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Owner Of Beached Shrimp Boat Faces Possible Pollution Fine

BY DOUG RUTTER

A Sunset Beach man may face up to \$5,000 in water pollution fines following an investigation of the beaching of his shrimp boat last week off Sunset Beach, a U.S. Coast Guard official said Monday.

However, the owner and the Coast Guard disagree as to who is responsible for the diesel oil spill that occurred as the boat broke up in the surf.

Chief Petty Officer James Williams of the operations division of the Marine Safety Office at Wilmington said "sufficient elements for violation" exist to fine the owner following the leakage of the boat's diesel fuel tanks last weekend.

The owner of the boat, however, said he intends to take legal action himself against the U.S. Coast Guard after his 58-foot, \$60,000 shrimp boat, the "Longshot," was nearly destroyed by the pounding surf early Friday morning.

Terry Norris of Sunset Lakes said if the Coast Guard had responded when he was first beached Friday morning, the boat could have been saved.

"I don't expect any personal gain by suing the Coast Guard," he added, "but if it helps someone else in a similar situation, then it will be worth it."

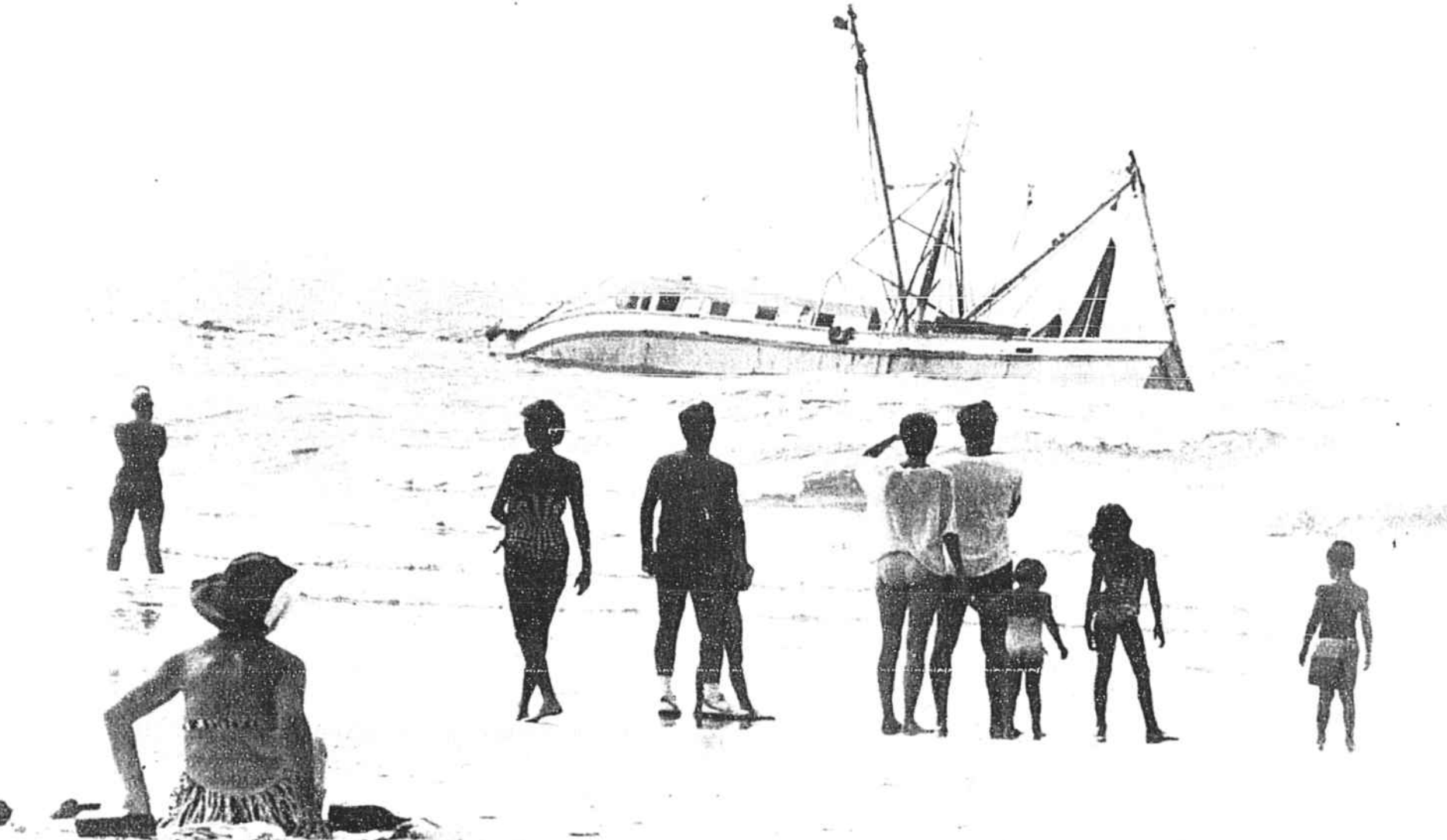
According to Williams, the potential fine could range from \$500 to \$5,000. It may not be charged for three months to one year depending on the length of the investigation and the action taken by the district office in Portsmouth, Va.

