ways and so heavy were the seas that the schooner was continually shipping water.

One great wave that came on deck smashed two dories, but did no further damage. Ordinarily the trip from Quero bank takes not more than three days, so that seven days is looked upon as exceptional. It could not very well be done in less time than that considering the fearful weather encountered.

On arriving at Portland, Capt. Martin sold his halibut to F. M. Harty of the New England Fish Co. He received 14 cents for whites and 11 cents for gray. The 7000 pounds of salt fish that were secured, were not disposed of.

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Building Fishing Vessels at Pensacola.

Having just completed one schooner on their shipbuilding ways, the Warren Fish Company of Pensacola has announced its intention of augmenting its present fishing fleet by one more smack to be built by mechanics in the employ of the company. A force of men are now scouring the woods for large oak knees to be used in the construction of the ship and when all material necessary for commencement is assembled the men will begin immediately to build the new ship.

Cured Fish Crafts Harbored.

The following crafts, bound here with cured fish, were at Portland harbor Monday for shelter during the blow:

Schs. Lawrence Murdock for Gouldsboro, M. J. Sewell farm Gouldsboro and Annie E. Kimball from Southwest Harbor.

Off on Her Second Trip.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney of the Saunders Fish Company of Pensacola left Saturday on her second trip for the snapper banks in command of Captain Frank Cooney. Captain Cooney arrived with the vessel there Tuesday with a record breaking catch of snappers. He is not certain whether he will remain in the south during the entire winter or not.

Sch. Emily Cooney at Pensacola.

The sch. Emily Cooney, formerly of this port, one of the four crafts recently sold in Pensacola, arrived there Friday with her first trip. She had 18,000 pounds of snappers and 18,000 pounds of groupers.

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Newfoundland Schooners Wrecked.

Two fishing schooners, about 20 tons each, were driven ashore early Sunday morning at Bonavista, N. F. One, owned by F. Kehoe, is a total loss, and the other, owned by J. Rowell, is very badly wrecked.

The sch. Beta, Singe-ton, master, drove ashore at St. Joseph's Placencia Bay, Saturday night, and is a total wreck. Also a schooner, Barnes, master, from Burgeo, cargo of fish, has arrived at Riverhead, sails torn, dory and deck had swept overboard.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Mooween, Mary F. Curtis and Margaret were at Halifax Saturday.

FISH RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER.

COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS LANDED AT THIS PORT AND BOSTON (FOR MONTH.)

The report of the Bureau of Fisheries for the month of October shows that during that month 254 fares of fish, aggregating 2,881,922 pounds of fresh fish, valued at \$74,412 and 3,288,539 pounds of salt fish, valued at \$160,131, a total of 6,170,461 pounds valued at \$234,543, were landed at this port, while at Boston there were landed 425 fares of fresh fish aggregating 10,692,025 pounds, valued at \$278,177.

The landings in detail at each port were as follows:

Gloucester.		
	Pounds.	Value.
Fresh cod	961,438	\$21,092
Salt cod	2,946,068	144,439
Total cod	3,907,506	167,531
Fresh haddock	418,060	167,531
Salt haddock	84,680	1,481
Total haddock	502,740	6,443
Fresh cusk	303,288	5,226
Salt cusk	362,62	998
Total cusk	339,550	6,234
Fresh hake	661,300	8,722
Salt hake	42,190	750
Total hake	703,490	9,472
Fresh pollock	144,659	2,387
Salt pollock	48,512	850
Total pollock	193,171	3,237
Fresh halibut	216,317	21,660
Salt halibut	116,027	10,308
Total halibut	332,344	31,868
Fresh mackerel	107,460	7,489
Salt mackerel	12,300	1,355
Total mackerel	120,260	8,844
Salt herring	2,000	40
Fresh bluebacks	63,400	869

Boston.		
	Pounds.	Value.
Fresh cod	1,691,000	\$70,610
Fresh haddock	4,483,600	119,573
Fresh cusk	204,100	5,931
Fresh hake	3,095,100	46,515
Fresh pollock	934,750	13,943
Fresh halibut	76,800	8,051
Fresh swordfish	2,575	426
Fresh Mackerel	52,100	7,065

SHELBURNE AS FISHING PORT.

Its Advantages Described in a Newspaper Article.

