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Side A

002 Came to Freeport in 1940. Had a sport fishing boat "Tiger". Big game fishing.

008 Always had boats. Came from Queens. Always loved fishing.

013 Father took him by trolley to Woodcleft Avenue. Rented a row boat.

024 Worked on charter boats. Defines sport fishing. Equipment necessary

035 Kinds of fishing. Father was a cabinet maker. Worked the shore. Worked for Navy Department in WW II. Loved the water

053 Clam business. Where to find clams - depth recorder

071 Clam dredge operation

084 Clam beds in Ocean. Where he goes - Rockaways. Keeping secrets.

099 Spying in clam business

105 Other clambers - Freeport clam beds closed

114 Ethnic groups involved - "all kinds"

127 Workers - Norwegian, Irish. Who was good at it, "who wasn't. "Followers."

154 Major boats "Nellie" at Point Lookout. Big and little boats. Sports fishermen. How they operated

195 His first boat - "government hull". Hull pre-fabricated. Unfinished. Early experiences

220 Construction - weight of clams. Never built own boat. Had to make decks, rigs, cabinets. Father had died when he made this boat.

243 Skills with hands. Welder. Machinery

262 No bay clamming, only ocean. Differences between Bay and ocean clamming

284 Bad days - storm with swells. Inlet passage. Breakers sometimes broke over boat

318 Story about passing through inlet and getting stuck on bar

362 Depth recorder. Drawing water

377 Funny stories - catching cables

395 Good and bad days. Good tows. Pump failures

421 Weather and clamming

445 Likes NW wind - can work closer to beach. NE wind brings swells. SE makes bigger waves. Goes in morning

SIDE B

003 What makes a good fisherman - persistence. Worked alone occasionally. "Virgin beds" of clams

028 Working in an office - construction
043 Working on the water
057 Bay fishing. Charter boat. Brother made rods. Brother works on outboard motors
073 Bay conditions today. Sport boats
083 Freeport tuna club
094 Learning to bay fish and ocean fish
105 Tuna fishing and bait used
132 Whales visiting the boat
140 Marlin fishing
164 Swordfish that "come alive" on the boat
201 No accidents. Rescues
229 Duck hunted on Fire Island. Bought his own boat. Camouflage. Decoys and molds and black duck
283 Learning to make patterns
318 Born in Brooklyn. Age 73. Ancestry German
340 No fishermen in family. Hobbyists
355 Doesn't consider himself a real fisherman. Have to like all kinds of weather. Personal sacrifices. Small vs. large boats
413 Two children. Son likes to fish as a hobby
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