



Shipwreck on Outlet Beach!

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Early-rising campers at the south end of Outlet Beach at the Sandbanks Provincial Park were given a first-hand view of maritime salvage on Wednesday morning. A wooden sailboat, over seventy years old, ran aground on that beach in stormy weather on Saturday, August 5th, and was completely broken apart.

While none of the three occupants were injured in that early morning shipwreck, flotsam from the vessel was still coming ashore on Wednesday.

The Park, along with John Leavitt Excavating Ltd. from Bloomfield recovered the keel, weighing about four tons with the help of some heavy machinery.

A close look at the recovered keel showed waterlogged and rotted wood.

Many thanks to our Park for their quick response in removing our latest shipwreck and all the pieces of the wreck. It is to be hoped that the owners' liability insurance will cover the considerable expense of this clean-up!

Salmon Point, just to the south of Outlet Beach, is well known for its many shipwrecks during the era of sail, and anyone who has been on the beach of this stretch of Lake Ontario can attest to the fury of the waves that have a clear run from the west end of Lake Ontario in the prevailing fall winds. That, along with deceptively shallow water on the fine sand beach, makes it no place to be during heavy seas, even for experienced sailors.



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