

Padanaram Harbor

- 6:30 A. M. Scrubbed the decks. Moderate S.E. Wind. A fine clear morning. Radio notices of a gale coming up the coast. Warning of a N. E. storm.
- 8:00 A. M. Wind freshening. Barometer 29.9 and falling. The following boats left the harbor in the morning: Luneta, Gallant, and Mohawk. The Mohawk making bad weather of it as she went to eastward
- 12:00 A. M. Barometer 29.8 and wind freshening from S. E. and a swell beginning to pick up.
- 1:00 P. M. Put on power and went to windward dropping large anchor with about 25 fathom of chain, also added 10 fathom more chain to mooring.
- 2:00 P. M. Barometer 29.7 wind freshening, looks as though the wind would stay S.E. Took small dingy aboard, too rough to try to get the large tender. Narwal parted mooring and went against the bridge. Jinx parted mooring and landed on the beach. Let out 10 fathom more chain on both anchor and mooring. Wind blowing very hard now.
- 3:00P. M. Barometer 29.6 unable to see upper harbor at times. Soon after this, dragged enough to pick up Avanti's mooring and continued to drag. Tried to use power but seemed to be of no help, Tamerlane laying close by us started to drag toward beach.
- 4:00P. M. Just before 4:00 P.M. we had dragged to where we could pick up the Chanty's mooring with the aid of the engine. We added this to our other moorings. Making a total of three moorings and one large anchor. About 4:00 P.M. barometer 29.5. Wind very strong and a very heavy sea running. Huntress put stem gear under water quite often, throwing spray to the cockpit, but making good weather of it under the conditions. Tamerlane had dragged so far that as a last resort Capt. Tripp slipped his mooring and tried to put to sea. Too much wind and sea and he went under our stern and sunk our tender with outboard and all equipment. Tamerlane went ashore on east beach of harbor. Schooner, Flying Fish with owner and wife aboard dragged by us about 4:45 P.M. unable to do anything about it, striking west beach of harbor shortly after.
- 5:00P. M. Barometer 29.4 needle quivering. Wind S.E. blowing so hard that we were unable to walk on deck without holding on. All moorings taut and apparently holding. Shortly after this the wind hauled to southward and tide rising very rapidly above normal. Able to see ashore more often, could see the beach covered with yachts, roads flooded, water breaking over Padanaram Bridge badly. When we could finally see the bridge we discovered that the Whistler, Escape, Kelbarsam, Cindy, Cindy 11, Carmita and a great many other boats had dragged ashore.
- 6:00P. M. Barometer 29.4 and steady, wind south and extremely strong in the puffs, sea still very rough. Boat in same position for about an hour. Harbor filled with wreckage from wharves and boat-houses. Tamerlane dragged over marshes and Club pier hitting flag pole and a corner of the clubhouse, finally coming to rest between the Yacht Club and Machine Shop on the South Wharf.
- 6:30P. M. Barometer started to rise a little, boat position the same. Flying Fish, Jinx, Carmita, Cindy, Cindy 11, Tar Baby, and other boats went over the bridge as the tide rose.
- 7:00 P. M. Barometer 29.45, wind hauling to S.W. Still blowing hard but sea moderating.
- 8:00P. M. Barometer 29.5 with winds S.W. Seems to have slackened off a little. Tide setting out and

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9:00P. M. we did a great deal of rolling for the next 2 hours. Boat still in same position.
Barometer 29.6 with wind S.W. and very puffy. Noticed a great deal of activity ashore
and on bridge, Searchlights everywhere.
10:00P. M. Barometer 29.7 wind strong S. W. and puffy.
11:00P. M. Barometer 29.75 wind strong S.W. and puffy.
12:00P.M. Barometer 29.8 wind strong S.W. and moderating.

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1:00A. M. Barometer 29:9 wind S.W. and letting go.
2:00A. M. Barometer 29:9 wind S.W. and fresh, sea smooth.
3:00A. M. To 5:00 A. M. Crew tried to get a few winks of sleep on transom seats
6:00A. M. Prepared to leave moorings, for deeper water. Mr. Howe (owner) hailed us from the shore
inquiring for our safety. Launched dingy and went ashore to talk with him and found he
had been watching from shore all night.
7:00A. M. Barometer 29.9 wind very light S.W. Picked up Gallent's Mooring.

P.S. Wind velocity estimated at 80 miles per hour.
Tide rising 11.5 feet above normal.
Velocity of wind recorded around 100 miles per hour in many places. Arthur Fuller
said 12 boats out of 60 remained afloat undamaged.
Huntress apparently none the worse for her experience.
The crew damned glad it was over.

Captain Albert D. Tilton
Steward Earl Robbins
Sailor Richard Lothian