



**42nd ANNUAL
BLESSING
of the
FLEET**

June 22nd through 25th, 1989

Dedication

Charlie Malaquias passed away last Easter from cancer, and would have been 85 years old this summer.

Malaquias represented quite a number of Portuguese fishermen - immigrants who make Provincetown a remarkable stew of people. Like many, he came from a large family, was a great dancer in his youth, and was a snappy dresser. He was also a fisherman through and through.

Many describe Charlie Malaquias as the salt-of-the-earth kind of person. Whether he caught fish or hadn't caught fish, he was jolly regardless. He was thoughtful, the kind of young fellow who would think to send a pretty dress home to his young sister while he was down fishing off Virginia.

After running Charlie's Fish Market in Provincetown for a number of years when his days on deck had come to an end, Malaquias moved to Plymouth. There he became sort of a Professor Emeritus of Fishing to Plymouth watermen, and was always available to put on a new bag or fix a head rope.

Charlie Malaquias was working on a net in his back yard the day before he died. He was the kind of man the Blessing of the Fleet is dedicated to.

Molly Benjamin

Blessing of the Fleet Schedule

Thursday, June 22nd

6:30 pm Fishermen's Banquet - Whitman House

Friday, June 23rd

Decorating fishing vessels, MacMillan Pier, and individual businesses in Town

7:00 pm Lower Cape Concert Band in front of Town Hall

Saturday, June 24th

8:30 am-noon Children's Games at Motta Field
All Children Welcome (In case of rain, games will be held at Veterans Memorial Gymnasium followed by lunch at VFW Hall. *(Transportation is parental responsibility.)*)

10:30 am Rowing Contest - MacMillan Pier - Prizes

12:00-3:00 pm Fishermen's Quahog Party
(Fishermen, Family and Invited Guests) Adults Only

3:00 pm Softball Game: Fishermen vs Firemen at Motta Field

8:00-11:00 pm Blessing of the Fleet Block Dance - Ryder Street

Sunday, June 25th

9:30 am Parade will assemble at MacMillan Pier

10:15 am Coffee and partries for fishermen and families at Parish Hall

11:00 am Fishermen's Mass at St. Peter's

Noon Following Mass, parade returns to MacMillan Pier

1:30 pm Blessing of Fleet



The Committee wishes to thank
all those who helped in any way
towards the organizing of the
Blessing of the Fleet.