

CAPT. DICK CLINEMAN

Capt. Dick Clineman, of Waretown, was born in 1911. He has been a captain out of Barnegat Light since 1930.

Dick's first long boat trip was with his father, who sailed a boat down the Intracoastal Waterway starting on the Shrewsbury River, then over to the Delaware River and then down the Atlantic Seaboard.

In 1929, Dick came to Waretown for the summer to work with George Wagner, who was a family friend and owned a boat rental marina. Wagner hired Dick to run the marina, which had 42 rental boats. Sometimes those boats went out twice a day.

Dick also traveled to Philadelphia and got his captain's license. He mated for Wagner that summer.

In 1930, Dick started to fish out of Barnegat Light. One of his boats was the *Linda*, built by Sam Hunt of Waretown. Dick hired Ed Wilber to run it for him.

The next several years Dick captained different boats. Then, in 1938, he decided to build his own boat. His father-in-law had a cedar swamp, so Dick and his wife, Caroline, went down and picked 21 trees for his boat. They took the wood to Jesse Taylor, who had a sawmill in town; he cut the wood for them. Dick, his father-in-law and Herb Stackhouse built a 38-foot boat, which they launched in the early summer of 1938. This boat is still working as a net boat in the Chesapeake Bay.

The Clinemans traveled to Florida with this boat for the winter fishing along the Florida coast. Their daughter Wanda traveled with them when she was very young and learned how to fish.

Dick used this boat until 1956, when he had a new one built in Ohio by a man named Fleetwood. Named the *Lady Caroline*, it is 50 feet long and now has a 671 Detroit diesel engine in it.

Dick still fishes out of Barnegat Light with the *Lady Caroline* and spends his winters with his wife in Jensen Beach, Fla.