The Nova Scotia Coast-Guard, which is printed at Shelburne, had a lengthy article in its last issue, on the advantages of Shelburne as a shipping port and fishing business center, together with the possibilities of building up a big fresh fish business there, from which the following paragraphs are extracts:

"The harbor of Shelburne is perfectly sheltered, and is unrivalled on the whole Atlantic sea board of North America. The British Admiralty charts it as one of the two finest harbors under the British flag, and it is reckoned as one of the three best in the world. This claim can easily be verified by inquiry.

"The harbor is easy of access all the year around, and full speed can be maintained right up to the dock at any tide. It is now the winter headquarters of the Gloucester fishing fleet, as many as 40 vessels of the fleet frequently being in the harbor at one time. Its ease of approach, safety, and nearness to the fishing grounds, make it a popular and ideal winter harbor.

"The fresh fish business offers great possibilities. Our fishermen are greatly handicapped by the present inadequate facilities for getting their fresh fish to the American markets, and are therefore, compelled to pickle or dry their fish at home. The question of transportation, so vital to the development of the fishing industry, is demanding attention. Compared with the facilities of 20 years ago, when the fresh fish industry was begun in the province, great improvements have been made, but the facilities obtaining today are not nearly what they should be if the industry is to have further development. And this is particularly true of the South Shore fresh fish business.

"Shelburne is only three hours sail from the winter fishing grounds. At present the Boston and Gloucester fishing fleets have to take their catches to the home ports under great expense, and losing valuable time. With a line of steamers from Shelburne, the harbor would become the headquarters of these fleets, where they would tranship their catches and in a few hours be again on the fishing grounds. Ice for the trade can easily be secured from the lakes adjacent to the harbor.

"This is the only port in the province where a line of steamers would not be in direct competition with any other line, and yet receive a large and very valuable part of the existing business, and all the new business as suggested by our possibilities as a passenger and freight headquarters."

Portland Fish Notes.

The arrivals of fish reported at Portland Monday were: Sch. Agnes, 5000 pounds of halibut and 7000 pounds of salt fish; sch. James and Esther, 15,000 pounds of mixed fish; sch. Eva and Mildred, 5000 pounds; Albert D. Willard, 4000; sch. Helen B. Thomas, 5000; sch. Bernie and Bessie, 14,000; sch. Wesley W. Sennett, 5000; sch. Lochinvar, 11,000.

Fish Plenty on Newfoundland Coast.

A St. John's, N. F., exchange says there is still an abundance of cod on the local grounds, in fact right along the coast, and if the fishermen had "deck" boats to prosecute the voyage, there is no reason why a winter fishery could not be conducted, as on the west coast, and with a ready market with the Gorton-Pew Company, profitable results would follow.

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HERRING COMING RIGHT ALONG

THREE MORE CARGOES THIS MORNING FROM THE TREATY COAST.

Arrivals at this port today include three more of the salt herring fleet, each craft having a full cargo of salt and pickled herring.

Sch. Bohemia from Bonne Bay has 1200 barrels of salt and 75 barrels of pickled herring and will go to Sylvanus Smith & Company. Sch. Essex from Bay of Islands brings 1100 barrels salt and 100 barrels of pickled herring which will be taken by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. Sch. Alert, also from the Bay of Islands has 1100 barrels of salt and 100 barrels of pickled herring which are on the market.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask from Georges handling, hauls for 25,000 pounds of salt cod which will go to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Six of the gill netting fleet were out yesterday and had a total of about 40,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges, handling, 25,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Essex, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1100 bbls. salt herring, 60 bbls. pickled herring.
- Sch. Bohemia, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1200 bbls. salt herring, 75 bbls. pickled herring.
- Sch. Alert, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1100 bbls. salt herring, 100 bbls. pickled herring.
- Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Eagle, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Nomad, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Gladys and Nellie, shore.
- Sch. Genesta, shore.
- Sch. Esther Gray, shore.
- Sch. Valentina, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Tattler, Newfoundland herring trip.
- Sch. Flirt, Newfoundland herring trip.
- Sch. Gladys and Nellie, haddocking.
- Sch. Rex, haddocking.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.
- Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.
- Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.
- Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.
- Sch. Harriett, haddocking.
- Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, haddocking.
- Sch. Ella C. Burke, haddocking.
- Sch. Albert W. Black, haddocking.
- Sch. Alice, haddocking.
- Sch. Valentina, haddocking.
- Sch. Esperanto, haddocking.
- Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.75 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium and \$3.00 for snappers.
Handline Georges codfish, large \$5.75, medium \$5.00, snappers \$3.00.
Salt "drift" codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.75.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.75 for mediums.

