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Cape Ann deaths

Veteran fishing skipper Lochirco dies in Ala.

Capt. Vito Lochirco, Gloucester fishing boat skipper who had gone shrimping down in Alabama for 19 years, died Tuesday, after a six months' illness. He was the husband of Phyllis (Scola) Lochirco and lived at Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Capt. Lochirco came to Gloucester as a young boy of seven. He became captain and part owner of the Boat Salvatore while still a young man. Later he was skipper of the Dorothy, Mary and Joseph and Eastern Point. Then he moved South.

Out of Alabama, he was captain of the shrimp boats Kat L., Phyllis L., Capt. Vito L., Capt. Joe L., The Pepi, Lady of the Gulf and Marsha L.

In January, 1949 the Time announced that the new dragger Eastern Point, captained by Lochirco had arrived from South Bristol, Me. where she was launched.

The dragger was 60 feet long. Her first trip was to be to Phoebus, Va. to fish for the winter before returning in the Spring to go redfishing.

In 1948 Capt. Lochirco and his two sons, Sam and Joseph, were rescued along with the crew of the dragger Mary and Joseph wrecked by an explosion 12 miles north by east of Thacher's Island.

The men had rowed about two hours when they were taken aboard by the Lucretia, another Gloucester dragger. They had the experience of seeing their own boat sink a short time later.

In addition to his wife, Capt. Lochirco leaves three children, Capt. Joseph S. Lochirco, of Gulf Shores, Ala.; Mary A., wife of Anthony G. Giaraldi, of Gloucester; and Catherine, wife of Walter J. Klemm, of Gulf Shores, Ala.

He also leaves 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. His oldest son, Salvatore, died nine years ago at the age of 39.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.