

Fishtales, Sunday September 29, 2013  
Working Waterfront Festival

Interviewer – Markham Starr  
Interviewee – Richard Violino

MS Alright so what is your name

RV Rich

MS And where are you from

RV I am from Fairfield, Connecticut

MS And are you in fishing at all or

RV No I'm not.

MS But you have a story

RV I have a story that involves, actually it's a tug boat approaching the Cape Cod Canal. The tug is westbound in Cape Cod Bay. And I had my marine radio on and all of a sudden it was on scan and it came into Channel 16 came in and it was the Coast Guard and they were radioing a tug boat that was pulling a barge approaching the canal. And there had been Right Whales reported in the area. So the Coasties radioed the tug boat and said, "We have to inform you there are Right Whales in this area, you have to give them so much distance. And we just wanted to let be aware of that. We don't know where it is, but we've seen, had reports." The tug boat captain was evidently was from down south, 'cause he radios back and says, "A white whale? Did you say there's a white whale I gotta look out after?" And they said, "No,no, no, no no! Right Whale." He says, "White whale" And they said, "No, RIGHT whale." "Oh Right Whale. Oh, for a minute there I thought you said, WHITE whale. And being I'm in New England, I thought Moby Dick was in the Cape Cod Canal." And that's my little story.

MS It's very good. Well thank you very much. [laughing] I'm glad you told that.