



Man Overboard

The Saugatuck River has never been easy to navigate because of its _____
(plural noun)
and _____ bottom. With a natural depth of _____ feet at low tide from Long
(adjective) (number)
Island Sound up to the railroad bridge where it then _____ decreases to about 1 foot
(adverb)
in depth. It's no wonder that some _____ would have a hard time navigating the
(plural noun)
_____ waters.
(adjective)

On April 17th, 1877 Captain Mott Allen, of the local mariner family, was piloting a
_____ up the Saugatuck. He had _____ the river many times and was a
(type of vessel) (verb - past tense)
veteran of the route. Captain Allen was sailing his way up the _____ toward the Taylor
(noun)
and Richard's warf, on the coal barge _____, to deliver a large load of coal. But
(proper noun)
Captain Allen had forgotten to take into account the time of the _____ with the weight
(noun)
of his _____. Before the crew knew what had happened, the Captain's _____
(noun)
were heard from the water as he had "involuntarily took a _____ bath in the
(adjective)
_____ Saugatuck." The barge had run aground and come to a very abrupt stop,
(adjective)
tossing the Captain overboard. The incident was mentioned in the Local News and
_____ section of The Westporter newspaper at the time.
(noun)