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Working Waterfront Festival

Interviewer – Markham Starr  
Interviewee – Rick Lowell

MS Ok we're good to go. Ok so what is your name sir?

RL My name's Rick Lowell

MS And where are you from?

RL Rhode Island

MS Where in Rhode Island?

RL Harrisville

MS Harrisville. And not in commercial fishing, what do you do normally?

RL I'm an educator

MS Oh. So you have time in the summer to go fishing.

RL Absolutely. Keep my boat right in the slip in Warwick

MS Oh yeah? That's a nice bay to go out of

RL It's beautiful, Narragansett Bay

MS Alright so what's your best fishing story?

RL Um, I do a lot of scuba diving. So shellfishing. Go get some lobsters off of Newport, go off of Prudence Island and you know scuba dive for a lot of quahogs and my girlfriend Nia makes great chowder and stuffies and so forth.

MS So have you come across some scary things with scuba diving?

RL Um, years ago yeah, getting caught in tides off of Bretton Reef in Newport and so forth and you have to, like, scurry up a cliff to get back to land or...I'm smarter now so I check the tides.

MS How about big fish? Ever startled by big fish?

RL Um, not really, nothing that I can remember being startled by a big fish. I kind of like to find things underwater too, like anchors or you know outboard motors that fall off, you know. Something like that.

MS Yup, huh. And so you do a lot of fishing in the summer or

RL I do, yes, yup.

MS And what's the biggest fish you ever caught?

RL Probably like a 32 or 34 inch striper.

MS Good size.

RL Yup.

MS Well great. Thank you.