He said officers who investigated the scene Friday reported a discolored sheen emanating from the boat, which automatically qualified it for further investigation and possible penalty.

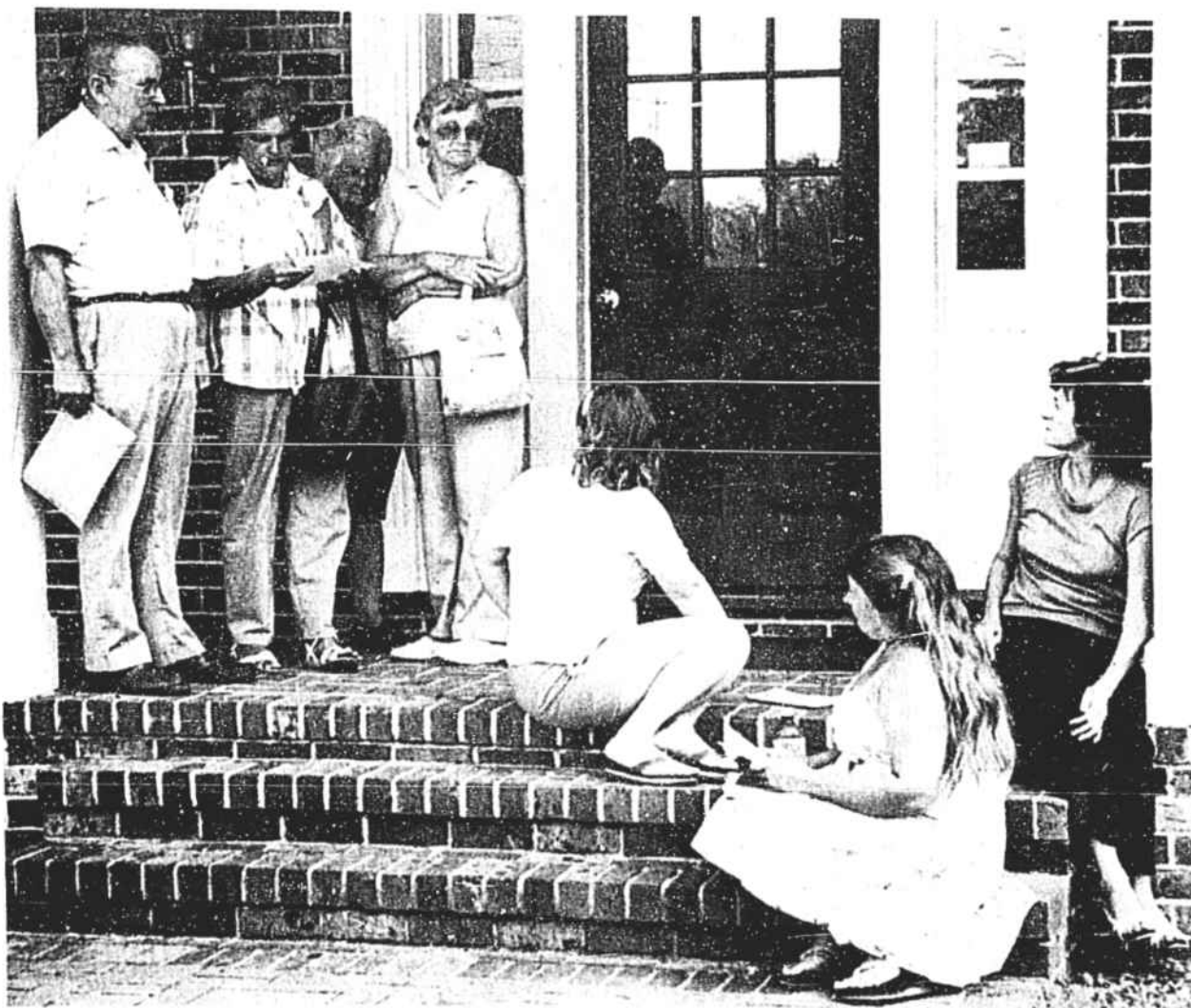
The boat ran aground just off the beach on a sandbar about one-half mile west of Sunset Beach Fishing Pier Friday morning at about 4 a.m. after strong winds had blown it off course, Norris said.

He said he sent out distress calls immediately, which were answered by the Coast Guard station at Charleston, S.C.

The "Longshot" was taking on more water than its (See BOAT OWNER, Page 2-A)



BEACHGOERS LOOK ON as the "Longshot" is pounded by the surf off Sunset Beach Friday afternoon. Coast Guard officials said the diesel fuel which leaked from the beached shrimp boat Friday presented no danger to swimmers and sunbathers.



STAFF PHOTO BY RAHN ADAMS

RESIDENTS OF SHELL POINT Recreational Village near Shallotte Friday wait to meet with local attorney Mason Anderson, retained by United Carolina Bank to investigate circumstances surrounding planned

foreclosures on 61 lots in the subdivision. From the left above are property owners Emmett Rich, Rachel Robinson, Mary York, Jacksie Long, Betty Lewis, Linda Faye Peelecox and Sarah Long.

