

Ice Storm

CK: so with all those trips that you went so far i'm curious if you ever had uh like any bad storms or did_ were there any stories you remember that were really \Vili: well they) that you really remember WJH: <LAUGH> we tried to miss a lot of that stuff I RA: but you_ if you go to sea you're gonna take IC.K: there's some of it you ain't going to get far, and i've seen it pretty nasty out there

CK: really do you remember a particular time you can tell me about WJH: no

SH: maybe you can tell her about the time the ship towed you all in you got behind the ship and filed it in

WJH: oh that was the ice when the ice were

SH: Ok

CK: oh tell me

WJH: well the_ all this river and bay was full of ice. and uh... we'd le- we'd leleft out of and we uh... we fit the ice clear to the light tower you heard talk of the light tower off of Cape Henry... so we went out and uh, we worked a couple of days and got a trip and come back, we got back to Cape Henry and everything was still iced over... and for a ship taking a pile up there, to Norfolk, so he calls and told us to get behind him he ain't in no hurry no way... and he carried us clear to Norfolk ain't been for that we wouldn't have got there

CK: wow, interesting

SH: it was the middle of the day before you got in

WJH: he uh we got right behind that ship, and he

SH: she made tracks for him [RA: mhm yeah] [WJH: and he <LAUGH>J he broke the ice [RA: that's so interesting] that's where he got in RA: yeah

WJH: everything is a hard life on the water

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