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Cap Cowley • A Salvage Tug Captain I started off life when I left school at 12 years old, as was usual in those days, and went as a shipwright apprentice in the Royal Naval dockyard in Portsmouth. After 3 years I didn't see too much future in it, because men were being laid off, in England left and right then, because the Depression was approaching. So anyhow, I thought I'd like to go to sea. (Had anyone in your family been on the sea?) My father had. My father was a Master Mariner himself. He'd been a Master Mariner in sail. And then he changed to steam in 1906, when he went on a ship called the Winark. And then during the war he became captain on a tanker. And in 1917 he was torpedoed. And that's the first time I can ever remember seeing my father. Because when we were kids, he was away all the time. And my brother and I were playing in the garden, in the country. We'd moved out to the country to get away from the bombing by The ship Leicester as found, with a 40% list. Story on page 70. The tua Foundation Josephine, iced up after an all-night dash in the North Atlantic, January 1949

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