Shell Point Residents Fear Loss Of Homes

BY RAHN ADAMS

A group of Shell Point Recreational Village property owners are up in arms after receiving copies of foreclosure notices from United Carolina Bank (UCB) earlier last month.

On Aug. 22, the residents were notified that foreclosure proceedings had begun involving 61 lots in the subdivision, which is located off Holden Beach Road east of Shallotte.

Two separate notices filed July 17 at the Brunswick County Courthouse stated that hearings are to be held Sept. 22 in Bolivia "to show cause as to why this foreclosure should not be allowed to be held."

Sale of the properties is scheduled

for Oct. 16, the notices indicated, "unless the obligation is earlier satisfied."

That is what has residents worried; many—like Betty Lewis—don't know how the situation has occurred.

"All we're wanting to do is save our land," Ms. Lewis said. "We bought our property in good faith."

Ms. Lewis said her property was almost paid off when she received the foreclosure notice last month. She and other residents said they purchased their lots from Allen May, developer of Shell Point Recreational Village.

Attempts to contact May this week at his North Myrtle Beach, S.C., office were unsuccessful.

Meanwhile, UCB has retained Shallotte attorney Mason Anderson to investigate the matter.

Anderson said last week it "appears" that two different loans and two different deeds of trust are involved.

He added that the lots in question were mortgaged to UCB by Shell Point Recreational Village Inc., and Allen W. May and Peggy May.

A check Monday with the N.C. Real Estate Licensing Board found no current listing for Allen W. May; Peggy May currently holds a real estate broker's license in North Carolina.

The copies of foreclosure notices received by residents indicated they (See SHELL POINT, Page 2-A)

Bellamy Pleads Guilty, Resigns Clerk's Office

BY RAHN ADAMS

Brunswick County Clerk of Superior Court Greg Bellamy this week reversed an earlier stand and pleaded guilty to felonious cocaine possession.

Bellamy also resigned his clerk's post, despite statements in July that he intended to serve out his term.

The 38-year-old Holden Beach resident's third term as clerk was to expire in December 1990.

He was earning an annual salary of around \$34,500.

Resident Superior Court Judge Giles Clark of Elizabethtown will choose Bellamy's

successor. State law provides that Clark can name an acting clerk for up to 30 days before appointing someone to complete Bellamy's unexpired term.

Chief Assistant Clerk Diana Morgan said Clark, who is holding court in Person County this week, was notified of the resignation Monday. However, she said Clark "has informed us that Mr. Bellamy's resignation is not effective until it has been accepted."

Clark also instructed the clerk's office to continue operating in its present manner until a new clerk is chosen, Ms. Morgan said.

Bellamy entered his guilty plea Monday during an arraignment hearing in Brunswick County Superior Court in Bolivia.

The hearing drew heavy media at-

tention; television cameras were allowed inside the courtroom by Judge Henry W. Hight Jr.

Ms. Morgan said Bellamy received a two-year suspended sentence, and was ordered to pay a \$250 fine and court costs. He also was ordered to perform 50 hours of community service work.

In addition, Bellamy was sentenced to two years of supervised probation, during which time he will not be allowed to hold public office.

Bellamy was indicted July 20 by a Brunswick County Grand Jury for possession on Oct. 24, 1985, of between one gram and 28 grams of cocaine.

On July 22, Bellamy announced he was taking a "leave of absence" to await trial.

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Brunswick Tech Trustees Appoint Interim President

BY DOUG RUTTER

Members of the Brunswick Technical College Board of Trustees and administrative staff met briefly with newly-appointed interim president William Michael Reaves Tuesday afternoon.

The trustees unanimously approved Reaves' appointment as interim president during a special meeting Monday night, following a recommendation from Ed Wilson, executive vice president of the N.C. Department of Community Colleges.

Board Chairman David Kelly said Tuesday, "He has impressed us with his eagerness to get started. He seems to be pleased to be selected as interim president."

Reaves, 38, is currently dean of continuing education at Sampson Technical College where he has worked since 1974, but he was

available for the temporary president position effective Sept. 1.

Reaves will serve as president for six months, or until a permanent president has been jointly selected by the board of trustees and the department of community colleges.

His appointment follows the Aug. 24 firing of Joseph Carter, who had held the presidency throughout the seven-year history of the college.

Kelly said Reaves did not indicate interest in the permanent position as college president, but said he had not had a chance to discuss it with him.

The board gave Reaves all powers normally granted a president under its bylaws, with no exceptions because of his temporary status.

An informal meeting with faculty and staff was scheduled for Wednesday morning.

In other business Monday night,

Brunswick Tech Vice President Louis "Vernon" Ward announced that he could no longer work legally as a full-time employee of the college.

He said that he had received a letter from the Retirement Systems Division of the Department of Treasury informing him that under the state disability retirement plan, he was only permitted to work 60 percent of a normal work load, or three days a week.

The board approved a temporary plan which would allow Ward to continue his role as vice president and be paid 60 percent of his current salary.

Ward said the other 40 percent would be paid by the state disability retirement program and that he would probably still work the same hours as before.

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