

Name of person interviewed: Charlie Mitchell [CM]

Facts about this person:

Age: 65

Sex: Male

Occupation: tug boat captain, owner

If a fisherman (if retired, list the ports used when fishing),

Home port: New Bedford

Residence (Town where lives): Fairhaven, MA

Ethnic Background:

Interviewer: Markham Starr

Transcriber: Laura Orleans

Place interview took place: Fairfield Inn, Working Waterfront Festival

Date and time of interview: September 25, 2010

## **ABSTRACT**

Charlie Mitchell is the owner and captain of the tugboat JAGUAR. He discusses his childhood as a water rat in Fairhaven. He originally went to college and began law school but his studies were interrupted when he was drafted. He served in the army on several destroyers and gained a great deal of sea time. When he returned home after the war he began working on tug boats eventually buying a boat, starting his own salvage company and later commissioning the construction of JAGUAR, the tug he owns and operates today. He describes the construction of that vessel and several salvage operations in great detail.

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000-3:00 b. in Boston; grew up in Fairhaven

3:00-6:00 childhood memories; college/law school aborted when drafted into Navy ROTC

6:00-12:00 military service, travels, sea time and experience aboard several destroyers

9:00-12:00 after military service, returned to Fairhaven and began working on tugs for Sanchez in New Bedford and Providence Steamboat in RI.

12:00-15:00 bought first tugboat and started Mitchell Towing and Salvage in 1973

15:00-21:00 detailed description of having JAGUAR built at Gladding and Hearn

21:00-30:00 story of rescue/salvage job of PILGRIM BELL a coastal cruiser including roles and responsibilities of various entities (salvage companies, coast guard, etc).

000-9:00 (same as above)

9:00-12:00 describes various towing jobs

12:00-15:00 talks about changes in fishing industry related work due to regulations

15:00-End describes recent job to save a fiberglass fishing boat