

Fortuna Commemorated 100 Years Later



On January 16th, about 200 people gathered in Ship Bottom on a cold and sunny day to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the January 18th, 1910, wreck of the Italian Bark, Fortuna (built 1869 – 193ft LOA, 33ft Beam, 983 Gross Tons). Carole Bradshaw of Brant Beach organized the event that included a symbolic cruise around road cones represent-

ing ports on the ill fated voyage as a replica ship constructed of a life saving float with hand rigged sails was dragged from port to port with a crowd of participants representing the crew, the United States Life Saving Service, and Captain Adragna and his family. A bit of comic relief was the sudden removal of a plastic baby from under the clothing of the woman portraying the Captain's Wife to represent the birth of the real captain's daughter, Saveria, in Barbados on the journey. Referred to as the "anchor lady," Ms. Bradshaw is responsible for removing the submerged anchor from the beach and relocating the three ton anchor to a memorial in the front



of the Ship Bottom Borough Hall in 1983. Roof tiles put on board the Fortuna in Marseille have been washing up on the beach for the past one hundred years. Locals misunderstood the real cargo and referred to the ship as the "Spaghetti" boat. Ironically, the Captain and his family apparently introduced the residents of Beach Haven to Italian spaghetti.