Eastern halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50, medium, \$4.75.

Haddock, \$1.75.
Pollock, \$1.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium \$2; snappers \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.87½.
Eastern shack cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.

Fresh Fish.

Fresh mackerel, large 31c.
Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.60 per cwt., medium \$2.10 per cwt.

Peak and Western Bank fresh codfish, \$2.60 per cwt. for large and \$2.10 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.80, medium, \$1.20.
Snapper cusk, 60c.

Hake, \$1.45.
Dressed pollock 90c, round 80c.

Bank halibut, 13c per lb., for white and 10c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, large 26 to 36 cts. each.

Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 per cwt.
Frozen herring, \$2.50 per cwt.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl.
Salt shore herring, \$1.00 per bbl.

Frozen squid, \$2.50 per bbl.

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The Pacific Codfishery.

In the Pacific Fisherman C. P. Overton of the Union Fish Company, of San Francisco says: "Our new sch. Sequoia arrived October 18, with 200,000 pickled-cured codfish from our stations, besides 325 barrels of Red Alaska salmon and 100 barrels of large Alaska herring. This gives us our usual stock of codfish to carry us over the winter. We have reports of about 475 tons still in pickle at the station, any part of which is available should our spot stock run down. The eastern catch is short, as already reported and about 18 carloads have thus far been shipped from the coast to territory beyond the Mississippi, most of it going through to the Atlantic seaboard. Much of this will be skinned and packed and shipped westward again. At present this demand seems to have slackened, owing principally to arrivals at Gloucester of several cargoes of codfish picked up in the Canadian provinces by some of the larger salt fish dealers on the American side of the line. We look to see some further demand from the east about the last of the calendar year.

The codfish business has experienced some of the general dullness of trade following the uncertainty caused by talk of reciprocity, tariff changes, trust prosecutions and those general movements along lines more or less socialistic, all of which have a tendency to make capitalists and investors shy about putting money into any line of business which may be subjected to attack through any of the new legislation. Our own company has been contemplating some improvements and extensions, but these will not be made till general business is on a more stable basis."

Regarding a suit for \$80,000 damages recently filed against some of the codfish companies by another concern in the same line, Mr. Overton, whose company seems to be the principal defendant, says:

"So far as the Union Fish Company is concerned, it is in no wise a trust, nor does it pursue trust methods. It is simply a regular incorporated company of private individuals, who have been associated in the same business for over 25 years. This company, which is now suing, was a small concern, which a very few years ago started in the codfish business, and we should judge was trying to do a business larger than its actual cash capital would warrant. There were several concerns in the codfish business at the same time, and in the keen competition among them all suffered more or less. This concern that is now suing happened to be either the weakest or most unfortunate of the lot, and went to the wall. Apparently they are now suing in an effort to recover from those who were able to remain in the business some of the money which they lost by their injurious investment and unskilled or unfortunate management."

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COD FARE FROM TREATY COAST.

WITH ONE DORY HANDLINER ONLY ARRIVALS REPORTED THIS MORNING.

Two arrivals constituted the receipts at this port this morning, both crafts arriving during the night.

Sch. Marsala is here from the Newfoundland treaty coast with 200,000 pounds of salt cod for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, while sch. Helen G. Wells from an eastern deck handling trip has 40,000 pounds of salt cod.

The gill netters were out yesterday and brought in their usual fares. Today is most favorable for the shore crafts, most of them being out.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Marsala, Newfoundland treaty coast, 2000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Helen G. Wells, eastern deck handling, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Steamer Nomad, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Weazel, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Quoddy, gill netting, 7500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Rough Rider, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Prince Olaf, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Ibsen, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Margaret D., gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Eagle, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

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- Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Newfoundland herring trip.
- Sch. Arthur James, Newfoundland herring trip.
- Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.
- Sch. Mary E. Silveira, haddocking.
- Sch. Frances J. Silveira, haddocking.
- Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.
- Sch. Jeannette, haddocking.
- Sch. Matthew S. Greer, haddocking.
- Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.
- Sch. Manomet, haddocking.
- Sch. Stranger, haddocking.
- Sch. Genesta, haddocking.
- Sch. Yankee, haddocking.
- Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.
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