

CARMINE MARINNACIO May 7, 1987

TAPE 1 SIDE A

006 Born in Bronx. Mother was ill, asthma, so moved to Long Beach. Also had health problems - anemic  
014 Parents born in Italy - Basilaca and Okadi - near Mt. Vesuvius  
024 Grandparents came when his dad was 11 years old. Laborer-grandfather. Made furniture. Angry at tax collectors, so he left  
041 Not sure when they came - turn of the century moved to Bronx when there were still farms  
052 Moved to Long Beach when he was 9 years old. Liked water-beach. Made money by catching bait  
064 Moved to Long Beach in early 1920's  
070 Rum Runners. Schooner dropped liquor cases twice a year. No law enforcement. Other side of bay in salt marshes  
088 Brothel  
094 Went to water after school. Summer caught bait  
108 "Catching boats" and reselling them  
122 Guided fishermen. Baited hooks and took them to spots  
135 Learned where local spots were. Set net lent by custom agent. Once looked for it and found a basement full of liquor  
162 Trial and error in setting nets. Copied old timers  
169 Types of nets: purse net (tuna), drag net with doors, gil net, drift net (disposable). Problems of disposable net  
225 Making nets. Knitting board. Most fishermen repaired, but didn't make their own nets  
247 Nets made of cotton with preservative  
254 Fleet of steamers (ships) anchored where they sold liquor  
265 Came to Freeport in early 1930's. Someone built coast guard and run runner boat at same time. Smudge pots - smoke screen on back of rum runners. Stealing among rum runners.  
315 Rum runner became charter boat captains when prohibition ended  
324 Ethnic groups in fishermen: mixed. Yugoslavs in Freeport. Didn't get along with them. "Tough characters", "uneducated"  
363 Charter boatman. 1929, bought his first boat - sailboat. Paid \$150. Wages from summer work  
420 Bought boat from stockbroker in 1929. 19' made of cedar and oak  
431 Sold it in 1933  
438 Writings and style  
464 Bought sailboat because gas was too expensive

SIDE B

001 Story about customer. Made \$10. for a day

008 Charter boat captain beginnings. Will was important. Trial and error  
016 More customers. License story. How we got it. Not old enough. Exam  
044 Mistakes. Cautious. No accidents. No specifics  
060 Learning. Photo of boat bought in 1932  
081 Navigation by trial and error. Wind, sun, compass  
102 Moved to Florida in winter, 1934. Went to West Palm Beach. Story about dock rent and fees  
142 Boils and rash. Hospitalized. Vitamin deficiency. Left dock. Rent left unpaid  
162 Went to Miami. Docked at hotel for a month. Warned of sheriff was coming to arrest him. Hid in banana trees on the river. Still sick. Stayed one month. End of February he left  
204 No money made, lost some to a bank that went bankrupt  
214 White squall hit boat. Story about sailboat from Rye, N.Y. 5 gallons of gas, nightfall and southwest wind storm. Went to New York harbor. Torn sail. Dingy fell overboard.  
355 Sail types  
362 Hitting shore. East Rockaway inlet. Tide carried boat in. Ran out of gas at dock  
393 Sailing skills  
420 WPA projects. Built boardwalk in Rockaway. Didn't like co-workers: drank and smoked. Avoided them. His superintendent. Worked on Jamaica Bay RR trestle

TAPE 2

SIDE A

001 Rods - none. Line fishing. Technique. Bait. Bait types: worms and clams. Killey fish. Catching killey fish.  
039 Bait and fishing technique. Lines and length - 20'. Cotton lines and nets. Found lines on waterfront  
059 Finding things on beach  
075 Brings out tackle box. Lures  
081 How he makes lures. Origin - Japan. Cut off during WWII, so he started making them. How his worked. Problems with polypropylene, nylon rope. "Combing" lines  
141 Traditional lures made of wood. Innovations - plastic. Japanese lure was "best" and "most effective". Problems with wooden lures  
164 The Japanese lure and how it works  
180 Problems with different kinds of lures  
194 Keeping fish on the line - designed lure to do this  
200 Lure he makes - qualities. Color and what worked best  
221 Where hook was placed. Casts lead at home. Displays molds  
251 Why he started making lures

257 How lure was assembled - displays process and final product  
267 Business philosophy  
274 How lure works in the water  
283 Color experiments. Quantity made - 100 at a time. Problems of running a business at home  
299 Assembles lures. How hook should be put on - the mark of an experienced fisherman  
329 Business success  
370 Stores and profit margin  
393 Casting lead. Sources for metal  
425 Inspiration for making lures  
454 Story about learning business. Attitude towards businessmen. Educational background

#### SIDE B

002 Risks of occupation  
021 Self reliance. Determination to learn. Role models - none  
032 Feelings between boatmen. Animosity towards rum-runners. No mentors  
040 Development of charter business. Trial and error ocean fishing  
050 Tuna's behavior around boats  
072 Catching one tuna-story. Took 5 hours for one which they lost. Two weeks later they tried it by following his instructions  
117 Catching other big fish. 500 lb. shark. Sharks behavior  
132 Who went fishing on his boats  
139 Frustrating parts of business.  
187 Reads poem about wind  
190 Frustrating parts - booze  
213 Fishermen as drinkers. Only in bars. Not on boats  
225 Storytelling in bars  
232 Sea monsters - Basking sharks. Whales. How he handled them  
249 No sea legends. Story about mud holes.  
269 My story about champ  
278 No songs, mermaids  
290 Rods. 1932 first time he used it. Charter boat forced him to learn. Preferred rod eventually. Types: split bamboo. Local person made it. Foils. Current types "durable and cheap" No decoration  
375 Coast Guard and draft. Joined coast guard auxiliary. Duties end

Tape 3

SIDE A

001 Huntington drone spoon-lure. Describes it  
Oil Story of fisherman who designed it. Name and how it was  
made. Story of guy who marketed it.  
067 Other fishermen who designed lures. Plastic lures made  
about ten years  
085 Types of lures he makes  
125 Displays lead molds  
137 Wishes son was interested in making lures  
145 Attitude towards job  
160 Depletion of fish  
195 Glacial formation of Hudson's Canyon  
230 Changes in fishing. Outboard motors  
271 Comments on story about IRS (see notes). Attitude towards  
newspapers  
336 Why he became a fisherman: liked the environment, boat gave  
him an outlet from "problems on land" - the economic system  
385 Meaning of "marinaccio" - rugged mariner  
410 end